

M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR Minutes of meeting 17 April 2021

The meeting was called to order by President David Bartlett at 8:30.

President Bartlett introduced guests and then the color guard presented the colors. The color guard consisted of COM Burce Hillis, COM Russell DeVenney and COM John Coutts.

Opening prayer was offered by Chaplain Garland Leasley. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by COM Blake Frevert and the Pledge to the SAR by COM Alan Hiles.

There were 19 members and 10 guests present. 30 meals (1 meal was carry out) were provided buffet-style. (see appended listing of those in attendance)

The meeting was called to order by President David Bartlett at 9:10 for those present and via Zoom video for those not present. The Zoom Meeting was operated by Linda Coutts. This was the third time a Chapter meeting has been available via Zoom to those not present.

President David Bartlett introduced special guest, National SAR President Jack Manning who addressed the members via Zoom.

Tracy (Terry) Linn DuckettSr., inducted into the SAR and sworn in by National SAR President Jack Manning via Zoom, a rare virtual induction. Marie Duckett pinned on her husband's rosette. COM Duckett expressed his appreciation to be a member of the SAR.

COM J. Y. Miller welcomed COM Duckett into the SAR and gave a brief history of the Chapter, speaking of the sacrifices of the patriots and the subsequent creation of the SAR.

He noted the date of April 22, 1981 as the founding of the M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR, just days short of 40 years. Com Miller referred members to the website and the wealth of information to be found there on the SAR at a national and local level.

President Bartlett thanked COM Miller for his comments and introduced COM Charles Lee for a special presentation recognizing the late Compatriot John Hardin "Jack" Chance. Members of the Chance family accepted the award. They included his widow, Linda Chance, son COM Garrison Chance and his wife Shannon Grannis, and Jack's cousin COM Buck Chance.

President Bartlett introduced COM John Coutts for his presentation the on the 1st and 2nd Germanna Colonies of Western Virginia, 1714 and 1717. Alexander Spotswood sought Queen Anne's assistance in helping establish a mining and smelting industry in the colonies. The 1st colony established a settlement which they called Germantown. More Germans made the difficult to journey, endured a period of indentured servitude for 7 years and settled the river valley. In 1740, they raised money and established the oldest continuously used Lutheran Church in America.

In the 1940s the decedents established the Germanna Foundation which hosts an excellent genealogical data base as well as a historical site for visitors. Several members attending the meeting expressed that they recognized the surnames of their ancestors from the region. President Bartlett thanked COM Coutts for his presentation.

President Bartlett announced that COM Harold Kerr has graciously agreed to accept the post of Executive Secretary and continue filing quite arduous reports on the activities of the Chapter to the MOSAR state office and to the national office.

President Bartlett reported on Awards and Recognition. On Monday, April 19 we will be presenting 5 SAR Life Saving awards to 4 Boonville police officers and 1 Boonville citizen who all acted heroically to save a woman from her burning house. One additional award will be presented to a Boonville police officer who saved the life of a baby. Com Kerr commented on the presentation which will be done in Boonville at a City Council meeting rather than a Chapter meeting due to the ongoing pandemic. COM Kerr stated that several Chapter members planned to attend.

Those to be honored are:

Sergeant Maggie Schanzmeyer, Corporal Michael Moore, Patrolman Clinton Barger, Patrolman Taylor Werkmeister, Citizen Brandon Roberts, Patrolman Courtland Ross for saving a baby's life

COM Kerr also stated that Mr. Ray Glendening will receive an outstanding Citizenship Award soon for his work in the community.

Secretary report on the Minutes of the last meeting was given by Secretary Mitchell Moore Moore moved the Minutes of the last meeting be approved. COM Miller seconded. Motion passed.

Executive Secretary Kerr reported on the filing with MSAR and National of quarterly reports and lots of forms the national office wants filed, especially quarterly reports on all manner of Chapter activities.

COM Russell DeVenney reported on the financial status of the Chapter and distributed printed copies. COM Miller moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. COM Hiles seconded. Motion passed.

COM Miller reported on discussions of regarding the by-laws to address the issue of the lack of mention of Trustees in the by-laws. The only historical duty of a Trustees was to handle the Endowment Fund with the bank. The bank states that three trustees are required, and they must be elected. To that end, a more succinct proposed amendment to the by-laws was produced by COM Miller and explained to the members.

COM Bartlett moved for acceptance of the new by-laws and COM DeVenney seconded. Discussion followed.

COM Kerr moved for tabling of the motion COM Bartlett seconded. Motion passed.

Genealogist John Coutts reported that one application had been approved and others were in the pipeline.

President Bartlett reported on our SAR ROTC/JROTC recognition and progress made for this year. NROTC MIDN Cole R. Sheetz and AROTC MSIII Cadet Pat Griffin will be recognized. The Air Force ROTC has not yet responded.

President Bartlett and COM Kerr mentioned a nice article in the Columbia Missourian on 4/11 tracing the important history of Howard County as the mother of all counties. Of Missouri 's 114 counties, 31 of them were once part of Howard County.

President Bartlett mention the Taneycomo DAR's invitation to the "Battle of King's Mountain" re-enactment to be present by the Overmountain Men's Association on 5/17/21 in Reed Springs, MO.

President Bartlett reported that Executive Secretary Harold Kerr submitted a FOGG report to State and National, which is an accounting of time doing Chapter work in the public (the Americanism Report). COM Kerr has always encouraged reporting of activities. The webpage states what activities qualify as points and they are as broad. Reporting membership in the SAR on a member's Facebook page earns points. The color guard earns points. COM Kerr stated some of the many activities that have gotten awards lately.

COM Kerr reported on planning for the July 4, 2026 celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War and the need to establish a committee on the celebration, which activity earns points!

Regarding future programs, COM J. Y. Miller announced for the April 17 meeting he will present on American Military Chaplains. Future programs are planned, and COM Miller urged members to explore opportunities for more programs, such as programs by members on their patriot ancestors and programs by people within the university community who have special knowledge of the history of the American Revolution.

COM J. Y. Miller conducted the 50-50 drawing and COM John Coutts won \$27.

President Bartlett opened discussion of new business.

Motion to adjourn was made by COM Hank Hammond, second by President Bartlett. Motion passed.

Retrieval of colors by the color guard.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 after the SAR Recessional led by COM Charles Lee and a closing prayer by Chaplain Garland Lessley.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Moore

Secretary

MGCSAR	April	
NAME	MEALS	ZOOM
Bartlett, David	1	COUTTS, MICHAEL
Bartlett, Bob & Priscilla	2	
Chance, Buff	1	
Chance, Garrison	1	
Chance, Linda & daughter	2	
Coutts, John & Linda	2	
DeVenney, Russell & Laura	2	
Duckett, Terry & Marie	2	
Frevert, Blake	1	
Hammonds, Hank & Valerie	2	
Hiles, Alan & Wayne	2	
Hillis, Bruce & Lynne	2	
Kerr, Harold	1	
Lee, Charles	1	
Lee, Jim	1	
lessley, Garland	1	
Lucas, Luke & Kathryn	2	
Miller, J. Y.	1	
Moore, Mitchell	1	
Thomas, Ed & Nancy	2	
MEMBERS 19 GUESTS 11		
TOTALMEALS = 30		