

Minutes of Meeting 21 September 2024

M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR

The meeting was called to order by President Alan Hiles at 8:58 a.m. at 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.

COM Samuel Thomas offered the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Hiles. The Pledge to the SAR was led by Vice-President Hank Hammonds.

Guests were introduced and included special guest from the Christopher Casey Chapter in Jefferson City, E. Doug Fitts, Chair of MOSSAR's Operation Ancestry Search Committee (a free, national genealogy training program for Wounded Warriors and their families: <https://www.sar.org/committees/operation-ancestor-search-committee/>

Other guests included junior member Nicholas Barber, his mother Sarah, prospective member Gary Fowler and his wife Leslie, and wives, Waylene Hiles, Ruth Miller, Sharon Campbell-Moore, Emmo Jo Raines, Stephanie Thomas, and Don Lee, brother of COM Charles Lee.

At 9:10, President Hiles announced a break for breakfast served in the ballroom. The menu was pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, and beverages for \$12, provided by the VFW and paid individually by members.

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

A total of 29 members and guests were in attendance.

COM Terrill Jones announced that his wife's health was improving, and she looks forward to attending meetings in the future. COM Ray Miller, in attendance, underwent back surgery recently. COM J.Y. Miller, in attendance, had cataract surgery this summer.

Anniversaries included COM Raymond Miller and his wife Ruth (61); COM Alan Hiles and his wife Waylene (38); COM Mitchell Moore and his wife Sharon (37); and COM Paul Whatley and his wife Donna (32).

Birthdays over the summer and this month included COM Mitchell Moore and President Hiles, and two of COM Russell DeVenney's grandsons.

Notable dates – On Memorial Day, several members attended the wreath-laying ceremony at the Boone County Courthouse. President Hiles attended a historical display at Boonville. COM Russell DeVenney and his wife Laura attended the SAR National Convention. Constitution Day commemorating the signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787. COM Charles Lee attended the ceremony at the Boone County Courthouse where the DAR had a program and the bell in front of the courthouse was rung. The bell was originally in the dome of the courthouse until the bicentennial year of 1976 and COM Lee at that time helped move the bell down to street level in front of the courthouse.

Chapter Treasurer Paul Whatley and Past President David Bartlett honored fallen soldiers by placing a wreath outside the Boone County Courthouse Monday. [#MemorialDay](#) [#columbiamissouri](#) [#SonsOfTheAmericanRevolution](#) .

COM Samuel Thomas was on an Honor Flight this summer. Members who had been on an Honor Flight remarked how valuable the experience was. For more information see: <https://www.honorflight.org/about-us/> Unfortunately, it is possible that no more Honor Flights will be supported in central Missouri.

The Charter was draped in honor of COM Floyd Harold Strader who passed away on September 12, 2024. COM Strader was a member of the VFW and had been doing genealogical research for about 40 years.

Five members of the MGC Chapter attended his funeral on September 20 and the pastor remarked that the MGC Chapter of the SAR was his family. COM Strader's obituary is on the webpage is at <https://mgcsar.org/bioFHS.html>

There was no educational program this meeting.

COM E. Doug Fitts presented COM Sonny Raines with a Certificate from MOSSAR in recognition of his work with the VA and Operation Ancestor Search.

COM Wayne Merrill was presented with the **Bronze Henry Knox Achievement Medal**, "in recognition of Outstanding Personal Contribution in support of the activities of the Sons of the American Revolution."

The Chapter received Certificate of Participation for the Josiah Fogg Award and for participating in Operation Ancestor Search.

It was announced that the Chapter had received a \$500 gift from the Chapter's "Special Friend" Dr. William Krause, in memory of his grandson, the late COM Fletcher ~~Krause~~

COM Russell DeVenney gave members a copy of the Treasurer's Report and a Final 26 & 27 April 2024 Convention Report (attached) dated 27 July 2024 noting that we came out with a profit of over \$600 which he moved we donate to the Missouri SAR to be used together with nearly \$800 raised via donations to purchase of an artifact (a Revolutionary War "rundlet" canteen owned by Col. William Falkner of Wallkill, Ulster County, New York) for the SAR Education Center & Museum

The artifact can be found here: <https://bird1759antiques.com/stock/ols/products/xn--revolutionary-war-rundlet-canteen-owned-by-col-6q42aubwilliam-falkner-1746-1831-of--wallkill-ulster-county-ny>

At the summer convention in Louisville, Kentucky this summer, which COM DeVenney attended, the members were pleased and appreciative of our donation and their letter of appreciation is attached.

