

Minutes of Meeting 21 December 2024

M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR

The meeting was called to order by President Alan Hiles at 9:00 a.m. in the Memorial Room of American Legion Post 202 located at 3669 Legion Lane, Columbia, MO 65201: <http://americanlegionpost202.org/>

There was no color guard. The American Flag is perpetually posted in the Memorial Room where we meet. Chaplain Samuel Thomas offered the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Hiles. The Pledge to the SAR was led by COM Wayne Merrill.

A total of 28 members and guests were in attendance. [See Appended List]

Guests were introduced and included wives Waylene Hiles, Linda Coutts, Ruth Miller, Leslie Fowler, Stephanie Thomas, Ruanne Stamps, and junior member Nicholas Barber and his grandmother Grovone Henderson and guests of prospective member Gary Fowler: David & Cynthia Harkey, and Nancy Thomas, Marissa Fisher, and Martha Weisman.

At 9:15, President Hiles announced a break for breakfast served in the ballroom. The menu was scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits and gravy, cinnamon strudel, and beverages for \$12, and paid individually by members.

President Hiles reconvened the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

COM Luke Lucas had a birthday on December 14. COM Wayne Merrill's birthday is December 26. Ruanne Stamps has a December birthday.

December 25-26, 1776 – Battle of Trenton <https://www.americanhistorycentral.com/entries/battle-of-trenton/> December 31, 1775 – Battle of Quebec <https://www.americanhistorycentral.com/entries/battle-of-quebec-1775/>

COM Raymond Miller and his wife Ruth attended the Boonville Tree Lighting ceremony; COM J.Y. Miller gave a program to the Altrusa Club of Sedalia and also the Moberly, Missouri DAR and participated in the Wreath's Across America program sponsored by the Howard County DAR.

COM Moore announced the minutes of the previous meeting are on the webpage. No corrections were suggested by members. COM J.Y. Miller moved the minutes be approved. COM Samuel Thomas seconded. Motion passed.

Seven applications are pending at National for approval. Eight other applications are in the earlier stages of the process. National is catching up with its backlog. Supplementals, however, are far behind. [Genealogy Report of December 21, 2024 is attached.]

COM J. Y. Miller gave a slideshow presentation on Stille Nacht (Silent Night).

The popular Christmas Carol was written as a poem in 1816 by Austrian priest Joseph Mohr. Schoolmaster Franz Xaver Gruber composed the melody in 1818 and the two performed the composition for the first time that Christmas.

Pictures of the scenic church and its replacement were displayed, along with a picture of the memorial dedicated to the two men who composed one of the world's most popular Christmas songs. The song has been recorded thousands of times by various artists and translated into more than 300 languages. And can be heard in German here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9p97sxREC00>

The 50-50 drawing for \$11 was drawn by COM Merill and was won by COM Alan Hiles.

We need FOGG and Americanism Chairmen.

After discussion, COM J. Y. Miller moved, and COM David Bartlett seconded that the slate of officers for next year be to be voted on during the February meeting. They are as follows: **President** – COM Hank Hammons, **Vice-President** – COM Rob Ingram, **Secretary** – COM Mitchell Moore, **Treasurer** – COM Paul Whatley, **Genealogist/Registrar** – COM John Coutts, **Historian** – COM Charlie Lee, **Chaplain** – COM Samuel Thomas, **Sergeant-at-Arms** – COM James Lee, **Executive Secretary** – COM Paul Whatley; And appointed positions include: **Webmaster** – COM J. Y. Miller, **Trustees** – COM Charlie Lee, COM David Bartlett, and COM Alan Hiles .

Any member may nominate another for any office at the January meeting. The membership will vote on the new slate of officers at the February meeting.

MOSAR officers will visit and present programs in the first months of 2025.

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

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.

A variety of online informational and orientation programs and courses are available via the SAR website at: <https://www.sar.org/courses/>

Of further interest may be the Official Handbook of the SAR, updated in 2022: <https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/NSSAR-Handbook-Volume-IV-06-Feb-2022.pdf>

The next meeting of the M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR will be **January 18, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.** at the American Legion Post 202 located at 3669 Legion Lane, Columbia, MO 65201: <http://mgcsar.org/legion.html>

The SAR recessional was then led by COM Alan Hiles, followed by the closing prayer offered by Chaplain Samuel Thomas.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Moore, Secretary

		RSVP 21 DEC 2024.	
1	Barber, Nicholas & Grovene Henderson	2	
2	Bartlett, David	1	
3	Coutts, John	1	
4	Fowler, Gary & Leslie	2	
5	Harkey, David & Cynthia + Nancy T., Marissa F., Martha W.	5	
6	Hiles, Alan & Waylene	2	
7	Hill, Robert	1	
8	Inghram, Rob	1	
9	Lee, Jim	1	
10	Lee, Charlie	1	
11	ILucas, Luke	1	
12	Merrill, J. Wayne	1	
13	Miller, J. Y.	1	
14	Miller, Ray & Ruth	2	
15	Moore, Mitchel	1	
16	Pickard, Emmett	1	
17	Stamps, Terrel & Ruanne	2	
18	Thomas, Samuel & Stephanie	2	
19		28	
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Genealogy Report December 21, 2024

Approved:

none

At National

Damien Wilhelm 9-3

Terrell Stamps 9-3

Ewell Lawson 8-28

Randall Palmer 10-4

Gary Fowler 11-27

Kevin Summers 11-27

Fred Bianco supplement 2-27-24

At State

None

Working on several applications

Matt Freihofer – out to be signed

Jordan Shikles -out to be signed again

James Dixon – 2 b/c & 2 d/c will get soon

Tony Smee – connect 3 generations and one d/c

Brad Funk – one connection brick wall

Christopher Mathis – 2 connections

Jim Clark new, have contacted

Johnny Hendren – one generational connection and one b/c

Supplement for Blake Frevert – one connection

Pended: