



California Society of the
Sons of the American Revolution

Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter

Minutes of the Meeting for
10 September 2004

The Friday, 10 September 2004, meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter of the CASSAR was held in the dining room annex of the Berylwood Officers Club, being called to order by Chapter President J. Stephen Hurst. Following the pledge and the invocation, members adjourned to the buffet. In attendance were six compatriots: President J. Stephen Hurst, Ron Risley, Joe Coffman, Richard Hawley, Alan Buckley, Hale Hamilton, Jay Wood and Robert Taylor; and guest, Mrs. Donna Wood. President Hurst reconvened the meeting following the buffet luncheon.

The minutes for 13 August 2004 were distributed and approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was distributed and accepted with no changes. Due to the size of the current funds in the checking and savings accounts, it was decided not to transfer any funds out of the maturing certificates of deposit.

The Registrar's report was presented and approved as written.

James Cary's membership application has not been logged in on the NSSAR website. Compatriot Risley will attempt to determine the status of the application.

There is no change in the status of Jim Shepherd's supplemental application.

President Steve Hurst's supplemental application has been logged in at National. He also has identified another Athey supplemental patriot ancestor.

Compatriot Risley has reviewed and approved the worksheet for a membership application from Gary Smith of Camarillo, whose Revolutionary War ancestor is Roger Eggerton of Conn., and whose grandfather was the first state president of the MN SAR.

Compatriot Risley was contacted by Patrick Fletcher of Oxnard, who is already a SAR member based on ancestor Ebenezer Fletcher, Sr., of New Hampshire, and has expressed a desire to transfer his membership to our chapter.

Edgar Johnson of Camarillo, whose patriot ancestor is Benjamin Lanier of Virginia, is working on a worksheet and gathering documentation.

Rev Leonard DeWitt's application has been filled out and is awaiting his signature.

CASSAR Vice President Carl Jacobs of Newport Beach acknowledged our monthly meeting reminder with his thanks and his regrets at probably not being able to attend our Friday luncheon meetings due to his currently employed status.

Issue of providing a gate pass for the monthly meetings and ensuring internal security was discussed.

Old Business:

A joint meeting with Mitz-Khan-A-Khan DAR chapter in Ventura was discussed. Their DAR meeting will be held 28 October at the Carrow's Restaurant on Seaward Ave. in Ventura, with business meeting at 1100 and lunch at 1200, cost \$11.00/person. Guest speaker will be SCPO Michelle Rhodes, heavy machine operator recently returned from Iraq. It was decided to convene regular October meeting and meet with the DAR on 28 Oct in lieu of the November regular meeting. The DAR usually has around 50 attending.

President Hurst is making arrangements for presenting the earlier-approved awards for Steve Schleder, Oxnard police chief Art Lopez, and Ventura fire chief Mike Lavery.

New Business:

The problem of maintaining an up-to-date chapter membership list was discussed. We need to determine our life members who are deceased or who have resigned for our annual membership report to the state and national. It was moved, seconded and passed that our chaplain would determine each year the status of each life member before the annual report is submitted. Annual dues paying members are dropped from the role when they do not send in their renewal checks so they do not present a problem.

The idea of having Associated members was discussed. Some chapters have a category of associated members for prospective members awaiting approval, it allows the Associate member to hold no office and have no vote. Position is on local level only, as National and State do not recognize it. It was decided that the chapter not have associate members.

The Chapter program was a video presentation by compatriot Alan Buckley on his summer trip with his father, reverse-tracing his family's route of emigration from Virginia to Beggs, OK. They successfully located and photographed the gravesites of all ancestors back to his Revolutionary War ancestors, James Buckley (father and son). This included a discussion on SAR gravesite markers, SAR supplemental applications for additional ancestors, and genealogical resources, and was very interesting.

The meeting was adjourned following the SAR recessional and benediction.

Respectfully submitted, Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary.