

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

The meeting was called to order by President Alan Hiles at 8:42 a.m. at Park located at 4380 Nocona Parkway, Columbia, MO: <https://www.dineatpark.com>

The colors were not posted due to the absence of the Sergeant-at-Arms, COM Jim Lee.

In the absence of Chaplain Bryan Bradford, COM Wayne Merrill offered the opening prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by COM Hank Hammons. The Pledge to the SAR was led by COM John Coutts.

There were 32 members and guests were in attendance (See appended list). President Hiles recognized guests in attendance which included many members' wives Waylene Hiles, Val Hammons, Sharon Moore, Mary Miller, Kathryn Lucas, Ruth Miller, and prospective member W. Stamps and his wife, Terra. Other guests included junior member Nicholas Barber and his mother, Sarah and our special "Friend of the MGC" Dr. William J. Krause II.

Birthdays this month included one of COM Russell DeVenney's grandsons.

COM Dr. Luke Lucas and his wife Val celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary this month and COM Raymond Miller and his wife Ruth celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary this month.

Members under the weather were COM Harold Myers, COM Terrill Jones and his wife Debbie, COM Jim Lee, and COM Bob Bartlett. Members signed a card for them wishing them a speedy recovery.

Breakfast was delayed and so the meeting continued with COM J.Y. Miller informing the membership that COM Harold Myers and COM Dale Bland responded to the Get-Well cards signed by the members and sent to them. Both compatriots thanked the members for thinking of them.

COM J.Y. Miller and COM Russ DeVenney explained the recent increases in dues at the National and State levels, which had not increased for some years. Current annual dues are \$14 at the chapter level, \$16 at the state level, and \$50 at the national level for a total of \$80. All three of these dues obligations are to be paid with one check made to M Graham Clark. The Chapter treasurer pays the State and national upstream.

Life memberships are available and there is an application form on our Chapter Webpage at MGCSAR.org .

At 8:52, President Hiles announced a break for breakfast, served buffet-style.

President Hiles reconvened the meeting at 9:017 a.m.

COM J.Y. Miller introduced the speakers for the program, Central Methodist University retired History Professors Dr. Robert Wieggers, Charles Strattmann and Chuck Thompson. Although the audio-visual equipment did not function properly for the PowerPoint presentation, the members enjoyed the program entitled "Jordan Collar, Civil War Veteran and Fayette Booster."

Chuck Thompson, a Civil War re-enactor, discovered a collection of Civil War artifacts in the attic of the Howard County Library, including a pristine Springfield rifle, a haversack and rain poncho, and cartridges with live ammo from the Civil War that once belonged to Jordan Collar, a Civil War veteran and prominent leader and businessman in Fayette, Missouri.

The details of Collar's fascinating life are recounted in a February 2022 article in The Fayette Advertiser: <https://fayettenewspapers.com/stories/jordan-coller-fayettes-forgotten-civil-war-hero,16720>

The speakers rediscovered the importance of Jordan Collar and set up a display of the artifacts, first in the Howard County Museum and now in CMU's Central Museum of History in Fayette, Missouri. COM Whately will try to obtain a copy of the PowerPoint file to post on the website at a later date.

COM John Coutts was presented with an NSSAR Liberty Medal w/Bronze Oak Leaf for his work obtaining 10 new members, in addition to 10 members he had previously brought to the chapter.

The Chapter earned a "President General's Education Outreach Streamer with Certificate from the NSSAR and Historian Hank Hammons accepted that on behalf of the Chapter.

MOSSAR awarded the Chapter a Certificate for US. Flag Retirement and Historian Hank Hammons accepted that on behalf of the Chapter.

The Secretary's minutes from the last meeting were posted on the chapter web page and the Secretary asked if anyone had any changes to make. Hearing none, COM Russ DeVenney moved that the minutes be approved. COM Paul Whately seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Russell DeVenney reviewed the Treasurer's Report through 11-18-23.

COM DeVenney also handed out a "Convention Report" dated 18 November 2023 detailing our planning progress, what we still need, etc., including the fact that deceased member Jack Chance left the chapter many decorations. COM Whately stated he is working on getting a proclamation for the mayor of the city of Columbia. President Hiles asked the members to approve the reports by a show of hands and the reports were so approved.

