



California Society of the
Sons of the American Revolution

Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter

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Minutes of the Meeting for
10 February 2006

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 10 February 2006, in the Garden Room of Marie Callender's restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura. The meeting was called to order by Chapter president Richard Hawley. Following the pledge of allegiance and invocation, there was a short break for luncheon orders. In attendance were fourteen compatriots: Richard Hawley, J. Stephen Hurst, Ron Risley, Hale Hamilton, Joe Coffman, Gary Smith, Ward White, Chuck Bennett, Dick McMullen, Kioren Moss, Bob Colbern, Randy Winton, Bill Henry, and Robert Taylor; and seven guests, Mr. Harry Brown, Mrs. Shirley Hamilton, Mrs. Rosemarie Risley, Mrs. Bernie Smith, Mrs. Patty Coffman, Mrs. Jo Ann Bennett, and Mrs. Sunny McMullen. Compatriot Richard Caldwell was excused due to a badly cut foot.

President Hawley then called for officer and committee reports.

The minutes of the meeting for 13 January 2006 were read and approved.

There treasurer's report was read and approved.

The registrar's report was read. Tyler Smith, MN, relative of Gary Smith, has his application at National, received 17 Jan. Chuck Bennett's application was received 6 Feb. Guest Harry Brown will also be joining, and his daughter is joining DAR.

There was no chaplain's report.

The meeting then broke for lunch, and reconvened afterwards.

Old Business:

Steve Hurst reported on the Valley Forge nominations, which are presented to the CASSAR for selection of the two teachers who will attend a one-week convention on the Revolutionary War at Valley Forge. Steve requested a volunteer to work on the project for this year, and Randy Winton volunteered.

Ron Risley discussed the Eagle Scout ceremony selection process.

Bill Henry discussed the Knight's Essay. The 2006 rules have not been announced.

The annual Massing of the Colors at Forest Lawn in Glendale, sponsored by the Sons of Liberty, was discussed. Ceremony will be held 19 Feb, and maximum participation was urged.

New Business:

Rosemarie Risley discussed the Ladies Auxiliary, and encouraged new members. Dues are \$5/year or \$100 for a life membership. The Auxiliary has several ongoing projects in direct support of SAR, and currently has six local members (Rosemarie Risley, Patty Coffman, Shirley Hamilton, Bernie Smith, Trudy Shaw, and Willette Budroe), plus another in AZ (Janet Smith). President Hawley has application forms.

Steve Hurst reminded members of the eligibility of Hispanic descendants of CA mission soldiers to join SAR, based on their being taxed to support America in the Revolutionary War. They also fought the British at Biloxi, MS. Steve will be contacting the Los Californianos to offer a presentation on SAR during their meetings at the Clocktower Inn 23-30 Apr. Steve has a CD with all mission soldiers named, and Sunny McMullen requested a copy.

Ron Risley then emceed the program, which consisted of a thumbnail description of each member's ancestor, with a roll call for each member to give a short talk on that ancestor. This covered many facets of service, and proved to be quite interesting and informative.

The next regular Chapter meeting will be convened at noon on Friday, 10 March 2006, at Marie Calenders.

The program for next month will be a competition between two teams on the trivia of the Revolutionary War.

The meeting was adjourned following the benediction.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary.