

M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR - Minutes of Meeting 18 March 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Alan Hiles at 8:32 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 Dale Roberts. The Pledge to the SAR was led by COM James Tuttle. COM Chaplain Bryan Bradford then offered the opening prayer.

President Hiles recognized guests in attendance which included approximately half-a-dozen wives of members, as well as junior member Nicholas Barber, and James Dixon, and speaker Dr. Maryellan McVicker. Members and guests in attendance numbered 33. (See appended list)

COM Garland Lessley continues to be ill and prayers were requested.

March birthdays were recognized including COM Bryan Bradford-52.

President Hiles announced the draping of the Charter for COM Richard F. Sorrels, who passed away February 26, at age 91. President Hiles recited the obituary and members recalled memories of COM Sorrels.

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

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

Members reconvened at 9:07 and President Hiles asked COM J.Y. Miller to introduce the guest speaker, Dr. Mary Ellen McVicker. who in addition to her professional accomplishments, is an active member in the DAR.

Ms. McVicker's presentation was on "The Restoration of the Williams House"; a house built in Fayette in 1815 by a veteran of the American Revolution Colden Williams. It is among the oldest document buildings in Missouri.

Originally built as a dog trot log cabin (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dogtrot_house) for Williams' and his wife and 9 children (all of who grew to adulthood) the home was nearly all walnut. Dr. McVickers and her veterinarian husband purchased the house in 1992 and over the course of 13 months took it apart and moved it across the river and rebuilt it in Boonville. There they lived with their two children and the house is now over 207 years old.

President Hiles gave Dr. McVickers the thanks of the Chapter, as well as a Certificate of Appreciation and medal, for her excellent presentation.

President Hiles presented the following awards to members who were present: Certificate of Appreciation to Com Russell DeVenney; Certificate and pin to COM J. Wayne Merrill commemorating his 25 years as a member of the SAR; Certificate and pin to COM David Bartlett as past president of the Chapter.

President Hiles and COM David Bartlett then made a special presentation of a Certificate to COM Robert Bartlett for his long and faithful service and dedication as a Chapter member, speaker, mentor, and volunteer. In addition, COM Robert Bartlett was presented with a decorative Liberty Bell.

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 J. Y. Miller seconded. Motion passed.

The members were distributed a copy of the Treasurer's Report of March 18, 2023 and reported by Treasurer Russ DeVenney. COM Bryan Bradford moved to accept the report. COM David Bartlett seconded. Motion passed.

Vice-President Paul Whatley reported on the Americanism and Fogg awards and noted the Chapter accumulated any more points in 2022 than in 2021.

Reporting on the Facebook page, COM Whatley announced that COM James Tuttle had been added as an editor. In addition, the Chapter now has a LinkedIn presence on the web. Related to that, COM Whatley reported that all SAR chapters had been notified to beware of violating copyright laws when posting Revolutionary War pictures, reports, and the like. Some organizations target not-for-profit organizations for violation.

Future plans for the Chapter's online presence were discussed including having a link on all social media and in brochures for people interested in joining.

Thereafter followed a discussion regarding reviving presentation of a "Flag Certificate" recognizing businesses that regularly fly the flag. Also, offering a flag retirement service for people needing to dispose of worn out flags. James Dixon was appointed chair of the flag committee.

COM Whatley encouraged Chapter members who are veterans to go to the Facebook page for easy instructions on how to get their military and war service medals. It takes less than 2 weeks to receive them.

COM Whatley reported that 4 members attended the recent DAR meeting. The Chapter gets points for such activities by members.

Likewise, programs in cooperation with Boy Scouts get the Chapter points and help the scouts get various merit badges, such as the genealogy merit badge.

COM Whatley reminded the members of the 250th Anniversary celebration in St. Peters on May 27-28, commemorating the Battle of Fort San Carlos. COM Whatley's detained report is attached.

The 2023 MOSSAR state convention will be April 29-30 in St. Louis, hosted by the Spirit of St. Louis Chapter, which has its own Facebook page.

Genealogist John Coutts gave a report regarding several pending supplementals and progress on applications. COM Coutts reported that the National Headquarters has a new Patriot Research System that is accessible to all members and it is as good as, if not better, than the fine one maintained by the DAR. COM Mitch Moore moved approval of the report. COM Ray Miller seconded. Motion passed.

The presentations via the Junior ROTC and ROTC programs also gets the Chapter points and as with the other programs, helps to recruit new members. COM Fred Bianco announced the following upcoming dates and times for awards ceremonies, which all members can attend: Boonville High School-April 4 at 6:00 p.m.; Moberly High School- April 28 at 6:00 p.m.; Mizzou USN-April 27 at 3:30 p.m.; Mizzou USAF-May 2 at 2:00p.m.; Mizzou USA (Army)-May 4 at 3:30 p.m.; Mizzou joint services-May 5 at 9:00 a.m.

Additional information will be available at the next meeting, on the Facebook page, or by contacting COM Fred Bianco.

The 50-50 drawing was held by COM J. Y. Miller with COM Fred Bianco winning \$18.

President Hiles reminded members that the next meeting of the M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR will be **April 15, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.** at Park at 4380 Nocona Parkway, Columbia, MO.

Future programs include: 4/15 – J. Y. Miller – The Controversial Missouri Waltz; 5/20 – Marvin McKelvey – Chance Engineering Saves Skylab.

President Hiles asked members to consider presenting a program for after the summer hiatus for the next meeting cycle.

President Hiles further reminded members of the SAR America 250 Celebration and great opportunities to participate in our 1776 to 2026 celebration. – www.america250sar.com.

President Hiles 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. Certification is mandatory for all members who directly work with youth.

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

The SAR recessional was then led by COM Fred Bianco, followed by the closing prayer offered by COM Chaplain Bryan Bradford.

Meeting adjourned by President David Hiles at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(s) Mitchell Moore

Secretary

NAME	Meal
Barber, Nicholas & Sarah	2
Bartlett, David	1
Bartlett, Robert, Priscilla & Madison	3
Beem, Dave	1
Bianco, Fred	1
Bradford, Bryan & James Dixon	2
Coutts, John	1
DeVenney, Russ	1
Dietzel, Larry	1
Duncan, Victor	1
Hammons, Hank & Val	2
Hiles, Alan & Waylene	2
Jones, Terrill	1
Krause, William	1
Lee, Charlie	1
Lee, Jim	1
Lucas, Luke	1
McVicker, Maryellen	1
Merrill, Wayne	1
Miller, J.Y. & Mary	2
Miller, Ray & Ruth	2
Moore, Mitchell	1
Roberts, Dale	1
Tuttle, James	1
Whatley, Paul	1
	33

Genealogy Report March 18, 2023

Approved:

none

At National

Paul Whatley - supplemental

Rob Ingram – application pended

At State

none

Working on: 1 application

Donny Bryson - 9 documents

Johnny Hendren – several documents

Supplement for Blake Frevert – one document

Pended:

Floyd Strader Sup for Sechler – pended 2021

John Coutts 2 supplement pended for White & White