



California Society of the
Sons of the American Revolution
Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter

Minutes of the **09 March 2012** Meeting

(Website: <http://pattonpatriots.org/>)

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 09 March 2012, in the Garden Room of Marie Callender's Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, CA. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Hurley. The Invocation was given by President Hurley, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR.

In attendance were ten Compatriots: President Bill Hurley, Vice President Bill Bays, Registrar Eric Stassforth, CASSAR Vice-President South Steve Hurst, and Ward White, Dr. Bill Henry, Richard McMullen, George Horne, Bob Taylor, and Ken Lynch. The three guests were the speaker, Peter Wolf, Compatriots' wives Mrs. Mary Hurley and Dr. Sunny Vazquez McMullen.

Member and guest introductions were made. Birthdays for Arthur Garfield, Edwin Creech, Dennis Richardson, Thomas Shaw, Jeff DeYoung, Stephen Moeser, Bob Taylor, & Dan Sword were recognized.

President Hurley informed the Chapter of the loss of Ann Hawley, Compatriot Dick Hawley's beloved wife of 60 years, on 26 February. Services will be held at the Sunset Hills Country Club, Erbes Rd in Thousand Oaks, 21 April from 4-7 PM.

Reports:

Due to the absence of Secretary Gil Anema, no minutes were presented.

Bill Bays presented the treasurer's report for Treasurer Cooper, who was absent on travel. The report was approved as read.

Registrar Stassforth presented the registrar's report:

Prospective members being assisted include: Dan Cormode of Ventura; Denis Murphy, Trevor Ashton & Dale DeHart of Camarillo; Jim Wiley & Robert (Bob) Steenberge of Thousand Oaks; Chuck Dollison of Newbury Park; and Chris Lowe, Michael Ford, Dennis Crandall, Steve hall, Dennis Jacobs, Ric Clark, Brian Foote, Brett Higby & Wm. Donovan Rundle.

New application for Hal Reniger (ancestor Nathaniel Butterfield) was received by NSSAR, who referred some questions back for response.

Supplemental applications for David Armstrong (ancestor Samuel Daggett Sr.) & Stephen Moeser (ancestor Soloman Ferre) were received at NSSAR. Stephen Moeser's genealogy was approved.

Old Business:

- President Hurley reminded the members of the upcoming Conejo Valley Genealogical Society's annual seminar 24 March at Ascension Lutheran Church in Thousand Oaks. John Colletta, Ph.D. will be the featured speaker.

- Steve Hurst informed the membership of the George Washington exhibit at the Ronald Reagan library in Simi Valley.
- Bob Taylor reported on the color guard's participation in the Massing of the Colors at Hollywood Hills Forest Lawn.

New Business:

- President Hurley informed the membership that 30 March is Welcome Home Vietnam Vets, as decreed by CA AB 717.
- President Hurley reminded the chapter concerning the upcoming 137th CASSAR Spring Meeting of the Membership at Sacramento 13-15 April. The chapter has 2 voting members attending.
- President Hurley reported the Life Membership certificate for Edward Chapin was received with his name misspelled and requires correction.
- President Hurley stated the chapter is required to submit an IRS 990N and CA FTB 590 to retain tax-exempt status. Bob Taylor offered to submit the required forms in the absence of Treasurer Cooper.
- Bob Taylor reported the Field of Honor ceremony will be held 18-20 May at Castaway Park in Newport Beach, and asked the color guard members and compatriots to consider attending.
- The purchase of uniforms by members was encouraged by President Hurley and Bob Taylor due to the advancing age of current members; two compatriots have expressed an interest. The chapter will reimburse \$150 of the cost.
- Bill Henry stated his concern with the lowering attendance at the chapter's meetings, and urged better publicizing of the events, ensure business attire, consider changes in time or place, and getting the meeting announcement out 1 to 1.5 weeks earlier. Steve Hurst suggested a Saturday meeting, stating this chapter is the only one with a Friday noon meeting time. It was suggested the membership be polled for ideas and recommendations.
- Peter Wolf announced the open house for Hospice Care of Thousand Oaks will be 15-20 March. With the motto "Our Community House of Hope", the first resident will be accepted 26 March, and offers hospice care for those who have lost all resources at no cost.

Program:

Peter Wolf presented a very interesting and moving program on his life in East Germany, where the communist rule owned and controlled everything including the people, and the comparison to his life in America after his emigration, where everything is open to all without limits.

Next Meeting:

Friday, 13 April 2012 – Mr. Ed Lynch will give the presentation regarding the Veterans History Project.

Closing: The meeting was adjourned following the SAR recessional and the benediction by President Hurley.

Respectfully submitted by,
Robert Taylor, Acting Chapter Secretary