

Minutes of the January 10, 2023, Monthly Meeting Mount Vernon Chapter SAR

Meeting Date and Time: January 10, 2023 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 32 individuals were present at the meeting, The attendees included 20 Chapter members, 7 of whom brought their wives, and 5 guests.

Members present were: Richard Anderson, Kevin Baker, John Bivins (w/Connie), Tom Chrisman, Bill Floyd (w/Carey), Ted Fricke (w/Beth), John Galt, Dual member Larry Guzy (w/Karin), Shep Hammack (w/Montez), Tom Hewett (w/Brenda), Tom Hughes, Michael Long, Ham McDonald, Warren McPhillips, Tom Owens, Tom Pye, Chuck Rann, Gene Ray, Dave Tharp, and David Wellons (w/Jane)

Returning guests included Bob Sapp and Mac Trotter. Tom Hewett's guest Sheila Richards brought William Wheeler and his son Bryan Wheeler (both of whom are currently members of the Marshes of Glen Chapter).

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 Vice President David Wellons sat **7:00** p.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Recording Secretary John Galt

Posting of Colors and Pledges: The Colors were posted by Shep Hammack and Bill Floyd, both of whom were in Colonial Uniform. The Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the SAR was led by Sergeant-at-arms Ham McDonald.

Guest Speaker: Chapter Recording Secretary John Galt introduced Historian and former Chapter Founding President Shep Hammack who was our guest speaker. He gave a captivating and thought-provoking summary of the flags used by various groups during the Revolutionary.

Speaker Appreciation: Chapter Vice President David Wellons recognized Shep with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Mt. Vernon Chapter for his presentation.

CHAPTER BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report: The chapter Treasurer Ted Fricke presented the Treasurer's Report. The Chapter has a positive balance. Annual dues were due on December 31, 2022, and 39 members reportedly paid online while others have paid by check to Treasurer Ted Fricke. Those who have not yet paid are urged to do so promptly.

Registrar's Report: Tom Chrisman, reported that Terry Morris's application is still in process as are supplemental applications for Bill Floyd and Tom Owens. Supplemental applications are still moving slowly through the approval process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Election of Officers:** The full nominated slate of Chapter officers was passed unanimously at the December 13, 2022 Chapter meeting. These new officers will be sworn in at our Annual Banquet on February 18, 2023
- **Eagle Scout Award Report:** Scouting liaison Chuck Olson was not able to attend. Vice President David Wellons reported that Chuck awarded thirteen Scouting Awards last year, and the details can be found on the Chapter web site.

Eagle Scout Donald Eberly won the Mt. Vernon Chapter Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Award and Scholarship for 2022 and also won the State of Georgia Eagle Scout competition and will represent the State of Georgia in the National Competition.

- **Americanism Report** – Vice President David Wellons recently filed the Americanism Report and Scouting and ROTC program support contribute significantly towards the Americanism Report.

Annual Banquet and Officer Installation. Our Annual Banquet is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 18, 2023 at the Indian Hills Country Club in Marietta (East Cobb), Georgia at 6:30 p.m. Registration and cost information will be provided shortly.

Birthdays -- January: Larry White, Jimmie Butler, John Galt, Randy Pollard, John Wade. **February:** Richard McCrary, Joe Rude, David Smith, Tony Crowe, Gabriel Warchol, Michael Warchol, Owen Robbins, Charles Hillard, Cason Hillard.

Georgia SAR Annual Conference will be held starting January 27 at 2:00 p.m., and concluding at 3:00 p.m. January 28, 2023, at the Sonesta Gwinnett Place Hotel in Duluth, GA. All members are welcome to attend. Pre-registration is required, and the form can be found on our website.

Next Mt. Vernon Regular Meeting is Tuesday March 14, 2023, 7:00 p.m., at Vintage Pizza. Speaker and topic will be announced later.

Next Board of Managers (BOM) Meeting is noon, Friday, March 10, 2023, at Vintage Pizza. Any member is welcome to attend and observe.

SAR National & State Activities

Please check the Messages section on our website for Chapter events. The Georgia 'Hornets Nest' Newsletter has State and National SAR events listed

Benediction: The Benediction was led by Recording Secretary John Galt.

Recessional: The Recessional was led by Sergeant-at-arms Ham McDonald.

Adjournment: The Monthly Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m. by Vice President David Wellons.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Galt, Recording Secretary
January 13, 2023