

## **Minutes of the June 14, 2022, Monthly Meeting Mount Vernon Chapter SAR**

**Meeting Date and Time:** June 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

**Meeting Location:** The meeting was held in person at Vintage Pizzeria, 5510 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA. A total of **34** individuals were present at the meeting, including 21 chapter members, Guest Speaker Martin Howley, 10 spouses / family members, and 3 prospective members: Dave Tharp, Sam Alston and Terry Morris (who just submitted his application for membership). Members present were: Richard Anderson, John Dyer, Past Bill Floyd, Treasurer Ted Fricke, Recording VP John Galt, Ross Glover, Shep Hammack, Chaplain Don Hart, Thomas Hewett (in uniform), Corresponding Secretary Thomas Hughes, Charles "Sunny" Lee, Mike Long, President Richard McCrary, Sergeant at Arms Hamilton McDonald, Warren McPhillips, Chancellor Tom Pye, Chuck Rann, Gene Ray, Joe Rude, Vice President David Wellons, as well as dual member and Past president general of the Sons of the American Revolution Larry Guzzy.

**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 the Chaplain, Don Hart

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

Color Guard Commander Compatriots David Wellons and Tom Hewett (in uniform) were joined by Bill Floyd to present the colors.

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

**Guest Speaker:** Chapter Vice President David Wellons reintroduced our guest speaker, Martin Hawley, a retired Army Officer from Fayetteville, Georgia who provided the second half of his PowerPoint Presentation "The Battle of Monmouth", the first half having been presented at the June 8, 2021, meeting. His presentation provided keen insight into the troop strengths and challenges that this battle presented and the leadership of George Washington when faced with key subordinate leaders who failed to rise to the challenge of fighting a highly trained enemy of equal manpower. Washington's courageous leadership on the battlefield reversed a route by the British and helped secure the freedom of our nation. His topic and presentation were a very appropriate way to celebrate the 247<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States Army and Flag Day.

**Speaker Appreciation:** Chapter Vice President David Wellons presented Martin Howley with a certificate of appreciation for his presentation.

## **CHAPTER BUSINESS:**

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

The chapter Treasurer Ted Fricke presented the Treasurer's Report. The Chapter has a positive balance and Chapter members may review the report online.

**Registrar's Report:** In the absence of Genealogist Tom Chrisman President Richard McCrary reported that four applications are in process, one of which has reportedly been approved. Two of our three guests present expressed interest in joining SAR and Terry Morris turned in his application.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Americanism Report** – President Richard re-emphasized the Americanism Report – We Need every member to keep VP David Wellons advised of any activity that generates points for us on the report. Americanism Award activities are numerous and activities that support veterans on a one-on-one basis should be included in the Americanism Report. The Americanism Report Award Activities are posted on line, so please review them and report to David Wellons any activity in which you are involved.

**Birthdays June and July: United States Army (6/14),** Chuck Rann (6/04), Michael Butler (6/15), James Butler (7/04), Graham Purkerson (7/06), Ted Fricke (7/17), Tom Hayes (7/23), James Flanagan (7/29), Michael Long (6/24)

**Color Guard for Patriotic Concert:** Vice President David Wellons announced that the Mt. Vernon Chapter Color Guard will be posting the Colors for the Johnson Ferry Church Choir and Orchestra's annual 4th of July concert events on Friday and Saturday, July 1 and 2, at 7 pm at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, 975 Johnson Ferry Rd, Marietta. Concert is free and the public is invited. David Wellons, Bill Floyd and Tom Chrisman in uniform present the colors. The Color Guard has also been asked to post the colors for the American Association for Code Enforcement on October 18 and Color Guard Members in attendance were in agreement with supporting this event. Shep Hammack will coordinate.

**Dunwoody 4th of July Parade.** Shep Hammack advised he is working on obtaining a trailer and a driver for Mt. Vernon Chapter's Color Guard and membership participation in the Dunwoody 4th of July Parade. Participants will meet at his home and overflow parking is available at All Saints Catholic Church on Mount Vernon Road. Shep is the coordinator for the Mt. Vernon Chapter and point of contact for those desiring a place on the trailer.

**Chapter Summer Picnic** – Corresponding Secretary Tom Hughes reported that he had reserved July 16, 2022, at Lost Corners Preserve in Sandy Springs for the Mt. Vernon Chapter Picnic. However, it was noted at the Board of Managers meeting that many members had conflicts for the 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of July and would not be able to attend. Tom was able to reserve Lost Corners for July 30<sup>th</sup>. Shep Hammack moved that the 2022 Mt. Vernon Chapter Picnic be rescheduled for July 30, 2022, and John Galt Seconded. All present voted in favor of holding the picnic at Lost Corners on July 30, 2022, at 6:00 PM.

**Next Mt. Vernon Meeting** is Tuesday September 13, 2022, and our guest speaker will be Compatriot Gene Ray, who will speak on “Daniel Boone.” No meetings in July or August.

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

- **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 Chaplain Don Hart.

**Adjournment:** The Monthly Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. by President Richard McCrary

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Galt, Recording Secretary  
March 9, 2022