

## M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR - Minutes of Meeting 18 February 202

The meeting was called to order by President David Bartlett at 8:33 a.m. at Park located at 4380 Nocona Parkway, Columbia, MO: <https://www.dineatpark.com>. There were 25 persons in attendance (see appended list).

The colors were posted prior to the meeting by COM Wayne Merrill

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

President David Bartlett recognized guests in attendance which included approximately half-a-dozen wives of members, as well junior member Nicholas Barber. Members and guests in attendance numbered 25.

COM Garland Lessley was on sick call.

February birthdays were recognized.

President Bartlett asked members to remember the family of Alva Jane Cunningham, who passed away February 14, at age 97. She was the wife of long-time member, the late Jim Cunningham. Her funeral will be in Ashland on February 25.

Members were reminded of the Book Table set up in the hall.

At 8:41, President Bartlett announced a break for breakfast, served buffet-style.

Prior to reconvening, President Bartlett recognized the Kansas City Chiefs' Super Bowl victory on February 12 and the great work done by Coach Andy Reid, MVP QB Patrick Mahomes, All-Pro Tight End, Travis Kelce, and former Mizzou linebacker, Nick Bolton.

Members reconvened at 9:11 and President Bartlett that the day's program would center around the election and installation of new officers and the presentation of awards. COM Garland Lesley has asked that his nomination as Chaplain be withdrawn and President Bartlett asked for volunteers for the position. COM Charlie Lee moved for the nomination of COM Bryan Bradford and COM Mitchell Moore seconded. Motion passed.

The slate of officers was read as announced at the last meeting, with the addition of COM Bradford as Chaplain. COM Charlie Lee moved the election of the entire slate by acclamation. COM Wayne Merrill seconded. Motion passed.

All of the new officers in attendance were sworn in by COM Wayne Merrill. The officers for the next year are as follows:

**President** Alan Hiles ; **Immediate Past President** David Bartlett ; **Vice-President** Paul Whatley; **Secretary** Mitchell Moore; **Executive Secretary** Dale Roberts; **Treasurer** Russ DeVenny; **Genealogist** John Coutts; **Historian** Hank Hammons; **Chaplain** Bryan Bradford; **Sgt. At Arms** Jim Lee .

Appointed positions: **Webmaster** J. Y. Miller; **Trustee 1** John Coutts; **Trustee 2** Charlie Lee ; **Trustee 3** David Bartlett

President Bartlett presented the following awards to members who were present:

**Certificates of Appreciation:**

1. William 'Hank' Henry Hammons, Jr. – Dedicated Service to the Chapter
2. Garland Melvin Lessley – Faithful service to the Chapter as Chaplain
3. Luke Wilson Lucas – "George Rogers Clark's Northwest Campaign"
4. Richard Waid Moore – SAR Eagle Scout Committee Chairman
5. Virgil "Sonny" Elwood Raines – Voluntary Service for the NSSAR-MOSSAR "Operation Ancestry Search" Program.
6. Dale Hardy Roberts – Dedicated Service to the Chapter

**Certificates of Distinguished Service:**

1. John H. Coutts – Registrar, Genealogist, Past Chapter President
2. Russell F. DeVenney, Jr. – Treasurer, Past Chapter President
3. J. Wayne Merrill – Chapter Color Guard Commander, Past Chapter President
4. J.Y. Miller, II – Chapter Web Master, Program Coordinator, Past President

**Special Recognitions:**

1. John H. Coutts – SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal

{Dedicated Color Guard Service to M. Graham Clark Chapter.}

2. James Edward Lee – Bronze Good Citizenship Medal

{Long time service to the Centralia Community through Voluntary

Service as a:

Member of the Board of Directors of the Centralia Historical Society.

President of the Centralia Kiwanis Club

President of the Centralia Battlefield Board of Directors.

Long Faithful Service to the A.B. Chance Foundation Historical Home  
and Chance Rose and Rock Gardens

Guardian of the Chance Mausoleum at the Centralia Cemetery

Arborist of the City of Centralia.}

3. Mitchell Jay Moore – Meritorious Service Medal

{Meritorious Service to the Chapter as Secretary}

4. Paul Ray Whatley – Bronze Roger Sherman Medal

{Service to the Chapter as Chapter Historian and Committee  
Chairman of the Missouri Society Fogg Contest and the NSSAR  
Americanism Contest.}

5. Charles Norris Lee – Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service

{For his Long and Faithful Distinguished Service to the Chapter.}

COM Fred Bianco was presented with the SAR Veterans medal and Certificate, recognizing his service as a veteran of the armed forces of the United States.

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 Paul Whatley moved to accept the minutes, COM Bryan Bradford seconded. Motion passed.

The members were distributed a copy of the Treasurer's Report of February 18, 2023 and President Bartlett noted the highlights of the report. COM Bryan Bradford moved accept the report. COM Charlie Lee seconded. Motion passed.

Genealogist John Coutts gave a report that one new approval from National, Jeffery Smith of Ashland, as well as several pending supplements and progress on applications. COM Mitch Moore moved approval of the report. COM Paul Whatley seconded. Motion passed.

The 50-50 drawing was held by COM J. Y. Miller with COM Paul Whatley winning \$15.

President Bartlett reminded members that the next meeting of the M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR will be **March 18, 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 Dr. Mary Ellen McVicker regarding the Restoration of the Williams house; a house built in Fayette by a veteran of the American Revolution, and later moved to Boonville.

Future programs include:

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 for the. Next meeting cycle.

The Spring Leadership Conference will be held in Louisville, KY on March 3 and 4 at the **NSSAR** headquarters.

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).

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 the program and be certified as soon as possible.

President Bartlett further reminded members that the 2024 MOSSAR Convention will be hosted by our Chapter and there will be volunteer opportunities for everyone.

There was a brief discussion regarding satisfaction with the current meeting place at Park Restaurant. COM Dr. Luke Lucas remarked that the food was better. COM J.Y. Miller commented that the coffee was ready soon after the restaurant opened. The members generally agreed the food and service had improved.

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

The president's gavel was passed from outgoing president David Bartlett to incoming president Alan Hiles.

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

COM Paul Whatley moved to adjourn. COM J.Y. Miller seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned by President David Bartlett at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(s) Mitchell Moore

Secretary

--RSVP ---- FEB 2023	
-- NAME --	MEAL
Barber, Nicholas & Sarah	2
Bartlett, David	1
Bartlett, Robert	1
Bianco, Fred & Sarah	2
Bradford, Bryan	1
Breem, David	1
Coutts, John	1
Hammons, Hank & Val	1
Hiles, Alan & Waylene	2
Jpnes, Terry & Debby	2
Lee, Charles	1
Lee, Jim	1
Lucas, Luke & Kathryn	2
Merrill, Wayne	1
Miller, J. Y. & Mary	2
Moore, Mitchell & Sharon	2
Whatley, Paul & Donna	2
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