

Minutes of the September 13, 2022, Monthly Meeting Mount Vernon Chapter SAR

Meeting Date and Time: September 13, 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 **38** individuals were present at the meeting, The attendees included 19 Chapter members including Kevin Baker who reactivated his membership with the Mount Vernon Chapter (having been affiliated with the SAR since childhood as a member of the CAR and subsequently as a member of the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter of the SAR), 2 members with dual affiliation, 13 spouses / family members, and 4 prospective members: Terry Morris, Ed Guest and Greg Smith and Dave Tharp. Ed and Greg are SAR members who have been affiliated with the Atlanta Chapter of the SAR and are considering transfer to the Mount Vernon Chapter.

Members present were: Kevin Baker, Bill Brannen, Genealogist Tom Chrisman, Tony Crowe, John Dyer, Past Chapter President Bill Floyd, Treasurer Ted Fricke, Recording Secretary John Galt, Ross Glover, Thomas Hewett (in uniform), Charles "Sunny" Lee, Mike Long, President Richard McCrary, Cecil Palmer, Chancellor Tom Pye, Chuck Rann, Gene Ray, James Styring, Vice President David Wellons (in uniform), as well as dual members, John Wassell, and Past President General of the Sons of the American Revolution Larry Guzy.

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 Chapter President Bill Floyd

Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the SA

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Guest Speaker: Chapter Vice President David Wellons introduced our guest speaker, Compatriot Gene Ray. After serving in the United States Navy Gene attended Georgia State University where he received the Ralph McGill Memorial Scholarship and was graduated with honors and began what became a successful business career as a reporter with the Atlanta Journal Constitution. His presentation provided interesting insight into the adventurous life of Daniel Boone, one of our most famous Pioneer leaders, exposing the myths fostered by the entertainment industry and the truths of the trial of being one of the leaders of the westward movement of our forebearers Daniel and Rebecca Boone are Gene Ray's 5th great grand parents and Gene has spent many years collecting and studying information about the Boone family and Kentucky history and has over 70 books on the subject. Gene was the founder of the Daniel Boone Society.

Speaker Appreciation: Chapter Vice President David Wellons presented Gene Ray 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: Genealogist Tom Chrisman, reported that David Tharp's application is still in process, and is moving through the system, which continues to have a backlog that is slowing down the application process..

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Americanism Report – President Richard McCrary 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.

Birthdays August and September: William N. (Chip) Floyd III (8/02), John Dyer (8/06), Steve Colwell (8/19), Jim Spencer (8/23), Tom Hughes (9/01), Chuck Olson (9/13), Rusty Redding (9/15), John Robitscher (9/20), David Wellons (9/24), and John Bivens (9/27)

MEDAL AWARDS – Presented by Past President Bill Floyd

- **War Service Medal**

Carl Eugene (Gene) Ray

- **Military Service Medal**

James Walter (Jim) Styring

Charles Clifford (Sunny) Lee, Jr.

Color Guard for Patriotic Concert: Vice President David Wellons announced that the Mt. Vernon Chapter Color Guard posted 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, David Wellons, Bill Floyd and Tom Chrisman in uniform present the colors. The presentation was well received. Chuck Rann has added a complete page on the Chapter website with a writeup, pictures and a video of the Colors Ceremony

Color Guard for October 18: Color Guard for October 18: 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 agreed with supporting this event. Shep Hammack will coordinate.

Dunwoody 4th of July Parade. A trailer and a driver provided transportation for Mt. Vernon Chapter's Color Guard and members participation in the Dunwoody 4th of July Parade.

Chapter Summer Picnic – Treasurer Ted Fricke reported that the Chapter Picnic at Lost Corners Preserve in Sandy Springs was attended by about 34 members and guests and was an enjoyable event.

Next Mt. Vernon Meeting is Tuesday October 11, 2022, and our guest speaker will be Bill Goodman, whose topic is: *“The Revolutionary War in South Carolina”*.

SAR National & State Activities

Please check the Messages section on our website for Chapter events. The Georgia ‘Hornets Nest’ Newsletter has State and National SAR events listed

Benediction: The benediction was given by Past President Bill Floyd.

Recessional: The Recessional was led by President Richard McCrary.

Adjournment: The Monthly Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. by President Richard McCrary

Respectfully Submitted,
John Galt, Recording Secretary
September 15, 2022