

M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR - Minutes of Meeting 19 March 2022

The meeting was called to order by President David Bartlett at 8:37 a.m. at the Country Club of Missouri. See appended listing of the 31 persons in attendance.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by COM Ray Miller. COM Wayne Merrill then offered the opening prayer. The Pledge to the SAR was led by COM Paul Whatley.

President Bartlett recognized guests who included Kevin Klingerman, Fred Bianco and Dr. Dee Woodward and at least 8 spouses and family members. Attending were 31 people.

Birthdays for the month of March included COM Russell DeVenney and one of his grandsons who is a junior member, and COM Robert Hill.

Those recognized for sick call included COM Garland Lessley and COM Alan Hiles. Sympathies were also expressed for the father of Ryan, Russell, and Riley Minsky. The Minsky triplets are the grandsons of Russell DeVenney and are Junior Members of our Chapter. Ryan visited our Chapter in February. Their father died unexpectedly last week. Cards for all three situations were signed by the membership.

President Bartlett announced a break for breakfast at 8:44. President Bartlett reconvened the meeting at 9:10:00.

President Bartlett introduced the day's presenter, COM Dr. Luke Lucas who gave a PowerPoint presentation on **The Smallpox Epidemic 1775-1782**, tracing the devastating consequences of the disease, early treatments, and success with inoculation.

Inoculation was at first met with a great deal of skepticism by some and it did, in fact, carry the risk of death. However, the highly contagious nature of the disease and its mortality rate of 16% moved General Washington (a smallpox survivor as a younger man) to order inoculating the entire Continental Army against the disease. The inoculation would cause illness and so about one-third of the troops were inoculated at a time, in rotation. About 20 years after the Revolutionary War, an effective vaccine was discovered. COM Dr. Lucas then answered questions.

President Bartlett thanked COM Dr. Lucas for his highly informative presentation.

Recording Secretary COM Mitchell Moore announced the minutes of the last meeting were on the website and asked if there were any revisions to be made. Hearing none, he moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, COM DeVenney seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer COM Russell DeVenney gave a Treasurer's report and noted that the Chapter needs to prepare a budget for State. Treasurer's Report is attached. COM Mitchell Moore moved the Treasurer's report be approved. COM J. Y. Miller seconded. Motion passed.

Genealogist/Registrar COM John Coutts gave his report that Kevin Klingerman's application had been approved and the applications of Fred Bianco, Dale Roberts, and Jim Tuttle have been submitted to National for approval. Three Supplements await approval also. Dale Bland and a nephew of J. Y. Miller are working on their applications. COM Russel DeVenney stated that National was still in a catch-up mode with applications taking 14 months for approval and supplements taking 28 weeks for approval.

Genealogy Report is attached. COM Mitchell Moore moved the Genealogist/Registrar's report be approved. COM J. Y. Miller seconded. Motion passed.

Sergeant-at-Arms COM Jim Lee reported on the Eagle Scout program and discussed that National sponsors an annual competition which awards \$10,000 to the first place winner, \$6,000 to the second place winner, and so on. COM Jim Lee stated that COM Richard Moore has graciously agreed to henceforth manage the Eagle Scout program. COM Richard Moore has been involved with the Scouts since 2002. COM Mitchell Moore moved to accept the report, COM Russell DeVenney seconded, and the motion passed.

Historian-Executive Secretary COM 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. He also reported on the number of points earned the past two years and noted that a Facebook page by the Chapter would earn points. COM Mitchell Moore moved to accept the report, COM Wayne Merrill seconded, and the motion passed.

A Color Guard Report was presented by COM John Coutts who reported that, in his Color Guard uniform, he attended the Show-Me Sunshine Convocation at the Missouri Capitol Rotunda. COM Mitchell Moore moved to approve of the report, COM Charlie Lee seconded, and the motion passed.

The 50-50 drawing was held COM J. Y. Miller with COM Paul Whatley winning \$25.

