

**M. GRAHAM CLARK CHAPTER
MISSOURI SOCIETY
THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
September 15, 2018**

President Kerr called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Color Guardsman Jesse Lybarger presented the Colors, previously posted. Chaplain Hiles gave the invocation; the Pledge of Allegiance was led by COM Charles Lee; and the SAR Pledge was led by COM Sonny Raines. Upon completion of the opening ceremonies, President Kerr ordered a Drape the Charter Ceremony in memory of COM Randall Meyer, Compatriot and fellow member of the M. Graham Clark Chapter, who passed away on May 14, 2018. Following the formal ceremony conducted by President Kerr and Chaplain Hiles, COM Meyer's friend and compatriot Robert L. Bartlett offered a eulogy to COM Meyer's life and SAR membership. There were 19 members and 14 visitors present. First time visitors and new members were recognized by President Kerr as were attendees with birthdays during the summer months. The health status of Com John Coutts was offered by COM JY Miller. The meeting was recessed for breakfast at 8:46 a.m.

President Kerr reconvened the meeting at 9:06 a.m. to introduce the speaker for the meeting, COM Colonel Dr. Jimmie D. Coy, national surgeon of the Reserve Officers Association. COM Coy spoke about the advice for daily life as shared by Metal of Honor winners, military and religious leaders that was published in the his Daily Planner & Prayer Journal, "A Gathering of Eagles".

Following the presentation, President Kerr presented COM Colonel Coy with a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation.

Upon the call for induction of new members: COM Russell Fletcher and COM Christopher Scarce were formerly inducted and presented with SAR membership certificates and membership cards by President Kerr. Both new members also received a SAR rosette lapel pin. Each new member, in turn, made brief comments in acknowledgement of their membership responsibilities. COM Fletcher's sponsor and Chapter Mentor is his Son, Zachery F. Fletcher. COM Scarce's sponsor and Chapter Mentor is COM Wayne Merrill.

President Kerr presented the Martha Washington Award certificate to Ms. Ruth Miller as acknowledgement of her work to secure three new SAR members.

President Kerr then asked that the usual reports be offered:

May minutes: President Kerr advised that the minutes for the May 2018 meeting had been distributed in advance. It was acknowledged that the date on the table copy of the minutes contained a typographical error and would be corrected. Upon inquiry by President Kerr and hearing no call for additional amendments, COM JY miller made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by COM Charles Lee. The motion to approve the May minutes was unanimously adopted.

Treasurer's Report: In COM Stone offered the Treasurer's report. After discussion and without objection the report was filed for audit. COM Stone announced that approximately fifty percent of dues for the coming fiscal year have been tendered and requested those who have not remitted payment to do so.

Genealogy: In COM Coutts absence, President Kerr offered the genealogy report of two new members, earlier inducted, and three supplemental applications. Two additional member applications have been submitted to the State Genealogist and COM Coutts is working on 5 of 10 prospective new member or supplemental applications.

Eagle Scout Committee: No report

Books for schools: President Kerr offered that he has received no requests from schools contacted and suggested that future participation of the Chapter in the Books for Schools program should be considered for modification or elimination.

Americanism/Fogg Report: President Kerr announced that he continues to collect points for the report and requested notification of any qualifying presentations, by Chapter members, for inclusion in the next report.

COM JY Miller then offered a welcome to the new members inducted and recited the mentor responsibilities for the new members and discussed the contents of the new member packets that will be distributed to COM Fletcher and COM Scearce. COM Miller requested each of the new members as well as any other members, who have not already done so, to send him bios for addition to the member section of the Chapter website.

Following Chapter reports, the 50/50 drawing was conducted by COM JY Miller. The winner of \$6 was COM Hillis. The remainder of the drawing was delivered to the Chapter Treasurer, COM Stone.

President Kerr then called upon COM JY Miller to complete the First 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. The changes are proposed to add the following language to Article III; Membership:

Members in good standing as regular members of other chapters of the SAR may be granted "Dual" membership in the MGC Chapter upon majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting. Dual members will be billed in the same method as regular members for dues, but will only be charged the Chapter portion of dues. Their membership card will be clearly marked "Dual Member". Dual members are not granted a vote in any MGC election or motion and are not permitted to hold elected or appointed office, but may serve as a committee member. The MGC Chapter will permit "Junior Members" as prescribed in State and National By-laws. The MGC Chapter may recognize someone who is not eligible for Regular Membership as a Friend. Such recognition is only extended after approval of the EC and a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the Chapter. Friends are not eligible to vote, serve as officers, or Committee Chairmen. They may be invited to serve as a committee member and may participate in any Chapter activity. They will not be charged dues, but may be required to pay for meals and other related expenses. They will be issued a distinctive Friends ID Card and/or Certificate.

Other Business and Reports:

New Member First Year Attendance Awards were then presented by the Membership Mentor Chairman COM JY Miller to COM Gil Stone and COM Jackie Slaughter. The mentors for the recipients of the Attendance Awards, COM Chance and COM Charles Lee, respectfully, were recognized.

President Kerr offered a report on the Eisenhower grave re-dedication, conducted at the Presidential Library, Museum and Boyhood Home of Dwight David "Ike" Eisenhower in Abilene, Kansas on June 2nd of this year. The MGCSAR Chapter was represented by President Kerr and MOSSAR was represented by State MOSSAR President and MGCSAR Chapter member, COM Wayne Merrill.

President Kerr also offered a report of the SAR District meeting, attended by President Kerr and Vice President Charles Lee.

President Kerr offered a progress report on the compilation of the History of the M. Graham Clark Chapter for publication and distribution, together with the history of other MOSSAR chapters, in celebration of the 130 anniversary of MOSSAR, at the 2019 State Convention of MOSSAR, hosted by the M. Graham Clark Chapter.

President Kerr inquired of the members regarding renewal of the practice of making an annual donation to the Friends of the SAR library. After discussion, COM Raines moved to offer a 2018 donation of \$25. The motion was seconded by COM JY Miller and unanimously adopted.

President Kerr then reminded the membership that the chapter would need to identify an alternative meeting place for January through March of 2019 due to scheduled renovations of the present meeting place. Several options were discussed and other suggested alternatives were solicited.

President Kerr also announced that nominations for the 2018 Heroism Award have been considered and the posthumous awardee is Columbia Fireman, LT Bruce Britt. The award is scheduled to be presented at the October meeting, . President Kerr asked for nominations for the 2019 Heroism Award, which is tentatively scheduled for presentation at the 2019 MOSSAR state convention.

President Kerr announced two DAR functions, to which members of the M. Graham Clark Chapter have been invited to attend, which are scheduled for November 9th and 10th. The November 9th function will be held at the Columbia VA Hospital. COM Col. Coy will be the principal speaker for VA patients in the Patient Education Room. Announcement of additional information on the function will be later distributed. The November 10th function is the meeting of the Columbian Chapter NSDAR at the County Club of Missouri. Details as well as RSVP procedures will be distributed in a flyer via email.

President Kerr reminded attendees of the 2019 MOSSAR pending state convention and inquired of possible suggestions for potential programs and speakers for the November 2018 and January 2019 chapter meetings.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Bruce Hillis, Recording Secretary