

Minutes of the April 12, 2022, Monthly Meeting Mount Vernon Chapter SAR

Meeting Date and Time: April 12, 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 **33** individuals were present at the meeting, including 17 chapter members, our Guest Speaker Terry Manning, 8 spouses / family members, and 5 prospective members: Dave Tharp, Rick Leake, Virgil Flanders, Terry Morris and Gregory Smith. Members present were: Richard Anderson, John Bivins, III, Genealogist Tom Chrisman (in uniform), Tony Crowe, Treasurer Ted Fricke, Recording VP John Galt, Shep Hammack (in uniform), Chaplain Don Hart, Thomas Hewett (in uniform), Corresponding Secretary Corresponding Secretary Thomas Hughes, Charles "Sunny" Lee, President Richard McCrary, Sergeant at Arms Hamilton McDonald, Chancellor Tom Pye, Gene Ray, Vice President David Wellons and 2 dual members, Past president general of the Sons of the American Revolution Larry Guzzy and John Wassell.

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 and Compatriots Tom Chrisman, John Wassell and Guest Speaker Terry Manning, all of whom were in uniform, presented the colors.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the SAR was led by Sergeant at Arms Hamilton McDonald.

Guest Speaker: Chapter Vice President David Wellons introduced our guest speaker, Terry Manning. He is a Past President of the Georgia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution as well as the Atlanta Chapter SAR and the Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR. Terry is a Graduate of Ohio State University and is a Navy veteran. He retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs where he served as Auditor-in-Charge for the Office of the Inspector General. Terry's hobby is garden railroading. He delivered an insightful and entertaining presentation entitled "Twenty-five Things You Probably Didn't Know About George Washington."

Speaker Appreciation: Chapter Vice President David Wellons presented Terry Manning with a certificate of appreciation for his presentation.

CHAPTER BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report:

The chapter Treasurer Ted Fricke presented the Treasurer's Report. The Chapter has a positive balance and Chapter members may review the report online. Several members contributed to the National SAR convention to be held in Savannah, Georgia in July and Ted sent a check for \$600 of member designated gifts to the Georgia SAR.

Registrar's Report: Genealogist Tom Chrisman reported that David Tharpe's application is ready to be sent forward and Peter Meehan's application is in process. We have several guests present who have expressed interest in joining SAR.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Americanism Report – Vice President David Wellons emphasized the need for every member to keep track of any patriotic activity in which they participate and email him to advise of their participation so that their attendance at such activities may generate points for the Chapter on the Americanism Report. 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 still need more members to step up and take charge of Chapter committees. We are pleased that Tom Hewett had volunteered to assume the responsibilities of **Events Committee** chairman. Please report to David Wellons if you are interested in leading a committee.

Flag Certificate Presentation Update. Shep Hammack emphasized that we are asking all Mt. Vernon members to be on the lookout for citizens and companies that consistently and appropriately display the Flag of our country. We will soon be presenting a flag certificate to an elderly gentleman who lives nearby on Mt. Vernon Road who consistently and respectfully displays the flag.

Eagle Scout Certificates: Chapter Scout Chairman Chuck Olson was not present but reported that two Eagle Scouts, Oliver Powell and Logan Lawrence from Troop 463 were presented with a SAR Scout Certificate on March 20th, as was Eagle Scout Benjamin Ackerman.

Birthdays: Rick Anderson 4/9, Bill Scurry 4/20, Benjamin Tingle 4/23, Ham McDonald 4/25

Memorial Day Celebration at Roswell Remembers. Roswell City Hall, Monday, May 30. Members are encouraged to attend to support our Chapter, and coordinate with 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 and Tom Hewett will be coordinating our participation activities.

Next Mt. Vernon Meeting **Next Mt. Vernon Meeting** is Tuesday May 10th at Vintage Pizza. Guest Speaker is Peter Stoddard, whose topic will be “Lewis Grizzard: The Dawg that Did Not Hunt”

SAR National & State Activities

- **Celebration at Ft. Frederica** - Saint Simons Island, 4/16 @ 8am
- **GASSAR Spring BOM Meeting** - April 23 @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
- **State SAR BOM Meeting** - April 23, 2022 - In Person and Zoom Invite. Garden Patch, Barnesville, GA. For Zoom link contact Rick Reese by April 21 at RickReese68@att.net
- **Ramsour's Mill** - Jun 3, 4, 5, 2022 - Lincolnton, North Carolina
- **Flag Retirement Ceremony** - June 11, 2022 - Cumming, GA
- **Valley Forge Summer Encampment** - Jun 16, 17, 18, 19, 2022 - Pennsylvania
- **NSSAR Congress - July 10th-14th, 2022 in Savannah GA**
The State of Georgia Society of the SAR is hosting the Annual NSSAR Congress in July of 2022 in Savannah GA. Contributions for this event are welcomed from SAR chapters and members.
- **SAR 250th Anniversary 1776-2026**
The SAR has formed the Programs Department of America 250, an important committee of the Sons of the American Revolution that helps brand our patriot organization while promoting many elements of the American Revolution.

Recessional: The Recessional was led by Sergeant at Arms Hamilton McDonald

Benediction: The benediction was given by Chaplain Don Hart.

Adjournment: The Monthly Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. by President Richard McCrary

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