

Minutes of the September 2019 Mount Vernon Chapter SAR Monthly Meeting

Meeting Date: September 10, 2019

Meeting Location: The meeting was held at Vintage Pizza located at 5510 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA, with 19 members including President General Larry Guzzy, 7 guests, and 3 visitors for a total of **29** in attendance. Seven compatriots were accompanied by their wives as guests and Bill Brannen's guest wife, Mary Beth was celebrating her birthday. Bill Floyd's guest was his wife Carey and they will celebrate their 55th anniversary this week. Guests were Richard McCrary, Tony Crowe and Rick Anderson.

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 **6:58 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 Corresponding Secretary Chuck Olson.

Guest Speaker

The Guest Speaker was fellow Compatriot Tom Chrisman who is the Mt. Vernon Chapter Genealogist. He reviews genealogy for five hereditary societies and is a member of over 30 such organizations. He was introduced by Chapter Vice President Chuck Rann. The title of his presentation was "The Immortal Words of Horace Greeley's Great Great Grandfather". Tom gave an interesting historical outline of early migration in Colonial America with emphasis on colonial groups that migrated from the northeast southward to western Virginia, North and South Carolina and Tennessee. Chapter VP Chuck Rann presented Tom with a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation.

Officer Reports

- Vice President Chuck Rann announced that the Minutes of the June meeting were available on the Chapter web site for review.
- Treasurer Ted Fricke reported that the Chapter has a balance of \$5,294.72 in the bank and that he had received just under \$150.00 for deposit mostly from the sale of Chapter T shirts.
- Membership Secretary Tom Chrisman reported that after adjustments and new members, we currently have 91 members in the Chapter plus 11 dual members and one new member is transferring into the chapter for a total of 103. We have one memorial membership that has just been approved for Sam Garretson whose wife will receive his certificate at the next meeting. Tom reported that he is working on 14 applications in progress, 3 of which are for new members and 11 are supplementals.

Old Business

- President Bill Floyd encouraged compatriots to include a donation to the Fellows Fund of \$25 or more to maintain a Sustaining Member status. If you are not a member of the Fellows Fund you are encouraged to become one by paying the \$100 fee with your 2020 dues. The Fellows Fund covers chapter incidentals and support for organizations that share or foster patriotic ideals like the Boy Scouts.
- Shep Hammack has some large and extra large Golf Shirts available at a cost of \$30.00 and is accepting orders for the outstanding new Mt. Vernon T shirt. He also has some of the older style white T shirts with the minuteman available that he acquired from National and they are available for \$10 – most are Extra Large and he has some Large.
- Shep Hammack encouraged members to look for opportunities to tell others about the SAR and invite them to attend the Mt. Vernon chapter meeting if they express an interest. There are lots of topics of conversation that can have a logical transition to patriotism and the SAR. The only way to know if someone has an interest is to ask.
- Vice President Chuck Rann represented the chapter at the State BOM meeting in July.
- Shep Hammack received two Oak Leaf Clusters for additional awards of the Liberty Medal which brings his total to over seven. He has been primary sponsor for over 82 new members. He was also presented a supplemental star for serving as Vice Chairman of the DAR Committee.
- Past President Shep Hammack presented chapter president Bill Floyd with the “Silver Good Citizenship” medal, which is a State SAR award.
- President Bill Floyd advised that the nominating committee consisting of Past Presidents Jim McDonald and Shep Hammack and himself will consider nominations and make recommendations to the chapter for next year’s officers at the November meeting.
- President Floyd asked fellow compatriots to consider adopting a military unit or becoming involved in supporting an established organization that supports our armed forces.
- President Floyd also asked all members to be aware of opportunities to present Flag Certificates to our local police or first responders.
- President Floyd asked for a volunteer to be the Mt. Vernon Chapter Publicity Chairman.

Announcements:

- Our next meeting will be October 8, 2019 at Vintage Pizza. Jeff Clemons will be the speaker.
- Shep Hammack and Bill Floyd are planning to attend the National SAR Leadership Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.

Recessional:

The SAR recessional was led by Corresponding Secretary Chuck Olson.

Benediction:

The benediction was given by Chaplain John Galt.

Adjournment:

The Monthly Meeting was adjourned at **8:05 PM** by President Bill Floyd.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Galt, Chaplain for David Wellons Chapter Secretary

September 15, 2019