

## Minutes of Meeting 22 February 2025

### M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR

The original date of the meeting was moved ahead 7 days due to inclement weather which has persisted in below freezing temperatures for 3 weeks. The meeting this day 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.

COM Wayne Merrill offered the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Hiles. The Pledge to the SAR was led by COM Raymond Miller.

A total of 21 members and guests were in attendance (see appended list).

Guests were introduced and included wives Waylene Hiles, Ruth Miller, Val Hammons, Sharon Campbell-Moore, junior member Nicholas Barber, and Special Friend, Dr. William Krause.

At 9:07, President Hiles announced a break for breakfast served in the ballroom. The menu was scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, and beverages for \$12, and paid individually by members. President Hiles reconvened the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

COM J. Y. Miller had a birthday on February 3, COM Charles Lee on February 7, COM Paul Whatley on February 8, COM John Coutts on February 13, Abraham Lincoln on February 12 and George Washington on February 22.

COM Robert Bartlett is recovering from the removal of a kidney stone and pneumonia. The members signed a card wishing him a rapid recovery and good health.

**Randall Palmer** was inducted as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. COM Palmer was sworn in by M. Graham Clark Chapter President Hiles and sponsored by COM Coutts.

The program consisted of nomination, election, and swearing in of officers. The following slate of officers were approved at the prior Chapter meeting: **President** – COM Hank Hammons **Vice-President** – COM Rob Ingram. **Secretary** – COM Mitchell Moore. **Executive Secretary** – COM Terrell Stamps **Treasurer** – COM Paul Whatley **Genealogist/Registrar** – COM John Coutts **Historian** – COM Charlie Lee **Chaplain** – COM Samuel Thomas **Sergeant-at-Arms** – COM James Lee Appointed positions include: **Webmaster** – COM J. Y. Miller. **Trustees** – COM Charlie Lee, COM David Bartlett, and COM Alan Hiles.

After a reading of the proposed slate, President Hiles asked if there were any additional nominations. There were none. COM J.Y. Miller moved the praised slate be approved by acclamation, and COM Wayne Merrill seconded. Motion carried without dissent.

COM Wayne Merrill swore in the officers and conducted a ceremony reminding all members of their duty to defend the Constitution and fulfill their obligations to the organization.

COM Paul Whatley gave the Treasurer's report, with few changes from last month. COM J. Y. Miller moved the Treasurer's report be approved. COM Randall Palmer seconded. Motion passed.

COM Moore announced the minutes of the previous meeting are on the webpage. No corrections were suggested by members. COM Charlie Lee moved the minutes be approved. COM Paul Whatley seconded. Motion passed.

COM Brian Phillips is a new member awaiting induction, as is COM Damien Wilhem. Two other applications are pending at National for approval: Gary Fowler and Kevin Summers. Supplementals, including Fred Bianco's, however, are far behind...taking about 65 weeks for approval. Genealogy Report of February 22, 2025 is attached.

The 50-50 drawing, drawn by COM Merrill, for \$6 was won by COM Raymond Miller who donated his winnings to the Chapter treasury.

Historian Charles Lee requested members provide him with any old Chapter records in their possession for consolidation.

The March 15, 2025 meeting program will be a presentation by State President Gene Henry. The April 18, 2025 meeting program will be a presentation by COM Luke Lucas concerning the Boston Massacre. The May 17, 2025 meeting will be a presentation by COM Mitchell Moore on the U. S. Constitution.

Outgoing President Alan Hiles thanked officers and members for their support during his 2-year term and then presented to incoming President Hank Hammons the gavel, presidential medal and lanyard.

President Hammons thanked COM Hiles and asked for final business by the members.

Thereafter, there followed a discussion of the protocol for the wearing of medals and the rosette, the color of the presidential lanyards, and the like with the general consensus being that a program on such may be warranted in the future.

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 meeting of the M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR will be **March 15, 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>

There was no Color Guard; and the Stars and Stripes are permanently in place at the American Legion in each meeting room.

The closing prayer offered by COM Merrill. The SAR recessional was then led by COM Charlie Lee.

Meeting adjourned by President Hammons at 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Moore. Secretary

RSVP - 22 FEB 2025
Barber, Nicholas
Coutts, John
Hammons, Hank & Valerie
Hiles, Alan & Waylene
Krause, William
Lee, Charlie
Lee, James
Lucas, Luke
Merrill, Wayne
Miller, J. Y.
Miller, Ray & Ruth
Moore, Mitchell & Carol
Palmer, Randall
Shephard, Drayton
Thomas, Samuel & Stephanie
Whatley, Paul

Genealogy Report February 22, 2025

**Approved:**

Randall Palmer 10-4

**At National**

Gary Fowler 11-27

Kevin Summers 11-27

Fred Bianco supplement 2-27-24

**At State**

John Coutts supplement

**Working on several applications**

Matt Freihofer – out to be signed

Jordan Shikles -out to be signed again

Johnny Hendren – 2 b/c & order one d/c

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

Tony Smee – connect 3 generations and one d/c

Christopher Mathis – 2 connections

Jim Clark new, have contacted, one reply

Chris Beckett new, have contacted, no reply

Christopher Overly-McDowell, one reply

Nick Richards, have contacted, no reply

Dennis Kidwell, contacted, no reply

Supplement for Blake Frevert – one connection

Brad Funk – one connection brick wall

**Pended:**