

The M. Graham Clark Chapter, SAR
18 January 2014
Columbia, Mo.

Opening

President J. Y. Miller II opened the M. Clark Chapter meeting at 8:35 am at the Hy-Vee store at Providence and Nifong in Columbia, Missouri, since the regular meeting place is being remodeled. There were a few delays setting up the flags and organizing the tables in the new facility. There were 31 in total attendance: 16 members and 15 visitors. The colors were not posted, due to space constraints. Chaplain Cunningham gave the opening prayer, Com Chance led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and COM Kerr led the Pledge to the SAR.

The Charter was draped in memory of COM Thomas Eugene Crane and COM Kenneth Eugene Wetzel, both of whom died in December 2013.

President J. Y. Miller II asked if there were any birthdays for December or January, as there was no meeting in December due to inclement weather. There were none. Guests who were announced specifically were COM Coy's wife, Vicki Coy. President J. Y. Miller II's mother in law, Elsie Henderson, who had celebrated her 91st birthday the previous day, and COM and Mrs. Foltz's granddaughter, Keena Collick. At this time President J. Y. Miller adjourned the group for breakfast.

Recovered

President J. Y. Miller brought the meeting back to order at 9:15 am.

At this time President Miller asked for Secretary Bradford to read the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

COM Coutts read the Treasurer's report. The ending balance of the Operations Account on December 31, 2013 was \$2,578.05. The M. Graham Clark Endowment balance on December 31, 2013 was \$13, 121.66. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Announcements

President Miller announced that President General Joe Dooley apologized for the address labels on the SAR magazine not including the members' last names. President Miller did not realize this, nor did COM Kerr.

President Miller announced that since the December 2013 meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather, the program scheduled for that meeting, "Investments of a Rebel", to be presented by COM John Miller, has been rescheduled to the May 2014 meeting. President Miller further stated that the program scheduled for January 2014, "Eagle Scout Award", is rescheduled for the February 2014 meeting.

President Miller also said that it is undetermined just how long the chapter will need to meet in an alternative place due to the remodeling taking place at the Columbia Country Club, our usual place to meet. It will be month-to-month. He reminded the group to be sure to read on the website just where the meeting is to be held. COM Chance also said, as a Country Club member, he has no idea how long the remodeling will take to be completed.

COM DeVenney told the group that COM Chris Sizemore, the State Genealogist for Missouri, is in the hospital, having had stroke-like symptoms, and asked that he be remembered in our prayers.

COM Alfred Jones reminded the group that the plane that landed on the wrong airport down by Branson, Missouri, recently; actually landed on an airport named for M. Graham Clark.

Old Business

President requested COM DeVenney to report on the status of the Missouri Flag, which he is to order for the Chapter. COM DeVenney reported that it is in the process of being ordered.

New Business

President Miller asked Larry Dietzel to please come forward to accept his membership certificate into the chapter. President Miller swore Larry Dietzel into the chapter and COM Bradford placed the SAR Rosette on his lapel.

President Miller asked Laura DeVenney to come forward for the presentation of quilts to 3 veterans of our chapter.

Mrs. DeVenney then asked COM Cunningham to assist her in the presentations.

The first quilt went to COM Robert Wayne Freeman. President Miller introduced and read a biography on COM Freeman's service. The quilt COM Freeman was presented with was entitled "Liberty".

The second quilt went to COM John H. Chance (a/k/a "Jack"). COM Reynolds read a biography of COM Chance's service and the quilt, entitled "Service to Country" was presented. COM Chance commented that about the only act of valor he participated in was helping put out a fire in the office. He also stated a photo of Colonel Clark, who previously received a Quilt of Valor, came up when he "googled" the word "valor. Mrs. Devenney stated that service to one's country need not be heroic; that by doing one's part, the good of the country is achieved.

The third quilt was presented to COM COL Coy. President Miller read COM COL Coy's biography and the quilt, entitled "For God and Country" was presented to him. COM COL Coy stated he is an author of books, and has written an Eagle Series of books, based on Leadership, Courage, Hope and Faith. He also wrote children's books, based on Faith. Another book he wrote was based on Christ's life, in alphabetical form, for adults, and it is a grand total of 56 pages long. COM DeVenney asked about an invention he had, and COM Col. Coy stated, being a radiologist, he was asked to develop a "Throwaway XRay Machine" and he was able to do so. It weighs about 20 pounds and it is to be used in triage situations in combat.

Mrs. DeVenney closed by stating that there will be more Valor Quilts forthcoming.

COM Foltz then motioned that the chapter make a donation of \$500 to the Mid-Missouri Quilts of Valor program. COM Cunningham seconded. Motion passed unanimously. COM Coutts immediately wrote a check and he and President Miller presented it to Mrs. DeVenney. President Miller also thanked Mrs. DeVenney for her dedicated service to veterans and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Officers for 2014: President Miller read the nominating committee's proposed slate of Officers for 2014. They were:

President: J. Y. Miller II

Vice-President: Jack Chance

Immediate Past president: John Coutts

Secretary: Harold Kerr

Treasurer: John Coutts

Genealogist/Registrar: Stephen Foltz

Historian: J. Wayne Merrill

Chaplain: J. Wayne Merrill

SGT at Arms: Jesse Lybarger

Asst SGT at Arms: Bryan Bradford

Trustee 1: Alfred Jones

Trustee 2: R. Lee Woodford

Trustee 3: Russ DeVenney

President Miller asked for further nominations from the floor. There being none, COM Cunningham motioned that the nominations read by President Miller be accepted by acclamation. COM Fultz seconded. Upon a unanimous vote, the proposed slate was accepted by acclamation.

President Miller asked the newly elected officers to come forward and Past State President COM DeVenney swore them in, and further introduced the 2014 officers to the membership of the chapter.

Closing

With no further business to come before the chapter, President Miller proceeded to close the meeting. Chaplain Cunningham gave the benediction and COM Alfred Jones read the SAR Recessional. President Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:17 am.

Respectfully Submitted

Harold H. Kerr II, Secretary
M. Graham Clark Chapter, SAR