

## **M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR - Minutes of Meeting 15 October**

The meeting was called to order by President David Bartlett at 8:33 a.m. at the Country Club of Missouri.

The colors were posted prior to the meeting by COM Wayne Merrill. There was no formal color guard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by COM Paul Whatley. 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, Grovone Henderson, the grandmother of junior member Nicholas Barber; David Breem and 7 spouses as well as special guest Compatriot President, MOSSAR, J. Michael Robertson and his wife Jerre. Eighteen members were in attendance with 37 total (see appended list)

COM Wayne Merrill announced that his wife Patricia is in recovery. Likewise, COM Richard Moore is under the weather.

COM Hank Hammonds announced items for silent auction and books for \$1 were set up in the hallway.

At 8:37, President Bartlett announced a break for breakfast, served buffet-style.

President Bartlett reconvened the meeting at 9:02.

President Bartlett introduced the day's presenter, MOSSAR State President, J. Michael Robertson and his wife Jerre. A former member of the M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR, now of Platte City, Robertson asked members to reflect on why they joined the SAR and said there are no bad reasons.

He and his wife Jerre gave a PowerPoint presentation on the new museum currently under development at the national headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky and efforts to raise funds for the purchase of artifacts. The President promoted opportunities for community outreach, including "broad-sides" or notices placed on bulletin boards, VA outreach programs and volunteering, fostering education through the JROTC programs and Eagle Scouts. He encouraged members to become familiar with the MOSSAR website.

Jerre Robertson spoke of the success of having a "Women's Auxiliary" to provide additional support to the local chapter. Annual dues of \$5 also cover National dues.

At 9:44 President Robertson presided over the induction of Fred Bianco. COM Bianco gave special thanks to his sponsor, COM Hank Hammonds. COM J. Y. Miller related the fact that the honor of our patriot ancestors is theirs and our duty is to honor them by living up to the ideals for which they sacrificed. COM Miller also noted that non-eligible supporters of the SAR can participate as friends.

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 J. Y. Miller moved to accept the report, COM James Lee seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer COM DeVenney then gave the Treasurer's Report. COM J. Y. Miller moved to accept the report for audit. COM Alan Hiles seconded. Motion passed.

Genealogist/Registrar COM John Coutts gave a Genealogy Report, which is attached. COM Mitchell Moore moved to accept the report. COM Paul Whatley seconded. Motion passed.

A report on the pricing for our Breakfasts and Meeting Spaces was presented and discussed. Alternate meeting places were discussed and after discussion COM Mitchell Moore moved to table the discussion, COM DeVenney seconded, motion passed.

COM Hiles announced the Museum of Missouri Military History at Jefferson City is a **free attraction** - <https://www.visitjeffersoncity.com/museum-of-missouri-military-history>

Re-enactors will be on hand **November 5-6** to exhibit period weapons, uniforms, tents, vehicles, and military gear to the public. Military history periods covered include the Revolutionary War through the Vietnam War. <https://www.visitjeffersoncity.com/annual-military-history-appreciation-weekend>

The 50-50 drawing was held by COM J. Y. Miller with COM John Coutts winning \$25.

President Bartlett reminded members that the next meeting of the M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR will be **November 11, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.** at the Country Club of Missouri.

For the next meeting, we will have a presentation by COM Russ DeVenney and COM Wayne Merrill and others a presentation to answer questions about the color guard and what is needed for anyone wishing to be a member of the color guard. Anyone desiring more immediate information can ask these compatriots questions, together with other members of the color guard, including COM John Coutts and COM Bruce Hillis and COM Charles Lee.

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.

COM Wayne Merrill gave a list of subjects that all need volunteers, including, but not limited to:

1. Number of rooms needed at the hotel;
2. Variety of rooms needed for the conference.
3. Food to be served.
4. Gifts for speakers and special guests.
5. Music.
6. Registration.
7. Packets and name tags.
8. Host greeters.
9. Table decorations.
10. Flags.
11. Auxillary activities.
12. Keynote speaker.
13. Seminars

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](http://www.america250sar.com).

COM Miller suggested an Amendment to the Bylaws to establish an Auxiliary to be voted on at a future meeting.

COM Hammons reported on wining bidders on the silent auction and book exchange.

Jerre Robertson conducted a drawing for a cutting board with COM Merrill the winner.

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

The SAR recessional was then led by COM Alan Hiles, followed by the closing prayer offered by COM Wayne Merrill

Meeting adjourned by President Bartlett at 11:15 a.m. after which MOSSAR President Robertson handed out challenge coins and a group picture was taken.

Respectfully submitted,

(S) Mitchell Moore

Recording Secretary

RSVP OCT 2022	
Bartlett, Bob & Priscilla	2
Blanco, Fred &	2
Breem, David	1
Coutts, John	1
DeVenney, Russ	1
Hammons, Hank & Val	2
Hiles, Alan & Wyleene	2
Klingeman, Kevin & Linda	2
Lee, Charlie	1
Lee, Jim	1
Merrill, Wayne	1
Miller, J. Y. & Mary	2
Miller, Ray & Ruth	2
Moore, Mitchell	1
Moore, Richard	1
Robertson, Michael & Jerri	2
Thomas., Samuel	1
Whalley, Paul	1
Woodward, Dee	1
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Genealogy Report October 15, 2022

**Approved:**

**none**

**At National**

Nic Zietlow

David Beem

Victor Duncan

**At State**

**none**

**Working on: 12 applications**

Supplement for Paul Whatley – ready to go

Jeffery Smith – Ready to go

Supplement for Blake Frevert – one document

Thomas C. Curtright - son of Compatriot Thomas B. Curtright ready for signitures

Rob Ingram – One roadblock

John Mowrey - just started, awaiting information

Donny Bryson - 9 documents

Rusty Andrews - 6 documents

Henry Warren                Larry Babcock

Meaby Brendon Steenbergen

Albert Spratley -                                David Shively

Thomas Pauley – 7 documents

James Kenneth Stephens -- father of Compatriot Jimmy Stephens

James William Stephens -- grandfather of Compatriot Jimmy Stephens

**Pended:**

Floyd Strader Sup for Sechler – pended 2021

John Coutts 2 supplement pended for White & White