

M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR - Minutes of Meeting 17 December 2022

The meeting was called to order by President David Bartlett at 8:37 a.m. at Park Restaurant located at 4380 Nocona Parkway, Columbia, MO: <https://www.dineatpark.com>

The colors were posted prior to the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by COM Sonny Raines. COM Wayne Merrill then offered the opening prayer. The Pledge to the SAR was led by COM Hank Hammonds.

President Bartlett recognized guests in attendance, Amelia Raines, Joe and Melissa Fisher, Sara Henderson-Barber the mother of junior member Nicholas Barber, David Martin, and many spouses. At least 40 members and guests were in attendance which is the greatest attendance since prior to the pandemic and one of the best-attended meetings ever. (See appended list)

COM John Coutts and COM Dr. Luke Lucas were under the weather and unable to attend, as was COM Chaplain Garland Lessley. David Breen was absent and attending a ceremony at a Veteran's cemetery..

December birthdays included COM Wayne Merrill, COM Sonny Raines and Sara Henderson-Barber.

COM Russell DeVenney announced that he and his wife are this day celebrating their 53rd wedding anniversary.

At 8:44, President Bartlett announced a break for breakfast, served buffet-style.

President Bartlett reconvened the meeting at 9:17.

President Bartlett introduced the day's presenters, COM Wayne Merrill and COM Russell DeVenney who gave a presentation on the Color Guard Program. An extensive summary with details and resources is attached.

The Color Guard is the face of the SAR and a popular addition to any patriot occasion, including regular meetings of the Chapter. The Color Guards across the country strive for authenticity and welcome visiting Color Guards to their activities. COM Merrill and COM DeVenney shared a slideshow of some of the many events they have attended in uniform. Any member interested in being a member of the Color Guard is encouraged to study the resources provided and ask members of the Chapter's Color Guard for further advice.

President Bartlett presented COM Richard Moore with the BSA Volunteer Award, which included a certificate and a medal.

Thereupon, President Bartlett announced a short break at 10:20.

President Bartlett reconvened the meeting at 10:28.

COM Miller informed members of a Missouri program to recognized military veterans that includes a certificate and medal and is promptly processed. Information on the program can be found on the Chapter's Facebook page and the website. COM Whatley emphasized how fast and easy was the process when he recently applied. It took about one month.

President Bartlett recognized COM Bryan Bradford attending the meeting as he was a former M. Graham Clark SAR President.

Secretary Mitchell Moore announced the minutes of the last meeting were on the website and a copy at each table and asked if there were any revisions to be made. Hearing none, COM Alan Hiles moved to accept the report, COM Paul Whatley seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer COM DeVenney then gave the Treasurer's Report. COM Charlie Lee moved to accept the report, COM Whatley seconded. Motion passed.

COM DeVenney moved that the Chapter provide financial support to the former members of the CPL Braxton C. Pollard Chapter with the Veteran's Recognition Program, not to exceed \$150 per year and that each request must be approved by the M. Graham Clark Chapter President. COM Miller seconded. Motion passed. COM Miller then moved to extend the same support locally. COM Charlies Lee seconded. Motion passed.

COM Whatley reported on the Chapter Facebook page that includes 8 years of newsletters.

COM Raines informed members of an SAR ancestry search program for veterans. Veterans get one year free ancestry searches and assistances from volunteers.

The 50-50 drawing was held COM Miller with COM Jym Tuttle winning \$24

There followed a discussion on when to hold future meetings. COM J.Y. Miller moved to continue holding meetings at the Park Restaurant. OM Charlie Lee seconded and the motion passed without dissent.

President Bartlett reminded members that the next meeting of the M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR will be **January 21, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.** at Park at 4380 Nocona Parkway, Columbia, MO.

For the next meeting, the Chapter will have a presentation by COM Dr. Luke Lucas on George Rogers Clark's Northwest Campaign.

Future programs include:

2/18 - David Bartlett – Election & Installation of new officers

3/18 – Dr. Mary Ellen McVicker – Restoration of Williams house

4/15 – J. Y. Miller – The Controversial Missouri Waltz

5/20 – Marvin McKelvey – Chance Engineering Saves Skylab

President Bartlett asked members to consider presenting a program for after the summer hiatus next year.

President Bartlett reminded members that the M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR once again hosts the State Convention in 2024 and volunteers will be needed as there will be much to arrange and supervise.

President Bartlett further reminded members of the SAR America 25 Celebration and great opportunities to participate in our 1776 to 2026 celebration. – www.america250sar.com.

COM Richard Moore reported that the Eagle Scout Program had mailed out information inviting participation.

President Bartlett reminded members about Youth Protection Certification and directed members to the website at:

<https://www.sar.org/courses/youth-protection-training>

The online program is free and all members are encouraged to complete it as soon as possible.

COM Miller moved that the Chapter continue to meet at Park. COM Charlie Lee seconded. Motion passed.

COM Hank Hammonds announced items for silent auction and books set up in the room raised \$60 for the Chapter.

It was announced that the nomination committee should meet briefly following the regular meeting.

There being no other business, President Bartlett closed the business portion of the meeting.

The SAR recessional was then led by COM Bryan Bradford, followed by the closing prayer offered by COM Wayne Merrill.

COM Mitchell Moore moved to adjourn. COM Charlie Lee seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned by President Bartlett at 11:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(s) Mitchell Moore

Recording Secretary

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NAME	Meals
Barber, Nicholas & Sarah	2
Bartlett, Bob & Piscina	2
Bartlett, David	1
Blanco, Fred	1
Bland, Dale & Cheryl	2
Bradford, Bryan	1
DeVenney, Russ	1
Duncan, Victor	1
Hammons, Hank	1
Harkey, Dave, Cynthia, Marissa & Joe Fisher	4
Hiles, Alan & Waylene	2
Inghram, Bob	1
Jones, Terill & Debbie	2
Lee, Charlie	1
Lee, Jim	1
Merrill, Wayne	1
Miller, J. Y.	1
Minsky, Ryan	1
Moore, Mitchell & Sharon	2
Moore, Richard	1
Pickard, Blair	1
Haines, Sonnt, Emma Jo & Amelia	3
Thomas, Ed & Nancy	2
Tuttle, JYM	1
Voight, Billy	1
Whatley, Paul	1
Thomas, Samuel & Stephanie	2
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