

M. Graham Clark Chapter Meeting Minutes 15 February 2020

Opening: President Charles Lee convened the meeting at 8:30 am. In the absence of Chaplain Hiles, President Lee gave the opening prayer. COM Reith led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and COM Terrill Jones led in the SAR Pledge. There were 22 members and 15 visitors in attendance.

President Lee asked for visitors to be acknowledged. Eagle Scout Jackson Unger and his family were present—to be introduced later in the program. Prospective member Luke Lucas and his wife Kathryn were introduced by COM Bartlett. Jason Lamb, who is transferring membership from the Christopher Casey chapter was acknowledged, also to be introduced later in the program. As always, the wives of members were also welcomed.

Birthdays of note were: President Lee, COM J. Y. Miller and COM Jack Chance. The group sang a rousing “Happy Birthday” to all.

President Lee asked if any members were ill. COM Kerr mentioned Chaplain Hiles had fallen and had a serious wound to his leg. We will remember him in our thoughts and prayers.

At 8:45 am the meeting adjourned for breakfast.

Reconvened: The meeting reconvened at 9:03 am. President Lee stated the Chapter Charter was draped for COM Robert Dean Strader. COM J. Y. Miller stated that COM Strader was a brother of COM Floyd Strader, who had him brought into membership via a Memorial Application. COM Miller related the background of COM Robert Strader, and that COM Miller was touched that COM Floyd Strader posted on Facebook how important this certificate is to him. COM Miller finished by saying we now have two Memorial Memberships: COM Strader and COM Russell DeVenney’s son, Russell F. DeVenny III.

President Lee also mentioned that Sherry Dana, the woman who was rescued by Bobbie Malone, and we helped with her monetary losses from the fire she was rescued from, also passed away recently.

Election of Officers: At this time President Lee read the slate of officers the Nominating Committee had developed:

- President: Charles Lee
- Vice-President: David Bartlett
- Secretary: Harold Kerr
- Treasurer: Russell DeVenney
- Genealogist: John Coutts
- Historian: Michael Breedlove
- Chaplain: Alan Hiles
- Sgt. at Arms: Jim Lee
- Trustee: J. Y. Miller
- Trustee: Jack Chance
- Trustee: Harold Kerr

President Lee then asked if there were nominations from the floor for any of these officers. COM J. Y. Miller moved that the slate to be accepted by acclamation. COM Mitchell Moore seconded and the group vote unanimously.

At this point, President Lee asked the officers present to come forward and COM Jack Chance inducted them into office. Those present were: President Lee, Secretary Kerr, Genealogist Coutts, Sgt. at Arms Lee and Trustee J. Y. Miller. The other officers will need to be inducted at future meetings.

Awards: It was then time to acknowledge the members who earned awards in 2019. They were as follows, for the reasons given:

Bronze Good Citizenship Medal & Certificate:

James Yates Miller, II: Long time service to our Community through Voluntary Service (Lions Club International, The American Legion, The Knights of Columbus, Scouting and other pursuits). His service to our country in the United States Army and his 45 year career as an educator, promoting recognition of fellow Citizens and paying tribute to his Brothers in Arms and their families.

John Herbert Coutts: Long time service to our Community through Voluntary Service (Missouri State Historical Society, Howard County Missouri Historical Society, President of the Innes Family Reunion, Trustee of the Callahan Creek Watershed District and other pursuits). His service with the University of Missouri-Columbia Agronomy Department and Division of Plant Sciences.

- NOTE: The Bronze Good Citizenship Medal is for service in the community.

Bronze Roger Sherman Medal & Certificate:

J. Wayne Merrill: 2019 MOSSAR Convention

Russell J. DeVenney, Jr.: Continuous Outstanding Service to the Chapter, 2019 MOSSAR Co-Chair

Harold H. Kerr, II: Chapter Secretary, Flag Committee Chair, Fogg Chair, Americanism/President General Streamer Chair

Meritorious Service Medal & Certificate:

John Hardin Chance: Trustee, 2019 MOSSAR Convention

James Edward Lee: Sgt.-At-Arms, Eagle Scout Chair, 2019 MOSSAR Convention

Chapter Certificate of Distinguished Service:

David Van Gelder Bartlett: Chapter Vice President, 2019 MOSSAR Convention

Gilmore Cottrill Stone: Chapter Treasurer, 2019 MOSSAR Convention

Mitchell Jay Moore: Public Service & Heroism Chair, 2019 MOSSAR Convention

Charles N. Lee: ROTC/JROTC Chair, 2019 MOSSAR Convention Co-Chair

James Yates Miller, II: 2019 MOSSAR Convention, Chapter Trustee, Chapter Website, Mentor Committee Chair

John Herbert Coutts: Chapter Genealogist, 2019 MOSSAR Convention

Michael Breedlove: 2019 MOSSAR Convention.

