

**M. GRAHAM CLARK CHAPTER**  
**MISSOURI SOCIETY**  
**THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

**November 18, 2017**

President Harold Kerr called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m. Chaplain Alan Hiles gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Com. Bob Bartlett, and the SAR Pledge being led by Com. Sonny Rains. President Kerr then called for the posting of the colors. There were 16 members and eight visitors present. Com. Michael Breedlove was recognized as the only one having a birthday in November. The meeting was recessed for breakfast.

President Kerr reconvened the meeting at 9:10 a.m. by introducing our speaker for the day, Com. Bob Bartlett, a retired engineer who worked for many years in the design of shipboard machinery, steam turbines, and power tools. Com. Bartlett also served in the U.S. Navy during WW II. He entitled his program "The Forgotten Fleet of World War II," which was about the fleet of patrol craft that were built during the war and mainly used for convoy duty. He told us that the need was urgent and these smaller ships could be built quicker. They also were easier to maneuver because of their small size but this also meant that they could be tossed around more in rough waters. They had a speed of 21 knots. There were 16 places that could build them and 60 were ordered at the beginning but ultimately 361 were built. It was on January 17, 1946, when Bob boarded the USS PC 1077 as a 20 year old Ensign. Bob related a number of interesting stories from his time aboard the 1077, and showed pictures of the crew and equipment. His research noted that this ship was still in active service in 1956, but under the name USS Edenton and that in January 1961, it had been given to the Venezuelan Navy and was now called Caracol. There were a number of questions for Bob when he ended this very interesting program.

At the conclusion of the program, President Kerr asked Raymond Miller to come forward to be inducted into the Chapter. After the induction he received his certificate and rosette and offered a few words in response. Com. J. Y. Miller then gave us a brief history of the SAR and of the M. Graham Clark Chapter. Com. J. Y. Miller next drew the winning number for the 50/50 drawing which went to Com. Alan Hiles. Com. Bruce Hillis gave a brief report on the Francis Marion/Swamp Fox Symposium which was held at Manning, South Carolina, October 27 and 28 of this year. He said that this was the 15th years for this two day symposium and that he and his wife found it very interesting.

The President called for the usual reports. Com. J. Y. Miller moved that the minutes from the October meeting be accepted as printed on our webpage and Com. Charles Lee seconded the motion and it was passed. Treasurer Dietzel gave the Treasurer's Report and a motion was made by Com. Charles Lee and seconded by Com. Bruce Hillis and was passed. The Genealogy Report was given by Genealogist Coutts who stated that 14 applications were in some stage of readiness. Com. Charles Lee made the motion to accept the Genealogy Report and Com. Sonny Rains seconded it and it passed. Com. Jim Lee again noted that 56 Eagle Scout Certificates had been mailed out but no applications had been returned as of yet. Com. J. Y. Miller read the changes to the Chapter Bylaws regarding the dividing of the Office of Secretary which was the first reading of these changes.

President Kerr made three announcements: First, that the Nominating Committee would meet after the close of our regular meeting today. Second, that there would be a meeting of the officers very soon to discuss the 2019 MOSSAR Conference that our Chapter will host. The third was a reminder that dues are due. President Kerr also noted that Com. J. Y. Miller had received accolades in the Fayette newspaper regarding his Veterans Day speech on November 10th.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m. following the SAR Recessional led by Com. Charles Lee and the benediction given by Chaplain Hiles.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Wayne Merrill, Secretary