

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

May 20, 2017

President Harold Kerr called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Chaplain Alan Hiles gave the invocation. The pledge of Allegiance was led by Com. Jim Lee. The pledge to the SAR was led by Com. Charles Lee. Attending the meeting were 28 members and 21 visitors for a total of 49. The visitors were introduced and recognized. Three May birthdays were noted.

Eleven new Junior Members were sworn in by Com. Russ DeVenney. All are his grandsons. They were accompanied by grandmother Laura, their parents and siblings. There was also a Memorial Membership Certificate for Russ's late son, Russell DeVenney III. The new members are Jefferey Charles Collett, Jr., Stanley Gregory Collett, Axel Tillman DeVenney, Christopher Cortland DeVenney, Jackson Corbin Russell DeVenney, Lucas Oliver Kincaid DeVenney, Nathanael Eric DeVenney, Thaddeus Marvin Douglas DeVenney, Riley Michael Minsky, Russell Michael Minsky, and Ryan Michael Minsky. The meeting was recessed for Breakfast.

Our guest speaker for the meeting was Mary Paulsell, President of the Central Missouri Honor Flight. From their first fundraiser in 2008, they have taken 2900 veterans to Washington DC to visit the Memorials. They have taken 46 groups total. Many are life changing events for WWII, Korea and Vietnam War veterans. On the return trip, they experience Mail Call that was a highlight when they served. They have a motorcycle escort from Kingdom City to Columbia where they are honored by many family and friends.

State Certificates were given to Com. J. Y. Miller for his Distinguished Service and Com. Larry Dietzel a Certificate of Appreciation. James Stephens and later Jack Slaughter were inducted into the Chapter. President Kerr presented them with their rosette and membership certificate. Com. J. Y. Miller gave his usual brief history of the SAR and of the M. Graham Clark Chapter. Com. Miller then held the 50/50 drawing with Mrs. Jill Lehenbauer winning \$11.00. She donated the prize to the Chapter.

The President called for the usual reports. Secretary Merrill's minutes are on the website and available on tables for review. Com. Miller moved that they be approved with a second from Com Charles Lee and were approved. Treasurer Dietzel gave the Treasurer's Report and a motion by Com. John Coutts and seconded by Com. Charles Lee to approve it was passed. The Genealogist Report was given by Genealogist Coutts: Jack Slaughter's application and Com. Lybarger's supplemental were verified. One of Com. Lybarger's and 2 of Com. Strader's supplementals are pended; At National are applications for Garth Baker, Gil Stone, Jackson Chance, Kyler Bennett (Jr. member) and one supplemental for Jack Chance; six applications are almost ready to send to State. Com. Buff Chance reported that Com. Coutts would present the SAR metal at the graduation ceremonies at Mexico Military Academy.

Under "Old Business" the SAR State Convention was discussed. Our chapter placed 3rd in the Americanism award competition. The William Harvey Grave Marking is scheduled for July 1 near Armstrong. Members are encouraged to attend. Com. Charles Lee will "Lay the Wreath" at the Memorial Day Program at the Boone County Courthouse. The Howard County Memorial Day Program will be Sunday, 28 May, at 2:00 at the south side of the Courthouse in Fayette.

2Com. Dietzel reminded the Chapter of the re-dedication of the Missouri Monument at the Vicksburg Mississippi Battlefield will be Saturday May 27. The pins that M.S.S.C.A.R State President Edna Oswald sold were for her State Project: "Have a Heart, Support Operation Gratitude". The National Congress scheduled for 8-12 July was discussed. After a discussion of the pros and cons of a summer hiatus by Com. Miller, he moved that we take the summer off and that our next meeting will be in September. Several compatriots seconded the motion and it passed.

The SAR Recessional was led by Com. Thomas and the Benediction was given by Chaplain Hiles. The meeting adjourned at 10:50.

Respectfully submitted,

John Coutts, acting Secretary