

Minutes of Meeting 15 March 2025

M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR

The 15 MAR 2025 meeting was called to order by President Hank Hammons at 9:01 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 COM Samuel Thomas. The Pledge to the SAR was led by to-be-inducted guest, Ewell Lawson. A total of 30 members and guests were in attendance. (See appended list)

Guests were introduced and included wives Waylene Hiles, Ruth Miller, Val Hammons, Stephanie Thomas, Linda Coutts, Ruanne Stamps, junior member Nicholas Barber and his grandmother, Grovene, and new applicant, Mark Scheiderer, and Special Friend, Dr. William Krause, and to-be-inducted as members Ewell Lawson and Terry Stamps. Special guests were MOSSAR President Gene Henry and his wife, Marilyn.

President Hammons welcomed all guests and thanked COM Randall Palmer for bringing cupcakes and cookies. COM Russ DeVenney brought challenge coins for fund-raising from the estate of deceased member, Floyd Harold Shrader.

At 9:11, President Hiles announced a break for breakfast served in the ballroom. The menu was scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, oranges, potatoes, biscuits and gravy, and beverages for \$12, and paid individually by members.

President Hammons reconvened the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Current MOSSAR President Gene Henry presented the program, which he began by presenting to the Chapter a certificate from National recognizing the Chapter as a "Lifetime Member of the Friends of the SAR Library" for its recent \$1,000 contribution to the library.

The state convention this year will be held in Earth City, Missouri and President Henry encouraged all members to attend.

President Henry spoke of the many programs the SAR sponsors, including the American History Teacher's Award. The \$600 award goes to a high school, junior high school, and elementary school teacher in Missouri who covers the era of the Revolutionary War in the classroom. This year, one of Missouri's winners from the Martin Warren Chapter won the award at the National level and received a \$5,000 prize and a paid-for week-long trip to the American History Forum at the National Conference.

"Wreaths Across America" and celebrations of George Washington's birthday and the George Washington Endowment Fund were two other programs mentioned.

Missouri's commemoration of the Battle of Fort San Carlos in St. Louis we discussed.

President Henry was pleased to inform the Chapter that the late Wilber Kephart, a recently deceased member from Holden, Missouri donated most of his 300 acres to MOSSAR. MOSSAR has established the Wilber Kephart Foundation and intends to use the money for "extraordinary events" including historical and grave markings, paying dues for members in financial distress, and the like. <https://www.hipaperclips.com/2022/04/22/wilber-jean-kephart/>

President Henry stated that "Color Guardsman" are the face of the Society and that non-members recognize them, they are good for recruiting, and children love them. He encouraged members to join and related how at his chapter a particular member attended every meeting in uniform.

Regarding children, President Henry urged every member to take the free, 25 minute, online "Youth Protection Training" which is mentioned near the end of the minutes.

MOSSAR's First Lady, Marilyn Henry, mentioned the "Finders" program that rewards with a special medal to DAR members who bring in 3 new members in a year. She also encouraged members' wives to join the Auxiliary.

President Henry also mention that applications submitted in April are entitled to save \$75 (half price) on the fees.

President Henry and the First Lady collected contributions for a patriotic wall decoration to be drawn for at the next Convention. And they collected contributions for a gift basket, which was won by COM Randall Palmer.

President Henry concluded by presiding over the induction of two new members. **Ewell Lawson and Terell Stamps** were inducted as members of the Sons of the American Revolution. COM Lawson was sworn in by MOSSAR President Henry and sponsored by President Hammons. COM Stamps was sworn in by MOSSAR President Henry and sponsored by COM John Coutts. Each new member gave brief remarks thereafter.

COM Stamps said that he has been enjoying the meetings he has attended since waiting to have his application approved and had learned something new at every meeting. His patriot ancestor, Daniel Bowman, was in the boat service during the Revolutionary War.

COM Lawson related that his patriot ancestor, Josiah Dixon, is interred in Boonville, Missouri and that his pension papers were signed by George Rogers Clark.

The membership welcomed both new Compatriots with a hearty round of applause.

Junior member Nicholas Barber's grandmother, Grovone celebrates a birthday this month, as does COM Russell DeVenney's wife, Laura and one of his junior member grandsons.

COM Robert Bartlett is recovering from his recent surgery and looks forward to his 100th birthday on May 18.

The 255th anniversary of the Boston Massacre was on March 5, 2025. The 250th anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord is April 19, 2025, which is also the date of our next meeting.

Treasurer Paul Whatley gave the Treasurer's report, with few changes from last month.

COM Whatley also advocated for appointment of many committees and chairs, such as a membership chair, media publicist chair for promotion and marketing for such activities as an essay contest, posters, brochures and the like, a school classroom program chair, a liaison with the DAR, a youth program chair, a chair for the American History Teacher Award, a public service chair, a Color Guard chair, etc.

COM Russ DeVenney emphasized the importance of personally contacting members to serve in all functions of the Chapter. COM Mitchell Moore moved the Treasurer's report be approved. COM J. Y. Miller seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary Mitchell Moore announced the minutes of the previous meeting are on the webpage. No corrections were suggested by members. COM Moore pointed out that links to several SAR pages are at the end of the Minutes, including the link for a program mentioned by President Henry, Youth Protection Training. COM Alan Hiles moved the minutes be approved. COM Paul Whatley seconded. Motion passed.

Mark Scheiderer signed his application at today's meeting. Several applications were approved recently. A detailed Genealogy Report of March 15, 2025 is attached.

The 50-50 drawing, drawn by COM Merrill, for \$27 was won by COM Randall Palmer, who donated the prize back to the Chapter.

The April 19, 2025 meeting program will be a presentation by COM Luke Lucas on the Boston Massacre. The May 17, 2025 meeting will be a presentation by ~~COM Charles Lee on his experiences in the military.~~ COM Mitchell Moore on the U.S. Constitution.

COM Alan Hiles announced Museum of Missouri Military History in Jefferson City will present several re-enactments this spring and activities April 12-23.

Members are reminded that the Chapter has its own Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MGCSAR1776> and now a LinkedIn page.

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 **April 19, 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 Chaplain Samuel Thomas. The SAR recessional was then led by COM Terell Stamps.

Meeting adjourned by President Hammons at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Moore, Secretary

March 2025 RSVP	Meals
Barber, Nicholas. & Grovone	2
Coutts, John & Linda	2
DeVenney, Russ	1
Hammons, Hank & Val	2
Henry, Gene & Marilyn MOSSAR PR	2
Hiles, Alan & Waylene	2
Ingram, Rob	1
Krause, Willaim	1
Lawson, Ewell & Sherry	2
Lee, Charlie	1
Lee, Jim	1
Lucas, Luke	No Meal 0
Merrill, Wayne	1
Miller Ray & Ruh	2
Miller, J. Y	1
Moore, Mitchell	1
Palmer, Randall	1
Scheiderer, Mark	1
Stamps, Terell & Ruanne	2
Thomas, Samuel & Stephannie	2
Whatley, Paul	1
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Genealogy Report March 15, 2025

Approved:

At National

Gary Fowler 11-27

Kevin Summers 11-27

Fred Bianco supplement 2-21-24

At State

John Coutts supplement

Working on several applications

Mark Scheiderer - signed

Matt Freihofer – 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: