

Monthly Meeting Minutes
Mount Vernon Chapter SAR
May 2022

Meeting Date and Time: May 10, 2022, 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 **29** attendees were present at the meeting, including **16 members** plus a total of **12** guests and spouses and **one** guest speaker.

The members present (with guest/spouse names) were: Bill Brannen (Maribeth), Tom Chrisman, Tony Crowe (Guest Ivan Killen, Jack Dyer (guests Rick and Becky Leake), Ted Fricke, Ross Glover, Jr., Shep Hammack (Montez), Tom Hewitt (Brenda), Tom Hughes, Sunny Lee, Richard McCrary (Catherine), Ham McDonald (Judy), Cecil Palmer (Georgia Sanders), Tom Pye, Gene Ray, David Wellons (Jane).

UNIFORMS PRESENT: A total of 3 compatriots were present in uniform.

6:00-7:00 Social hour.

Meeting called to order:

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

Invocation: The invocation was given by Past President, Reverend Bill Floyd

Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the SAR

Color Guard Commander Shep Hammack led Tom Chrisman, and Tom Hewitt in presenting the colors. All were in uniform.

The Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the SAR was led by Sergeant at Arms Hamilton McDonald.

Guest Speaker: Chapter Vice President David Wellons introduced our guest speaker Peter Stoddard, whose topic was ***"SAR Eligible Lewis Grizzard, Who Owned Two Houses in Sandy Springs."*** Peter Stoddard is a Public Speaker, Author, Producer & PR Specialist and is a former dual member of the Mount Vernon Chapter. He grew up in Sandy Springs and graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in Marketing. He has written extensively during his careers in corporate public relations and later resort real estate sales in Seagrave Beach Florida.

Upon returning to Athens Georgia in 2016 Peter began to write for a living. Peter has published two books about Lewis Grizzard, a long time Lake Oconee homeowner. "Lewis Grizzard: The Dawg That Did Not Hunt" and "Lewis Grizzard: The Dawg Who Loved to Prowl".

Peter's presentation was humorous and enlightening and was well received by all.

Speaker Appreciation Chapter Vice President David Wellons presented Peter with a certificate of appreciation for his presentation.

Auction of Donated Books: Bill and Maribeth Brannen, and Peter Stoddard, donated books and a framed cartoon, all about or written by Lewis Grizzard for auctioning off, with the proceeds going to the Mount Vernon Chapter bank account. This was a most generous gesture by the Brannens and Peter Stoddard. The total collected was \$68.00.

CHAPTER BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Ted Fricke updated us on the bank balance and other financial information. Due to confidentiality, this information can be found on the Chapter website. Ted also reported that members personally donated \$800 total to help defray the costs of the upcoming SAR National Conference in Savannah July 10-14, 2022. Donations were given by John Galt, Chuck Rann, Shep Hammack, Tom Pye, Bill Floyd, Richard McCrary, and Ted Fricke and were met with a matching donation by an anonymous donor.

Registrar's Report: Registrar Tom Chrisman reported that there are 2 new applications pending submission and 2 more being prepped for submission.

Birthdays May: Tom Owens (5/6), Paul Keim (5/10), Bill Brannen (5/14), and Jim Styring (5/16).

Memorial Day Celebration at Roswell Remembers. Roswell City Hall, Monday, May 30. Members are encouraged to attend to support our Chapter, and coordinate with DAR Chapter to hear speakers and visit tents and displays.

Dunwoody 4th of July Parade. Monday, July 4. We plan to have a float. Need a count of members who plan to participate.

Annual Chapter Picnic: Saturday July 16, 2022 at Lost Corners from 5:30-8:30pm. More details to follow via email.

Next Mt. Vernon Meeting is Tuesday June 14, 2022, and our guest speaker will be Martin Howley, who will speak on "The Battle of Monmouth, Part Two."

SAR National & State Activities (See Chapter Website for details)

Ramsour's Mill - Jun 3, 4, 5, 2022 - Lincolnton, North Carolina

Flag Retirement Ceremony - June 11, 2022 - Cumming, GA

Valley Forge Summer Encampment - Jun 16, 17, 18, 19, 2022 - Pennsylvania

NSSAR Congress - July 10th-14th, 2022 in Savannah GA

The State of Georgia Society of the SAR is hosting the Annual NSSAR Congress in July of 2022 in Savannah GA. Contributions for this event are welcomed from SAR chapters and members.

SAR 250th Anniversary 1776-2026

The SAR has formed the Programs Department of America 250, an important committee of the Sons of the American Revolution that helps brand our patriot organization while promoting many elements of the American Revolution.

Recessional: The Recessional was led by Sergeant at Arms Hamilton McDonald

Benediction: The benediction was given by Reverend Bill Floyd

Adjournment: The Monthly Meeting was adjourned at **8:10 p.m.** by President Richard McCrary

Respectfully Submitted,
David Wellons, Vice President on behalf of
John Galt, Recording Secretary
May 12, 2022