

Meeting Date: March 12, 2024

**Meeting Location:** The meeting was held in person at Vintage Pizzeria located at 5510 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Ga. A total of ---- individuals were present at the meeting. Including 21 members 10 wives, 2 dual members, and 5 guest including 1 CAR member. Roster includes (Rick Anderson, Kevin Baker (Chandler) John Bivins (Connie), Wheeler Bryan (Anne), Tom Chrisman, Matt Cohen, Tony Crowe (Deborah), Ted Fricke (Beth), John Galt (Peggy), Ross Glover (Marie), Shep Hammack (Montez), Tom Hewett, Sunny Lee, Ham McDonald (Judy), Chuck Olson, Bob Pile, Tom Pye, Chuck Rann, Gene Ray, Dave Tharp, David Wellons (Jane), Lary Guzy (Karin), John Wassell (Beth), Guests: Marlene Hart, Donna Hart, Matt Ranlett and son Parker Ranlett, and Finley Baker (C.A.R)

6:00-7:00pm Social hour

Meeting called to order: The Meeting of Mount Vernon Chapter Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) was called to order by Chapter President John Galt at 7:00 p.m.

**Invocation:** The Invocation was given by Chaplain Gene Ray

**Pledge of Allegiance** and Pledge to the SAR was led by Sergeant at Arms, Sunny Lee who expressed his appreciation to the Chapter for their support during his time of grievance following the loss of his son Mark in January 2024.

**Recognition of Guests:** Prospective members Matt Ranlett and his son Parker were welcomed. Special Guest Marlene Hart, wife of Compatriot Don Hart whom we lost in December of 2023 and her daughter Donna were in attendance and offered their appreciation to our Color Guard and the Chapter members for their support.

**Presentation of Past President's Pin:**

- Current President John Galt presented to 2023 President David Wellons with his Past Chapter President's Pin.
- Compatriot and GASSAR Metropolitan VP Shep Hammack presented Compatriot Tom Hewett, a member of the State of Georgia Color Guard, with a plume to wear on his colonial uniform hat representing the fulfillment the obligations of membership through uniformed representations at color guard events.

**Induction of new Member** – Compatriot Mathew Cohen descendant of the Patriot John Jacob Pirkle, NC Militia.

**Guest Speaker:** Vice President Dr. Tom Hewett introduced our speaker, Mr. Carter J. Wood, whose topic was "Six Rebellions Before the Revolution."

Carter Wood I is a 9<sup>th</sup> Generation Veteran of the US Army with 22 Years of Service in uniform. He retired from both the corporate world and Gwinnett County Public School System. He is currently serving as the president of Lyman Hall Chapter, SAR in Gainesville, GA and served as the Northeast Regional VP in 2018. He is a highly sought-after member of the GASSAR Speakers Bureau and is involved in several other civic organizations.

**Speaker Appreciation:** Chapter Vice President Dr. Tom Hewett presented Mr. Carter Wood with a certificate of appreciation for his presentation.

## Chapter Business

**Secretary's Report:** Chapter secretary gave a brief report on minutes being filed from the Annual Banquet and 1<sup>st</sup> BOM meeting. Kevin Baker also gave a short report on the CAR Liaison activities.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chuck Rann gave the treasurers report on behalf of Bill Floyd. Review previous expenses and current balance to date.

### **President's Remarks:**

1. Our BOM voted to invite GSCAR President Joy Frederick to present the CAR program entitled "America's Guardian Angels" to our program for our April meeting. Our Secretary and CAR liaison Kevin Baker to give an outline of this program.
2. Scouting- Chuck Olson – Scouting promotion of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Patriot Badge workshop and assistance for the Order of the Arrow at the Trailblazer Adventure Camp.
3. ROTC – Chuck Olson – Awards ceremonies this quarter- April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, at North Springs HS AJROTC and May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Dunwoody HS AFJROTC.
4. America 250 Committee – President Galt appointed member to serve of the 250 committee. Dr Tom Hewett, Kevin Baker, Warren McPhillips, Chuck Olson, Chuck Rann.

### **July Picnic:**

1. Kevin Baker secured the permits for the July Picnic at Lost Corner's Preserve, Sandy Springs on Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### **Annual Banquet:**

1. Olde Town Athletic Club has been reserved for our 2025 banquet which will be held at our regular meeting time on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Cost will be \$60/person.

March Birthdays: Cooper Thomas Hillard, March 22<sup>nd</sup>; Dan Morgan, March 4<sup>th</sup>; Scott Olson March 9<sup>th</sup>; Cecil Palmer, March 21; Gene Ray, March 11<sup>th</sup>

### **Activity Updates:**

- National Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Day will be celebrated on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Celebrations will be held at various locations including the National Veterans Cemetery in Canton. The Atlanta Vietnam Veteran's Business Association has produced a video entitled "Truths and Myths about the Vietnam War." <https://youtu.be/GjwyCaiJ0IE> I urge you to view this and share it with your family and friends as it reveals many truths about the Vietnam experience from the perspective of those who served as opposed to those who teach what they want about the war from a desktop with a tinted crystal ball.
- Next monthly meeting will be held at Vintage Pizzeria on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. our speaker will be Joy Fredrick, GSCAR State President.

**SAR Recessional:** Sergeant-at-arms Sunny Lee was presented with a flag streamer for the Mount Vernon Chapter SAR Participation in the 2024 ceremonies for the Battle of Kettle Creek held on February 20, 2024, prior to his leading the recessional.

**Benediction:** The benediction was given by Chaplin Gene Ray

**Adjournment:** Monthly meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m. by President John Galt.