

M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR Minutes of Meeting 15 May 2021

The colors were posted by COM Wayne Merrill and COM Bruce Hillis.

The meeting was called to order by President David Bartlett at 8:33 a.m..

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by COM J. Y. Miller and the Pledge to the SAR by COM Hank Hammons. Opening prayer was offered by Chaplain Garland Leasley.

There were 30 meals served for 18 members and 12 guests (see appended list).

Birthdays for the month of May included President Bartlett's father, COM Bob Bartlett (96), and guests Mary Miller and Sharon Campbell-Moore.

Those recognized for sick call included COM Bob Bartlett, Russel DeVenney (shoulder operation).

President Bartlett announced a break for breakfast. Thirty meals were served, buffet-style.

President Bartlett introduced the day's speaker, COM J. Y. Miller who gave a presentation on **"American Military Chaplains – From the Revolution to Modern Times."**

Chaplains were authorized in July 1775 by the First Continental Congress to be paid \$20 per month, just slightly more than a 2nd Lt. and were allowed to carry arms. Many were doctors. During the Revolutionary War 218 served and 25 were killed during the war.

During the Civil War, the Union Army recognized their value to morale and as advisers to commanders and many served with 4 receiving the Medal of Honor, usually for going into battle and rescuing wounded soldiers.

During World War I, 3,000 chaplains served in France by the end of the war.

During World War II, over 9,000 chaplains served, and many served during the Korean War,

All chaplains are trained to minister in all faiths, which is at least 200 different religious convictions. At least 420 chaplains have died while serving. Two chaplains are in the process of being recognized as saints, and COM Miller related their stories.

There are at least 70 female chaplains and additional specialist as well now serving.

Chapter connections include the John Gano Memorial Chapel at William Jewell College is named for a Revolutionary War chaplain who is an ancestor of our recently deceased compatriot, Jack Chance. Harold Kerr is also a descendant of a Civil War Chaplain mentioned in the program. The final Chaplain in the program is currently serving. He is Fr. Nick Reid, a member of our Chapter.

The popular WWII song, "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition," was inspired by the words of a chaplain who manned a machine gun to defend his ship.

President Bartlett thanked COM Miller for his presentation and announced that two new members were to be inducted.

Stephen Edward Moss was inducted into the SAR and sworn in by President Bartlett. COM Moss thanked genealogist COM John Coutts for his help documenting his ancestry and expressed his appreciation to be a member of the SAR.

Samuel Duncan Thomas was then inducted into the SAR and sworn in by President Bartlett. Stephanie Thomas pinned on her husband's rosette. COM Thomas expressed his appreciation to be a member of the SAR and thanks to COM Coutts for his assistance.

COM J. Y. Miller welcomed COM Thomas and Moss into the SAR and gave a brief history of the SAR and 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, now 40 years old. COM Miller referred members to the chapter website at mgcsar.org and the wealth of information to be found there and on the SAR website at sar.org. COM Miller reminded members they could update their biographies at any time by emailing him.

COM Miller reminded members We are proud of our Patriot Ancestors, but we must remember that while we may have inherited their name, some DNA, and perhaps some property; we did not inherit their honor. They risked everything to earn that honor and it cannot be passed on. Instead we inherited an obligation to preserve our heritage and the memory of those patriots. We must do this in our daily lives, at the ballot box, and, if necessary: on the battlefield. One easy way to fulfill this obligation is through our association in the SAR.

President Bartlett thanked COM Miller for his presentation and called on COM Wayne Merrill to come up and receive a "Certificate of Distinguished Service" from the National SAR recognizing his years of service at the local, state and national levels.

President Bartlett announced that Monday, April 19, 2021 past president Com Charlie Lee presented 5 SAR Life Saving awards to 4 Boonville police officers and 1 Boonville citizen all of whom acted heroically to save a woman from her burning house. One additional Boonville police officer was honored for saving the life of an infant child. The presentation was attended by COM John Coutts and COM Wayne Merrill representing the SAR Color Guard with chapter President David Bartlett and Executive Secretary Harold Kerr further representing the M Graham Clark Chapter.