Genealogist Report by COM John Coutts is attached and features one new member approved, Dayton Shepherd and two applications submitted to National, and two supplements approved for COM Paul Whately. COM Coutts presented a report detailing ongoing membership applications.

The Executive Committee was scheduled to meet after the regular meeting to discuss a slate of officers for next year. COM Russ DeVenney would like to retire as Treasurer and needs to be replaced. Volunteers are welcome.

Programs for the coming year have been established and COM J.Y. Miller will coordinate those and he will present "Silent Night" in December at our next meeting.

The 50-50 drawing for \$32 was drawn by Doctor Weigers and was won by COM Hank Hammons. The Book Table netted \$5 for the treasury.

COM Charles Lee attended a recent DAR meeting and was honored for his military service.

COM J. Y. Miller was the speaker at a local high school ceremony honoring veterans.

COM President Alan Hiles attended the Museum of Missouri Military History last month.

<https://www.visitjeffersoncity.com/listing/museum-of-missouri-military-history/75/>

Members are reminded that the Chapter has its own Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MGCSAR1776> and now a LinkedIn page; and also a video of highlights of this year.

Members are reminded about Youth Protection Certification and members can go 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.

Our Chapter website is at: <http://www.mgcsar.org/>

The **2024 MOSSAR State Convention** will be **April 26-27, 2024** in Columbia, at the Courtyard by Marriott, hosted by the M. Graham Clark Chapter.

There will be volunteer opportunities for all members, auxiliary members, and supporters and all are needed to volunteer, even if only as a “greeter” to assist guests as we host this convention.

The next meeting of the M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR will be **December 16, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.** at Park at 4380 Nocona Parkway, Columbia, MO.

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

Meeting adjourned by President Hiles at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(s) Mitchell Moore, Secretary

RSVP 18 NOV 2023	
NAME	Mea l
Barber, Nicholas & Sarah	2
Bartlett, David	1
Beem, Dave	1
Bianco, Fred	1
Coutts, John & Michael	2
DeVenney, Russ	1
Hammons, Hank & Val	2
Hiles, Alan & Waylene	2
Hill, Robert	1
Krause, William	1
Lee, Charlie	1
Lucas, Luke & Kathryn	2
Merrill, Wayne	1
Miller, J. Y. & Mary	2
Miller, Ray & Ruth	2
Moore, Mitchell & Sharon	2
Pickard, Blair	1
Stamps, William & Terra	2
Stratmann, Charles. SPEAKER	1
Thompson, Chuck SPEAKER	1
Tuttle, Jym	1
Whitley, Paul	1
Wegers, Bob. SPEAKER	1
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The M. Graham Clark Chapter of
The Missouri Society of
The Sons of the American Revolution
Chartered March 15, 1982
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Columbia, Missouri

26 & 27 April 2024 Convention Report

18 November 2023

1] We continue to make progress towards the planning of our hosting of the MOSSAR April 2024 Conference. We are rapidly developing our 'Costs' for the Conference.

We mainly lack:

- (a) Audio-visual equipment rental costs.*
- (b) Gifts for the Dignitaries.*
- (d) Miscellaneous administration costs.*

2] We now have 'firm' Meal Pricing from Courtyard by Marriott which will allow us to establish the meal portion of the *Conference Registration Form*. Once we get a better handle on the miscellaneous costs we can prepare the *Registration Form*.

3] It is still too early to finalize the decorations. However, we think that we have most of the items we need for the dinners.

Russ DeVenney & Wayne Merrill

Genealogy Report November 18, 2023

Approved:

Dayton Shepherd

Paul Whatley – 2 supplements

At National

John and son Nick Haines applications

At State

none

Working on: 3 applications

Jordan Shikles -out to be signed

James Dixon – three documents

Melvin Gilbert – some documents

Royce Barondes -

Donny Bryson - 9 documents

Johnny Hendren – several documents

Supplement for Blake Frevert – one document reference

Have contacted Tony Smee

Have contacted Charles Gilreath

Have contacted Will Sherman

Have contacted Authur Dollins

Pended: