



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

Minutes of the **10 May 2013** Meeting

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 10 May 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 twelve Compatriots: President Bill Bays, Vice President Bob Colbern, Secretary Ken Lynch, Registrar Eric Stassforth, Treasurer Gene Cooper, Chaplain Bob Taylor, CASSAR President Steve Hurst, Ward White, Bill Henry, George Horne, Dick Hawley, and Dan Sword. Guests included Compatriot wife Betsy Horne, Nancy Kilbourn, Bill Kilbourn, Tom Morgan, Vicki Schmaeman, and prospective members William Maple, Greg Askay, and Martin Spann.

Member and guest introductions were made. Dan Sword was noted as being the only person present having an April or May birthday.

Reports:

Secretary Ken Lynch presented the minutes for the 8 March 2013 meeting, which were approved after noting a name correction for Compatriot Hawley. There was no regular monthly meeting for April.

Treasurer Gene Cooper presented the treasurer's report as of 30 April 2013, which was approved.

Registrar Eric Stassforth presented the registrar's report. No membership applications were approved, but several are in the preparation or approval stage.

JROTC Program Chairman Bob Colbern reported he needs JROTC medals to be ordered for the June awards ceremonies.

President Bill Bays presented a summary of important details covered in the CASSAR business meetings held during the 138th Annual Membership Meeting in Ventura on April 11-14 and hosted by the Patton Chapter. CASSAR has advised its members to avoid using CASSAR or SAR to endorse commercial enterprises of any kind. Bays cited an example of an individual who developed a video game in which he used the SAR logo. His actions prompted CASSAR to issue this warning. CASSAR also wants the membership to understand that no disparaging remarks should be made about a fellow patriot in writing, by email or verbally. President Bays summarized it by suggesting that the best way to avoid those kinds of problems is to follow the Golden Rule. The most controversial item on the business meeting was the proposal to raise the fee for supplemental applications from \$40 to \$80. The reported processing cost is \$83. Bays stated that he knew that it was controversial, but he voted in favor. While the increase will undoubtedly decrease the number of applications in the short-term, the numbers will hopefully return to normal over time. Attorney Roy Schneider gave a presentation at the CASSAR business meeting. The topic was liability for 501 C-3 organizations and their officers and directors. Generally

non-profits and their officers are indemnified when carrying out their duties in a routine manner. However, they can be held liable for any fraud, breach of duty, bad faith or any criminal act. The take away from this is that everyone should conduct themselves in an honest, legal and forthright manner in order to avoid legal problems. Individual Patton Chapter recognitions included the inauguration of Steve Hurst as President of the California Society, the Boy Scouts of America North Star Award for Ron Risley, and the Outstanding Service Award for Bob Colbern. The Fall Board of Managers Meeting of the California Society will be on November 1 and 2, 2013, at the Hacienda Hotel in El Segundo.

Bob Taylor reported on upcoming Spirit of America awards to be presented at several middle schools on 13 June 2013. He also discussed the impact of wearing his uniform on students and parents alike and asked for volunteers to assist with the presentations.

Bob Taylor reported on Color Guard activities and mentioned the Ivy Lawn Memorial Park Memorial Day ceremonies will not include color guards this year; it is not yet known what the Veterans Day ceremonies will require. Gary Smith will be laying a wreath at Conejo Mountain Cemetery Park on Memorial Day. Bob mentioned that he has a conflict and will not be available to assist Santa Barbara with the color guard for their Flag Day parade on 14 June 2013, and requested volunteers for that event.

New/Old Business:

President Bays informed that a committee has been formed to prepare a New Member Packet, to be given prospective members to inform them of Patton Chapter activities. George Horne spoke for the committee, which also includes Bill Hurley, Gene Cooper, Ward White, and Ken Lynch, and said a sample packet will be prepared for the next Chapter meeting.

President Bays introduced Vicki Schmaeman as the Patton Chapter liaison with the local DAR chapter.

President Bays announced a portable podium has been obtained for use at Chapter meetings.

Eric Stassforth volunteered to give the Invocation and Benediction at the next Chapter meeting during the absence of Chaplain Taylor.

Program:

Bob Colbern presented a slide show program titled "Franklin H. Garrett, M.D., Camarillo State Hospital – Pioneer State Psychiatrist and Army Hero".

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 14 June 2013 at Marie Callender's Restaurant. The program to be presented by guest speaker Vicki Schmaeman is titled "Indian Abduction of the Livingston Family of Virginia".

Closing:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Lynch, Chapter Secretary

