

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

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Alan Hiles at 8:30 a.m. at the Country Club of Missouri. President David Bartlett was absent from the meeting due to his duties with the Missouri football team which was playing a home game.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by COM Kavan Stull. COM Wayne Merrill then offered the opening prayer. The Pledge to the SAR was led by COM Dale Bland.

Vice-President Hiles recognized 14 guests in attendance with 27 members. (See attached list)

COM Mitchell Moore and his wife Sharon Campbell celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on September 5. COM J. Y. Miller III will celebrate a birthday on 26 SEP.

Draping of the charter for recently deceased members COM Jackie L. Slaughter and COM Dr. Ralph Lee Woodward Jr., announced. COM Wayne Merrill announced that National is in the process of adding an option for chapters to use flag streamers. More information to follow.

COM Terrill Jones announced that the day is Constitution Day, the anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution in 1787.

At 8:49, Vice-President Hiles announced a break for breakfast, served buffet-style and of pre-pandemic quality.

Vice-President Hiles reconvened the meeting at 9:12.

Vice-President Hiles introduced the day's presenter, Kavan Stull who, dressed in a World War I uniform such as President Harry S. Truman wore, gave a presentation entitled, "**Harry Truman and WWI.**"

Staying in character throughout, Stull recounted Truman's military experiences beginning with his membership in the Missouri National Guard artillery unit in 1905. Truman joined the Army as a 32-year-old private when the United States entered the war in April 1917. He was elected an officer in the National Guard and he and his men were soon made part of the regular Army and prepared to ship to France.

Truman asked his future wife Bess to not marry him for fear he would come home a cripple. Bess cried on his shoulder.

Truman was put in command of several hundred men who had a reputation for being rowdy and wild. Truman instilled discipline into the troops and salty language was sometime involved.

During a surprise attack at night by the Germans in an event that became known as, "The Battle of Who Run," Truman rallied the troops to stay and fight. Truman used profanity that so shocked the men that they immediately obeyed.

Yet, in the field, Truman risked discipline himself on several occasions when he ignored foolish orders and chose to protect his men. He also violated orders and risked court-martial to save a battery on his flank from being annihilated by German artillery. The troops respected and adored him by the end of the war and knew he cared about them. Under his command, Truman's unit suffered no combat deaths.

After the war, Truman almost immediately married Bess. A business venture as a haberdasher ended by a recession followed by a depression. It took him years to pay off the debts.

A war hero, Truman was supported by men he had met during the war (he served with the nephew of Tom Pendergast) and became involved in politics beginning with administrative judge for Jackson County, followed by the US Senate, Vice-President, and then President. He retired from the Army Reserves a colonel.

Among his most famous quotes, Truman said, "Three things ruin a man: power, money, and women. I never wanted power. I never had any money, and the only woman in my life is up at the house right now."

He also said, "You can't get rich in politics unless you're a crook."

Vice-President Hiles thanked Kevan Stull for his fascinating presentation. Stull expects to have his membership application for the Ozark Trails Chapter approved later this year.

COM J. Y. Miller reported on a state of Missouri program to recognize veterans with a certificate, medllion, and medal. Eligible veterans, active duty military and family of deceased veterans may apply at the following URL: <https://www.moguard.ngb.mil/Resources/Veteran-Awards/>

The backlog at National has been reduced over the summer, allowing for the approval of five new members. Those new members who were sworn in are: **Dale Bland, Dale Roberts, James Tuttle, William Voight, and Junior Member Nicholas Barber.**

Each new member thanked those assembled and offered special thanks to those who helped them through the process of becoming a member. And each expressed appreciation for their patriot ancestor.

COM J. Y. Miller, reminded new members and all members that the honor of our patriot ancestors is theirs and theirs alone. We may share their name and some DNA, but we do not inherit the honor earned by our patriot ancestor. Rather it is our obligation to make something of our lives that they would be proud of.

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, he moved to accept the report, COM Charles Lee seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer COM DeVenney then gave the Treasurer's Report. A report on the pricing for our Breakfasts and Meeting Spaces was presented and discussed. COM DeVenney also stated that more than half the annual dues had already been paid by members and the thanked everyone for being so diligent. COM J. Y. Miller moved to accept the report for audit. COM John Coutts 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.

