

## Minutes of the January 9, 2024 Monthly Meeting Mount Vernon Chapter SAR

**Meeting Date:** January 9, 2024

**Meeting Location:** The meeting was held in person at Vintage Pizzeria located at 5510 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA. A total of 24 individuals were present at the meeting, including 16 members and a combination of 8 guests/spouses. Among the guests was Matt Cohen (potential member). Members present were Kevin Baker (Chandler), John Bivins (Connie), Jack Dyer, Bill Floyd, Ted Fricke, John Galt (Peggy), Ross Glover (Marie), Shep Hammack (Montez), Tom Hewett (Brenda), Ham McDonald (Judy), Warren McPhillips, Bob Pile, Tom Pye, Chuck Rann, and David Wellons (Jane).

### **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 David Wellons at 7:00 p.m.

**Invocation:** The invocation was given by Treasurer, Bill Floyd

**Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the SAR** was led by Sergeant at Arms, Hamilton McDonald

**Guest Speaker:** Chapter Vice President John Galt welcomed our own Ham McDonald, whose talk was entitled “**Honored to Serve**”. Ham is an eight generation Georgian and has been married to his wife, Judy, for 60 years. He served six years in the US Army and is a decorated Vietnam war veteran. Ham is a charter member of the Mount Vernon Chapter and currently serves as Sergeant at Arms. Ham gave a very descriptive presentation about his military service with emphasis on his tour in Vietnam. Ham, thank you for your service!

**Speaker Appreciation:** Chapter Vice President John Galt presented Ham with a certificate of appreciation for his presentation.

### **CHAPTER BUSINESS**

**Registrar’s Report:** Registrar Tom Hewett advised that Richard McCrary’s supplemental application is finally registered at National. Matt Cohen’s application has been submitted and Tom Loftis’ is still being developed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Bill Floyd reported that as of Dec 31, 2023 the Chapter continues to have a positive balance. A detailed financial report has been submitted and filed.

**Wreaths Across America:** Ham McDonald reported on the December 16<sup>th</sup> ceremony at Marietta National Cemetery and Chuck Rann reported on the event at the Georgia National Cemetery (Canton).

**USO Participation:** Ham McDonald has requested possible USO (Hartsfield) visit dates from Mary Lou. He expressed the need for a firm commitment from 4-6 members (or members and spouses) before we confirm attendance.

## **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

**Annual Banquet:** Saturday, February 3, 2024, 6:00 pm at Olde Town Athletic Club. Cost is \$60 pp, with registration in advance. Walk-ins cannot be accepted. Social hour begins at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner and meeting program, including installation of officers.

**Flag Certificate update:** The final two (2) of five (5) total 2023 certificates were both presented to the city of Sandy Springs in December.

**Birthdays:** Jimmie Butler, John Galt, Randy Pollard, John Wade, Larry White

## **ACTIVITY UPDATES**

**Next meeting date:** The next Mt. Vernon Chapter meeting will be Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 7:00 pm (fellowship time starts at 6:00 pm) at Vintage Pizzeria. Our speaker will be Carter Wood from the Lyman Hall Chapter SAR.

**Next Board of Managers Meeting (BOM)** is Friday, March 8, 2024 at Vintage Pizza. Lunch at 11:30, meeting at noon. Any member is welcome to attend, observe, and comment.

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

**Benediction:** The Benediction was given by Treasurer Bill Floyd

**Adjournment:** The Monthly Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm by President David Wellons

Respectfully Submitted,  
Warren McPhillips, Recording Secretary  
January 10, 2024