Minutes of the October 2019 Mount Vernon Chapter SAR
Monthly Meeting

Meeting Date: October 8, 2019

Meeting Location: The meeting was held at Vintage Pizza located at 5510 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA, with 15 members, 1 guest speaker, and 11 visitors/spouses for a total of 27 in attendance. Visitors included prospective member Bill Murray. Compatriot Cecil Palmer introduced his wife Virginia and daughter, and his son in law Laughlin Peoples as his guests.

6:00-7:00 Social hour.

Meeting called to order:
The meeting of the Mount Vernon Chapter Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) was called to order by Chapter President Bill Floyd at 7:00 PM.

Invocation:
The invocation was given by the Chapter Chaplain, John Galt.

Presentation of Colors:
The colors were presented by the Mount Vernon Color Guard.

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 Vice President and Corresponding Secretary Chuck Rann.

Guest Speaker
The Guest Speaker was Jeff Clemmons who has written several books, including a history of Rich’s department stores and a book on Westview Cemetery in Atlanta, where he serves as a historian. His engaging and informative talk titled “Atlanta’s Historic Westview Cemetery” provided a history of Westview Cemetery, the Mausoleum and Chapel/Abbey, and some of the famous historical figures buried there. Vice President Chuck Rann presented Jeff with a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation.

Officer Reports

- President Bill Floyd announced that the Minutes of the previous meeting, the Treasurer’s Report and Membership Report, were available on the Chapter web site for review.

Old Business

- President Bill Floyd encouraged compatriots to help grow the Chapter membership by inviting qualified friends to attend and get engaged.

- President Bill Floyd spoke about our Chapter adopting a military unit, to be able to contribute to our current patriots. He pointed out the DAR packing parties as an example of how we could contribute.
• President Floyd announced the formation of a nominating committee to nominate officers for next year. They will be meeting shortly to build a list of candidates. He invited any compatriot interested in serving to volunteer to serve by letting him know of their interest and position.

• President Floyd also asked all members to be aware of opportunities to present Flag Certificates to our local police or first responders, and to businesses and schools that properly display the American Flag.

• President Floyd noted the need for a compatriot to handle Chapter publicity. This person would be a point of contact for the local media to get photos and articles placed in local publications. Volunteers are being sought for this position.

New Business
• Chuck Rann and Bill Floyd led a “Trivia Contest” with several questions about items in the Traveling Trunk and about the SAR. Minor prizes were awarded to winning answers.

• Registrar/Genealogist Tom Chrisman presented the idea of a Memorial Membership. This would be for any deceased person who would have qualified for membership. Examples would be the father or grandfather of a member through whom the member gained membership, which proves the ancestor would also have qualified. There would be payment of an application fee for this process. It would be a great way to honor previous generations.

• Shep Hammack encouraged members to shop at “Shep’s Store”, where several SAR and Chapter items can be purchased. Examples given were the blue Chapter golf shirts for $30.00 and certain ribbons and lapel pins for sale.

• The Dues Statements for 2020 were handed out and Bill Floyd and Chuck Rann discussed filling them out and turning them in with payment by the soft deadline of December 15, 2019.

Announcements:
  ▪ Our next meeting will be November 12, 2019 at Vintage Pizza. Our guest speaker will be Steve Scurry, who will talk about “The American Indian experience of the early years of the American Revolution.”

  ▪ The next BOM meeting will be Friday, October 25 at 11:30 am at Vintage Pizza. Any member is welcome to attend as an observer.

Recessional:
The SAR recessional was led by Vice President and Corresponding Secretary Chuck Rann.

Benediction:
The benediction was given by Chaplain John Galt.

Adjournment:
The Monthly Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM by President Bill Floyd.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Wellons, Recording Secretary
October 9, 2019