Minutes of the February 2019 Mount Vernon Chapter SAR
Annual Dinner Meeting

Meeting Date: February 12, 2019

Meeting Location: The meeting was held at Vintage Pizza located at 5510 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA, with 20 members and 19 guests for a total of 39 in attendance.

6:00-7:30 Social hour, including buffet dinner.

Meeting called to order:
The meeting of the Mount Vernon Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) was called to order by former Chapter President Shep Hammack at 7:25 PM, due to absence of President Jim McDonald who was unable to attend.

Invocation:
The invocation was given by the Chapter Chaplain, David Wellons

Presentation of Colors:
The colors were posted in place ahead of the meeting for use in the Pledges

Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the SAR
The Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag and the Pledge to the SAR were led by Chapter Sargent-at-Arms, Chuck Olson

Recognition of Guests and Visitors:
Member Shep Hammack introduced our special guests.

- Bill Palmer, Color Guard Commander
- Larry Guzy, past President General of the National SAR
- Scott Collins, Georgia SAR President

Presentations and Awards:
- The Chapter received three certificates and three streamers that were introduced to the audience by Vice President Bill Floyd, assisted by Shep Hammack:

  o The 3 Certificates were:
    ▪ Chapter of Distinction Certificate
    ▪ Distinguished Chapter Award
    ▪ Best SAR Chapter Web Site in Georgia Award (The James R. Westlake Award)

  o The 3 Streamers were:
    ▪ Americanism Award 2018 – Distinction
    ▪ Distinguished Chapter Award for 2018
    ▪ Best Chapter Website 2018 – Georgia SAR
- Webmaster Chuck Rann was awarded the Roger Sherman Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster pin and Certificate for his role in building and managing the Chapter Web Site, voted the best SAR Chapter web site in Georgia SAR

- Presentation of Certificates to the 14 Mount Vernon Fellows Charter Members:
  o John E. Elwood
  o Rev. William N. Floyd Jr.
  o William T. Fricke Jr.
  o John S. Galt
  o Eugenius S. Hammack
  o Montez Hammack
  o James T. McDonald
  o W. Warren McPhillips
  o Charles G. Olson
  o Charles R. Rann
  o David Reed
  o David L. Wellons
  o Larry C. White
  o David L. Wiley

**Scouting Award**
The winner of the SAR Eagle Scout Award, and special guest, is Ralph Fischer Lord, from Troop 232 at Northwest Presbyterian Church. He was accompanied by his parents, Ralph and Carolynn Lord of Dunwoody during the award presentation by Chuck Olson. Fischer (his preferred name) is a Senior at Dunwoody High School and will be studying information technology at Kennesaw State University after graduation.

He earned Eagle Scout in August 2018, having earned 21 merit badges. In his Troop he served as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and as a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. Since turning 18 in November, he currently serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster.

He is a member of the Order of the Arrow, Scouts BSA, national honor society, and went to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico in 2016.

His other activities include being a ham radio operator, video editing and animation, AV director at, Dunwoody Presbyterian Church, manager of the Varsity Boys Basketball Team at Dunwoody High School.

**Speaker**
The Guest Speaker was Scott Collins, the new GASSAR State President. He gave a message on his new role as State President and outlined his 11-step plan to continue to grow, build and improve the State SAR Organization. This also includes fortifying the State SAR database to account for every number assigned to an SAR member and their name association, where they were buried, and if they have been given a grave marker. This will aide future genealogy inquiries and getting grave markers for every Patriot or Compatriot.
Installation of New Officers:
The previously submitted and elected officers for the 2019 Chapter year were introduced by Shep Hammack and installed by GASSAR State President Scott Collins. They were:

- Bill Floyd, President
- David Wiley, Vice President
- David Wellons, Secretary
- Chuck Rann, Corresponding Secretary
- Ted Fricke, Treasurer
- Tom Chrisman, Registrar & Genealogist
- Jim McDonald, Chancellor
- Chuck Olson, Sargent-at-Arms
- John Galt, Chaplain
- Shep Hammack, Historian

At the conclusion of the installation of the 2019 officers, incoming Chapter President Bill Floyd made acceptance remarks and gave his goal of making Mount Vernon the best Chapter in Georgia.

Recessional:
The SAR recessional was led by Sargent at Arms Chuck Olson

Benediction:
The benediction was given by the newly installed Chaplain, John Galt

Adjournment:
The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM by President Bill Floyd.

Respectfully Submitted,
David L. Wellons, Chapter Secretary
February 15, 2019