Honored in the ceremony were: Sergeant Maggie Schanzmeyer, Corporal Michael Moore, Patrolman Clinton Barger, Patrolman Taylor Werkmeister, Citizen Brandon Roberts, Patrolman Courtland Ross for saving a baby's life.

President Bartlett mentioned the Americanism Report and President's General Cup given to chapters for service to the community. Last year, the M Graham Clark chapter placed 4th in the Americanism Award.

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 Merrill seconded. Motion passed.

President Bartlett gave Treasurer Russel DeVenney's report and moved it be accepted. COM John Coutts seconded. Motion passed.

Genealogist John Coutts reported that he was working on two new applications with one expect to be completed by the September meeting. Supplemental are taking a longer than usual time to be processed due to lack of resources at the national level.

President Bartlett reported NROTC MIDN Cole R. Sheetz and AROTC MSIII Cadet Pat Griffin were recognized by our Chapter this year.

President Bartlett reported on four objectives from the new MOSSAR President George Swales: Increase participation in youth programs. Increase recognition of teachers., Increase educational outreach - speak about American history at schools., Increase recruiting and retention of members., Increase the number of flag awards in the community.

President Bartlett emphasized the importance of these objectives by quoting another president:

“A primary object should be the education of our youth in the science of government. In a republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important? And what duty more pressing than communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of the country?” – George Washington

President Bartlett gave further examples of what we do and can with an emphasis on recruiting, but more importantly, involvement, especially with kids. Speaking with school age children is one of our best vehicles for influencing the future of our country. For example: Americanism Poster contests for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders., Eagle Scout Scholarship., Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest, Knight Essay contest and Rumbaugh Historical Oration contests for high school age students., Junior ROTC awards for high school JROTC participants., ROTC awards for college age ROTC participants.. M. Graham Clark Teacher Award, and finally, the Josiah Fogg Award for the most active chapter.

President Bartlett mentioned the importance of a SAR Social Media / Online Communication Plan and called on those interested to explore the possibilities and a greater movement into social media.

COM Charles Lee was recognized and announced the availability of pins celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence for only \$5.

COM J. Y. Miller conducted the 50-50 drawing and COM Bartlett won \$15.

Regarding future programs, COM J. Y. Miller announced several are planned and there are open dates for members who want to present programs or have contacts with people who can present a program to the members. Anyone with an idea for a program should email COM J. Y. Miller.

President Bartlett announced old business, including the pending revision to the bylaws which he moved to table. Motion seconded by COM Hillis. Motion passed.

Members of the SAR are invited to attend the meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution to be held on May 20, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. at the Baptist Church in Fayette, Missouri. Several members stated their intention to attend.

Motion to adjourn until **September 18, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.**, after the summer hiatus, was made by COM J.Y. Miller., Second by COM Charles Lee. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 after the SAR Recessional led by COM Terril Jones and a closing prayer by Chaplain Garland Lesley.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Moore. Secretary

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RSVP - MAY	MGC
NAME	
Bartlett, Bob	1 Sick
Bartlett, David	1
Coutts, John	1
DeVenney, Russel & Laura	2 Sick
Frank, Richard FR.	1 GUEST of J. Y.
Hammons, Hank & Val	2
Hiles, Alan & Waylene	2
Hillis, Bruce & Lynne	2
Jones, Terril & Debbie	2
Kerr, Harold	1 Sick
Lee, Charles	1
Lesley, Garland	1
Lucas, Luke & Kthryn	2
Merrill, Wayne & Pat	2
Miller, J. Y. & Mary	2
Miller, Ray & Ruth	2
Moore, Mitchell & Sharon	2
Moss, Stephen	1
Thomas, Samuel & Stephanie	2
Members= 18 Guests = 12	
TOTAL MEALS =	30