



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

Minutes of the **14 September 2012** Meeting

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 14 September 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 Chaplain Bob Taylor, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR.

In attendance were sixteen Compatriots: CASSAR Executive Vice President Steve Hurst, CASSAR Investment Fund Trustee Dick Hawley, President Bill Hurley, Vice President Bill Bays, Treasurer Gene Cooper, Registrar Eric Stassforth, Ward White, Bob Colbern, Lou Kreuzer, Ken Lynch, Ed Holt, Donovan Rundle, Ron Risley, Richard Caldwell, George Horne, Carl Wade, and Robert Taylor. Our guest was Compatriot wife Rosemarie Risley.

Member and guest introductions were made.

**Reports:**

Due to the absence of the secretary, George Horne presented the minutes for August 2012; minutes were approved as amended (name changed to Don vice Bob Bennett).

Treasurer Gene Cooper presented the treasurer's report. The report was accepted. Treasurer reported 2013 dues notice will be sent to members via e-mail 1 Oct, and by regular mail to those members without computers. Dues for 2013 will be \$30 for NSSAR, \$20 for CASSAR. Upon a vote by the membership, Chapter dues will remain at \$15 for 2013. The Treasurer noted new members accepted after 1 Nov are not required to pay dues for the following year.

Registrar Eric Stassforth presented the registrar's report:

Application for Jack Short has been approved by NSSAR.

Supplemental applications for Bob Taylor are at NSSAR.

Registrar noted that prospective member Don Bennett's application requires much work.

The SAR Genealogists' Handbook is being revised.

New member Carl V. Wade was sworn in. President Hurley noted Carl will be moving to Florida immediately due to his grandson's serious illness with the West Nile Virus.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- President Hurley promoted Jim Fosdyk's e-mail on ROTC/JROTC monetary awards available through both CASSAR and NSSAR.
- The theme for the 2012-13 poster & brochure contests will be the "Declaration of Independence".

- President Hurley announced the Wreaths Across America program, which is a national event. Event is scheduled for 15 Dec 2012. President Hurley has additional information.
- The Summer 2012 Compatriot magazine noted 13 CASSAR Color Guard members attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Field of Honor in Newport Beach 18-20 May; compatriot Bob Taylor received a flag streamer for participating as a chapter color guard representative.
- The same magazine also noted the passing of Garland Middleton and the addition of new members Trevor Warren Ashton (Asa Briggs) and William Donovan Rundle (James Calloway).
- The proposed slate for 2013 was finalized for approval in Nov and installation in Dec:
  - President Bill Bays
  - Vice Pres Lou Kreuzer (tentative)
  - Secretary Donovan Rundle (tentative)
  - Treasurer Gene Cooper
  - Registrar Eric Stassforth
  - Chaplain Bob Colbern
  - Genealogist Jack Short (tentative; appointed position)
- Frank Budroe's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday is next Tues, and a card will be sent to commemorate. Frank noted as an influential and selfless member of this chapter.
- CASSAR VP Steve Hurst noted an article on Gen George Patton written by David Eisenhower appeared in the American Heritage Magazine.
- Lou Kreuzer noted he has released an announcement for the Knight Essay contest to the Star Newspaper and requested information regarding home schoolers.

#### **Program:**

Following an introduction by Ron Risley regarding SAR awards, the awards program commenced. CASSAR VP Steve Hurst did the honors with Bill Hurley and Ron Risley assisting. Those so honored by awards included:

Outstanding Citizenship (awarded 28 times since 1989): Ken Lynch & Keith Nightingale  
 Bronze Color Guard Medal (awarded 15 times, 14 men & 1 woman): Eric Stassforth  
 Meritorious Service Medal (highest chapter award, awarded 9 times): Bill Bays  
 Bronze Good Citizenship Medal: Gene Cooper, Lou Kreuzer & Eric Stassforth  
 Compatriot of the Year (awarded 16 times since 1990): Bob Taylor (oak leaf to BGCM)  
 Silver Good Citizenship Medal (awarded 10 times): Ward White & Bill Hurley

Ron Risley was then presented with two special awards: a numbered NSSAR challenge coin by Bob Taylor, and the Service to Veterans Medal following a special introduction (awarded only 4 times).

Ron Risley then presented a short speech on the Constitution in the light of today's attitudes and actions.

#### **Next Meeting:**

Friday, 12 October 2012 – program "The Battle of Alamance" will be presented by Bill Bays.

Closing: The meeting was adjourned following the SAR recessional and the benediction by Chaplain Taylor.

Respectfully submitted by,  
 Robert Taylor, Acting Chapter Secretary