



California Society of the  
Sons of the American Revolution

Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter

Minutes of the Meeting for  
14 January 2005

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 14 January 2005, in the Library of the Berylwood Officers Club. The meeting was called to order by Chapter Acting President J. Stephen Hurst. Following the pledge and invocation the members adjourned to the buffet. In attendance were eight compatriots: Acting President J. Stephen Hurst, Joe Coffman, Ron Risley, Jim Cary, Gary Smith, Frank Budroe and John Darnall and Robert Colbern; and three guests, Mrs. Bernie Smith, Mrs. Rosemarie Risley and Mrs. Arlene Darnall. President Dick Hawley was an excused absence due to the illness of his wife, Ann, and Secretary Bob Taylor was an excused absence due to his work at sea. Acting President Hurst reconvened the meeting following the luncheon.

Compatriot Risley gave a brief program on Revolutionary War history regarding the Winter of 1777-78 at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Reports were given by the following officers:

1. On behalf of Secretary Taylor, Compatriot Risley presented the minutes for the meeting on December 10, 2004 which were read and approved. Compatriot Risley presented the annual report for the chapter which was submitted to the state secretary on December 15, 2004 together with a check in payment of state and national dues for all members in good standing.
2. On behalf of Treasurer Caldwell, Compatriot Risley gave the financial report which was accepted and filed.
3. Compatriot Risley gave the registrar's report including pending supplemental applications for Compatriot Hurst and Shepherd and potential new member Bill Henry. Bob Colbern of Oxnard is a potential member as a descendant of Andrew Lyda of Virginia, and Compatriot Steve Hurst has found another supplemental ancestor, John Pound of Virginia. Compatriot Jim Shepherd of San Diego has submitted another supplemental ancestor, Daniel Kelly of Pennsylvania.

**Old Business:**

Compatriot Hurst will arrange for the presentation of the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Chief Art Lopez of the Oxnard Police Department.

Compatriot Hurst reported that there were two high school contestants for the chapter to judge for the Knight Essay Contest. On motion made, seconded and passed the chapter appointed Compatriot Hurst as a committee of one to judge the essays for this year.

Compatriot Hurst reported that there was a teacher for the Valley Forge Contest, and on motion made, seconded and passed the chapter appointed Compatriot Hurst as a committee of one to judge the teacher to represent the chapter in the contest this year.

Compatriot Gary J. Smith of Camarillo was initiated into the chapter with NSSAR #163863, CASSAR #7859, patriot ancestor: Roger Edgerton of CT.

**New Business:**

Compatriot Risley gave a report on the Eagle Scout Program. Compatriot Jim Cary volunteered to take over the chairmanship of the Eagle Scout Committee.

Compatriot Risley discussed the concept of associate members in the chapter. The bylaws were amended to permit men who descend from a patriot, or the brother or sister of a patriot, to become associate members of the chapter. A motion was made, seconded and passed.

Associate Robert J. Colbern of Oxnard was admitted as the first associate member of the chapter based up the patriotic service of John and Edward Burgess of VA, the brothers of his ancestor, Elizabeth (Burgess) Colbern. Associate Colbern was also presented the Outstanding Citizenship Award in recognition of his patriotic service in the community. Associate Colbern has just learned of his direct descent from Andrew Lyda, a soldier in the Montgomery Co. VA militia during the Revolution.

The next regular Chapter meeting will be convened at Noon on Friday, February 11, 2005.

The meeting was adjourned following the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Chapter Secretary.