## M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR Minutes of meeting 20 FEB 2021

The meeting was preceded by breakfast, which was served plated instead of buffet. There were 10 members and one guest, Linda Coutts, wife of COM John Coutts, present (see appended list). 11 meals were provided.

The meeting was called to order by President Charles Lee at 9:15 for those present and via Zoom video for those not present. The Zoom Meeting was set up by COM David Bartlett and by Linda Coutts. Linda Coutts monitored the Zoom equipment during the meeting. This was the first time a Chapter meeting has been available to those not present via Zoom and it is likely that this technology will be used for future meetings to reach members who are not able to attend in person. Those who attended via zoom were: Bob Bartlett, Wayne Merrill, Luke Lucas, Ed Hampton, and Buff Chance

The pledge was led by COM Emmett Blair Pickard. The SAR pledge was led by COM Garland Lessley. The prayer was offered by COM J. Y. Miller.

President Lee announced that the charter was draped for COM Jack Chance and COM Jimmie Coy. In the absence of our Chaplain, the "drape the Charter" prayer was read by President Charlie Lee.

Birthdays were recognized: COM Paul Whatley, COM J. Y. Miller, COM Charles Lee.

Members who were sick were remembered. They include COM Harold Kirk. Com Floyd Strader.

President Charles Lee announced the nominating committee had proposed the followed slate of officers for the next year:

**David Bartlett** President: Past President: Charles Lee Mitchell Moore Treasurer: Russ DeVenney Secretary: Genealogist: John Coutts Chaplin: Garland Lessley Sgt.-at-Arms: Jim Lee Historian Harold Kerr Trustee 2 Harold Kerr Trustee3 Charles Lee Trustee1 J. Y. Miller

COM J. Y. Miller moved the slate be closed for further nominations and elected by acclimation. Russ DeVenney seconded. Motion passed.

COM J. Y. Miller read an email from COM Bob Bartlett, expressing his regret in not being able to physically attend and witness his son being installed as President. COM Bartlett will be on the zoom meeting.

President Charles Lee reported on Awards and Recognition regarding 4 police officers and 2 civilians who saved the life of a small child in a house fire in Boonville. The medals and framed certificates have been prepared and the expense for each is about \$100. Presentation of same will probably be done in Boonville rather than a Chapter meeting due to the ongoing pandemic.

COM J. Y. Miller reported that the minutes of the last meeting had been posted on the webpage and copies were on the tables. He moved that the minutes be approved. Seconded by Com Russ DeVenney. Motion passed.

COM Russ DeVenney reported on the financial status of the Chapter and distributed printed copies. He stated that currently the Chapter has 95 members. Com Moore moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for audit. COM Coutts seconded. Motion passed.

COM John Coutts reported that five applications for new members are in the works. Harold Kerr has 3 supplements in the works.

President Charles Lee reported that Eagle Scout Chair Jim Lee stated that the MOSAR award was won by a member of Troop 4 from Jefferson City. Our chapter had 2 applicants.

President Lee reported on our SAR ROTC recognition and progress made for this year.

President Lee reported that the Nominating Committee's work was completed.

COM J. Y. Miller conducted the 50-50 drawing. The winner of \$7.00 was Russ DeVenney.

Future meetings were discussed. Com Alan Hiles had planned to present a program on March 20 on George Washington. For the April 17 meeting, Roy Glendeing has a conflict and has to cancel..For the May 15 meeting, COM Miller will present on American Military Chaplins. COM John Coutts volunteered to present on the Germana Colonies for the April meeting. COM Charles Lee offered to present a program on the design of the seal on the one dollar bill for a future meeting.

COM Russ DeVenney led the ceremony for the induction of new officers.

Outgoing President Com Charles Lee spoke and welcomed newly elected President David Bartlett to the podium.

President David Bartlett called for new business.

It was reported that the latest issue of the SAR Magazine listed COM Jimmie Coy and COM Robert Bland as having recently passed. The SAR Magazine also featured a picture of COM Wayne Merrill at an event where he and COM DeVenney were Color Guard

Roster of new officers will be sent to the state by the secretary as required. COM Harold Kerr will assist in preparing this report.

President David Bartlett thanked COM Charlie Lee for his service. He was complimentary to various Compatriots including COM J. Y. Miller for his work on the webpage

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 after the SAR Recessional led by COM Paul Whatley and a closing prayer by Chaplin Garland Lessley.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Moore. Secretary

