

M. Graham Clark Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution Meeting Minutes for 19 Sept 2020

Opening: President Charlie Lee called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. There were 19 people present: 13 members and 6 visitors (see appended list). Due to the COVID-19 virus, people were wearing masks and sat at tables, 4 at each table. This was the first meeting since February 2020 due to COVID.

The Charter was draped in memory of the following deceased members: Josh Cochran, Jim Cunningham and Dean Yarwood. Chaplain Hiles performed the procedure.

The SAR Pledge was led by prospective member Samuel Thomas and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by COM Garland Lessley.

President Lee asked for visitors present: COM Coutts introduced Samuel Thomas as prospective member. COM Mitchell Moore introduced his wife Sharon Campbell who has not been to a meeting in a long time.

Birthdays: President Lee asked for September birthdays: COM J.Y. Miller stated that his son, COM J. Y. Miller III, had a birthday this month. COM Russ DeVenney said his grandson COM Thaddeus DeVenney also had a birthday this month.

Sick Call: President Lee asked if there are members who have been, or are, sick. COM Miller said there were two who had surgery: COM Garland Lessley and himself. We are extremely glad to see them both at the meeting!

The meeting then recessed for breakfast at 8:40 a.m.

Reconvened: The meeting was called back to order at 9:13 m. President Lee introduced the speaker, COM J. Y. Miller. The topic was Deceased Members of the M Graham Clark Chapter.

COM Miller started by saying there are presently 41 deceased members. He said all this information is available on the chapter webpage. The link to the Deceased Members on the webpage is <http://mgcsar.org/memorial19.html>.

COM Miller proceeded then to start with the two Memorial Memberships on the page: Robert Strader, who is a brother of COM Floyd Strader, and Russell DeVenney III, son of COM Russ DeVenney, who died of a childhood disease. For as many deceased members as possible, COM Miller showed either a photo of the person or the headstone. Russ DeVenney III being a young child was especially touching.

COM Miller then talked about M. Graham Clark, who was not a member of the chapter, but is who our chapter is named for. His information is also on our webpage at this link: <http://mgcsar.org/montague.html> Then COM Miller proceeded through each deceased persons, in order of death.

This was an extremely informative and interesting presentation and the audience all enjoyed seeing it as several comments afterwards attested.

Certificates: After the presentation, a **Certificate of Appreciation** was given to COM Miller for the hard work he did in giving this program.

More certificates were presented:

Certificate of Distinguished Service: To Vice-President David Bartlett for his work on the 2019 MOSSAR Convention.

Certificate of Appreciation to Alan Hiles for his continued service as Chapter Chaplain.

Liberty Medal Certificate and Medal to COM John Coutts for his continued genealogy and recruitment activities. This signifies he has attained ten members.

Liberty Medal Oak Leaf to COM Russ DeVenney: This is for an additional 10 members. A certificate and Medal is given for the first 10 members and Oak Leaves are given for every 10 new members thereafter.

NSSAR Certificate of Appreciation: COM Russ DeVenney for his being International District Vice-President General.

MOSSAR Roger Sherman Award to COM Russ DeVenney for his work as Continuous Outstanding Service to MOSSAR.

NSSAR Certificate of Appreciation: COM Russ DeVenney for his work as Chair of the George Washington Fellowship Fund Distribution Committee

President Lee then presented a **Supplemental Application Certificate** to COM John Coutts. He stated COM Floyd Strader also received one as well as COM Bruce Hillis, and these were mailed to them.

Induction: President Lee then called for Luke Lucas to come forward for induction into SAR. The oath was given, and COM Lucas was presented his Certificate, copy of his Record Copy of the application, and his rosette.

Reports:

Secretary Report: President Lee asked Secretary Kerr to give the minutes. He gave a summation of the minutes from the February 2020 meeting, as the Country Club did not want papers left on the tables. After the review, COM J. Y. Miller motioned to approve the minutes as reviewed and printed on the website, COM Hiles Seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: President Lee asked COM DeVenney to give the Treasurer's Report. This was given. One issue was that the money in the School Book Library Fund cannot be reconciled. This is a program our chapter performed a few years ago, giving books to schools in the area. It was a chapter program. There were a lot of books given out, but the schools eventually lost interest as COM Kerr stated. COM DeVenney made a motion that the School Book Library Fund Donation section of the Monthly Financial Report be removed from the report. COM J. Y. Miller seconded. Discussion followed, where COM Kerr gave his comment above. We will still have the money, and, if we decide to do this at a future date, we can. The motion carried unanimously. The Treasurer's Report was accepted for file.

