

Minutes of the June 13, 2023 Monthly Meeting Mount Vernon Chapter SAR

Meeting Date: June 13, 2023

Meeting Location: The meeting was held in person at Vintage Pizza located at 5510 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA. A total of 35 individuals were present at the meeting, including 21 members and a combination of 14 guests/spouses, including our speaker Bill Kabel (John Collins Chapter) and Rob Kabel (John Collins Chapter). Other guests recorded were Mac Trotter, Robert Hopkins, Richard Whitner and Tom Loftis. Members present were Rick Anderson, Kevin Baker, Tom Chrisman, Tony Crowe, Jack Dyer, John Galt (Peggy), Ross Glover (Marie), Shep Hammack, Tom Hewett, Tom Hughes, Sunny Lee, Richard McCrary (Catherine), Ham McDonald (Judy), Warren McPhillips, Tom Owens, Tom Pye, Gen Ray, Dave Tharp, Wheeler Bryan (Anne), Bob Pile (Julie) and 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 Chaplin Gene Ray.

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

Guest Speaker: Chapter Vice President John Galt introduced our speaker, Compatriot Bill Kabel (John Collins Chapter) whose topic was "John Adams, Patriot and President". Bill is a graduate of Ohio University and served in the US Army as a Quartermaster officer, and was the Division Protocol Officer for the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam. He is presently on the National Society Veterans Committee – Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR), and the NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee. In Georgia, he is a Representative on the Georgia Society VA Voluntary Services Council and a member of their Advisory Board, and he is the Piedmont Chapter Veterans Committee Chairman. Bill also served as the Piedmont Chapter Vice President in 2014, and as President in 2015. Bill's portrayal of John Adams was an unexpected and very entertaining surprise. Well Done!

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

New Member Induction Ceremony: President David Wellons

++Robert John Pile (wife Julie)

++ William Wheeler Bryan, Sr. (wife Anne)

Following the formal induction of Bob and Wheeler each member welcomed and introduced themselves. We currently have 68 members on our roster.

CHAPTER BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report:

The Chapter Treasurer Bill Floyd was absent therefore David Wellons gave the Treasurer's Report. A positive balance was reported as of May 31, 2023.

Registrar's Report: Registrar Tom Hewett reported that there are no outstanding applications for membership given the induction of Wheeler Bryan and Bob Pile. Tom advised that Richard McCrary's supplemental application should be approved any day now.

President's Comments:

At President Wellons' request Shep Hammack gave an update on Bob Sapp's condition after a fall over the weekend at his home. Bob is recovering at home after being treated at the hospital for multiple fractures. Please keep Bob in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

July 4th Parade: An update on the parade preparations was given by Shep Hammack. Those that wish to participate in the parade should meet at the All Saints church in Dunwoody at 8:00 am to help prepare the float and stage for the parade.

Bylaws and Standing Rules Revisions: The revision committee chaired by Chuck Rann submitted the changes to the Chapter officers in advance of the June 9 BOM meeting. This gave each officer ample time to review and discuss the changes. The revisions were unanimously approved at the meeting. The vote to adopt or reject will be made at the Sept 12 Chapter meeting. All members will be advised by email not less than 45 days before that vote and will be provided with advance copies of the proposed bylaws and standing rules to be voted on for their review.

July Picnic: The annual picnic is scheduled for July 15th at Lost Corners in Sandy Springs from 5:30-8:30 pm. Cost for the catered barbecue dinner is \$22.50 pp. If you haven't paid already you can do so at the event. This will be our last scheduled meeting until September. Everyone is encouraged to attend and your guests are welcomed!

Flag Day: President Wellons reminded everyone that tomorrow (June 14, 2023) is Flag Day. Please fly your flag!

Flag Certificate campaign: We continue to encourage everyone to seek and identify candidates to be recognized with a certificate of commendation for flying the US Flag in the appropriate manner. Shep Hammack has more than 20 candidates identified. It's an easy and rewarding effort.

Flag Retirement Ceremonies: President Wellons advised that future flag retirement ceremonies would be conducted at specific regular Chapter meetings. This was approved at the June 9 BOM meeting. Our first ceremony will hopefully take place in conjunction with Veteran's Day. The ceremony will be in lieu of having a guest speaker.

Other:

Shep Hammack advised that the Annual National Congress meeting will be held in Orlando in early July. In addition, the State BOM meeting will be held in Barnesville on July 29. Anyone can attend.

Rick Anderson shared information regarding the genealogical search that he went through and then his desire to display the "tree" that resulted from both his parents families. He worked with Vanessa Valentine who prepared the graphic that Rick displayed. If anyone is interested in doing something similar Rick can provide Vanessa's contact information. Cost was \$250.

Chapter Announcements

June Birthdays: Michael Butler, Mike Long, Anthony Olson, Chuck Rann.

July Birthdays: James Butler, Ted Fricke, Tommy Hayes, Tom Purkerson.

Activity Updates:

Next meeting date: The next Mt. Vernon Chapter meeting will be Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at Vintage Pizza.

Next Board of Managers (BOM) Meeting: The next BOM meeting is Friday September 8, 2023 at 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 7:52 pm by President David Wellons

Respectfully Submitted,
Warren McPhillips, Recording Secretary
June 14, 2023