President Bartlett yielded the floor to COM Russell DeVenney who discussed the planned SAR museum in Louisville which has a target completion date of 2024. He noted that 14,000 books are available online through the SAR Headquarters. COM DeVenney then presented an award, including a certificate of appreciation and a medal, to COM Paul Whatley in recognition of COM Whatley's support of the library as a Life Member.

President Bartlett announced the New Member Induction of Kevin Kenneth Klingerman who and yielded the floor to COM Wayne Merrill to conduct the swearing in ceremony. COM John Coutts sponsored Mr. Klingerman, who was sworn in as a member with his wife and parents in attendance.

COM Merrill asked COM Klingerman to say a few words and COM Klingerman, a veteran, spoke of his appreciation of the goals of the organization and realization of the sacrifices made by our ancestors. COM Merrill asked COM Klingerman to comment on what he knows of his patriot ancestor. COM Klingerman gave thanks to his sister for her work in tracing the lineage and stated that his ancestor crossed the Delaware River in 1776 and was wounded during the battle. His patriot ancestor was also at Valley Forge. President Bartlett welcomed COM Klingerman as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

President Bartlett announced presentations at **future meetings** include Dr. Chuck Henson, a professor at MU, will present in April on an aspect of Revolutionary War history. And in May, Kevin Stull, in WWI uniform, will present on "Harry Truman and WWI." Thereafter, the Chapter will be on summer hiatus

The next meeting of the M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR would be **April 16, 2022**, at 8:30 a.m. at the Country Club of Missouri. And that **the May meeting will be May 14, 2022** (one week early due to a conflict while CCM remodeling) at 8:30 a.m. at the Country Club of Missouri,

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 volunteers to assist when the M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR once again hosts the State Convention in 2024.

President Bartlett stated that each year there is a YOHE Yearbook Contest...a scrapbook for Chapter activities. There is a section on the State website that is a running/continuous Yearbook.

COM Whatley was asked to outline plans for a Chapter Facebook page in order to establish a presence on social media and as sort of a “digital scrapbook” which can also help with preparing a scrapbook that will be presented at the State Convention in competition with the other state chapters. Members are encouraged to submit patriot photographs, reports, news reports, and such items of interest to Historian COM Whatley.

COM J. Y. Miller moved that the Chapter authorize COM Whatley and COM J. Y. Miller to establish a Facebook page and to continue the webpage to establish a social media presence for our Chapter. COM Charlie Lee seconded. Motion passed.

President Bartlett informed members about the Thomas Bond Photography Contest. The contest recognizes the compatriot whose photographic entry is most representative of the spirit of patriotism.

COM J. Y. Miller discussed growing and expanding the color guard and that the executive committee would seek to answer questions regarding the cost of participating as a color guard member, the composition of uniforms, the activities of the color guard, etc. The color guard is educational, entertaining, and furthers the goals of the SAR and chapter members are encouraged to consider participating. NOTE: At last month’s meeting, COM Merrill and COM DeVenney reported 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 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 select their uniforms, cost, suppliers, etc.

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

The SAR recessional was then led by COM Charlie Lee, followed by the closing prayer by COM Wayne Merrill.

COM Russell DeVenney moved to adjourn. Seconded by COM J.Y. Miller. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Moore

Recording Secretary

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Bartlett, David	1	5	
Bartlett, Robert & Priscila	2	5	
Bianco, Fred	1	5	
Coutts, John & Linda	2	5	
DeVeney, Russ Type to enter text	1	5	
Hammons, Hank & Valerie	2	5	
Hill, Robert	1	5	
Klingerman, Kevin, Linda, Bill, Diana	4		
Lee, Charle & Carol	2	5	
Lee, Jim	1	5	
Lucas, Luke & Kathryn	2	5	
Merrill, Wayne	1	5	
Miller, J. Y. & Mary	2	6	
Miller, Raymond & Ruth	2	5	
Moore, Mitchell	1	5	
Moore, Richard	1	5	
Thomas, Samuel & Stephanie	2	6	
Tuttle, JYM	1	6	
Whatley, Paul	1	5	
Woodward, Dee	1		
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