



National Society Daughters of the American Colonists Colonel Gideon Macon Chapter TSSDAC

Summer/Fall 2019

NOVEMBER, 2019 MEETING ON THE 9th, 11:00 AT TOM'S PIZZA & STEAK HOUSE

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

JUNE MEETING ATTENDANCE CONSISTENT



Once more we had seven members in attendance to discuss chapter business. President Geraldine Sykes called the meeting to order and Chaplain Joy Bland presented our devotional from Psalm 55:3, saying we are to do more for others and listen more when our friends are needing help.

Following the ritual, National Defense Chairman Mary Ann Claxton led the group in thinking of recent events in our country which will do much to improve our internal national defense. Next, Secretary Frances Spillman presented the minutes of the February meeting which were approved as read. In the absence of the Treasurer, no report was available, but Regent Sykes reminded members that dues would be collected at the September meeting.

Aline Roberts, who will be presenting the program at the September meeting, shared a picture of her with Cadet Mahala B. Perry, an industrial engineering major from Humboldt, TN,



recipient of the chapter's ROTC Medal at the UT Martin Military Science and Leadership Department's Awards Ceremony April 26, 2019 in the UTM Student Center.

The program, "Nina and Pinta - Columbus Sails the Ocean Blue - Again" was presented by Mary Ann Claxton. Replicas of the Nina and Pinta, two of the ships sailed by Columbus in 1492, have been built and are currently docked at Paris Landing and open for tours. They mainly travel the Gulf, eastern seaboard, and midwestern rivers. In 1988 an American engineer found Brazilian descendants of Portuguese shipwrights who built the replica of the Nina using the construction techniques dating to the 15th century. Sixteen years later the Pinta was built by the same shipwrights. Due to the 14 foot draft of the Santa Maria, she would be unable to dock in most of the ports the ships frequent, so no replica of her will be built. Mary Ann reported that in Columbus' time, the sailors lived on the deck - the area below decks held supplies for the voyage, including livestock; the four-legged stock were suspended in slings to prevent injuries from the rolling of the ship on the ocean.



AWARDS RECEIVED AT 87th STATE ASSEMBLY

March 7, 2019

2nd Place - Public Relations (7 photos, 9 articles, 1,193.57 inches
2nd Place - Outstanding PR Coverage on 2018 State Assembly
Recognition - Presentation of Colonial Education Kit Program
Recognition - Best Electronic Communications to Chapter Members
Recognition - submissions to the TSSDAC Website
Recognition - Most Cast Donation to College of the Ozarks
Recognition - For Awarding JROTC Medal- National Defense Program
Recognition - "Early Bird" For First Report Received Under National Veterans Services

FALL NEWSLETTER

ATTENDANCE DOWN FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING



Five chapter members met Sept. 14, 2019 at Tom's Pizza & Steak House in Paris, TN. Regent Sykes called the meeting to order. In the absence of Chaplain Joy Bland, Janice Webb gave the devotion based on Matthew 18:12-13 and led the group in prayer.

Following the ritual, Frances Spillman gave the National Defense message due to the absence of National Defense Chairman, Mary Ann Claxton. On August 29, 2019, President Trump re-established the U. S. Space Command. The Space Command was first established in 1985 and existed until 2002 when it was absorbed into the U. S. Strategic Command. Under President Trump the Space Command will be on an equal footing with the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. The mission is to deter aggression and conflict, defend U.S. and allied freedom of action, deliver space combat power, and develop joint war fighters to advance U.S. and allied interests in, from and through the space domain. The global area of responsibility includes the area surrounding the Earth at altitudes greater than 100 kilometers above sea level.

Minutes of the June meeting were read by Recording Secretary Frances Spillman. Minutes were approved as read.



In the absence of the treasurer, Regent Sykes gave the treasurer's report. She reported that all dues except two have been collected. The report on the State Board Meeting on August 8, 2019 was discussed. The chapter voted to support the following programs as suggested by the State Regent: Honor Flight for a female veteran in 2019-2020. College of the Ozarks, and contributing to the publication of the book "Colonial Klaus in Thomas Jefferson's House" by Laura Macaluso.



(According to an update online a grand total of \$10,000 was raised by the October 1 deadline to cover the costs of publishing this book. Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forrest raised over \$5000 and DAC matched this with another \$5,000).

First Vice Regent Aline Roberts announced that our National President Mary C. Armstrong will be our guest speaker at the 88th State Assembly on March 5, 2020 at the Doubletree in Murfreesboro. All members are encouraged to attend.

Registrar Mary Ann Claxton's report was read citing no new members and no one currently working on papers. As Technology Support and newsletter chairman, Mary Ann also reported that she had not been able to get a newsletter out after the June meeting, so there will be a "double issue" this time with the Summer and Fall issues combined into one newsletter. She also reported that Don Fodge is posting information on the Genealogy Society's Facebook page about obituaries being posted on the following website: <https://www.theancestorhunt.com> - these are free and are arranged by state.

An excellent program was then presented by First Vice Regent Aline Roberts concerning her summer trip to Berkeley Plantation. The plantation comprises about 1,000 acres on the banks of the James River in Charles City County, Virginia. Aline gave an excellent history starting in England of the beginnings of what was originally called Berkeley Hundred named for the Berkeley Company in England. Four men sailed on the "Good Ship Margaret" on September 16, 1619 and they dropped anchor at the Berkeley site on December 4, 1619. Later Benjamin Harrison IV built on the estate what is believed to be the oldest three-story brick



mansion in Virginia and is the ancestral home to two Presidents of the United States: William Henry Harrison, grandson, and Benjamin Harrison, great, great grandson of Benjamin. It is now a museum property open to the public. Two "firsts" that occurred at Berkeley Plantation: first time the Army bugle call "Taps" was played in July, 1862, and American whiskey was originally distilled at Berkeley Plantation in 1620.

Following the program the meeting was adjourned. (Thanks to Recording Secretary Frances Spillman for this excellent report and to Historian Berdie Maie Foy for the great pictures!)

