

**The M. Graham Clark Chapter
November 16, 2013
Columbia, Mo.**

Opening

President J.Y. Miller II opened the M. Graham Clark Chapter meeting at 8:30am, with 29 in total attendance. Color Guardsman Bradford and Commander Merrill posted the colors. Chaplain Cunningham gave the opening prayer. COM Dietzel led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and COM Chance led the Pledge to the SAR.

President J.Y. Miller II asked if there were any birthdays for November, COM Foltz and for anniversaries, it was Mr. and Mrs. Foltz. At this time President J.Y. Miller II adjourned the group for breakfast.

Reconvened

President J.Y. Miller II brought the meeting back to order at 9:07am.

At this time President Miller asked for Secretary Bradford to read the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were approved as read with the correction of removing Jr., from Laura DeVenney's last name.

COM Coutts read the Treasurer's report. The ending balance of the Operations Account on October 30, 2013 was \$2,916.86. The M. Graham Clark Endowment Fund balance as of October 30, 2013 was \$13,120.56. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Announcements

Past Chapter Presidents will meet right after the chapter meeting for the nominating of the 2014 Chapter Officers.

Chapter President Miller commented on how nice the place that we meet for SAR. He also commented, that due to the coming remodeling of the country club, our chapter may have to meet at a different location in January 2014 and later months as well depending on the remodeling schedule.

Chapter President J. Y. Miller also reported that he had attended the Columbian Chapter DAR meeting the previous Saturday to present the Martha Washington Award to Anne Bozarth.

Reports

Genealogist Reynolds gave a report. There was a SAR Application that was to be signed by COM Bradford for Eddie Hampton and his son Justin Hampton to join SAR. There are several others he is working on.

Old Business

COM Russell DeVenney Jr., said that he had sent out 36 Eagle Scout Certificates.

The issue of meeting venues was discussed. At this time, we are not sure how long the Country Club will be unavailable, but it will not be available for sure in January. A suitable alternate has been

located by COM DeVenney. It is the meeting room at the Hy-Vee Grocery at Providence and Nifong. The room is upstairs with an elevator and they will cater a breakfast. We could also not hold our January meeting, but that is our normal election meeting and Eagle Scout presentation. After some discussion, it was moved and seconded to "...hold the January meeting at the Hy-Vee location". The motion passed. COM DeVenney will finalize our reservation and he and COM Coutts will attempt to get a firm answer from the Country Club as to meetings for the rest of the meeting cycle.

New Business

COM Chapter Color Guard Commander Merrill mentioned that the Christopher Casey Chapter from Jefferson City, Mo., donating \$100.00 to the M. Graham Clark Chapter. COM Merrill mentioned about using the \$100.00 to purchase a Missouri State Flag with fringes for the chapter. COM Merrill then made a motion to use the \$100.00 for the purchase of a Missouri State Flag with fringes and COM DeVenney Jr. seconded it. It passed.

President Miller asked Laura DeVenney to come forward for the presentation of quilts to 4 veterans from our chapter.

Laura then asked Chaplain Cunningham to assist her in the presentation. Laura then introduced Nancy Kennedy, widow of former chapter member, her husband Jack Kennedy. Nancy is the newest member of the Quilts of Valor, here in Columbia, Mo.. The first quilt went to Col. John W. Clark. COM Reynolds introduced and read a bio on Col John W. Clark's military history. The quilt that Col Clark received was named "Uncommon Valor".

COM Dr. Lee Woodward was introduced by COM Cunningham and his military bio was read. The quilt that was presented to COM Dr. Lee Woodward was named "Fabric of Our Country".

COM Russell DeVenney Jr., introduced Chapter President J. Y. Miller II and read his military bio. The quilt that was presented to President Miller was named "Freedom Stars".

Chapter President Miller read a bio of his son's military service and Laura DeVenney presented him for his son a quilt, it was named, "Defender of Freedom".

In December there will be 2 quilts presented at the meeting.

Program for December will be entitled "Investment of a Rebel".

Program

At this time Chapter President Miller called on COM Foltz for our program. COM Foltz gave a presentation on his ancestor Lyman Smith. It was a letter that was written by Lyman Smith's brother-in-law Jesse F. Hale on February 11, 1862 while Jesse was serving as a Union Soldier. COM Foltz had the original letter in a frame. COM Foltz also talked about the genealogy of his family and which line Lyman Smith was on.

Good of the Order

Col. Jim Coy talked about the newest books he has written and presented copies to the veterans who had just been presented with quilts.

President Miller commented at seeing Col Jim Coy in a publication.

Nancy Kennedy showed two samples of cot quilts that were in her late husband Jack Kennedy's collection. Cot quilts were made during the Civil War.

It was brought up that someone seen that COM Cunningham was in the "Prime Magazine".

COM Bradford mentioned that the SAL would be meeting Monday November 18th at 7pm and having the American Legion Post Commander Paul Hobbs do a presentation on the History of Taps. Everyone in the chapter was invited to attend.

Closing

With no further business to come before the chapter. President Miller proceeded to close the meeting. Color Guardsman COM Bradford and Color Guardsman Commander Merrill retrieved the colors. Chaplain Cunningham gave the benediction and COM Kerr read the SAR Recessional. President Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:15am.

Respectfully Submitted

Bryan Bradford, Secretary
M Graham Clark Chapter, SAR