

Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting Mount Vernon Chapter SAR

Meeting Date: January 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: The Annual meeting and celebration of Washington's Birthday was held in person at the Indian Hills Country Club in Marietta, Georgia. A total of 42 individuals were present at the meeting, including 24 members and a combination of 18 guests/spouses, including Donald Eberly and parents Daniel and Mary.

Members present were Ham McDonald (Judy); Shep Hammack (Montez); Tom Chrisman; John Wassell (Beth); Tom Pye (Leslie); Tom Owens; Kevin Baker (Chandle); Bill Brannen (Maribeth); Jack Dyer; Warren McPhillips (Susan); Gene Ray; Chuck Olson (Anne); Ross Glover (Marie); John Bivins (Connie); Bob Sapp; Ed Upchurch; Richard McCrary; Larry Guzy; David Wellons (Jane); Sunny Lee; Bill Floyd (Carey); Chuck Rann (Patsy); John Galt (Peggy); Tom Hewett (Brenda).

6:00-7:00 Social hour

7:00-8:00 Buffet Dinner

Meeting called to order:

This Annual meeting of the Mount Vernon Chapter Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) was called to order by Chapter President Richard McCrary at 8:00 p.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Reverend Bill Floyd

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

Recognition of Guests – Richard McCrary welcomed Bob Sapp and the Eberly family.

Guest Speaker: Chapter President Richard McCrary introduced our speaker, President General Larry Guzy. Larry spoke about his personal SAR journey from local chapter introduction through his National Office positions. He focused on two questions we all should ask..."Why Do We Do This?" and "What Is In It For Me?"

Speaker Appreciation: Chapter President Richard McCrary presented Larry Guzy with a "certificate" of appreciation for his presentation.

Treasury Report: Bill Floyd gave the Treasurer Report as of Feb 21, 2023. Details are provided under separate cover.

Registrar Report – Tom Chrisman gave a membership report advising the potential for three new members (one a possible chapter transfer) that would increase our membership to 70. He also thanked members for their support during his Chapter Registrar tenure as this role is now assumed by Tom Hewett. Tom will remain Chapter Genealogist.

Scouting Award Presentation - Chuck Olson introduced the 2022 Mt Vernon Chapter Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Award winner, Donald J. Eberly. Donald was accompanied by his parents Daniel and Mary Eberly. Donald is from Troop 463 in Sandy Springs and a second time winner of the competition. Donald's 2022 essay was entitled "The Tactics of George Washington". Donald's essay/entry was submitted to the Georgia Society where it was selected to be the winner of the state competition. He was honored by the GaSAR at our annual meeting on January 28, 2023. His application is now at National where it will be in competition against entries from most of the other state SAR societies, as well as overseas societies. We wish Donald well. Both President Richard McCrary and Chuck Olson presented Donald with his certificate of achievement and a check for \$100. Because Donald received the King Eagle Scout Medal for 2021, Chuck Olson presented him with Oak Leaf Cluster to be added to the medal.

Member Awards – Shep Hammack announced the Chapter has received :

- A certificate from State for sponsoring a grave marking (5) at Midway
- A certificate for distinguished chapter award – President General Award for Distinguished Chapter Award. Three Streamers were present to Sergeant-at-Arms Ham McDonald
- Certificate for the State's best website- WELL DONE Chuck Rann

Shep Hammack also presented the following awards;

- Chuck Rann: Certificate for State's best website and Bronze Roger Sherman Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster)
- Chuck Olson: Bronze Roger Sherman medal
- Bill Floyd: Bronze Roger Sherman medal

Special Award- Richard McCrary recognized two people for their exceptional and invaluable support during his tenure as 2022 President:

- Catherine McCrary
- David Wellons

Installation of 2023 Chapter Officers – Shep Hammack, Metro Region VP, Georgia introduced and swore in the following Chapter officers for 2023:

- Vice President – John Galt
- Recording Secretary – Warren McPhillips
- Corresponding Secretary – Tom Hughes
- Treasurer – Bill Floyd
- Genealogist – Tom Chrisman
- Registrar – Tom Hewett
- Chaplain – Gene Ray
- Chancellor – Tom Pye
- Sergeant – at – Arms – Ham McDonald

Installation – 2023 Chapter President David Wellons – Shep Hammack, Metro Region VP, Georgia

Installation of Shep Hammack – 2023 Chapter Historian and Librarian – President David Wellons

Brief Remarks – President David Wellons thanked everyone for their attendance and support for his new role. He briefly outlined his priority of goals for 2023, among them:

- Increase membership by 10
- Get more members involved in Chapter functions via committees-“step up and focus where your heart is”
- Give out more Flag certificates
- Strengthen our involvement and support to scouts, ROTC, and veterans.
- Encourage more ideas from our membership

SAR Recessional – Sergeant - at – Arms Hamilton McDonald

Benediction – Chaplain Gene Ray

Adjournment – President David Wellons 9:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Warren McPhillips, Recording Secretary
February 22, 2023