

**M. Graham Clark Chapter
Missouri Sons of the American Revolution
Meeting Minutes 21 September 2019**

Opening: President Charles Lee called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Since there was no Color Guard present, the flags were posted previously. Chaplain Alan Hiles gave the Invocation, President Lee led the chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance and COM John Coutts let the SAR Pledge. There were 15 members and 7 visitors present, for a total of 22. (Names of attendees attached)

Draping of the Charter: At this point the Draping of the Charter was done in memory of COM Harold Lynch. President Lee and Chaplain Hiles conducted the service. COM Lynch was a past-president of the chapter.

Introduction of Visitors: Com Coutts introduced Dave Smarr, an applicant, and COM Bob Bartlett introduced Luke Lucas and wife Katherine. Mr. Lucas is a prospective member.

Birthdays: President Lee asked if there were any birthdays and COM Gil Stone has recently celebrated his.

Sick Call: President Lee asked if there are any health concerns. COM Kerr mentioned that COM Ed and Nancy Thomas's youngest daughter has been very ill for some time and we need to keep the family in our prayers.

The meeting then adjourned for Breakfast at 8:48 a.m.

Re-Opening: The meeting was called back to order at 9:04 a.m. and President Lee introduced COM Harold Kerr who gave the presentation about Dr. Frances Jane Woods, who was a Woman's Suffragette, Doctor and a 5th cousin twice removed of COM Kerr.

Frances Jane Woods was born 2 December 1864 in Middle Grove, Monroe County, Missouri. Her death certificate says she was born in Nebraska City, Nebraska but her DAR Application, which Frances completed herself, said Middle Grove, Missouri. She was the Fourth of 10 children. Her father was James Monroe Woods and her uncle was William Stone Woods, for whom William Woods University is named. Her paternal grandmother and maternal grandfather were brother and sister.

The family moved to Nebraska when Frances was 4 or 5 year old. She came back to Missouri and graduated from Christian College (now Columbia College) in 1882 in Columbia MO. Her mother, Matilda Caroline Stone, graduated from the same school in 1856. After that she went back to Nebraska where she worked on the farm and taught school.

Nine years later she went to Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania on 9 May 1894 she graduated, scoring near the top of her class of 52 students.

Upon graduation she interned at Memorial Hospital in Worcester, Mass and at the New England Hospital for Women and Children.

She then went to the state of Oregon, serving as resident physician and nurse at St Helen's Hall, a girls' boarding school. She became licensed to practice medicine in the state of Oregon in 1898.

August 17, 1898 she and several other women signed letter of agreement between themselves and the Red Cross to serve in the Philippines for \$500 for their service, This was as a result of the Spanish-American War. With little advance notice she went to the Philippines from Oregon since the troops from Oregon and California were sent there.

Even though she was a doctor, she had to work as a nurse, something that would make her later work for suffrage and women's rights. When these nurses first got to the Philippines the chief medical doctor was described as being a "weak old gentleman" and being "way behind the times". The Philippines was not a good war for the Americans. There were a lot of similarities to Vietnam later—one could not tell who was for the US and who was against; the Filipinos thought initially we would save them from the Spanish, who they were fighting against prior to our involvement, but the Americans and Spanish worked it out to preclude the Filipinos from a decisive "battle" in Manila and this caused the Filipinos to see they were double crossed.

Nevertheless, Frances worked diligently to better the lot of the soldiers there. She set up a system to keep the badly injured soldiers away from the soldiers who were not so terribly injured but were fighting things like malaria. This improved the morale of the soldiers under her care. Frances and the other nurses spent a year in the Philippines and returned home as heroes.

When she came home, Frances started making speeches to groups in the Midwest and southwest about her experiences in the Philippines. She did this for about 18 months and the speeches started to change from being about the Philippines to about Women's Suffrage. One speech that exemplified this was in December 1899 in Sedalia Missouri where she spoke to women, many of whom were fellow students at Columbia College, and the topic was about BOTH the Philippines and suffrage.

