

**Minutes of the June 2021 Monthly Meeting**  
**Mount Vernon Chapter SAR**  
In Person only

**Meeting Date:** June 8, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

**Meeting Location:** The meeting was held in person at Vintage Pizza located at 5510 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA. A total of **39** individuals were present at the meeting.

**Attendance was:**

Members	26 (Members and Dual Members)
<u>Guests</u>	<u>13</u> (includes Visitors and Guests)
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>

**6:00-7:00 Social hour.**

**Meeting called to order:**

The June meeting of the Mount Vernon Chapter Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) was called to order by Chapter President Tom Pye at **7:00** p.m.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the SAR**

The Chapter Color Guard led by Chapter Historian Shep Hammack presented the colors and Chapter Sergeant of Arms Chuck Olson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag and the Pledge to the SAR.

**Guests and First Time Visitors:**

- Past Piedmont Chapter President and past SAR State Registrar Bob Sapp
- New Member Mike Long who transferred from California, was present for his first meeting.
- Guest Speaker Martin Howley and wife Crystal.
- Sam E. Alston (guest of Martin Howley)
- Marvin Brown (guest of Martin Howley)
- Dave Tharp was a guest of Rick Anderson. He is in the application/documentation process.
- Mark Bowen (John Collins Chapter) was a guest of David Wellons.
- Mark Stuckey was a guest of David Wellons.

**Guest Speaker:** Chapter Vice President Richard McCrary introduced Martin Howley who spoke on the topic of "The Battle that Made the Army", by presenting "The Battle of Monmouth – Prelude to the Battle". It was a very informative and highly educational look at critical turning points in the American Revolution. The presentation was well received by all.

**Speaker Appreciation** Chapter Vice President Richard McCrary presented Mr. Howley with a certificate of appreciation.

## **CHAPTER BUSINESS:**

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The treasurer's report was provided by Chapter Treasurer Ted Fricke. He reported a current positive bank balance with all invoices paid to date.

### **Members June and July Birthdays**

Members having June and July birthdays were announced by President Pye. They were: Chuck Rann (June 4), Michael Butler (June 15), James Butler, (July 4), Graham Purkerson (July 6), Earl Hewitt (July 16), Ted Fricke (July 17), Tom Hayes (July 23), and James Flanigan, Jr. (July 29).

**Registrar's Report:** Registrar Tom Chrisman submitted his Registrar's report in advance. Reporting that we 77 members and 10 dual members for a total of **87**. Seventeen potential members are in the application process.

### **ROTC Presentations:**

Chuck Olson reported that we had 3 ROTC presentations scheduled but due to COVID this was hampered and only one has been awarded so far. He also issued 5 Eagle Scout certificates for 2 different troops, and there are more awards in the pipeline.

**Flag Presentation** – Discussed Earl Hewitt's activities with 10 Flag certificates in SC. President Pye encouraged us to do the same here in the Georgia region. David Wellons is working with the local newspaper to get an article placed and Chapter publicity for the certificates issued to local businesses.

### **Flag Retirement Ceremony:**

It was noted that over 50 retired American Flags were brought to the meeting for the June 19<sup>th</sup> retirement ceremony to be held by the Robert Forsyth and Piedmont Chapters at Ingraham Funeral Home in Cumming, Georgia at 9:30 am.

### **New Member Induction:**

Scott Olson was inducted by President Tom Pye, along with awarding his SAR rosette and membership certificates. His father, Chapter Sergeant at Arms Chuck Olsen pinned the rosette on Scott's lapel.

### **Member illnesses:**

Three members were noted as having medical issues and the membership was asked to keep them in our thoughts. (Names redacted for this report).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.** Will be held on July 5<sup>th</sup> (Monday). Past President Shep Hammack filled us in about the details. We have a reservation with Dunwoody to participate. DAR and CAR chapters are participating with us. We will have a float and details are being worked out for decorating. CAR will be bringing American Flags to pass out to the crowd.

**Chapter Summer picnic:** Will be held July 24 from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Lost Corners. Additional information will be provided in advance. The later hour schedule was to permit members to attend the State BOM meeting in Barnesville that morning.

**State BOM meeting:** Will be held in Barnesville, GA on July 24, 2021 at 9:00 am

**Committee Activities:**

President Pye discussed the need to get our committees going again now that things are opening back up. He reported that Tom Hewitt has volunteered to head up a committee.

**SAR Friends of the Library Membership Donation:**

The Chapter Board of Managers voted at the BOM meeting for a \$25.00 donation to acquire a SAR library membership. President Pye encouraged members to also join individually.

**Next meeting date:**

The next Mt. Vernon Chapter meeting will be September 14, 2021 at Vintage Pizza. Zoom is not scheduled as an option. There are no monthly Chapter meetings in July and August.

**Recessional:** The Recessional was led by Sergeant at Arms Chuck Olson

**Benediction:** The benediction was given by Chapter Chaplain John Galt.

**Adjournment:** The Monthly Meeting was adjourned at **8:15 p.m.** by President Tom Pye.

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Wellons, Recording Secretary  
June 9, 2021