



California Society of the

Sons of the American Revolution

Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter

Minutes of the **12 July 2013** Meeting

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

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 12 July 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 thirteen Compatriots: President Bill Bays, Secretary Ken Lynch, Treasurer Gene Cooper, Chaplain Bob Taylor, CASSAR President Steve Hurst, Bill Henry, George Horne, Dan Sword, Dick McMullen, Bill Hurley, Lou Kreuzer, Harry Copeland, and Carl Wade (former Patton Chapter member who transferred to a Florida chapter). Our three guests were Compatriot wife Sunny McMullen, Vicki Schmaeman, and Carol Koch (daughter of Dan Sword).

Member and guest introductions were made. As for birthday recognitions, it was noted there were no Compatriots present having July birthdays.

Reports:

Secretary Ken Lynch presented the minutes for the 14 June 2013 meeting, which were approved.

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

Registrar Eric Stassforth prepared the registrar's report, which was presented by George Horne during Eric's absence:

Application waiting approval at Louisville: William John Kilbourn

Reinstatements waiting approval from CASSAR: Rodney Baker and Joel Schmaeman

Applications being worked on: William Buxton, Martin Spann, Don Bennett, David Hawley, Lucas Ontiveros, and Harry Nash.

Persons who have expressed an interest: William Maple and Patrick Modugo

New/Old Business:

The 123rd National SAR Congress was held in Kansas City, Missouri, on July 5-10, 2013. Joseph Dooley of Virginia was elected President General of the National Society SAR.

The Summer 2013 issue of *The California Patriot*, the official newsletter of CASSAR, features several articles and pictures relating to the Patton Chapter. Highlights include CASSAR President Steve Hurst's picture and President's Message, write-ups and pictures from the Spring Conference, and an article and picture of Bill Hurley presenting the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Lolita Smith of the Conejo Valley Chapter DAR. *The California Patriot* is presented in its entirety on the CASSAR website at www.californiasar.org.

George Horne assembled and delivered 15 New Member Packets. The packets are to be given new members and prospective members to inform them of Patton Chapter activities.

President Bays thanked Secretary Lynch for contacting members who the Chapter roster shows not having an email address to determine if they in fact do have an email address.

Bob Taylor reported the Color Guard needs additional personnel and volunteers. The Color Guard allows Compatriots to march wearing blue blazers. A uniform may be available from Ron Risley. The Patton chapter will reimburse up to \$150 for purchase of a uniform.

In the spirit of the Fourth of July, luncheon attendees received the following hand-outs: (1) Gene Cooper distributed "A Humble History Lesson for All of Us", an outline of what became of the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence, and (2) Dick and Sunny McMullen distributed "SAR July 4, 2013 Trivia Quiz".

Bob Taylor informed he continues to receive letters and notes of praise from attendees of the Spring Conference hosted by the Patton Chapter. He read a recent note from Cyndy Bigbee, wife of CASSAR Past President Keith Bigbee, to the luncheon group.

Program:

"Who am I?" Compatriot Dan Sword provided an interesting narrative, describing his Sword ancestral line from his immigrant ancestor to the present. His SAR Patriot ancestor, Michael Swords, was the son of the immigrant. Dan elaborated about his own background and career in the military, in the aerospace industry, and as an attorney.

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, 9 August 2013 at Marie Callender's Restaurant. A program titled "Music in America during the Revolution" will be presented by Kent Gregory, CASSAR Vice President South and member of the Orange County SAR Chapter.

Closing:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Lynch, Chapter Secretary