She described in one talk she gave in 1900 in Arizona an experience that told of her frustration with not being able to vote. That article is stated here:

In 1902 she related the following experience from a prior talk. This REALLY shows her radicalization for the times:

Arizona, Arizona

6 December 1902

Suffrage

She said she never was interested in the vote for herself except for one time and related the following:

She went to Nebraska to give a speech about the suffrage movement and after the speech a young German who was in the audience approached and asked in broken accents:

"Vell, Doctor Woods, vat do you dink ofe dat oxbansion anyvay?"

In as few words as possible she expressed her views to which he replied, puffing himself out and tucking his thumbs into the armholes of his vest; "Vell idt dondt mak a pit ofe tifference vat you dink. I haf cot der vote."

And there it was—"that ignorant foreigner who could barely speak English and who knows no more about the Philippine problem than a hog knows about Sanskrit and who not risk his life for his adopted country, has a vote on the settlement of the problem, to the exclusion of the educated American woman, who has risked her life in arduous service beneath the folds of the flag."

She also told in another talk about how she felt the Colonel in the Philippines would not listen to her whereas he would have a man, because the man would have been able to vote but she could not.

Perhaps the highest points in her suffragette career were the two National Suffragette Meetings she spoke at—one in Oregon and one in Minnesota—and the experience she had in Oklahoma statehood where women's suffrage was passed over the objection of several richer men.

Her activities in the Suffragette movement ended in 1908 reportedly due to health issues, but she did live to be 94, dying in Tucson Arizona in 1959. Her Suffragette career ended in 1908.

Frances went from being a heroine by serving in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War, and making a real difference, to picking up the cause of Woman's suffrage which was very controversial at the time. The women in the movement were depicted in the popular press as being ugly, dumb and even in some cases, mean. Frances was always depicted as being a "little lady" because she was about 5 foot tall but this wording also was used to minimize the movement.

Frances eventually took care of a sister and her mother in Tucson. Her sister, very tragically, hung herself and the mother died of old age. Frances was very active in the DAR up to her dying month.

The 19th amendment, giving women the right to vote, was passed by the US House of Representatives on 21 May 1919, the US Senate on 4 June 1919 and on 18 August 1920 Tennessee became the last of the 36 states then necessary to ratify the amendment. It was officially adopted on 26 August 1920.

Awards and Recognition: After the presentation, President Lee asked COM Mitchell Moore, Chapter Public Service & Heroism Chair, and COM Harold Kerr to discuss an idea for making a Life Saving Award.

COM Moore asked Kerr to discuss. COM Kerr stated the following: In June 2019 a woman was driving home from her job at the Boone County Court, when she saw an apartment building in north Columbia on fire. She saw a woman trying to get out of the building, dragging an oxygen tank. The woman, Bobbi Malone, saved the woman with the oxygen tank. However, the woman who was rescued is elderly and lost about everything.

COM Kerr stated he felt we should, in addition to making the Life Saving Award Presentation—hopefully at the October 2019 meeting—we should also take up a collection to give to the woman who was rescued. COM Kerr said he did not feel comfortable giving the award and then just saying, in effect, to the woman who was rescued, "You're on your own."

COM Moore interjected that the Boone County Court has given Ms. Malone an award and that Kevin Crane, was the person who did this. Kevin is a member of our chapter. The plan COM Kerr and COM Moore have, if the chapter will agree, is for Moore to talk to Kevin Crane and for Kerr to order the Certificate and Medal and the chapter to kick in the donation to the victim.

COM Moore said he will kick in \$25 and COM Coutts said he will do the same. COM Edwyn Strubinger asked where we can send checks.

President Lee said to our Post Office Box—PO Box 464 Columbia MO. COM Kerr will get this in the minutes and we can get to work on this.

All of this was made in effect by a motion by COM J. Y. Miller and seconded by COM Coutts that we make the Life Saving Award (Certificate and Medal) and give the monetary donation to the victim. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports: President Lee then called for reports.

