

M. Graham Clark Chapter Meeting

February 16, 2013, 8:36am

The meeting was called to order by Chapter President J.Y. Miller II. There were 16 members and 13 guests for a total of 29 present.

Color Guard members COM Merrill and COM Lybarger "Posted the Colors". The Pledge of Allegiance was led by COM Naylor and the Pledge to the SAR was given by COM Reynolds. The invocation was given by Chaplain James Cunningham.

Guests were introduced; Mr. Bill Nix is a prospective new member; Jack DeVenney is the grandson of COM Russell DeVenney; Breanne Brammer will present our program.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Fran Rikli, wife of COM Buck Rikli, who recently passed away.

February birthdays were COMs Lybarger, J. Y. Miller II and Coutts.

The meeting was adjourned for breakfast.

The meeting reconvened at 9:10 am.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and approved. Treasurer Coutts reported a bank balance of \$1672.02 and available endowment funds of \$344.45.

President Miller discussed who can attend the ROTC graduation and present the SAR metals to the cadets.

COM DeVenney provided forms to complete for those attending the National SAR Congress in Kansas City in July 5th to 10th. Help is needed in registration and many other ways. Laura DeVenney asked for help with the Hospitality Room and the women's program.

President Miller gave clarification as to the proper ways to salute the Flag during Presentation of Colors. Hand over heart with hats removed is the most common way but veterans and active military not in uniform may give a hand to head salute with their hats on or off as they choose.

The Country Club of Missouri will be renovating our meeting room beginning this summer. The renovation is not expected to be complete till late in the year. The DAR has found Jack's Gourmet Restaurant that can accommodate them. President Miller appointed COM Naylor and COM DeVenney to a committee to find a suitable meeting location till the renovation is complete. NOTE: after the meeting, we learned from the club manager that the CCM WOULD still be able to accommodate us during the remodel.

Awards committee chairman Russ DeVenney presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following members that were present for their service as:

Russell F. DeVenney, Jr. for Vice President

James S. Cunningham for Chaplain

John H. Coutts for Treasurer

J. Wayne Merrill for Historian and Color Guard Commander

Loren W. Reynolds for Genealogist / Registrar

Jessie R. Lybarger for Sgt.-at-Arms

Those to be presented at a future date are:

Alex R. Hunter for Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms / Eagle Scout Chairman

Bryan P. Bradford for Secretary

Keith B. Roys, Sr. for Outgoing Trustee

Special recognitions were also presented:

The Bronze C.A.R. Medal went to Russell F. DeVenney, Jr. for service as past Col. Hugh Crocket Society, Sr. President; Participation as Officer and Committee Chairmanships of the Corps of Discovery Society; Past 1st Senior VP and current 2nd Senior VP of MSSCAR as well as many past Chairman positions.

The Meritorious Service Medal to John H. Coutts for dedicated service to M. Graham Clark Chapter.

The Silver Good Citizenship Medal to James S. Cunningham for long time service to M. Graham Clark Chapter and to our Community through voluntary service, promoting recognition of fellow citizens and paying tribute to his Brothers in Arms and their families.

The Distinguished Service Certificate to Thomas P. Murphy, Jr. for service to Harry S. Truman Hospital through December 31, 2012 of 5,992 man hours or 59,920 USS Stark Award points.

The Distinguished Service Certificate Alfred H. Jones for service to Harry S. Truman Hospital through December 31, 2012 of 12,386 man hours or 123,860 USS Stark Award points.

Awards chairman DeVenney has sent in the applications for both the Fogg Award and the Stark Award.

Our program entitled American Agriculture was presented by Breanne Brammer who is one of 20 National Collegiate Agriculture Ambassadors for the FFA. United States agriculture feeds our nation and exports many products for a large positive effect on our national economy. Agriculture provides safe nutritious food for only 10% of US citizen's income. Fewer and fewer farmers have adopted new technologies to increase production and efficiency of production.

Closing-

The Colors were retired.

Chaplain James Cunningham gave the benediction and COM Kerr led the SAR Recessional.

President J. Y. Miller II adjourned the meeting at 10:09 am.

Respectfully Submitted

John H. Coutts, Acting Secretary