

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

March 17, 2018

President Kerr called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Color Guardsman J. Wayne Merrill presented and posted the National Colors. Chaplain Hiles gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by COM John Miller and the SAR Pledge was led by COM Hammons. There were 21 members and 13 visitors present. 3 birthdays were recognized; and, the health status of two chapter members was acknowledged.

The meeting was recessed for breakfast at 8:22 a.m.

President Kerr reconvened the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Upon the meeting being recalled to order, President Kerr announced that copies of the February minutes were available for view on the Chapter website and that table copies had been distributed for review. President Kerr then called for amendments to the February minutes. COM James Lee requested that the misspelling of the Berdina King Scholarship contest be corrected. Upon the correction being duly noted, COM Charles Lee made a motion to approve the February minutes, as corrected. COM DeVenney seconded the motion and the motion was adopted.

President Kerr then called for the remainder of the usual Chapter reports. COM Stone, Treasurer, and COM DeVenney offered the Treasurer's report by stating that all accounts were now in balance and all dues have been collected and all bills are current. The next task will be the development of a budget for the current year, the progress of which will be reported at the April meeting of the Chapter.

COM Coutts offered the Genealogy Report by confirming that three new members have been fully approved, two additional applications are at National plus five that have been transmitted to the State Genealogist. COM Coutts also reported that nine additional applications are in various stages of being developed and that he has two additional prospects with expressed interest in pursuing applications.

Following the Chapter reports the 50/50 drawing was conducted by COM J.Y. Miller. The winner of \$11.00 was announced to be COM Hillis.

President Kerr called for the introduction of new members. Following the formal induction ceremony, membership certificates and SAR rosettes were presented to Robert Logan Wilson and Mitchell Jay Moore. Both new members, in turn, made brief comments about their respective patriot ancestors and offered pledges to serve and further the goals of the M Graham Clark Chapter, SAR. First year mentor responsibilities for the two new members were discussed by President Kerr, the reporting requirements of which are posted on the Chapter website.

Following the submission of all new Chapter reports, President Kerr introduced the speaker for the meeting, Mr. Tim Dollens, president of the Missouri State Genealogical Association, the past president of the Genealogical Society of Boone County; and, Genealogist and library staff member at the Daniel Boone Regional Library in Columbia, where he has been employed for thirty years.

Following the introduction, Mr. Dollens offered his power point presentation, "Repositories A Must: You Need Them", during which he explained the importance of and the different types of historical records available at a list of key repositories, including the SAR Research Library in Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Dollens also reviewed several web sites that offer genealogical informational content for the person interested in researching his ancestors, including military service records.

After a warm acknowledgement of appreciation by those in attendance, President Kerr presented a SAR Outstanding Citizenship Award, Certificate and Pin, to Mr. Tim Dollens as the Chapter's appreciation and recognition of the value of his program.

President Kerr also requested that the Webmaster post links to the list of repositories on the Chapter website for member future reference and use.

President Kerr then called on COM and Webmaster, J.Y. Miller, to provide a status report on the new Chapter website, which was authorized by vote at the February meeting. Webmaster Miller gave a report on the progress and requested all, who have not already done so, to provide bio-graphical information for his use in updating the member roster section of the web site (<http://www.mgcsar.org>).

COM J.Y. Miller, Mentor Program Chairman, then presented New Member awards to COM Michael Breedlove and COM Hillis.

Certificates of Appreciation were then presented by President Kerr to officers for the year just ended: COM Michael Breedlove – Historian, COM Jack Chance – Trustee/2019 MOSSAR Convention, COM John Coutts- Genealogist/Registrar, COM Charles Lee – Vice President, COM J. Wayne Merrill – Secretary. Certificates of Distinguished Service were presented to COM James Lee – Sgt. At Arms/Eagle Scout Committee Chairman, COM Alan Hiles – Chaplain/Patriot Grave Markings, COM J.Y. Miller – Trustee/Webmaster; and, COM DeVenney, Trustee and Awards Chairman, presented a Certificate of Distinguished Service to President Kerr for serving as President during 2017-2018 and President Kerr was also awarded the Past President Pin for placement on his Chapter President Ribbon.

Following the awards ceremony, President Kerr offered a brief report on the upcoming Missouri Society State Convention scheduled for April 27th and 28th. Special note was made regarding the hotel room discount deadline date of April 2nd and the convention registration deadline of April 9th. Announcement was made that registration forms and hotel contact information for the convention are posted on the Chapter Website.

President Kerr offered a reminder that the 2019 MOSSAR Convention would be hosted by the M Graham Clark Chapter.

Brief reports were also offered on the results of the February 24th Marshall Lineage Day, attended by President Kerr, COM J.Y. Miller, and COM Coutts; and, the March 10th plaque dedication at the National Churchill Museum in Fulton, attended by seven Chapter members. Photos capturing the plaque dedication are posted on the Chapter Website.

President Kerr also reported that the Chapter would be represented at a genealogy workshop scheduled for March 24th from 9 until noon at the Health Department, 17040 Klinton Drive in Boonville, Missouri; and, it was announced that COM J.Y. Miller will be presenting a program on the Battle of Glasgow, in Jefferson City, MO on March 24th. He will also host a bus tour in Glasgow the following week and again in May. In addition, President Kerr will be taping a segment on March 22nd, for airing on Mediacom Columbia Cable TV, related to the mission and goals of the SAR.

There being no further business appearing, COM Mitchell Moore led the SAR Recessional, followed by the Benediction by Chaplain Hiles.

The meeting was adjourned by President Kerr at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Bruce Hillis, Recording Secretary