



California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter

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Minutes of the Meeting for 14 September 2007

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the General George S. Patton, Jr., Chapter SAR was held Friday, 14 September 2007, in the Garden Room of Marie Callender's Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, CA. The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Bill Henry with Compatriot Gary Smith giving the Invocation, and Compatriot Bill Henry led the Pledge to the Flag and Compatriot Ward White led the Pledge to the SAR. In attendance were sixteen compatriots: President Bill Henry, Vice President Ward White, Treasurer Richard Caldwell, Registrar Ron Risley, Chaplain Gary Smith, Past Presidents Richard Hawley, Steve Hurst and Hale Hamilton, and members Bob Colbern, Dick McMullen, Burt Jacobs, Harry Brown, Garland Middleton, Bill Bays, Jim Williams, and James Williams. The guests included Ron Fischer, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Shirley Hamilton, Mrs. Rosemarie Risley, Mrs. Bernie Smith, Mrs. Sunny McMullen, Marion Brown, Rosalee Middleton, and Doris Williams. Compatriots Bob Taylor and Frank Budroe were excused absences.

REPORTS: Reports were given by the following officers:

1. In the absence of the secretary, Compatriot Risley gave the secretary's report including the minutes of the chapter meeting on August 10. The minutes were approved as corrected.
2. Treasurer, Compatriot Caldwell gave the financial report. As of September 1, 2007, the chapter had a total of \$11,243.34 deposited in the Bank of America. On a motion and a second the report was approved.
3. Registrar's Report was given by Registrar Ron Risley. The applications for Memorial Member Eric C. Hurst, and new Members James M. Williams, Jr. of Stevenson Ranch and James L. Williams of Moorpark, and the Youth Registration for Gavin Williams had been approved at NSSAR Headquarters. Youth Registration for Nathan Huynh of Perris CA had been pended by NSSAR for additional documentation. Life member Stephen Moeser of Ventura was transferred from the San Diego Chapter. Full member applications for Associate Members Garland Middleton and Bill Bays were waiting for additional documentation. Dick McMullen had submitted a supplemental patriot John Hall of Dutchess Co. NY. William Hurley, Mark Collins, George Horne and Ed Gafford were pending Associate Members.
4. Chaplain Smith gave a negative report. Publicist White was commended for the publicity in the newspaper for the meeting, and announced there would be publicity online and in the newspaper for the September meeting.

5. Eagle Scout Committee report was given by Dick Hawley. It was announced that Compatriot Hurst had pledged \$500 to help support the Eagle Scout Program. A motion was made by Hawley and seconded by Risley that all money donated to the Eagle Scout Program would be earmarked and used only for that program. The motion passed by vote of the chapter.

6. Essay Committee report was given by Bill Henry. He announced the changes that had been made to the rules on the Essay Contest, and that he had given publicity to the Essay Contest in the newspapers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chapter Committee Assignments - President Bill Henry announced the committee chairmanships that had been previously published and distributed. In addition to those listed Steve Hurst was listed as Vice Chairman of the Chapter Development Committee. Hale Hamilton resigned as Historian to be eligible to serve on the Nominating Committee leaving the Historian vacant. Bob Taylor was appointed to be Chairman of the Spirit of America Awards Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Membership certificates and rosettes were presented to new members Jim Williams and James Williams, with James Williams receiving the Youth Registration for his son, Gavin Williams.

2. Steve Hurst received a Memorial Membership Certificate for his son, Eric C. Hurst. The chapter also posthumously presented an SAR Medal of Heroism to Eric C. Hurst for sacrificing his life for another.

PROGRAM: Compatriot Steve Hurst gave a program on John Calvin Brewster, a Ventura Photographer and Artist, 1874 - 1909. He discussed the life and times of Brewster, and his background. Brewster was a pioneer of the development of photography, and was known for his photographs of the transit of Venus in 1882. Steve gives this program in character for the Ventura Historical Museum.

CLOSING;

The next regular Chapter meeting will be convened in the Garden Room at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, September 14, 2007. Dana Parker, a re-enactor at Independence Hall, Knotts Berry Farm in Buena Park, will give an in-character presentation as President James Madison, the father of the U. S. Constitution.

The meeting was adjourned following the SAR recessional by Hawley and the benediction by Smith.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ronald D. Risley

for Robert L. Taylor, Chapter Secretary.