

## **Minutes of Meeting 18 October 2025**

### **M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR**

The meeting of 18 OCT 2025 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. A total of 28 members and guests were in attendance (see appended list).

Vice-President Rob Ingram and Secretary Mitchell Moore attended the meeting in wilderness uniforms typical of those worn by patriot soldiers 250 years ago.

Chaplain Samuel Thomas offered the opening prayer.

At 9:04, President Hammons announced a break for breakfast served in the ballroom. The menu was "Pancake Day" for the VFW and consisted of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, beverages for \$13, and paid individually by members.

President Hammons reconvened the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by COM William Voight. The Pledge to the SAR was led by COM Randy Palmer.

Beverly Rogers, member of the Hannah Cole Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution from Boonville, presented the program this day on "Patriots Buried in Cooper County".

Ms. Rogers' DAR chapter has made a concerted effort to identify patriots buried in Cooper County. Some graves are marked, but some graves are not well marked or not yet identified. The DAR chapter is systematically working to identify all such graves and see to it that they are well marked and tended. Some of the graves of Cooper County patriots are in nearby counties.

Ms. Rogers' DAR chapter held a grave-marking ceremony for patriot Shadrach Barnes on September 28. Several members of the M. Graham Clerk Chapter's Color Guard were present and there appeared a nice write-up in the local newspaper on the story.

DAR member Rogers gave brief histories of the Cooper County patriots, including Josiah Dickson who captured by Loyalist Indians and was shipped to England as a prisoner of war and who is a patriot ancestor of COM Ewell Lawson.

Most of the Cooper County patriots migrated through Kentucky and Tennessee prior to settling in Missouri. Pension records are perhaps the most valuable tool for proving service to the patriot cause.

The Hannah Cole Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution plans to raise money to erect a memorial to all Cooper County patriots of the American Revolution to be placed on the Cooper County Courthouse grounds in Boonville.

President Hank Hammons thanked Ms. Rogers and presented her with a patriotic pin.

Guests were introduced and included wives: Val Hammons, Ruth Miller, Stephanie Thomas, Ruanne Stamps, Sharon Moore and grandmother Grovене Henderson.

Health concerns: COM Fred Bianco missed the meeting due to a sore throat. COM Alan Hiles' wife, Waylene is laid up with a broken ankle. COM Hiles was not present today as he was acting as a caregiver. The members signed a "get well card" for her.

Anniversaries: COM Charlie Lee and his wife Carol celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 5.

Birthdays: COM Ewell Lawson had a birthday on 5 OCT.

Notable Dates: The American Revolutionary War after Lexington and Concord in April 1775, had weekly battles. On November 13, 1775, General Montgomery won the Battle of Montreal. He would then lead his army to join forces with General Benedict Arnold in Quebec in December.

COM Mitchell Moore related that his patriot ancestor, Jeremiah Greenman, kept a daily war journal and was on the expedition to Quebec with Gen. Arnold. One month into the expedition, and Greenman wrote of rain, mud, and having to hack through the woods to travel 10 miles each day while hauling boats that also held their supplies.

Treasurer Paul Whatley reported on the amounts in the accounts and pending expenses. In addition, COM Whatley announced that Special Friend, Dr. William Krause had, once again, donated \$500 to the Chapter in memory of his grandson, deceased Chapter member Zachary Reed Fletcher. COM Samuel Thomas moved the report by approved. COM J.Y. Miller seconded. Motion carried.

COM Mitchell Moore announced the minutes of the previous meeting are on the webpage. One correction to be made was noted and that is that it was COM John Coutts who participated in the Color Guard during opening ceremonies at the Missouri State Fair in August. That correction will be made. COM Ewell Lawson moved the minutes be approved. COM John Coutts seconded. Motion carried.

Genealogist COM John Coutts updated membership on the progress of several applications. A detailed Genealogy Report of October 18, 2025 is attached.

COM Moore moved the Genealogy Report be approved. COM Whatley seconded. Motion carried.

The 50-50 drawing was drawn by Chapter First Lady and DAR member Val Hammons, and \$17 was won by future inductee James Koppoenaal.

A commemorative knife set, 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 COM Rob Ingram.

As reported in the program, members of the Color Guard participated in the grave-marking ceremony in Boone County for Shadrach Barnes, a Cooper County patriot buried in Boone County.

COM Charlie Lee attended a DAR meeting with his wife on October 11, 2025.

COM Wayne Merrill and COM Hammons will attend the quarterly meeting of the state SAR on October 25, 2025.

The next meeting of the M. Graham Clark Chapter of the SAR will be November 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> and will feature COMs Randall Palmer and J. Y. Miller presenting the Youth Protection Program which will certify attendees' completion of this program as required by State and National.

The program for the December 20, 2025 meeting will be "How the Colonists Celebrated Christmas".

The program for the January 17, 2026 meeting: election of officers.

The program for the February 21, 2026 meeting will be about "Programs for Veterans".

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/>

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

The SAR recessional was led by Junior Member, COM Nicholas Barber. The closing prayer was then offered by Chaplain Samuel Thomas.

Meeting adjourned by President Hammons at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Moore

Secretary

Barber, Nicholas & Groene
Coutts, John
Hammns, Hank & Val
Inghram, Rob
Jones, Terrell
Koppenaar, Jim
Krause, William
Lawson, Ewell
Lee, Charles + Mark Mershon
Lee, Jim
Lucas, Luke
Merrill, Wayne +Charles Riley
Miller, J. Y.
Miller, Ray & Ruth
Moore, Mitchell & Sharon
Palmer, Randy
Rogers, Beverly. -Speaker/Guest
Stamps, Terrell & Ruanne
Thomas, Samuel
Voight, William
Whatley, Paul

Genealogy Report October 18, 2025

**Approved:**

**At National**

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

Scott Yost 7-31-25 - Henry Yost by December

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

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

**At State**

**Working on several applications**

Craig Jones by Justin Mutrux - Daniel Boone

Charles Riley – Elijah Kingsbury

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:**