

## MEETING MINUTES

### M. GRAHAM CLARK CHAPTER, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION FEBRUARY 21, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Hank Hammons at 9:00 am at the American Legion Post 202 hall. A total of 30 members and guests were present (see appended list) .The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Prospective Com Steve Treasure and the Pledge to the SAR was led by prospective COM Mark Treasure. The opening prayer was offered by Chaplain COM Sam Thomas. A “Get Well’ card for COM Mitch Moore was passed around for signing by all the members present.. The meeting was then halted tor breakfast.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:40 with the presentation of a Distinguished Service Medal for COM Paul Whatley. Paul also noted that his wife has been diagnosed with cancer and her treatment scheduled to begin son.

Visitors were introduced as well as those having February birthdays were noted, there being quite a number.

PROGRAM: The slate of officers for the coming year was announced and elected by acclamation. The slate is: President Hank Hammons ; Vice-President Rob Inghram ;Secretary Mitchell Moore ; Treasurer; Paul Whatley ; Genealogist John Coutts ; Historian Charlie Lee ; Chaplain Samuel Thomas ; SGT At Arms Jim Lee ; Trustees 1,2,3 Charlie Lee, David Bartlett, Alan Hiles.

President Hammons asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor. There were none. COM J. Y. Miller moved; “That the proposed slate be elected unanimously by acclamation and one single vote” . COM Hiles seconded the motion and it was approved.

As the most senior past president present; COM J. Y. Miller conducted an installation of the newly elected officers including the responsibility of all members to support them in their efforts.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Presented, discussed, and approved for audit.

Secretary: Previous minutes read and approved as submitted.

Genealogy: COM Coutts reported on pending applications for membership.

Americanism: Discussion ensued concerning the color guard participating in the planting of a Liberty Tree in Fayette. The tree will honor all heroes of the revolution and especially GEN Lafayette for whom=hom the city is named. COM Billy Voight has been the leader in setting this up and it is supported by the DAR, the Howard County American Legion, the Howard County Genealogical Society, and the City of Fayette. CCOM Voight will coordinate with both local and local Color Guard members for presentation of colors and a musket salute. The event is scheduled for 10:00 am on 23 May in the Fayette City Park.

COM Voight has ordered a 15 to 20 foot disease resistant Elm Tree which the Fayette City arborist will plant. A plaque has also been ordered. COM J. Y. Miller moved "To reimburse COM Voight \$320 for the cost of the tree". There was a second and the motion passed.

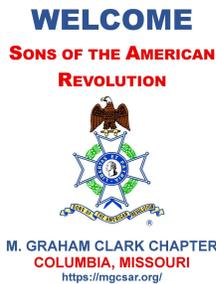
Also, the item of color guard uniforms and their availability and cost received considerable comment. It was suggested that a program be planned to educate the Chapter on uniforming.



OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A number of items received discussion including an upcoming JROTC Ball on April 16 in Boonville at the Knights of Columbus building. Several members expressed a desire to attend with uniforms being suggested.

The MOSSAR State convention coming up on April 24-25 with registrations for attendance needed not later than 4/10: was discussed.



COM Palmer has made a mock up black and white version of a SAR Welcome sandwich board. The board was on display at this meeting. The Chapter approved the plan to procure the color version board. That item was decided with a motion by COM Hiles and second by S. Thomas.

The final item was the 50/50 drawing with the \$23.00 prize being won by Junior Member Nicholas Barber.

The SAR Recessional led by Com Edwyn Strubinger and the closing prayer by Chaplain COM Thomas.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00.

Respectfully Submitted by COM Charlie Lee

Barber, Nicholas & Grovone	
Coutts, John & Linda	
Fowler, Gary & Leslie	
Hammons, Hank	
Hiles, Alan & Waylene	
Inghram, Rob	
Koppenaar, Jim	
Lawson, Ewell	
Lee Charles	
Lee, Jim	
Lucas, Luke	
Mershon, Clark	
Miller, J. Y.	
Palmer, Randall	
Riley, Charles	
Shepherd, Dayton	
Strubinger, Edwyn	
Summers, K.L. NO MEAL	
Thomas, Samuel & Stephanie + Joann	
Treasure, Mark & Steve	
Whatley, Paul	
Yost, Scott	