

**M. Graham Clark Chapter
Missouri Society
The Sons of the American Revolution
19 September 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Opening

The meeting was called to order by President Chance at 8:35 am. Since there was just one color guard present, the colors were not formally posted. The invocation was given by COM Kerr, in the absence of Chaplain Merrill and COM Cunningham. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by COM Reynolds and the SAR Pledge was led by COM Thomas. There were 17 members and 11 visitors present.

Visitors of note present were: Chris Monte, applicant for membership and Matt Montie, prospective member; and Scott Butler, son-in-law of new member Buff Chance. President Chance then asked for birthdays over the summer, and COM Dietzel's birthday was noted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 am for breakfast.

Reconvened

New Members Inducted:

The meeting was reconvened at 9:10 am. President Chance called for Buff Chance, Al Moreau and Sonny Raines to come forward for their induction. President Chance gave each their Certificate of Membership. He then asked COM Miller to give a brief history of the Sons of the American Revolution and also of the M Graham Clark Chapter. The information he read is available on the National SAR website and the chapter website.

President Chance then asked the wives of COM Raines and COM Buff Chance to come forward, and for Mary Miller to come forward as well. Mrs. Raines placed the Rosette in her husband's lapel, Mrs. Chance placed the Rosette in her husband's lapel and Mrs. Miller placed the Rosette in COM Moreau's lapel. President Chance gave a brief description the meaning of the Rosette. President Chance also gave each their new member packets.

COM Lybarger mentioned that if any of the new members would be interested in being in the Color Guard, we sure could use the additional manpower.

Old Business: President Chance mentioned that COM DeVenney was elected the Registrar General, a NSSAR office, and that he is running for the office again. A motion was entertained to have the chapter endorse him for this and was made by COM Dietzel, seconded by COM Miller. COM Kerr was instructed to compose a letter to be sent to the past President General, in this regard.

Reports:

Minutes: Upon the closing of the induction ceremony, President Chance then asked COM Kerr to read the minutes from the May 2015 meeting. The minutes were read and the following changes were made: Alan Rowe should have been Alan Moreau; after the meeting COM Bartlett gave COM Kerr the correct names of his family members that were present in May: his wife's name is Priscilla Bevins; his son's names are David, Paul, Russ and Brian Bevins; and he had a grandson present named Mason Bartlett. The minutes were approved with these changes noted.

Treasurer's Report: President Chance called on COM Coutts to give the Treasurer's Report, which was as follows: as of 31 August 2015, the M. Graham Clark Operations Account balance was \$1,260.16, and as of 31 August 2015 the M. Graham Clark Endowment Fund balance was \$13,132.60, of which \$357.86 is in available funds. The Treasurers Report was approved as read.

Genealogy Report: President Chance then asked Nancy Thomas to give the genealogy report. She stated the following the State Genealogist has the following new applications: Charles Lee, James Lee, Zachary Fletcher, Phillip Krause, Chris Montie, Nick Grannis, Brad Grannis, Garrison Chance, Anthony Chance Sr., Anthony Chance II, and Merle Cook.

The State Genealogist has the following supplemental applications: two from COM Strader, three from COM Miller, one from COM Terrell Jones, and possibly one from COM Coutts.

There are two supplemental applications at National: COM Coutts and COM Dietzel.

Josiah Fogg Report: President Chance then asked COM Kerr to give a brief report on the status of the chapter's activities as it related to the Josiah Fogg Report. COM Kerr stated that last year our chapter, which came in third in MOSSAR, had a total of 827 point. We have, just including the eight new members, for which the chapter gets 100 points each, 800 points. Then the chapter will get points for the grave marking done on July 4th, we get points based on what percentage of members pay their dues by the end of October, end of November and end of December. COM Kerr stated the two books he gave to local schools in the spring gets the chapter 15 points each, and we get 25 points for each supplemental application successfully done. COM Kerr asked the members to be sure to tell him whenever they do anything that they think might be applicable to this report. This is a process to encourage the chapters to grow and to be positive in the community.

Books for Schools: President Chance asked COM Reynolds to discuss briefly the Books for Schools program. COM Reynolds asked for 3 or 4 volunteers to work with him to get sample books to review. Nancy Thomas mentioned that Scholastic, a company in Jefferson City, might donate books for this. One of the sample books COM Reynolds presented was from this company. COM Reynolds said he contact Columbia schools but their list of books did not contain many of the founding of America time period, so perhaps the chapter needs to approach smaller, rural schools. He asked people who were interested in this to see him after the meeting.

Program:

At this point, President Chance introduced Mrs. DeVenney to give the program. Before she started the program she mentioned that Joetta Jones, a true “Rosie the Riveter” from the 2nd World War and the wife of COM Alfred Jones, fell and broke her left hip and left wrist. She is currently in therapy to recover and Mrs. DeVenney asked that members send cards to COM Jones so that these can be shared with his dear wife.

She then presented the program, which consisted of two parts:

1. Wheeling for Healing: This is a program to collect money for wounded warriors. On October 3rd, there will be a bicycle ride on the MKT trail and various stops along the way will be set up for refreshments for the riders. They have already accumulated about \$20,000 just by have “pickle jars” at businesses. Mrs. DeVenney had a “pickle jar” at the meeting and encouraged people to make contributions this way. She also handed out information packets to the people at the meeting. This is an extremely worthwhile project since so many of our soldiers, sailors and marines have suffered injuries in the war against terror. In the past, these warriors probably would have died from these wounds but with the advances in medicine, this is not as likely, for which we are thankful.
2. Quilts of Valor: She and Nancy Thomas showed the chapter some quilts that have been made for area veterans. These quilts are beautiful and the people who have received them have been so thankful for them. Mrs. DeVenney said there have been about 500 of these fine pieces of art given to area veterans during the time she has been involved in the project.

Closing:

There being no further business, President Chance called upon COM Dietzel to lead the SAR Recessional and COM Kerr to give the benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harold H. Kerr II, Secretary
M Graham Clark Chapter, SAR