Minutes of the November 2019 Mount Vernon Chapter SAR
Monthly Meeting

Meeting Date: November 12, 2019

Meeting Location: The meeting was held at Vintage Pizza located at 5510 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA, with 20 members, 14 guests, 1 guest speaker, and 2 prospective members for a total of 35 in attendance. Visitors included prospective members Hamilton (Ham) McDonald and wife Judy, and Ed Upchurch.

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 Sergeant-at-Arms, Chuck Olson.

Recognition of Guests, New Members and Prospective Members

- David Jimenez, State President of the Children of the American Revolution (CAR).
- Catherine Jimenez, the State Senior Leader of the CAR and mother of David Jimenez. She is a member of the Martha Stewart Bulloch chapter of the DAR.
- Hamilton (Ham) McDonald, prospective member, and his wife Judy
- Ed Upchurch, prospective member
- Tom Pye was recognized as a new member of the Chapter

David Jimenez brought us greetings and our Chapter provided him with a donation of $100.00 for use in the CAR chapter.

Guest Speaker
The Guest Speaker was Steven Scurry, who provided a very interesting and informative presentation on “The American Indian Experience of the Revolutionary War.” The presentation discussed how the relationship between the American Indians in the Georgia area and the settlers was a mutually beneficial one. Vice-President Chuck Rann presented Steven with a certificate of appreciation at the conclusion of the presentation.
Officer Reports

- President Bill Floyd announced that the Minutes of the previous meeting, and the Treasurer’s Report were available on the Chapter website for review.
- Tom Chrisman reported that we currently have 92 members, 11 Dual members and 15 applications in various stages of completion.

Trivia Game
A game of trivia focused on military history in honor of Veterans Day was emceed by President Bill Floyd.

Old Business

- Nominating Committee reported they have met and are still filling positions. President Floyd reminded the membership that we are still accepting applications for BOM positions and encouraged interested parties to contact him.
- 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.
- Shep Hammack noted that invitations had been sent to Eagle Scouts in our area to participate in the King Scholarship Award process.
- President Floyd noted that Chapter Secretary David Wellons had volunteered to handle Chapter publicity.
- The Annual Installation and Dinner Meeting will be Saturday February 22, 2020** at Indian Hills Country Club in Marietta. It will be a buffet dinner and further details will be provided prior to the event. There will be no regular February meeting at Vintage Pizza due to this event.
  
  **NOTE: This is an update to the originally announced date. The date changed after this meeting ended and was done to avoid a date conflict with another society to which some of the Mount Vernon members or their spouses belong. Commendations to the Planning Committee for their flexibility and quick action on this change.

New Business

- Registrar/Genealogist Tom Chrisman presented the idea of a “Police and Fireman’s Award” program, whereby we set up sub-committees to nominate public servants in four categories – Police, Fire, EMT, and Private Citizen helper – that we will then honor each year.
- 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.
Announcements:
- Our next meeting will be December 10, 2019 at Vintage Pizza. Our guest speaker will be Bob Sapp, whose topic will be “Paul Revere.”
- The next BOM meeting will be Friday, January 20, 2020 at 11:30 am at Vintage Pizza. Any member is welcome to attend as an observer.

Recessional:
The SAR recessional was led by Sergeant-at-Arms Chuck Olson.

Benediction:
The benediction was given by Chaplain John Galt.

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

BOM Meeting After Adjournment
A quick meeting of the Board of Managers was called after adjournment of the regular member meeting to discuss the menu and selections for the Annual Installation Dinner, with a quorum present. BOM members were requested to review the information and provide feedback to the Planning Committee before end of November.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Wellons, Recording Secretary,
November 13, 2019