The Convention Report lists nearly 30 MGC members and others who attended and/or volunteered at the Convention with a brief description of their contributions. COM Rob Inghram donated printing expenses that save the Chapter several hundred dollars. The Chapter is grateful for their support. The Convention was a great success.

Outgoing Treasurer Russell Devenney gave a detained report for the period May 1, 2024 through September 21, 2024 and he noted that the three authorized signers of checks have been to the banks to be on the record for that. He then handed the meeting report over to new Treasurer, COM Paul Whatley. After discussion, COM J.Y. Miller moved to approve the report and COM Samuel Thomas seconded. Motion passed.

COM Moore announced the minutes of the previous meeting are on the webpage. He asked members if they had any corrections. None heard. COM J.Y. Miller moved to accept the report. COM Russell DeVenney seconded. Motion carried.

COM John Coutts announced Nation is still behind of supplementals and hopes to restart on those this month. About a dozen applications are in the preliminary stages. The Chapter has five applications at National and Gary Fowler's application is at State. COM Mitchell Moore moved to accept the report. COM Samuel Thomas seconded.

COM J. Y. Miller reminded members of the need for members to RSVP for meetings and the process to do so in response to the meeting notice sent by email. This assists in giving the American Legion Auxiliary information in planning to have enough food for breakfast and also provides information needed for various reports.

COM Paul Whatley reported that the Chapter needs to designate a member with the task of keeping track of points. President Hiles asked him to be the "points" Chairman and determine how best to accomplish this important task.

COM Wayne Merrill reported on activities of the Color Guard. COM John Coutts appeared with Color Guard members from Chapters around the state at the Missouri State Fair in August.

New name tags are needed. A model was passed around the table. COM Russell DeVenney moved to authorize COM Rob Inghram to prepare new name tags for members. COM Moore seconded. Motion passed.

The 50-50 drawing for \$8 was picked by Leslie Fowler and was won by COM Raymond Miller.

COM Billy Voight will give a presentation related to the battles of Lexington and Concord at our October meeting. COM Hank Hammonds is preparing a presentation for the November meeting. COM J.Y. Miller will give a presentation at the December meeting entitled, "Silent Night."

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.

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>

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

The next two third Saturdays of the month were already booked by the American Legion prior to our association with them and therefore COM Mitchell Moore moved and Charles Lee seconded that the next two meetings be held on the fourth Saturday of the month. Motion carried. The next meeting of the M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR will be **October 28, 2024 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 November meeting of the M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR will be **November 23, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.** at the American Legion Post 202 located at 3669 Legion Lane, Columbia, MO 65201: This will be another VFW pancake day.

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

Meeting adjourned by Vice-President Hammons at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Moore

Secretary

RSVP For 21 SEP	
Barber, Nicholas & Graven	2
Coutts, JOHN	1
DeVenney, Russ	1
Fittz, Doug -Chris Casey Chap	1
Fowler, Gary & Leslie	2
Hammons, Hank & Val	2
Hiles, Alan & Waylene	1
Inghram, Rob	1
Jones, Terrill	1
Lee, Charles & Don Lee	2
Lee, Jim	1
Lucas, Luke	1
Merrill, Wayne	1
Miller, J. Y.	1
Miller, Ray & Ruth	2
Moore, Mitchell & Sharon	2
Myers, Harold	1
Raines, Sonny & Emma Jo	2
Thomas, Samuel & Stephenie	2
Voight, Bily	1
Whitley, Paul	1
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Genealogy Report September 21, 2024

Approved: none

At National

Damien Wilhelm 9-3

Terrell Stamps 9-3

Brian Philips 8-2

Ewell Lawson 8-28

Matthew Forney 6-17

Fred Bianco supplement

At State

Gary Fowler app

Working on several applications

Randall Palmer to sign tomorrow

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

Matt Freihofer – 3 primary documents ordered from state

Brad Funk – one connection brick wall

Christopher Mathis – 2 connections

Jim Clark new, have contacted

Jacob Conner – new Palmyra

Dennis Kidwell – new Columbia

Charles Gilreath - have contacted

Will Sherman - have contacted

Craig Hosey - have contacted

Johnny Hendren – one generational connection and one b/c

Supplement for Blake Frevert – one connection

Pended:

Proposed help with pended applications

Supplements to be worked on again after Sept 2