

M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR Minutes of Meeting 18 September 2021

At 8:33 a.m. at the Country Club of Missouri, Vice-President Alan Hiles (substituting for President David Bartlett) called the meeting to order; the first meeting after the summer hiatus.

There were 31 members and guests present (see appended list).

Colors were posted by COM Wayne Merrill, COM Russ DeVenney, and COM John Coutts.

Opening prayer was offered by Chaplain Garland Lessley, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR.

Those recognized for sick call included Alan and Waylene Hiles' daughter in the hospital giving birth to a future DAR or SAR member. Also recognized for sick call was COM Lee Woodward.

Liaison Dee Woodward asked members to send cards and letters of encouragement to COM Woodward.

Birthdays and anniversaries for the summer hiatus included COM Mitchell Moore (August 29), who also celebrated his 34th wedding anniversary on September 5 with his wife Sharon Campbell-Moore, and COM J. Y. Miller III (September 26).

Vice-President Hiles announced a break for breakfast at 8:41 a.m. Thirty-one meals were served, buffet-style.

Vice-President Hiles called the meeting back to order at 9:05 a.m. and announced that at our next meeting we would formally Drape the Charter for COM Ron Knudsen and COM Harold Kerr. Chaplain Garland Lessley led the group in prayer in honor of COM Knudsen and COM Kerr.

COM J. Y. Miller spoke of the many duties assumed by COM Kerr, who was Executive Secretary at the time of his passing; and the need for members to step up assume those duties. He also spoke of the time he shared with COM Kerr in Howard County involving several organizations. COM Kerr indicated last spring that he intended to prepare a handbook detailing the forms, procedures, reporting requirements, and the like, required by the National SAR office. Unfortunately, COM Kerr passed rather suddenly before being able to complete such a handbook.

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 J. Y. Miller seconded. Motion passed.

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

Batlett

DAR member Nancy Thomas informed members of a grave marking for Edmund ~~XXXX~~ in Huntsville, Missouri on October 2 at 2 p.m. There was also brief discussion of a recent DAR grave marking one week ago and another in one week in Mexico, Missouri.

Vice-President Hiles announced the beginning of the day's program. Each member was invited to give a one-minute presentation on their patriot ancestor.

After the program, Vice-President Hiles encouraged members to consider preparing an expanded 10-20 minute program on their patriot ancestor to be presented at a future meeting.

Laura DeVenney encouraged members to donate to the Fisher House Foundation, which builds comfort homes where military and veteran families can stay free of charge, while a loved one is in the hospital.

Genealogist John Coutts reported that he had several new applications approved including 2 memorial applications, 3 supplements for COM Harold Kerr, and two applications ready: one for Kevin Klingerman and one for Billy Voight and an approved application for Bertt Matthews.

COM Coutts then led the induction ceremony for Bertt Matthews. COM Matthews then thanked the assemblage and expressed appreciation for being a member of the SAR.

Thereafter, the members discussed future business. COM J. Y. Miller emphasized the need for volunteers to do what COM Harold Kerr used to do.

Future programs were discussed, including one on the Great Seal of the United States prepared by COM Charles Lee. Members were asked to consider preparing a brief program for future meetings.

The Country Club of Missouri is unable to host the Chapter for its November meeting on the third Saturday in November. Another venue will be sought. The Columbia Country Club will be contacted.

Vice-President Hiles remarked that the Bylaws Revision is currently tabled for future business.

There was a brief discussion of the need to purchase sympathy cards and get-well cards that members can sign at the meeting for those in need.

COM J. Y. Miller conducted the 50-50 drawing and COM John Coutts won \$16.

There being no further business, COM James Lee led the SAR Recessional, followed by the benediction by Chaplain Lessley and retrieval of the colors by the 3-man color guard.

Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m. Next meeting is at 8:30 a.m. at the Country Club of Missouri on **Saturday, October 16, 2021.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Moore, Secretary

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Bartlett, Bob & Priscilla
Coutts, John & Linda
DeVenney Russ & Laura
Hammons, Hank
Hiles, Alan & Waylene
Klingerman, Kevin & Linda
Krause, Willaim
Lee, Jim
Lessley, Garland
Lybarger, Jesse
Matthews, Bertt
Merrill, Wayne & Pat
Miller, J. Y.
Miller, Raymond & Ruth
Moore, Mitchell & Sharon
Raines, Virgil & Emma Jo
Thomas, Ed & Nancy
Thomas, Samuel
Voight, Billy
Whatley, Paul
Woodward, Dee