

**M. GRAHAM CLARK CHAPTER
MISSOURI SOCIETY
THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
February 17, 2018**

President Kerr called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. President Kerr then acknowledged that the meeting attendance was impacted by the early morning weather conditions. The colors were posted in advance of the meeting as no member of the color guard was present. Com. J.Y. Miller gave the invocation for Chaplain Hiles, who attempted to make the drive but was forced to turn back due to the road conditions. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Com. Ray Miller, and the SAR Pledge by Com. John Coutts. There were 16 members and 8 visitors present. Five birthdays were acknowledged. There were no known member health issues to report.

President Kerr notified the meeting attendees that he had received a note from the January program speaker, Dr. Mary Ellen McVicker, PhD thanking the Chapter for the pin and appreciation certificate that was presented to her at the January meeting.

The meeting was recessed for breakfast at 8:40 a.m.

President Kerr reconvened the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

After reconvening, Com. Jim Lee presented a medal, a fifty dollar cash award, a recognition patch and a Missouri Society SAR certificate to Com Jimmy Stephens as the Chapter winner in the Berdina King Scholarship contest, open to Eagle Scouts. The Chapter had four participants in the contest.

Chapter reports were offered by:

President Kerr, due to the absence of Secretary Com. Merrill who was participating in another SAR event, called for any proposed amendments to the January minutes. Hearing none, Com. DeVenney made a motion for the adoption and printing of the January minutes, seconded by Com. J.Y. Miller. The motion carried unanimously.

Com. DeVenney offered the Treasurer's report and announced that due to the resignation of the Chapter Treasurer Dietzel that he will be working with the new Treasurer, to be elected at today's Chapter meeting, to bring the Chapter financial information up to date. A copy of Com. DeVenney's full report is on file.

Com. Coutts offered the Genealogy report by announcing that the Chapter has one new member approved by National SAR, three applications and two supplemental pending approvals at National. Com. Coutts further announced that five additional membership applications are completed and ready to be submitted and that there are nine applications in process.

President Kerr offered brief reports on the ROTC/JROTC certificate program, the Books for Schools program and announced the submission of the SAR Americanism/Fogg contest report.

The 50/50 drawing was conducted by Com. J.Y. Miller following the Chapter reports. The winner was announced to be Com. Jimmy Stephens.

Under current business, Nominating Committee Chairman, Com. Jack Chance conducted the third and final reading of the slate of proposed officers for 2018 - 2019: President, Com Harold Kerr; Vice President, Com Charles Lee; Immediate Past President, Com Jack Chance; Executive Secretary, Com Harold Kerr; Recording Secretary, Com Bruce Hillis; Treasurer, Com Gil Stone; Genealogist/Registrar, Com John Coutts; Historian, Com Michael Breedlove; Chaplain, Com Alan Hiles; Sgt. At Arms, Com Jim Lee; Trustee 1, Com Russ DeVenney; Trustee 2, Com J. Y. Miller; and Trustee 3, Com Jack Chance.

The meeting was then opened for nominations from the floor. Upon none being made, Com. J.Y. Miller made a motion to adopt the Nominating Committee's slate of nominated officers by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Com. DeVenney and adopted unanimously.

Com. DeVenney conducted the swearing in of the Chapter officers for 2018 – 2019, after which President Kerr offered remarks regarding the challenges and opportunities for the Chapter.

President Kerr then reviewed the various assignments for a Convention Committee and the upcoming planning and necessary member participation in the tasks related to the 2019 MOSSAR Convention that will be hosted by the M. Graham Clark Chapter, scheduled for April 26 and 27 of 2019.

Com. DeVenney presented an overview of the upcoming 2018 MOSSAR Convention to be held in St. Charles. It was noted that announcements of the state convention have been distributed by the Chapter Webmaster. Registration and hotel information for the event may also be obtained on the Fernando de Leyba Chapter SAR website.

Announcements of other upcoming events were made by President Kerr.

Lineage Day Marshall Missouri Feb 24th from 10:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.: The Chapter will be represented at the event by Com Coutts in SAR uniform, Com. J.Y. Miller, who will make a presentation on the SAR and President Kerr, who will offer a presentation on the War of 1812.

The dedication of a plaque commemorating Winston Churchill's Iron Curtain Speech will be held at the National Churchill Museum in Fulton at 1:00 p.m. on March 10, 2018.

President Kerr and Com. Coutts will participate in a Genealogy Workshop in Boonville on March 24th.

Under new business, the Chapter Webmaster, Com. J. Y. Miller, announced that member access to the Chapter website, hosted by Rootsweb, a division of Ancestry.com, has been restricted for an inordinate amount of time, due to an apparent security breach. Rootsweb offers the website hosting service free of charge under their domain name; however, there is no vehicle to communicate with Rootsweb's service representatives and they have not announced and they cannot be reached to determine the timetable for when or even if the problem will be resolved.

It was noted that this action by Rootsweb has impacted our website availability for members and the public.

To solve the problem, Com. J.Y. Miller offered to rebuild the website and identify a reputable "fee based" hosting service rather than wait an indefinite term and or face the possibility that Rootsweb may discontinue the free service.

After further discussions, J.Y. Miller made a motion to amend the 2018 budget by \$200 to cover the cost for a domain name reservation and first year hosting fee. The motion was seconded by Com. Jack Chance and carried by a unanimous vote.

There being no further business appearing, Com. Lehenbauer led the SAR Recessional, followed by the Benediction by Com. J.Y. Miller. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Hillis, Acting Recording Secretary