There was no Eagle Scout Report. COM Richard Moore is attending the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

COM Paul Whatley reported on the Americanism/FOGG awards and ways to earn points and is creating easy-to-use reporting forms for individual members to record points. He also advised members to visit the Facebook page of the chapter. The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/MGCSAR1776/> The link can also be found on the MGCSAR website.

COM Moore moved to accept the report. COM John Coutts seconded. Motion passed.

The 50-50 drawing was held COM J. Y. Miller with COM Terrill Jones winning \$18.

Vice-President Hiles reminded members that the next meeting of the M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR will be October 15, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. at the Country Club of Missouri. There will be a price increase for the meal. The increase to \$20.00 will result in the Chapter almost breaking even since the CCOM has increased their charges The Chapter lost over \$160.00 on this meeting since we were advised of the rate change too late to change the fee. A lengthy discussion regarding possible future meeting places was had and COM Dale Roberts promised to research the issue.

For the next meeting, we will have the State President’s Address.

For November’s meeting, COM Charlie Lee, COM Wayne Merrill, and COM Russell DeVenney and others are working on 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.

Vice-President Hiles 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 Hank Hampton conducted the Book Table distribution of winners.

Members were warned about email scams and, for that reason, most member’s email addresses are not posted on the website.

There being no other business, Vice-President Hiles closed the business portion of the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned by Vice-President Hiles at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Moore

Recording Secretary

RSVP SEP 2022	
NAME	#
Barber, Nicholas &	3
Bartlett, Bob & Priscilla	2
Bianco, Fred	1
Bland, Dale & Cheryl	2
Coutts, John & Linda	2
DeVenney, Russell &	2
Duncan, Victor	1
Frewert, Blake	1
Hammons, Hank & Val	2
Hiles, Alan & Waylene	2
Jones Terrell	1
Krause, William	1
Lee, Charles	1
Lee, Jim	1
Lucas, Luke & Kathryn	2
Merrill, Wayne	1
Miller, J. Y.	1
Miller, Raymond & Ruth	2
Moore, Mitchell & Sharon	2
Raines, Wigil & Emma Jo	2
Roberts, Dale	1
Shul, Kewan & Brenda	2
Thomas, Samuel	1
Tuttle, JrM	1
Voight, William	1
Wholes, Paul	1
Woodward, Dee & Gina	2
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The M. Graham Clark Chapter

of the Missouri Society of

The Sons of the American Revolution

Chartered March 15, 1982

Incorporated April 23, 1889

Columbia, Missouri

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Compatriots, the Country Club of Missouri has offered revised pricing for our Breakfasts and Meeting Space beginning September 17, 2022.

[Note: CCMO advised us after our May 2022 Meeting that the CCMO Board was working on pricing revisions and that we would be advised during the Summer Months. They 'claim' that they sent the revisions on July 25, 2022, however no current MGC Board member received their email. We only found out on August 31, 2022.]

PREVIOUS CCMO PRINCING

Meals Cost: \$ 13.00 each

MGC Charges: \$ 15.00 each

Profit: \$ 2.00 each

NEW CCMO PRICING

Meals Cost: \$ 13.00 each

22% Gratuity 2.86

\$ 15.86 each

Plus Room Charge \$100.00

Example 1

20 attendees x \$ 13.00 \$260.00
+ 22% 57.20
+ Room Charge 100.00
\$417.20

Cost per Person \$ 20.86

Example 2

30 attendees x \$ 13.00 \$390.00
+ 22% 85.80
+ Room Charge 100.00
\$575.80

Cost per Person \$19.19

Example 3 – Averaging 24 Members for 9 Yearly Meetings

24 attendees x \$ 13.00 \$312.00
+ 22% 68.64
+ Room Charge 100.00
\$480.64

Cost per Person \$ 20.027

Genealogy Report September 17, 2022

Approved:

James Tuttle, Dale Roberts, Fred Bianco, Dale Bland, Nicholas Barber

John Coutts 1 supplement for Snyder

At National

Nic Zietlow and David Beem

At State

Victor Duncan

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 signatures

Rob Ingram – One roadblock

John Mowrey - just started, awaiting information

Donny Bryson - 9 documents

Rusty Andrews - 6 documents

Henry Warren Larry Babcock

Kevin Wenzel

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