First State Community Bank	\$12,864.28	
Endowment Funds Available	\$83.57	
Central Bank Balance 8/31/20	\$6,697.09	
Cash on Hand	\$60.00	
Total Cash Assets	\$6757.09	
*School Book Donations	\$583.67	To be transferred to general fund

Dues are due and so far on 9/11/2020 \$544.00 was deposited and on 9/18/2020 \$829 was deposited.

An additional \$150 in other checks was deposited.

The chapter gets \$14 in dues from each person.

Genealogy Report: CO Coutts gave the genealogy report. Approved by National: Coutts supplemental, Hills supplemental; Strader supplemental; Ace DeVenney new member; Blake Frevert new member; Luke Lucas new member.

At National: Terry Duckett new member application. At State: David Misener new member application.

Working on 12 applications: Need 1-4 documents for each of these: Johnny Milnes, Michael Thomas, Ron Dalton, Thomas Pauley, Samuel Thomas, Steven Moss, James Kenneth Stephens (father of COM Jimmy Stephens), James William Stephens (grandfather of COM Jimmy Stephens).

To start working on: David Shively, Donny Bryson (3 ancestors), Albert Spratley (moving last summer), Bill Strozier.

Nancy Thomas is working on 2 supplemental applications for COM Jack Chance. There are two applications pended: COM Lybarger (pended 4/20/17), COM Strader (pended 3/8/17).

There are two members from Fernando de Leyba who will be coming to our meetings: Roy and William Snyder, a father and son. Roy works at Boonville Prison. It appears he wants to have dual membership. His father was an officer for Fernando de Leyba and died from cancer. He wants to stay as member there out of respect to his father. This information is from email contact between him and Secretary Kerr

Eagle Scout Report: None

ROTC/JROTC: President Lee said MOSSAR is getting medals and certificates ready to send out. Before the meeting he told COM Kerr, he is having problems getting the names of the awardees from May 2020. After the meeting, COM Kerr emailed the contact person he had been in touch with previous years, so hopefully that will be resolved soon. COVID has caused modifications in this process.

Americanism/Fogg: Nothing to report

50/50: Did not do this month due to other activities. COM Miller asked whether we should continue with it and the feeling was yes.

Future meetings: President Lee reminded the folks to let him or COM Miller know if they have a program to do. We are pretty well covered through this cycle of meetings but there are some not filled (Jan and Mar 2021) COM Hiles offered to do a program in MARCH.

C.A.R.: Mathew Stroder asked that SAR Chapters mention in meetings that he is the C.A.R. State President and his project is selling lapel pins for the Museum of Veterans in Perryville MO. People who would like to purchase these, for \$10 each, can contact him at: Mathew Stroder, 329 Oakhill Road, Jackson MO 63755, or at the Missouri Senior State Secretary at; 2004 Chapel Wood Road, Columbia MO 65203.

This information will be posted on our chapter website as well.

There is another lapel pin that can be purchased. This is for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. These are on sale for 40 at \$74.00. The people voted to order 40 and then have our members get them here. COM DeVenney will follow up on this.

Closing: President Lee reminded people dues are due. COM Kerr brought up there is still an opening for the Liaison at the VA Hospital and COM DeVenney discussed that briefly.

The SAR Recessional was led by COM Hank Hammons and the Benediction was given by Chaplain Hiles.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

SEP

RSVP

Harold Kerr, Secretary

NAME	MEALS	COMMENT
Bartlett, David	1	
Coutts, John	1	
DeVenney, Russ	1	
Hiles, Alan & wife	2	
Hammons, Hank & Val	2	
Kerr, Harold	1	
Lee, Charlie	1	
Leslie, Garland	1	
Lucas, Luke & Kathryn	2	
Lybarger, Jesse	1	
Merrill, Wayne	1	
Miller, J. Y. & Mary	2	
Moore, Mitchel	1	
Snyder & son		Did Not Attend
Thomas, Samuel	1	Prospective Member