Secretary: COM Kerr stated the minutes from the May meeting were on the table and had been posted on our webpage, mgcsar.org After review, COM J.Y. Miller made the motion to approve the minutes, COM Coutts seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Report: COM Stone was unable to stay for the meeting so President Lee gave the report. The total cash assets as of 30 August 2019 for the chapter are as follows:

Money Market: \$12,858.38

Checking: \$6,278.03

Cash-on-hand: \$60.00

Operations for the period resulted in a loss of \$1,645.88 which was the MOSSAR portion of the 2019 Convention intake.

Dues are being accepted and so far about 40 people have paid. They can be mailed to our P O BOX: M Graham Clark Chapter, PO BOX 464 Columbia MO 65203

COM Kerr said he will ensure a copy of the report he made to the MOSSAR Board in July 2019 be sent to COM Miller to be put on the webpage. (Report attached) President Lee accepted the report for file.

Genealogy Report: President Lee called on COM Coutts for this. COM Coutts said he has about 15 applications he is working on, in varying degrees of completeness. There are two supplemental applications at National: one for himself and one for COM Strader. There is a Memorial application for COM Strader also at National.

COM Kerr reported he has completed a C.A.R. application for Blake Frevert and sent to COM Russ DeVenney and it is in process. The pan is for his membership to be transferred to SAR once approved. By C.A.R.

Eagle Scout Report: COM Jim Lee said there is no report.

ROTC/JROTC: No report

Americanism/Fogg: President Lee reported on activities through the summer: He place a chapter wreath on Memorial Day Ceremony at the Boone County Courthouse and was interviewed for the *Missourian*. There have been two Flag Certificates given: One at Gander RV on I-70 where we had a Color Guard presence and this was sent in for inclusion in the *SAR Color Guardsman*. The other flag certificate, on the same day, was at W-K motors in Boonville.

President Lee also stated he attended the MSSDAR East Central District Meeting on 14 September, representing SAR. He said it was a very worthwhile event.

50/50: COM J. Y. Miller then conducted the 50/50 drawing. COM Hank Hammonds was the winner of \$5.00. Congrats!



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2019 Annual MOSSAR Convention Financial Report

To: MOSSAR Board

From: Harold Kerr, Chair

2019 MOSSAR Annual Convention

27 July 2019

The financial report for the convention held 26-27 April, 2019 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Columbia is as follows:

- Charles N. Lee**
President
- David V. G. Bartlett**
Vice-President
- Harold H. Kerr, II**
Secretary
- Gilmore C. Stone**
Treasurer
- John H. Coutts**
Genealogist
- Michael J. Breedlove**
Historian
- Alan L. Hiles**
Chaplain
- James E. Lee**
Sgt. at Arms
- James Yates (J.Y.) Miller, II**
Trustee 1
- John Hardin (Jack) Chance**
Trustee 2
- Harold H. Kerr, II**
Trustee 3

A. Revenue		
Registrations	(inc meals from members & wives/MO Aux SAR)	\$13,533.00
Meals (award winners and their guests)		\$300.00
Donations		\$608.00
	TOTAL	\$14,441.00
B. Expenses		
Office Supplies (Kerr)		\$94.56
Copies (Miller)		\$39.50
Copies (Kerr)		\$137.98
Convention Venue/Food expenses—		
Marriott		\$9,350.76
Speaker honorarium	(2 speakers \$350 each)	\$700.00
National Anthem		\$175.00
Copies (Kerr)		\$40.00
Framing/Decorations (Linda Chance)		\$306.12
Marriott final settlement		\$19.14
Hospitality Expenses (Hillis)		\$182.83
Missouri Auxiliary SAR		\$100.00
	TOTAL	\$11,145.89

TOTAL REVENUE MINUS EXPENSES: \$3295.00

One half for MOSSAR: \$1647.50

Supply Donations:

Snacks for Hospitality Room: Jack Chance

Centerpiece Flags: Jack Chance

Nametag kit: Harold Kerr

May be some others

It is safe to say the event was an unqualified success.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harold H. Kerr, II
Harold H. Kerr, II, Chair

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