

## **The M. Graham Clark Chapter**

### **Missouri Society**

#### **The Sons of the American Revolution**

##### **21 January 2017 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Chance at 8:12 a.m. Chaplain Merrill gave the invocation. COM Garland Lessley led the Pledge of Allegiance and COM Ed Thomas led the SAR Pledge. The Color Guard then posted the colors. President Chance recognized guest attending the meeting and those having birthdays during December and January. The meeting was then suspended for breakfast.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:08 a.m. It was announced that there would not be a 50/50 drawing at this meeting but would resume at our next regular meeting.

President Chance introduced the speaker for the morning, Lt. Ralph Miller USN with the ROTC program at the University of Missouri. He is a 2010 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and attended the Navy Dive School. His special area of training was with submarines and was assigned to the U.S.S. California. He is at present an Associate Professor at M.U. but will be going to Bahrain for his next tour of duty. His PowerPoint program showed us the various types of training the students in the ROTC program go through as well as the public service projects they perform in the community. He told us about the Summer Cruise program that the men can participate in which is a month's tour on a ship during the summer months. Lt. Miller then closed his program with pictures of the Commissioning Ceremony at MIZZOU followed by answering a number of questions from the audience. President Chance presented Lt. Miller with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Following the program, President Chance called on COM J. Y. Miller, chairman of the nominating committee, to read the slate of officers recommended by the committee to serve for the coming year. He presented the following list: Harold Kerr, President; Charles Lee, Vice President; Jack Chance, Immediate Past President; J. Wayne Merrill, Secretary; Larry Dietzel, Treasurer; John Coutts, Genealogist; Alan Hiles, Chaplain; Michael Breedlove, Historian; James Lee, Sgt. at Arms; Trustee 1, Russ DeVenney; Trustee 2, J. Y. Miller II; Trustee 3, Jack Chance. COM Miller noted that these would be voted on at the February meeting with the opportunity for nominations from the floor for any of the offices.

COM Miller then displayed a copy of the new History of Howard County Missouri and said he had a couple of copies with him that he could sell to those interested in purchasing one and could take orders for others.

President Chance then asked COM Miller to present his plan for a Retention and Mentoring Program for our chapter which he had discussed at our last meeting. After going over the need for such a program, a listing of the point system, the awarding of certificates and pins, he moved the adoption of the program. COM John Coutts second the motion and it was passed.

Bruce Ronald Hillis was called to the front to be inducted into the chapter and presented with his SAR Membership Certificate and Rosette by President Chance. COM Hillis, joined by his wife, was welcomed by COM Miller who gave a brief history of the SAR. COM Hillis then gave a brief history of his patriot ancestor.

The Treasurer's report was given by COM Dietzel and was provisionally approved as presented, pending a complete report to be given at the next meeting. President Chance then called on COM Coutts to give the auditing report. President Chance reported that Secretary Kerr was absent due to illness and that he had ask COM Merrill to fill in for this meeting. COM Merrill noted that Secretary Kerr's minutes from the last meeting were on the website and copies were on each table for perusal. COM Charles Lee made a motion to accept the minutes as printed and COM Coutts second and it was approved.

Nancy Thomas gave the Genealogist's report on behalf of Ed as follows: The Memorial Membership for Russell DeVenney III, deceased, was approved in November 2016. Three other Junior memberships have been approved by National: Jake Krause, 19 October 2016; Stanley Collett and Jeffrey Collett, 27 December 2016. At present there are two SAR membership applications, nine Junior membership applications, and 15 supplemental memberships at National. She reported that there are no new applications at State but that the Junior membership application for Jimmy Stephens is ready to be mailed and that SAR memberships for Tony Robertson and Jerry Kock, Jr. are being worked on.

Two announcements were made: The plaque dedication at the Boone Home, Defiance, Missouri on May 6, 2017, and the Patriot Grave Marking for William Harvey near Armstrong, Missouri in July 2017.

There being no further business, President Chance called on COM Bullard to lead in the SAR Recessional and Chaplain Merrill gave the benediction. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Wayne Merrill (Substituting for the Secretary)