

Minutes of Meeting 15 November 2025

M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR

The meeting this day was called to order by President Hank Hammons 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dante Campbell. The Pledge to the SAR was led by COM Billie Voight. Chaplain Samuel Thomas offered the opening prayer.

At 9:04, President Hammons announced a break for breakfast served in the ballroom. The menu consisted of French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, assorted fruit, and beverages for \$13, paid individually by members.

President Hammons reconvened the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

A total of 26 members and guests were in attendance. (See appended list)

Guests were introduced and included ladies: Stephanie Thomas, Leslie Fowler, Grovone Henderson and recent junior member applicant Dante Campbell and his mother, and recent applicants Jim Koppenaal and Charles Riley.

Health concerns: COM Alan Hiles and his wife Waylene are both under the weather. COM Paul Whatley was absent due to a cold. President Hammons' wife, Val, is recovering as well. COM Ray Miller is recovering from knee surgery. A card wishing Val Hammons a speedy recovery was passed around and signed by attendees.

COM Samuel Thomas will be undergoing a medical procedure soon.

Notable Dates: On November 13, 1775 General Montgomery captured Montreal from the British.

COM John Coutts was presented with the Liberty Medal with oak leaf cluster for his work and success as a genealogist for the Chapter and for the SAR in general. The award is reflected by the recent growth in Chapter membership which could not happen without COM Coutts' hard work.

COM Randy Palmer and COM J. Y. Miller presented on the SAR's Youth Protection Program which is a group training and completing of the SAR's requirement to educate all members on the protection of young people under the age of 18.

7 new YPT for active members were completed
4 prospective members completed and will be reported when Nat Num is avail.
11 members completed the training as a review (previously completed)
2 Ladies completed the training
2 ladies did not return their quiz sheets

All attendees successfully completed the program which is required of all members every three years. All members will receive certificates of completion.

Members who have not yet completed the program can find it on the website at : https://bredenfoerder.com/YPT_SAR_University_D/ It takes about 20 minutes.

Treasurer Paul Whatley was absent due to sickness. There was no Treasurer's report.

COM Mitchell Moore announced the minutes of the previous meeting are on the webpage. No corrections were suggested by members. COM Russ DeVenney moved the minutes be approved. COM Wayne Merrill seconded. Motion passed.

Genealogist COM John Coutts updated membership on the progress of several applications. An application by Scott Yost has been approved. An application by Charles Riley is on the fast track to National. Several new members are likely to be inducted at the next meeting including Jim Koppenaar and junior member Dante Campbell. Charles Riley and Fred Jones and Clark Mershon may be approved any day now. A detailed Genealogy Report of Genealogy Report November 15, 2025 is attached. COM Moore moved the Genealogist Report be approved. COM Coutts seconded. Motion carried.

COM Rob Inghram reported on the FOGG Award. COM moved to accept the report. COM Coutts seconded. Motion carried.

COM Billy Voight responded to requests that he become the Color Guard commander by agreeing to do so. COM Charles Lee moved Billy Voight assumed command of the Color Guard pending election and installation of officers next year. COM J.Y. Miller seconded. Motion carried.

COM DeVenney noted that the 7 members of the Color Guard who attended the grave marking at Deer Park was as many as we have ever had.

President Hammons reported on the recent state meeting he attended. Videos for new member orientation are now on the MOSAR website. Application backlogs have been cut from as many as 52 weeks to 32 weeks. A genealogists' conference with the DAR will take place on March 28. He noted that the state of Texas has individual SAR chapters that are larger than all of Missouri's chapters combined.

The six-part, 12-hour history of the war of independence from Britain begins on November 16, 2025 at 7 pm. This is a Ken Burns production.

Our hosts at the American Legion need to replace a refrigerator and are receiving donations for the \$650 expense. COM J. Y. Miller moved the Chapter donate \$100 towards the endeavor. COM Coutts seconded. Motion carried.

The 50-50 drawing was drawn by Leslie Fowler, and \$20 was won by COM John Coutts.

A bottle of peppermint schnapps donated by COM Randy Palmer and, through a random number COM J. Y. Miller had generated by asking his cellphone's intelligent agent, was won by applicant COM J.Y. Miller. Miller commented that this was the first time he had ever bought a ticket in either of our raffles. He likes peppermint schnapps.

COM J. Y. Miller made a presentation to the Howard County American Legion Post 273 on Veterans Day. COM Moore moved that Post 273 we awarded a flag certificate. COM Coutts seconded. Motion carried.

COM Charles Lee attended the local DAR meeting a few weeks ago and was informed that our SAR Chapter would be invited to the DAR Christmas party meeting on the morning of December 13, possibly around 9:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church on 10th and Walnut in Columbia. Keep track of your email for updates on that.

DAR meetings are fairly formal and ritualized and Columbia has the largest DAR chapter in the state of Missouri.

Many MGCSAR members have wives who are members of the DAR.

The program for the December 20, 2025 meeting will be a presentation by J.Y. Miller on "Christmas in the Colonies" before during and after the American Revolution.

A program for January is needed. February's program will be the election and installation of next year's officers. Programs are needed for March, April, and May. Members are encouraged to volunteer.

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.

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 **December 20, 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 led by COM Gary Fowler. The closing prayer was then offered by Chaplain Samuel Thomas. There was no Color Guard; and the Stars and Stripes are permanently in place at the American Legion in each meeting room.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Moore

Secretary

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Barber, Nicholas & Grovene	
Bianco, Fred.	No Meal
Campbell, Dante & Leslie	
Coutts, John	
DeVenney, Russ	
Fowler, Gary & Leslie	
Hammns, Hank	
Inghram, Rob	
Jones, Terrill	
Koppenaar, Jim	
Lee, Charles	
Lee, Jim	
Lucas, Luke	
Merrill, Wayne + Riley, Charles	
Mershon, Clark	
Miller, J. Y.	
Moore, Mitchell	
Palmer, Randy	
Shepherd, Dayton	
Thomas, Samuel & Stephanie	
Voight, Billy	

Genealogy Report November 15, 2025

Approved:

Scott Yost 7-31-25 - Henry Yost Nov 7, 2025

At National

John Coutts supplement 3-26-25 - Benjamin Hardin by December

James Koppenaal 8-11-25 - Samuel Bailey, Jr. by December

Dante Campbell – junior member - 9-22-2025 - Seth Rowley by January

Charles Riley – Elijah Kingsbury expedited by December

At State

Working on several applications

Craig Jones by Justin Mutrux - Daniel Boone ready to sign

Travis Barnes – will send info

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

Supplement for Blake Frevert – one connection

Brad Funk – one connection brick wall

Pended: