

M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR - Minutes of Meeting 21 JAN 2023

The meeting was called to order by President David Bartlett at 8:03 a.m. at Park located at 4380 Nocona Parkway, Columbia, MO: <https://www.dineatpark.com>

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by COM Charles Lee. COM Chaplain Garland Lessley then offered the opening prayer. The Pledge to the SAR was led by COM Jim Lee.

President Bartlett announced the draping of the Charter for recently deceased member COM Brian Bevins and Chaplain Lessley offered a prayer for COM Bevins. COM Bevins was the step-brother of President Bartlett and the stepson of COM Bob Bartlett and the son of Priscilla Bartlett. COM Bob Bartlett related that COM Bevins was unable to be as active a member recently as he would have liked due to health issues. Nevertheless, COM Bevins was very proud to be a member of the SAR.

President Bartlett recognized guests in attendance which included approximately half-a-dozen wives of members, as well Junior Member Nicholas Barber and his mother. Members and guests in attendance numbered 29. (See appended list)

No members were on sick call, although COM J.Y. Miller's mother-in-law was reported in the hospital, although celebrating her 100th birthday on the previous Tuesday.

December birthdays included COM Raymond Miler, COM Paul Whatley, and new inductee, Victor Duncan.

As the breakfast was not yet ready, President Bartlett announced we would proceed with the program.

COM Dr. Luke Lucas gave a PowerPoint presentation of George Rogers Clark's Northwest Campaign.

George Rogers Clark was the older brother of William Clark of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

George Rogers Clark was a Virginian at the start of the Revolutionary War and earned a reputation as a tough and even brutal commander in the successful quest to obtain the "Northwest Territory" for the United States.

The Northwest Territory consisted of what is now the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan and some land beyond. The progressive campaign that culminated in Clark's victory began in territories including Tennessee and, especially, Kentucky (which Clark had convince Virginia Governor Patrick Henry to make a county of Virginia). Some of these territories were fought over during the French and Indian

War and France ceded some of the lands to the British in 1763

The battles were spread over a large area and resulted in thousands of casualties with the American troops fighting the British and their Indian allies.

General Clark was a brilliant tactician and his march in Vincennes was comparable to the 1775 march to Quebec early in the war through extremely difficult conditions.

Clark's leadership ended in victory and the Northwest Territories were ceded to the United States in the Treaty of Paris, effectively doubling the size of the original thirteen colonies.

Unfortunately for Clark, Virginia reneged on their promise to pay his troops and Clark personally donated his property to fulfill promises made to the troops. (Virginia's vouchers promising to pay the troops were discovered in 1913.) Clark's health deteriorated and he died in relative poverty.

At 9:33, President Bartlett announced a break for breakfast, served buffet-style.

President Bartlett presided over the induction of two new members of the M. Graham Clark Chapter, Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution: **Victor William Duncan** and **David Beem**. COM Duncan and COM Beem were sponsored by COM Genealogist John Coutts.

An "Outstanding Citizen Certificate" was presented to William "Bill" Krause in recognition of his long and generous support of the M. Graham Clark Chapter. In addition, Mr. Krause was presented with an impressive "Minuteman Plaque" in recognition and appreciation of his support for the SAR.

COM Charles Lee 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 Russ DeVenney seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer COM DeVenney then gave the Treasurer's Report and the 2023 Proposed Budget. COM Mitchell Moore moved to accept the report, COM Whatley seconded. Motion passed.

COM DeVenney also presented the Proposed Budget for 2023. COM Mitchell Moore moved to accept the proposed budget. COM Charlie Lee seconded. Motion passed.

COM DeVenney announced that the Chapter needs to purchase several flag poles and perhaps some additional flags.

President Bartlett announced the slate of officers provided by the nominating committee to be voted on at the next meeting. Any member is able to nominate themselves for a position prior to the election at the next meeting.

This slate is:

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| President | Alan Hiles |
| Immediate Past President | David Bartlett |
| Vice-President | Paul Hartley |
| Secretary | Mitchell Moore |
| Executive Secretary | Dale Roberts |
| Treasurer | Russ DeVenney |
| Genealogist | John Coutts |
| Historian | Hank Hammons |
| Chaplain | Garland Lessley |
| SGT at Arms | Jim Lee |
| WebMaster | J Y. Miller |
| Trustee 1 | John Coutts |
| Trustee 2 | Charlie Lee |
| Trustee 3 | David Bartlett |

Honorable Mentions: Upcoming events of a historical nature that may be of interest to some.

1. **Annual "Day at the Capitol"** to celebrate **National History Day in Missouri** 10am to 2pm. Students learn about and share passion for history in a program at the State Capitol in Jefferson City.
2. **Boone County History and Culture Center – Storyteller Series** –Singer/Songwriter **Gabe Meyer** from Hannibal, and front man for the popular Mid Missouri band **The Flood Brothers**, will tell stories and sings songs in the Montminy Gallery. at 7pm on Feb. 10, cost is \$15 and there will be light refreshments.
3. **Missouri State Historical Society "History on Elm"** - Tuesday, February 14 – "Oh Freedom After While" – A 50-minute documentary about the 1939 sharecropper protest in the bootheel. That screening is from noon to 1pm at the SHSMO building on Elm St.

The 50-50 drawing was held COM Miller with COM Jym Tuttle winning \$23.

President Bartlett reminded members that the next meeting of the M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR will be **February 18, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.** at Park at 4380 Nocona Parkway, Columbia, MO.

For the next meeting, the Chapter will have the election and installation of new officers. Future programs include: 18 MARCH Dt. Mary EllenMcVicker -Restoration of Williams House ; 15 APRIL J Y. Miller -The Controversial Missouri Waltz; 20 MAY - Marvin McKelvery- Chance Engineering Saves Skylab.

President Bartlett asked members to consider presenting a program for after the summer hiatus next year.

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.

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 it as soon as possible.

There was a brief discussion regarding satisfaction with the current meeting place at Park Restaurant. COM Mitchell Moore moved that a Hospitality Committee be created with COM Dale Roberts as its chair. COM Russ DeVenney seconded the motion and expressed willingness to be on the committee. Motion carried.(A meeting with the management of the Park was held after the SAR meeting.)

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

The SAR recessional was then led by COM Hank Hammonds, followed by the closing prayer offered by COM Chaplain Garland Lessley.

COM Russ DeVenney moved to adjourn. COM David Bartlett seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned by President Bartlett at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(S) Mitchell Moore

Secretary

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| NAME | |
| Barber, Nicholas & Sarah | 2 |
| Bartlett, Bob & Priscilla | 2 |
| Bartlett, David | 1 |
| Beem, Dave | 1 |
| Coutts, John | 1 |
| DeVenney, Russ & Laura | 2 |
| Duncan, Victor | 1 |
| Hammonds, Hank & Val | 2 |
| Krause, William | 1 |
| Lee, Charles & Carol | 2 |
| Lee, Jim | 1 |
| Lesley, Garland | 1 |
| Lucas, Luke & Kathm | 2 |
| Merrill, Wayne | 1 |
| Miller, J. Y. | 1 |
| Miller, Ray & Ruth | 2 |
| Moore, Mitchell | 1 |
| Moore, Richard | 1 |
| Pickard, Blair | 1 |
| QWhatley, Paul | 1 |
| Roberts, Dale | 1 |
| Tuttle, Jym | 1 |
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