



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

Minutes of the **8 March 2013** Meeting

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 8 March 2013, in the Garden Room of Marie Callender's Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, CA. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Bays. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Bob Taylor, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR.

In attendance were fifteen Compatriots: President Bill Bays, Vice President Bob Colbern, Secretary Ken Lynch, Registrar Eric Stassforth, Chaplain Bob Taylor, CASSAR Executive Vice President Steve Hurst, Ron Risley, Ward White, Bill Henry, Bill Hurley, George Horne, Bill Hawley, Harry Copeland, Trevor Ashton, and Dick McMullen. Also present was former Compatriot Rod Baker who has applied for reinstatement. Guests included Cliff Henjum, Compatriot wives Rosemarie Risley and Sunny McMullen, and speaker Dane Nielsen and his wife Sherry.

Member and guest introductions were made.

Reports:

Secretary Ken Lynch presented the minutes for the 8 March 2013 meeting, which were approved as read.

George Horne presented the treasurer's report in the absence of Treasurer Gene Cooper. Gene had prepared the report as of 27 February 2013, which was approved.

Registrar Eric Stassforth presented the registrar's report: Eric is working on the application for membership with Col. Martin Spahn. The reinstatement request for Rodney Darrell Baker has been submitted. Eric also informed the group of recent changes to the free FamilySearch Internet site, including the addition of pedigree charts. People using the site should sign in to access the pedigree charts and other information available only to registered users.

ROTC/JROTC Recognition Program representative Bob Colbern reported he mailed letters to Hueneme and Oxnard high schools, describing the awards the Patton Chapter will be giving.

Committee Chairman Bob Taylor reported on the planning progress for the upcoming Spring Meeting of the California Society to be held in Ventura on April 11-14. Bob said progress has been good and he was pleased with the volunteer help of compatriot Dave Armstrong. He also mentioned the need for other volunteers from the chapter to host the registration table, man the hospitality suite, and perform other functions during the conference. Bob outlined some of the highlights of the conference, including the swearing in of Patton Chapter compatriot Steve Hurst as President of the California Society, and said he will e-mail a conference schedule to chapter members.

New/Old Business:

President Bays noted that new items have been added to the NSSAR merchandise list appearing on the back cover of the SAR magazine.

Bob Taylor informed that lapel pins commemorating the 1783 signing of the Treaty of Paris are being offered by the SAR Foundation in recognition of a \$100 minimum donation. Money is being raised to renovate the SAR national headquarters and other facilities in Louisville, Kentucky.

Bill Hurley reminded compatriots that "The California Compatriot," the newsletter of the California Society of the SAR will no longer be published in hard copy, but will be available online at the SAR California website: www.californiasar.org/compatriot

Bob Taylor reported that more people are needed for participation in Chapter Color Guard activities at Ivy Lawn on Memorial Day. Participation with or without a uniform would be appreciated.

Bill Hurley outlined topics of the presentation of genealogist Paula Stuart-Warren at the upcoming Conejo Valley Genealogical Society Annual Seminar in Thousand Oaks on 23 March 2013.

Program:

An interesting program titled "Colonial Coinage" was presented by Dane Nielsen.

Presentations/Awards:

President Bays presented a new member certificate to Trevor Warren Ashton (Patriot - Asa Briggs).

Sea Scout Awards - Patton Chapter awarded the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Luke Siebler and the Bronze Good Citizenship Ribbon to Bayleigh Northrup at ceremonies on 23 February 2013. Bob Taylor made the presentations.

Eagle Scout Awards – Patton Chapter awarded Eagle Scout Recognition Awards to Nathan Taft Sonnenberg, Kade Rowe Waller, and Jacob Howard Hunter at the National Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony in Camarillo on 23 February 2013.

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 10 May 2013 at Marie Callender's Restaurant. The program, "Separation of Church and State" will be presented by Dick Hawley. There will no Chapter meeting for April because of the CASSAR Spring Meeting on April 11-14, 2013.

Closing:

The meeting was adjourned by President Bays following the SAR Recessional and the Benediction by Chaplain Taylor.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Lynch, Chapter Secretary

