

Minutes of the March 8, 2022, Monthly Meeting Mount Vernon Chapter SAR

Meeting Date and Time: March 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: The meeting was held in person at Vintage Pizzeria, 5510 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA. A total of **22** individuals were present at the meeting, including 14 members, our guest Speaker Sue Verhoef, six spouses, and pending member Dave Tharp. Members present were: Richard Anderson, Tony Crowe, Treasurer Ted Fricke, Recording VP John Galt, Shep Hammack (in uniform), Chaplain Don Hart, Thomas Hewett (in uniform), Corresponding Secretary Thomas Hewes, Charles "Sunny" Lee, President Richard McCrary, Cecil Palmer, Chancellor Tom Pye, Gene Ray, Vice President David Wellons.

6:00-7:00 Social hour.

Meeting called to order:

This meeting of the Mount Vernon Chapter Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) was called to order by Chapter President Richard McCrary at **7:00** p.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by the Chaplain, Don Hart

Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the SAR

Color Guard Commander Shep Hammack (in uniform) and Compatriot Thomas Hewett (in uniform) presented the colors.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the SAR was led by President Richard McCrary.

Guest Speaker: Chapter Vice President David Wellons introduced our guest speaker, Sue VerHoef. Sue is Director of Oral History and Genealogy at the Atlanta History Center where she has worked since 2008. She manages the Center's oral history initiatives including the Veterans History Project which currently has over 800 oral history interviews of veterans who served from World War II through the Global War on Terror. She is curator of *More Than Self: Living the Vietnam War*, an exhibition of oral histories, photographs, documents and artifacts from Vietnam veteran and civilians who served in their support. The exhibit is available online. In 2015, The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) Southeast Chapter awarded her an Emmy for her contribution in the development of: *37 Weeks: Sherman on the March*, which aired on Georgia Public Broadcasting. Sue's presentation entitled "This Land is Whose Land?" provided valuable insights and tips on researching early land records for genealogical information.

Speaker Appreciation: Chapter Vice President David Wellons presented Sue VerHoef with a certificate of appreciation for her presentation.

CHAPTER BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report:

The chapter Treasurer Ted Fricke presented the Treasurer's Report which includes recent activity for the Annual Banquet meeting. The Chapter has a positive balance and Chapter members may review the report online.

Registrar's Report: Genealogist Tom Chrisman was not present. Our current Membership Directory shows 78 members and 11 dual members with 2 prospective members and several supplementals in the application review process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Birthdays: February: Joe Rude 2/1, Cason Hillard 2/3, Richard McCrary 2/6, Charles Hillard 2/15, Tony Crowe 2/17, David Smith 2/19, Gabriel Warcher 2/28, Michael Warcher 2/28. **March:** Dan Morgan 3/4, Gene Ray 3/11, Cecil Palmer 3/21, Cooper Hillard 3/22

Americanism Report – Vice President David Wellons emphasized the need for every member to keep him advised of any patriotic activity in which they participate as their attendance may generate points for the Chapter on the Americanism Report. Past President Shep Hammack noted that our points get added to the State totals for State recognition from National. Americanism Award activities are numerous and are posted on line, so please review them and report to David Wellons any activity in which you are involved.

Chapter Committees. VP David Wellons reported that we need more members to step up and take charge of Chapter committees. We are particularly looking for someone to head up and coordinate our **Events Committee** which handles several Chapter events each year. Please consider accepting chairmanship of this Committee and report to David Wellons if you are interested in accepting this important responsibility.

Chapter Membership Drive. VP David Wellons emphasized that we are asking all Mt. Vernon members to reach out to friends and neighbors who may qualify for SAR membership and invite them to our next meeting.

Memorial Day Celebration at Roswell Remembers. President McCrary noted that this Memorial Day Celebration in Roswell is on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30. Members are encouraged to attend to support our Chapter and coordinate with the Piedmont Chapter of the SAR and the Roswell DAR Chapter to hear speakers and visit tents and displays.

Dunwoody 4th of July Parade. Monday, July 4. We plan to have a float. We will need a count of members who plan to participate.

Next Mt. Vernon Meeting is Tuesday April 12th at Vintage Pizza. Guest Speaker is Terry Manning, whose topic will be “25 Things You Probably Didn't Know about George Washington”

SAR National & State Activities

- Grave Marking at Venable Family Cemetery in Jackson County for Revolutionary War soldier Captain John Venable. Saturday April 2nd at 10 am. near Jefferson GA. (Up I-85)
- Grave Markings at Marietta National Cemetery, April 9th at 8 am
- Celebration at Ft. Frederica - Saint Simons Island, April 16th at 8am

Recessional: The Recessional was led by President Richard McCrary

Benediction: The benediction was given by Chaplain Don Hart.

Adjournment: The Monthly Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. by President Richard McCrary

Respectfully Submitted,
John Galt, Recording Secretary
March 9, 2022