Certificate of Appreciation:

Alan L. Hiles: Chapter Chaplain

Michael Breedlove: Chapter Historian

Those who were not present at this meeting will get their awards at future meetings.

Eagle Scout Award: President Lee then asked Eagle Scout Chairman to introduce the Chapter Eagle Scout Essay Award winner, Jackson Unger, to the chapter. COM Lee presented Jackson with a patch and a check in the amount of \$50.00 and also said a medal was on the way [Harold Kerr received it in the mail when he got home from the meeting so will ensure COM Lee gets it to give to Jackson].

Jackson introduced his family: mother—Christina, father—Brian and brother—Chase.

Jackson then read his essay on the “Intolerable Acts” which started as being called the Coercive Acts—that grew out of the Tea Party in Boston in 1773. These acts ended up caused a revolt in the colonies that eventually brought about our Declaration of Independence and the founding of our nation. His essay was well written and informative.

Reports:

Secretary: At this point President Lee asked COM Kerr to review the minutes from the December 2019 meeting. Since he was not present that meeting, Kerr asked if anyone had any issues with the minutes to see COM J. Y. Miller who took the minutes. There were no issues and COM Hillis made a motion to approve the minutes, COM Chance seconded and the motion was unanimously carried.

New Member: President Lee then asked our new member, David Smarr to come forward and get his certificate. COM Smarr’s two grandsons who are junior members, will be coming to be inducted at a future meeting, as they live in the Kansas City area.

Treasurer Report: President Lee asked COM Stone to give the treasurer’s report. COM Stone said the dues have all been paid and thanked everyone for that. He said there was no activity to report since we did not meet in January. The report was accepted for audit.

Genealogy Report: President Lee asked COM Coutts to give the Genealogy Report. COM Coutts said he had recently had a supplemental approved. He said there are supplementals at National for COM Hillis and COM Strader and there were two new applications at National: Ace DeVenney who will be a junior member and Blake Frevert who is a transfer from C.A.R. to SAR as a regular member. There are 5 to get started on; 8 need 1-4 documents each; one is at state—David Misner. Nancy Thomas is working on 3 supplementals for COM Jack Chance and there are 2 still pended: COM Lybarger and COM Strader. COM Coutts is to be commended for his diligent work the last several years!

Eagle Scout Report: President Lee asked COM Lee if there was a report—none given.

ROTC/JROTC: President Lee reported that the Univ of MO and Missouri Military Academy all have their certificates and medals and these will be awarded in the time period of the end of the school year.

Americanism—Fogg Report: President Lee asked COM Kerr if there was any report. COM Kerr reiterated that if anyone does anything for which they think we can get points, to let him know—he likes points!

MOSSAR Officer Slate for coming year: President Lee stated that there is a slate of officers for the upcoming year at MOSSAR and this will be voted on at the convention in April at the Courtyard by Marriott. President Lee said he has registration forms for the convention, which is hosted by the Christopher Casey Chapter this year.

50/50: COM J.Y. Miller did the 50/50 drawing. COM Bartlett won \$16. Congratulations!

Old Business: President Lee reminded the folks that the Voluntary Service Liaison at Harry S Truman Hospital is open and anyone interested in looking into this should contact Russ DeVenney.

President Lee also reminded people if they are interested in giving a program at future meetings, or have someone in mind to do this to let him know. Next month COM Robert Bartlett will be the presenter; April will be Laura DeVenney and May will be COM J. Y. Miller.

Adjournment: There being no further business to conduct, President Lee asked COM Smarr to lead the group in the SAR Recessional and COM Merrill to give the benediction.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harold H. Kerr II
Secretary

FEB. rsvp data

Bowen, Gene	1		
Chance, Garrison	1		
Chance, Jack & Linda	2		
Coutts, John & Linda	2		
Eagle Scout	4	Jackson Unger, Mom,Dad,Bro	
Hammons, Hank & Val	2		
Hillis, Bruce	2		
Jones, Terril	1		
Kerr, Harold	1		
Lamb, Jason	1		
Lee, Charles	2		
Lee, James	1		
Lybarger, Jessee	1		
Merrill, Wayne & Pat	2		
Miller, J.Y. & Mary	2		
Miller, Ray	2		
Moore, Mitchell	1		
Reith, Rusty	1		
Robertson, Tony	1		
Smarr, David	1		
Stone, Gil	1		
Strubinger, Edwyn	1		
Bartlett, Bob & Pricisila	2.	Lucas, Luke & Kathryn	2. NO RSVP
Members = 21	Members = 33		
Members 22	Guests 15.	Total = 37	Guarantee = 33