

M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR Minutes of Meeting 16 October 2021

The colors were posted by COM Wayne Merrill COM Russell DeVenney, COM John Coutts, and COM Bruce Hillis.

The meeting at the Country Club of Missouri was called to order by Vice-President Alan Hiles at 8:35 a.m.. There were 24 members and guest in attendance. (See appended list)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by COM Jim Lee, the Pledge to the SAR was led by COM Bob Bartlett, followed by the opening prayer offered by Chaplain Garland Lessley.

Those recognized this month for anniversaries/birthdays were COM Charlie Lee and his wife celebrating their 61st wedding anniversary.

Vice-President Hiles announced a break for breakfast at 8:38 a.m. Meals were served, buffet-style.

Vice-President Hiles called the meeting back to order at 9:05 a.m. and announced that the charter was still not present, but we should consider it formally Draped for COM Ron Knudsen and COM Harold Kerr, both of whom had been recognized at the last meeting.

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

Treasurer Russel DeVenney gave the Treasurer's report and moved it be accepted. COM J. Y. Miller seconded. Motion passed.

Genealogist John Coutts reported that he had several new applications at National; one for Kevin Klingerman and one for Billy Voight. Supplements and memberships are taking an average of 6-9 months to be approved due to staff shortage at the national office.

COM Russ DeVenney made further remarks about the organization.

Thereafter, the members discussed future business and future programs. The program for the November meeting will be presented by COM Charlie Lee entitled, "The Great Seal of the United States-its history and significance. The Great Seal is most frequently seen on the back of the one dollar bill. **The next meeting on November 20, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. will NOT be held at the usual location of the Country Club of Missouri. The November meeting will instead be held at the Columbia Country Club, 2210 Country Club Drive, Columbia, MO.**

The program for December will be presented by COM J. Y. Miller on "Christmas at Valley Forge."

The January meeting program will be presented by an SAR prospect from southern Missouri, who will present in WWI uniform on "Harry Truman in World War I."

The program in February will center on election of officers.

Programs for March, April, and May of next year have not been confirmed and members are encouraged to consider preparing a 20-minute program to be included. The color guard will likely present an educational program at a spring meeting.

The State Convention of the SAR for 2024 will be hosted by the M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR, which last hosted the convention in 2019 and was a great success. COM Wayne Merrill spoke of the need for early planning and volunteered to assist. All members are expected to help make the convention a success. The State Convention will be in St. Louis in 2022 and in Kansas City in 2023.

COM J. Y. Miller stated that the nominating committee, consisting of the current officers and past president, would need to meet soon to nominate a slate of officers.

COM Luke Lucas, a retired physician, discussed concerns regarding the Covid-19 virus and encouraged members to remain aware of the dangers of the virus and its mutations.

COM J. Y. Miller conducted the 50-50 drawing and COM Garland Lessley won \$16, which he graciously donated to the Chapter.

There being no further business, Vice-President Alan Hiles gave a presentation entitled, "What Makes An American Patriot?"

COM Hiles traced the career of a Revolutionary War soldier who was a member of the Sons of Liberty and early supporter of Independence. He fought at the Battle of Ticonderoga and at the Battle of Quebec, where he was wounded in the leg. He helped turn the tide of the battle at Saratoga, where his horse fell on his wounded leg. He had business and financial problems and was engaged in certain rivalries and was a promotion he believed he very much deserved. General Washington agreed and moved Congress to grant him the promotion. However, his bitterness remained and being accused of malfeasance made him more bitter. He found comfort from his wife, Peggy Shippen who influenced him greatly. After the war, he moved to Britain, where he did not enjoy financial or personal success and was a social outcast.

In the style of Paul Harvey, COM Alan Hiles ended with "the rest of the story" and stated name of the American patriot whose career he traced: none other than Benedict Arnold.

There being no further business, Vice-President Hiles then called for the SAR Recessional, which was led by COM Blair Pickard, followed by the benediction by Chaplain Lessley and retrieval of the colors by the 4-man color guard.

COM J.Y. Miller moved to adjourn. COM Mitchell Moore seconded. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at around 10:30 a.m.

Reminder that the next meeting on November 20, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. will be held at the Columbia Country Club, 2210 Country Club Drive, Columbia, MO.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Moore, Secretary

Coutts, John	1
DeVenney, Russ	1
Hamons, Hank	2
Hiles, Alan	1
Hillis, Bruce & Lynn	2
Jones, Terrill	1
Lee, Charles	1
Lee, Jim	1
Lessley, Galand	1
Lucas, Luke & Kathryn	2
Matthes, Bertt	0
Merrill, Wayne & Pat	2
Miller, J. Y.	1
Moore, Mitchell	1
Myers, Harold	1
Pickard, Blair	1
Raines, Sonny & Emma	2
Whatley, Paul	1
Bartlett, Bob & Priscilla	2