

Minutes of the March 14, 2023 Monthly Meeting Mount Vernon Chapter SAR

Meeting Date: March 14, 2023

Meeting Location: The meeting was held in person at Vintage Pizzeria located at 5510 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA. A total of 36 individuals were present at the meeting, including 22 members and a combination of 14 guests/spouses, including Dr. David Noble (speaker), Wheeler and Anne Bryan, Mac Trotter, Henry Wyche, Catherine Jimenez, David Jimenez (C.A.R. member), and Bob Pile. Members present were Richard Anderson, Kevin Baker, Tom Chrisman, Jack Dyer, Bill Floyd (Carrie), John Galt (Peggy), Ross Glover (Marie), Larry Guzy, Shep Hammack (Montez), Tom Hewett, Sunny Lee, Michael Long, Richard McCrary, Ham McDonald, Warren McPhillips, Chuck Olson, Tom Owens, Chuck Rann, Gene Ray, Dave Tharp, John Wassell (Beth), David Wellons (Jane).

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 David Wellons at 7:00 p.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Chaplain Gene Ray

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

Guest Speaker: Vice President John Galt introduced our speaker, Dr. David Noble, whose topic was "Atlanta in the Revolutionary War".

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Dr. David A. Noble attended high school in St. Joseph, MI along the Eastern shores of Lake Michigan. He attended the University of Michigan for three years, then graduated from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in 1965. He served in the U.S. Army - Dental Corps. from 1965 to 1967 as a Captain. He attended Boston University School of Graduate Dentistry from 1967-1969, receiving a Certificate in Periodontics.

Dr. Noble practiced Periodontics in Decatur GA for 41 years, and during much of this time he taught Periodontics part time at Emory University School of Dentistry. He has been active in archaeology work and studying the history of the American Revolutionary War. He co-authored with Atlanta Chapter's Richard Marsh on the book "Patriots in Georgia Revolutionary War Engagements 1776-1782". It was published by the Atlanta Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, where he has been a member for over 25 years.

Dr. Noble spoke about the three Patriot expeditions to “Standing Peach Tree” (Now Atlanta) during the Revolutionary War. All were for the purpose of chasing invading Creek and Cherokee Indians from the Pendleton District of South Carolina and north-eastern Georgia. The expeditions were in 1776, 1778, and 1781. These were all volunteer heroes that drove the Indians away who had terrorized farmers and land owners in support of the British. The story is truly remarkable and not widely known by many.

Speaker Appreciation: Chapter Vice President John Galt presented Dr. Noble with a certificate of appreciation for his presentation.

Special Award: The War Service Medal- Vice President John Galt presented the medal to Erik Callison Olson. Erik was not able to attend therefore Chuck Olson (Erik’s Father) received the medal on his behalf. Erick served in the U.S. Army from 2005-2016 and was highly decorated for his bravery during several deployments. Congratulations to Erik and thank you for your service!

CHAPTER BUSINESS:

Treasurer’s Report:

The Chapter Treasurer Bill Floyd reported a positive bank balance of as of March 14, 2023. He also acknowledged the request of the BOM to establish a line item budget for 2023. He needs input for budgeted items from the BOM officers asap (via email) in order to complete the budget within the time frame requested. Most of what he has so far has come from Chuck Rann.

Registrar’s Report: Registrar Tom Hewett reported that he has two new applications in process, one supplemental and one new member application. Both are being processed according to the SAR National guidelines.

Genealogist Report: Tom Chrisman introduced a PNM in attendance, Bob Pile. He also advised the application for Wheeler Bryan has been submitted and “in the system”. He is working on a second application for Terry Morris that should be submitted in a few weeks.

President’s Comments: President David Wellons introduced special guest David Jimenez, National Historian for the C.A.R. (Children of the American Revolution). He was in attendance as a guest of Kevin Baker. He was accompanied by his mother, Catherine Jimenez. David gave a brief update on the CAR activities.

Kevin Baker (SAR liaison for the CAR) gave an update on his goals and objectives for Mt Vernon Chapter’s mentor and support role for the local chapter of CAR.

BOM Meeting Update: President David Wellons advised of our recent BOM meeting and gave the following updates:

++ The 2024 Annual Banquet will be held next February at the Olde Towne Club in Marietta. The day has been narrowed down to three possible Saturdays (3rd, 10th or 24th). David’s wife, Jane, has kindly agreed to finalize the specifics as soon as practical. David requested anyone who knows of potential conflicts please advise asap.

++ We have a Flag Certificate drive underway to award certificates of appreciation to any organization or business who properly flies the American Flag. Flags that are flown at night must be lighted at dusk or be lowered and removed from the halyard each night. Each member is asked to be alert and look for certificate opportunities as you drive about.

++ We will participate in the annual Dunwoody Fourth of July Parade on July 4.....the largest in the state of Georgia. Shep Hammack has advised parade officials that we will have a float again this year. David encouraged member participation in decorating and attending the paraded.

++ Chapter Speaking Bureau: The chapter gets credit for members who speak about the American Revolution. It is vital that anyone who has or will speak be listed on the Bureau. It's simply the matter of filling out a short one page form. We also have the "traveling trunk" filled with Revolutionary time articles. Please see Shep Hammack for details.

++ The annual July picnic will be held July 15 at 5:30 pm at Lost Corners in Sandy Springs. A catered bar-b-cue dinner will be served. Please plan to come and enjoy fun and fellowship.

++ As evidenced by the award/medal given to Erik Callison Olson our chapter is making an extra effort this year to emphasize our support to veterans of our country. Everyone is encouraged to participate in activities to include visits to USO sights, VA hospitals, etc. It is a great way to honor our veterans. Ham McDonald is coordinating these activities.

Chapter Announcements:

Birthdays- March birthdays: Thomas Hillard, Cecil Ray Palmer, Gene Ray, Daniel Morgan, Scott Olson, William Olson.

April: Rick Anderson, Warren McPhillips, Ben Tingle IV, William Scurry Jr. Gary Fudge.

Next Mt Vernon Regular Meeting: April 11, 2023, 7:00 PM, Vintage Pizzeria. Compatriot Bill Goodman of the Atlanta Chapter of SAR will speak on "That Damned Presbyterian War".

Next BOM Meeting: Friday, June 9, 2023 at 11:30 am, Vintage Pizzeria. Any member is welcome to attend and observe.

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

Benediction: The benediction was given by Chaplin Gene Ray

Adjournment: The Monthly Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by President David Wellons

Respectfully Submitted,
Warren McPhillips, Recording Secretary
March 15, 2023