

Minutes of the May 2019 Mount Vernon Chapter SAR Monthly Meeting

Meeting Date: May 14, 2019

Meeting Location: The meeting was held at Vintage Pizza located at 5510 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA, with 17 members and 20 guests, for a **total of 37** in attendance.

6:00-7:00 Social hour.

Chapter Award and Check:

Prior to the start of the meeting, Shep Hammack introduced Eagle Scout Athanasios Grivakis, who had given his competition speech on the importance of the Continental Congress, Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution at our April 9 Chapter meeting. Since then, Athanasios had attained runner up status (2nd place) in the State competition, with the same presentation. Our Chapter had previously given him our award check for \$100.00 for that placing per our bylaws. Shep Hammack presented Athanasios with the State Certificate and the State Award check in the amount of \$400.00.

Meeting called to order:

The meeting of the Mount Vernon Chapter Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) was called to order by Chapter President Bill Floyd at **7:00 PM**.

Invocation:

The invocation was given by the Chapter Chaplain, John Galt

Presentation of Colors:

The colors were presented by the Mount Vernon Color Guard

Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the SAR

The Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag and the Pledge to the SAR were led by Treasurer Ted Fricke.

Guest Speaker

The Guest Speaker was fellow Compatriot and Mount Vernon Chapter Member John Wassell, and was introduced by Chapter Vice President David Wiley. He spoke on his grandfather in a presentation titled "Rear Admiral Dr. Corydon McAlmont Wassell" and told the story of his medical service in Java during World War II, his heroic actions and the awarding of the Navy Cross. Dr. Wassell was memorialized in a 1944 movie by Cecil B. DeMille and starring Gary Cooper, titled "The Story of Dr. Wassell". John's presentation was entertaining and informative and well received by the audience. At the end of the presentation, Chapter Vice-President David Wiley presented John with a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation.

Old Business:

- President Bill Floyd announced that the Treasurer's Report and the Minutes of the April meeting were available on the Chapter web site for review.
- Membership Secretary Tom Chrisman reported that after adjustments and new members, we currently have 91 members in the Chapter plus 10 dual members for a total of 101. We have 6 applications in process, with others indicated.
- The 4th of July parade was discussed, noting that Shep will be out of town and we need volunteers to help decorate the float, which will be at Shep's house on parade day, and to also ride the float in the parade. Members were encouraged to have kids participate in riding the float
- The July 4th picnic will be held at Lost Corners like last year on July 20th. John and Peggy Galt are making all arrangements.
- Four more Mount Vernon Fellow Charter Members were announced, with Jack Dyer present to receive his Mount Vernon Fellows Certificate.

New Business:

- Corresponding Secretary Chuck Rann held a Trivia Contest, based on information that is found on the Chapter web site. The winner was the wife of Compatriot Don Hart and was awarded a \$2.00 bill.
- Shep Hammack made a request for additional items for the Traveling Trunk
- Secretary David Wellons commented on the need for volunteers to assist with various duties, such as room set up for meetings and being a door greeter. We did not ask for volunteers at this meeting, just asked people to consider serving
- President Bill Floyd announced that the next Chapter meeting will be June 11, 2019 at this same location.

Recessional:

The SAR recessional was led by Treasurer Ted Fricke

Benediction:

The benediction was given by Chaplain John Galt

Adjournment:

The Monthly Meeting was adjourned at **8:03 PM** by President Bill Floyd.

Respectfully Submitted,
David L. Wellons, Chapter Secretary
May 15, 2019