

**M. GRAHAM CLARK CHAPTER**  
**MISSOURI SOCIETY**  
**THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

**April 15, 2017**

President Harold Kerr called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. with the presentation of the colors by Color Guardsman Merrill. The Chaplain, Alan Hiles, gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Com. John Coutts, and the SAR Pledge being led by Com. Jack Chance. President Kerr then called for the posting of the colors. There were 27 members and 14 visitors, making a total of 41 present. The visitors were recognized at each table. Three April birthdays were also noted. The meeting was then recessed for breakfast.

President Kerr reconvened the meeting at 9:05 a.m. He called on Com. Jack Chance, our Flag Certificate Chairman, who announced the awarding of a Flag Certificate to Angelo's Steakhouse. The owner's son was present to receive the framed award.

Our guest speaker for the day was Mr. Chuck Thompson, a retired industrial arts teacher and a Marine. He enlisted in the Navy and went to Vietnam in June 1968. A lot of his story centered around Khe Sanh, Vietnam. The title of his book is SHOVELS AND C-RATIONS, A Seabee's Recollections from Vietnam 1968-1969 by Charles D. Thompson, BU2 USN. He also gave us background information about many of the objects on his table of memorabilia from the War. President Kerr presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Brad Harriman was called to the front by President Kerr to be inducted into the Chapter. Following the presentation of his rosette and certificate, he told us a few facts about his patriot ancestor. Com. J. Y. Miller then gave us a brief history of the SAR and of the M. Graham Clark Chapter. While Com. Miller was at the podium, he held the 50/50 drawing and the winner was Ella Chance, granddaughter of Com. Jack Chance. Her prize was \$10.00.

The President called for the usual reports. Secretary Merrill moved that the Secretary's Report be accepted as printed on the website and it was seconded by Com. Charles Lee and was passed. Treasurer Dietzel gave the Treasurer's Report and a motion was made by Com. Charles Lee and seconded by Com. Russ DeVenney and was passed. The Genealogy Report was given by Genealogist Coutts: Two applications were approved during the last month for Brad Harriman and William McAtee; five junior applications were approved for Axel DeVenney, Riley Minsky, Russell Minsky, Ryan Minsky, and Scott Doyle; five applications for membership and seven applications for supplementals are at national; and two applications for junior membership are at state. Com. Buff Chance reported that he would be attending ROTC/JROTC recognition ceremonies at M.U. and the Mexico Military Academy.

Under "Old Business" the President gave an update on the William Harvey grave marking scheduled for July 1, 2017 near Armstrong. Parking and transportation to the grave site were discussed.

Under "New Business" it was noted that President Kerr, Com. DeVenney, Com. Merrill, and Com Charles Lee would be attending the MOSSAR Convention to be held April 28-29, in Springfield. Com. Dietzel brought to our attention that the Missouri Monument dedicated to both Northern and Southern Civil War troops at the Vicksburg Battlefield in Mississippi, has been refurbished and will be rededicated toward the end of May. There will be a BBQ on May 26th and the rededication ceremony on May 27th.

Following the retrieving of the colors, the SAR Recessional was led by Com. Michael Breedlove, and the Benediction was given by Chaplain Hiles. The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Wayne Merrill, Secretary