

Meeting Date: February 3rd, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: The Annual meeting and celebration of Washington's Birthday was held in person at the Olde Towne Athletic Club in Marietta, Georgia. A total of 32 guests including 19 members and 11 spouses/ guest.

Members presents were Hamilton McDonald (Judy); Shep Hammack (Montez); Tom Chrisman (guest); Kevin Baker (Chandler); John Bivins (Connie); Matt Cohen; Bill Floyd (Carey); John Galt (Peggy); Larry Guzy; Tom Hewett (Brenda); Richard McCrary (Catherine); Warren McPhillips; Chuck Olson (Ann); Tom Pye; Chuck Rann (Patsy); Gene Ray; Bob Sapp; Lyman Smith (Becky) David Wellons (Jane)

6:00-7:00 Social Hour

7:00 -8:00 Buffet Dinner

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 8:00 p.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by Chapter Chaplain Gene Ray

Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the SAR was led by Sergeant -at-arms Hamilton McDonald.

Presidents Report: Chapter President began his report by reviewing a brief history of the Mount Vernon Chapter SAR and its past presidents and their contributions dating back to its inception in 2016 to present day. Followed by a list of the chapter's accomplishments of the 2023 year.

Flag Certificates: Chapter presented 4 flag certificates.

- Sandy Spring Fire Station #2
- City of Sandy Springs (Veterans Park)
- Semper Fi Grill
- Sunny Side Beach & Tennis Resort

Liberty tree dedication in the newly designed Veterans Park in Sandy Springs

Traveling Trunk: Various school programs presented

Speakers Bureau: Mount Vernon Chapter has 6 registered speakers on the SAR state Speakers Bureau

C.A.R liaison: Kevin Baker serving at Senior Leader on the State and Local level for Children of the American revolution helping recruit dual youth membership and parents/grandparent membership.

Chapter Color Guard:

- Various DAR chapter meetings
- Member Funeral
- Dunwoody 4th of July Parade
- DAR Constitution Day Luncheon
- Groundbreaking Ceremony of Veterans Park Sandy Springs
- Funeral Colors for Member Don Hart

Member Awards:

- **Chapter Meritorious Service Medal (Bronze) -Shep Hammack**
- **Lydia Darragh Medal- Jane Wellons**
- **Distinguished Service Medal – John Galt**
- **Jospeh Plum Outstanding Youth Member Medal – Kevin Baker**
- **Henry Knox Achievement Medal – Chuck Rann**

Certificates of Appreciation:

- **Bill Floyd- Treasurer and Budget Development**
- **Hamilton McDonald – Sgt at Arms Duties**
- **Warren McPhillips – Recording Secretary Duties**
- **Tom Hewett – Registrar Duties**

Installation of 2024 Chapter Officers- Larry Guzy – Past President General

- **Vice President – Tom Hewett**
- **Treasurer – Bill Floyd**
- **Recording Secretary Kevin Baker**
- **Corresponding Secretary – Chuck Rann**
- **Genealogist- Tom Chrisman**
- **Registrar – Warren McPhillips**
- **Chaplain – Gene Ray**
- **Historian – Shep Hammack**
- **Sergeant at Arms – Shep Hammack**
- **Chancellor – Tom Pye**

**Installation and Gavel Presentation-2024 Chapter President John Galt – Larry Guzy, Past President
General SAR**

Insignia dedication of past Chapter President David Wellons – Larry Guzy / John Galt / Jane Wellons

Brief Remarks: President John Galt thanked everyone for their attendance and support for his new role. He briefly outlined his priorities and goals of the 2024 year.

SAR Recessional –Acting Sgt at arms - Hamilton McDonald

Benediction – Chaplain Gene Ray

Adjournment – President John Galt – 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin S. Baker – Recording Secretary

February 8th 2024