

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

The meeting was called to order by President Alan Hiles at 8:31 a.m. at Park located at 4380 Nocona Parkway, Columbia, MO: <https://www.dineatpark.com>

The colors were posted prior to the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by COM Samuel Thomas. The Pledge to the SAR was led by COM Jim Tuttle. Chaplain Bryan Bradford offered the opening prayer.

25 members and guests were in attendance. President Hiles recognized guests in attendance which included many members' wives and Junior Member Barber's Mother; Sarah Barber. (See appended list)

Birthdays this month included COM Daniel DeVenney who turned 21. Charles Lee and his wife recently celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary.

Members under the weather were COM Dale Bland, COM Harold Myers, and COM John Coutts. Members signed a card for each of them wishing them a speedy recovery.

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

At 8:43, President Hiles announced a break for breakfast, served buffet-style

President Hiles reconvened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

COM Charles Lee and COM Jim Lee presented the program, a video lecture from "The Great Courses" series entitled "The Founding Fathers" by Dr. Allen C. Geulzo. <https://www.thegreatcourses.com/courses/americas-founding-fathers>

COM Charles Lee has donated this particular series to the Chapter for members to use.

Professor Geulzo quickly reviewed the contributions of various "Founders, Framers, and Founding Fathers" to the three main documents: The Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution of the United States.

Only two men signed all three documents, Robert Morris and Roger Sherman.

A few "founders," such as James Monroe, John Marshall, John Jay, Thomas Paine, John Quincy Adams and Abigail Adams and Mercy Otis Warren signed none of the documents but they nevertheless influenced enough to be considered "founders." Later, Alexis de Tocqueville's "Democracy in America" was invaluable to leaders after the Revolution who recognized that the history of republics is a "history of failure." Yet, due to the efforts of these early patriots, the Constitution has endured since it was ratified in 1789, and has been amended only 27 times, including the Bill of Rights as the first 10 Amendments.

Future chapters in the DVD series focus on the individual founders: men with "clay feet and golden minds." Contact COM Charles Lee to borrow the series

Treasurer Russell DeVenney reviewed the Treasurer's Report through 10-21-23.

COM David Beem initiated a discussion regarding the endowment fund, what it can be used for, whether it could be placed in an interest-bearing account, etc.

COM DeVenney reported that "Friend of the MGC" Dr. William J. Krause II had recently made a third \$500 contribution to the chapter, in addition to the dues he pays for several of his descendants who are members of the SAR. There followed a discussion on how to show appreciation for Dr. Krause's very generous support. As per one of COM DeVenney's suggestions, it was moved by COM Mitchell Moore and seconded by COM Bryan Bradford that Dr. Krause and his spouse be entitled to free breakfast at all future Chapter meetings. Motion passed.

COM DeVenney also handed out a "Convention Report" detailing our planning progress, what we still need, etc. (Report is attached.)

COM Wayne Merrill moved the Treasurer's report be approved for audit. COM Paul Whatley seconded. Motion passed.

The Secretary's minutes were posted on the website and COM J. Y. Miller moved they be approved. COM Raymond Miller seconded. Motion passed.

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

COM J. Y. Miller put a call out for members to present programs for the coming meetings. Simply email him with your idea at j.y.miller@sbcglobal.net. Programs are needed for meetings in March and May of 2024.

COM Miller also reminded members of the need to RSVP by the Wednesday before the meeting by late afternoon, so the restaurant can have a correct count.

In the event of a program void or cancellation, members may be invited in round robin fashion to give a very brief recitation on their patriot ancestor, the genealogical challenges they faced in proving their lineage, or an interesting tidbit that may be of interest to the members.

The 50-50 drawing for \$18 was picked by COM J. Y. Miller and \$18.00 was won by junior member Nicholas Barber, et al.

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.

COM DeVenney and COM Merrill at the September meeting presented a **Time Line** detailing a schedule to get ready for the rapidly approaching MOSSAR Convention. A planning meeting was held during the summer.

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.

President Hiles announced a free Veterans’ Day weekend event in Jefferson City sponsored by the Museum of Missouri Military History. Period re-enactors will exhibit uniforms, tentage, weapons, and vehicles of various wars and conflicts the US has participated.

<https://www.visitjeffersoncity.com/event/salute-to-veterans-on-veterans-day-weekend%3A-11-12-november/139/>

The next meeting of the M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR will be **November 18, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.** at Park at 4380 Nocona Parkway, Columbia, MO.

The Color Guard did not retrieve the colors due to space limitations.

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

Meeting adjourned by President Hiles at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(s) Mitchell Moore

Secretary

Attendance OCT 2023	
NAME	#
Barber, Nicholas & Sarah	2
Beem, David	1
Bianco, Fred	1
Bradford, Bryan	1
DeVenney, Russ	1
Hammons, Hank & Val	2
Hiles, Alan & Waylene	2
Inghram, Rob	1
Lee, Charlie	1
Lee, Jim	1
Lucas, Luke	1
Merrill, J. Wayne	1
Miller, J.Y.	1
Miller, Ray & Ruth	2
Moore, Mittchell	1
Moore, Richard	1
Thomas, Samuel	1
Tuttle, Jym	1
Whatley, Paul	1
Duncan, Vic	1
Bartlett, Bob	1
	25



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The Missouri Society of
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Columbia, Missouri

26 & 27 April 2024 Convention Report

21 October 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) *The meal costs.*
- (b) *Audio-visual equipment rental costs.*
- (c) *Gifts for the Dignitaries.*
- (d) *Miscellaneous administration costs.*

2] We received a quotation of \$400.00 to print the Conference booklet used by the William C. Corum Chapter last April. We estimate that 30-40% of the content is already available for the Booklets. We will continue to add 'pieces' to this booklet including pictures of the MO SAR Officers and other Dignitaries attending as time goes on. The quote is good for 6 months. Everything must be submitted to the printer 2 weeks before we need them.

Note: Our friends, the immediate past MO SAR President and his wife will actually 'input' the information as I send it to them. They will get it to the publisher for us, too.

3] I will schedule a meeting with the Courtyard Event Manager after Wayne and I get together and go over the menu.

4] 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