

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

**October 20, 2018**

President Kerr called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. No Color Guardsman being present, the Colors were posted in advance of the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by COM Charles Lee; and, the SAR Pledge was led by COM Coutts; and, Chaplain Hiles gave the invocation. Upon completion of the opening ceremonies, President Kerr recognized the visitors that were present. There were 19 members and 11 visitors in attendance. President Kerr also called for the recognition of birthdays and anniversaries. President Kerr acknowledged the welcomed attendance of COM Coutts following his recent illness and related hospital admission. No other health concerns of members were made known.

The meeting was recessed for breakfast at 8:42 a.m.

President Kerr reconvened the meeting at 9:10 a.m. and called upon COM Mitchell Moore to announce the recipient of the M. Graham Clark chapter's Public Service Heroism Award, Lt. Bruce Britt of the Columbia Fire Department. COM Moore provided an account of the tragic apartment fire event of February 22, 2014 that took the life of Columbia Fire Department's Lt. Bruce Britt. Following the declaration by COM Moore, President Kerr and COM Moore presented the Public Service Heroism Certificate and Medal to Lt. Britt's widow, Leigh Kottwitz. Mrs. Kottwitz expressed thanks for the chapter's recognition of her deceased husband's service and expressed hope that his legacy would lead to building safety improvements in the Columbia community.

President Kerr then introduced the speaker for the meeting, Debbie Furnell, Vice President of the Genealogical Society of Boone County and Central Missouri (GSCM) and board member of the Missouri State Genealogical Association (MoSGA). Ms. Furnell spoke on the resources for military records available at the St. Louis branch of the National Archives and reviewed the procedural requirements to gain access to military records at the archives. Following her presentation, Ms. Furnell was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by President Kerr.

President Kerr then asked that the usual reports be offered:

Recording Secretary Minutes: President Kerr advised that the minutes for the September meeting had been distributed in advance. After discussion and upon inquiry by President Kerr and hearing no call for amendments, COM JY miller made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by COM Sonny Raines. The motion to approve the September minutes was unanimously adopted.

Treasurer's Report: In COM Stone's absence, President Kerr offered the Treasurer's report. President Kerr requested that any members that not tendered their 2018 dues to please do so. After discussion and without objection the report was filed for audit.

Genealogy: COM Coutts offered the genealogy report and expressed his desire to re-direct his attention to all pending applications now that he has addressed his recent health concerns.

Eagle Scout Committee: COM Jim Lee offered a brief status report of the committee.

Books for schools: No report.

Americanism/Fogg Report: President Kerr announced that he continues to add points for the report, which is on pace to exceed the prior year's total.

Following Chapter reports, the 50/50 drawing was conducted by COM JY Miller. The winner of \$14 was COM Sonny Raines. The remainder of the drawing will be delivered to the Chapter Treasurer, COM Stone.

President Kerr then called upon COM JY Miller to complete the Second Reading, pursuant to the M. Graham Clark By-laws, of three changes offered by the Executive Committee to bring the Chapter by-laws into compliance to current practice or with the National By-laws, as published in the September 2018 minutes. Following the Second Reading and discussion of the proposed amendments, COM JY Miller made a motion to adopt the amendments as published. The motion was seconded by COM Hiles and unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present.

President Kerr then announced that due to the remodeling of facilities at our present meeting place that the January and February meetings would be held at the Columbia Courtyard by Marriot, which requires reservations for breakfast meetings. COM JY Miller was called upon to explain the email RSVP system that will be used to accomplish the reservation requirement. NOTE: a copy of this procedure is attached) COM Miller also advised that he will distribute the procedure to all chapter members via email. The RSVP system will be tested, but results not used, for the November and December meetings to determine if any changes to the RSVP system for January 2019 are needed.

It was noted by President Kerr that the Chapter's existing breakfast charge was inadequate to cover the cost at the Courtyard and that the Chapter anticipated an increase when we returned to our present meeting place in March. After discussion a motion was made by COM Hillis to increase the charge to fifteen dollars per meal beginning in January 2019. The motion was seconded by COM JY Miller and unanimously adopted.

Other Announcements:

-President Kerr reminded attendees of the November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> functions, published in the September 2018 minutes

-President Kerr announced that a MOSSAR 2019 convention planning meeting was scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 22 at the West Broadway HyVee.

-President Kerr announced that the Chapter Officer Nominating Committee will meet immediately following the November member meeting to identify a slate of officers for 2019-2020, to submit for consideration at the February membership meeting.

-President Kerr inquired if any member was interested in being appointed as the Chapter's contact person for the SAR Operation Ancestor Search Program. President Kerr offered to serve as the Chapter's contact person pending appointment of his replacement. (After the meeting, COM Sonny Raines told Pres Kerr He would look into helping with the OAS project).

COM Russ DeVenney had sent information RE the 14 DEC State CAR meeting. His granddaughter, Gracie, is the State CAR President. (Note: A flier and meal information for this meeting is attached).

There being no further business, COM Terrill Jones led the SAR Recessional, followed by the benediction by Chaplain Hiles.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Bruce Hillis, Recording Secretary

## RSVP For Breakfast

We are now being required to furnish a guaranteed count for the breakfast meals to be served at our Chapter meetings. In order to obtain a reasonably accurate count which will keep us from paying for extra uneaten meals AND to have sufficient food for all attending, we need to have a RSVP policy.

No one wants to have an extra 20 to 30 additional messages on our chapter mailing list each month. Likewise, phone calls to the 112 members of the Chapter are not practical.

So, we now have a special rsvp e-mail address. Messages sent to this address do not go to every member. They will be seen by only a few members who will monitor and report the number to the meal providers. **Do NOT send the rsvp message to the mailing list. Do NOT just click on REPLY from the meeting notice e-mail.**

The special address is [rsvp@mgcsar.org](mailto:rsvp@mgcsar.org). Use this address each month to report your intention to attend the next meeting and to report the number of meals for which you will be responsible.

Each month, after the Saturday one week before the meeting (when you receive the meeting notice) and no later than the Tuesday evening before our Saturday meeting, send an e-mail to [rsvp@mgcsar.org](mailto:rsvp@mgcsar.org). Simply put your name and the number attending in the SUBJECT line of the message. You will receive an automated reply thanking you for responding. If you will NOT attend, there is no need to RSVP at all. Someone will collect the information from the messages to determine how many meals to guarantee. We have to report this on the Wednesday before the meeting.

Example of how to style your e-mail message:

---

To [rsvp@mgcsar.org](mailto:rsvp@mgcsar.org), <=== type in this address >

---

CC

---

BCC

---

J. Y. Miller. 2. <===== Name and count goes here >

---

<===== Nothing goes here >

>>>>-----WWW----->  
J. Y. Miller [j.y.miller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j.y.miller@sbcglobal.net)  
<http://www.jymiller.net>

---

Following this procedure will be the easiest and most efficient way to provide the information needed to provide the meal provider with an accurate count and to minimize any waste of our funds while guaranteeing that there is sufficient food.

**Missouri Children of the American Revolution**

**Gracie DeVenney, CAR President**

**Hickory Hills Country Club**

**December 14, 2018**

**Social Gathering: 6:30 P.M.      Dinner: 7:00 P.M.**

**Select One per category for each person attending:**

**First Course (indicate choice):** House Salad with choice of Dressing \_\_\_\_\_

Cup of New England Clam Chowder \_\_\_\_\_

**Entree (indicate choice):** Petite (4 oz) Burgundy Beef Tips \_\_\_\_\_  
with Mashed Potatoes and Haricot Vert

Petite Salmon (4 oz) Seared Salmon Fillet \_\_\_\_\_  
with Mashed Potatoes and Haricot Vert

Gabriel Salad with (4 oz) Grilled Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

Caesar Salad with (3) Grilled Shrimp \_\_\_\_\_

**Dessert Included:** Peppermint Ice Cream

---

**\$25.00 per person by December 7, 2018 / \$30.00 thereafter**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to **Ozark Mountain Chapter SAR** and send reservation to:  
**John McAlear, Treasurer**  
**Post Office Box 1421, Springfield, MO 65801**

**8:00 AM Saturday, December 15 / Prior to 9:00 AM Chapter Meeting**  
**Wreaths Across America Ceremony at National Cemetery**  
**Please join us for the SAR National Event.**