

## **M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR - Minutes of Meeting 19 February 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President David Bartlett at 8:30 a.m. at the Country Club of Missouri. (Note: The January 2022 meeting was cancelled due to an ice storm.)

The colors were posted prior to the meeting. There was no color guard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Junior Member Ryan Minsky. COM J. Y. Miller then offered the opening prayer. The Pledge to the SAR was led by COM J. Y. Miller.

President Bartlett recognized guests who included at least 5 spouses of attending members, Ryan Minsky, Dale Roberts, and Fred Bianco. Attending were 17 members and 8 guests. (see appended list).

Birthdays for the month of January included COM Alan Hiles and COM Ray Miller. Birthdays for the month of February included COM J. Y. Miller, COM Charlie Lee, COM Paul Whatley, and COM John Coutts.

Those recognized for sick call included COM Garland Lessley.

President Bartlett announced a break for breakfast at 8:40.

President Bartlett reconvened the meeting at 9:04.

President Bartlett introduced the day's presenter, COM Wayne Merrill who conducted a game-style trivia contest: "**SAR Jeopardy**" wherein he would quote a patriot and members (with their spouses) and guests would answer with the name of the patriot who made the statement. COM Russell DeVenney and COM J. Y. Miller served as spotters to point out the first to raise their hand to respond to the quote. COM Alan Hiles won the game with COM Luke Lucas a close second.

President Bartlett thanked COM Merrill for his entertaining and educational presentation.

A motion was made to move to accept Reports (with any amendments and discussions) after all had been given. COM Hiles seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary Mitchell Moore announced the minutes of the last meeting were on the website and thanked COM J.Y. Miller for his assistance, as per usual, in editing the minutes.

Past President Charlie Lee reported on the slate of officers presented by the committee, to be voted on during this meeting. They are as follows:

President – COM David Bartlett, Vice-President – COM Alan Hiles, Secretary – COM Mitchell Moore, Treasurer – COM Russell DeVenney, Genealogist/Registrar – COM John Coutts, Historian – COM Paul Whatley, Chaplain – COM Garland Lessley, Sergeant-at-Arms – COM James Lee, Executive Secretary – COM Paul Whatley.

And appointed positions include: Webmaster – COM J. Y. Miller, Trustees – COM J. Y. Miller, COM John Coutts, and COM Charlie Lee.

Treasurer Russell DeVeney reported on the treasury. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by COM Wayne Merrill and seconded by COM Charlie Lee. Motion passed.

Genealogist John Coutts gave a detailed report on the status of applications that is attached to the minutes. The application of Billy Voight has been approved at National, while those of Kevin Klingerman and Dale Roberts had been submitted and were awaiting a backlog at National. More than a dozen applications are being processed for submission. COM Coutts also noted that a new database by the National SAR would be starting up in the next week. More to follow.

Executive Secretary Paul Whatley reported on the Americanism and Fog awards and the Chapter's points to date, and how to qualify for more points. The Chapter had more points in 2021 than in 2020.

COM Jim Lee reported on Eagle Scout activities and the fact that the Scout office will no longer share addresses of members due to security concerns involving non-adult Scout members.

COM Russell DeVeney moved to accept all the reports, seconded by COM Charlie Lee. Motion passed.

The 50-50 drawing was held COM J. Y. Miller with COM David Bartlett winning \$26.

President Bartlett announced the next vote for the election of officers. COM Charlie Lee moved the slate presented by the executive committee be accepted by acclamation, COM J.Y. Miller Seconded. Motion passed. Installation of the officers then proceeded with Past State President COM Wayne Merrill conducting the swearing in of the officers.

President Bartlett congratulated the newly sworn-in officers and announced the next meeting of the M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR would be **March 19, 2022** at 8:30 a.m. at the Country Club of Missouri and that **the May meeting would be moved to May 14, 2022** at 8:30 a.m. at the Country Club of Missouri, due to a conflict while CCM undergoes further remodeling.

President Bartlett announced presentations at **future meetings** include COM Dr. Luke Lucas giving a presentation in March on the smallpox epidemic during the Revolutionary War and actions taken to end it. Dr. Chuck Henson, a professor at MU, will present in April on an aspect of Revolutionary War history. In May, Kevin Stull, in WWI uniform, will present on "Harry Truman and WWI."

President Bartlett reminded members that the State Convention would be in St. Louis this spring on April 29-30, 2022. Members of the Chapter were reminded of the need for volunteer to assist when the M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR once again hosts the State Convention in 2024.

COM Merrill and COM DeVeney discussed the color guard and answered questions regarding the cost of participating as a color guard member, the activities of the color guard, etc.; and encouraged members to consider participating because the color guard is educational, entertaining, and furthers the goals of the SAR.

COM Lucas inquired as to the possibility of the Chapter subsidizing the purchase of uniforms for the color guard. COM Merrill and COM DeVenney noted that the cost of the uniform, reenactor-quality weapons (which are often demilitarized) and accoutrements is likely to be at least \$1,000 for any interested member. COM DeVenney opined that it would be deplete the Chapter treasury to subsidize these costs. COM DeVenney and COM Merrill encouraged interested members to contact them and other color guard members, including COM Coutts and COM Bruce Hillis who can also describe how they choose their uniforms, cost, suppliers, etc. This item will be discussed further at an Executive Committee meeting.

There being no other business, President Bartlett closed the business portion of the meeting. The SAR recessional was then led by COM Ray Miller followed by the closing prayer by COM J. Y. Miller.

COM Mitchell Moore moved to adjourn. Second by COM Samuel Thomas. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Moore

Secretary

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<b>NAME</b>
Bartlett, David
Bartlett, Bob & Priscilla
Bianco, Fred
Coutts, John & Linda
DeVenney, Russell
Frevert, Blake
Hammpns, Hank & Val
Hiles, Alan
Lee, Charles
Lee, Jim
Lucas, Luke & Kathryn
Merril, Wayne
Miller, J. Y.
Miller, Raymond & Ruth
Minsky, Ryan
Moore, Mitchell
Moore, Richard
Roberts, Dale
Thomas, Samuel
Whatley, Paul