

Minutes of the March 2020 Mount Vernon Chapter SAR Monthly Meeting

Meeting Date: March 10, 2020

Meeting Location: The meeting was held at Vintage Pizza located at 5510 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA, with **17** members and **29** guests including spouses, potential members, and SAR guests, for a total of **46** in attendance.

6:00-6:45 Social hour.

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 Chuck Rann at **6:45 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 Past National President General Larry Guzy.

Recognition of Guests, New Members and Prospective Members

Ron Redner - Metro Reg. VP GASSAR

Al Finley - 2020 Piedmont President

Rick Reese Jr. - Education Committee Chairman GASSAR

Rick Reese III - GASSAR photographer, Piedmont Piper Editor, webmaster

Richard McCrary & wife Catherine, prospective member in process

Marvin Brown (Guest of Ross Glover)

R. Wayne Rouse & wife Wink (potential transfer from VA)

Anthony (Tony) Crowe

Bill Armstrong & wife Lynn

Dr. Sheila Richards and her guests:

Kurt Johnson

Earl Hewitt & wife Debbie

Dr. Tommy Hewitt & wife Brenda

Lee Dunn and her guests:

Peter Meehan & wife Barbara

Program Speaker

The Program Speaker Rick Reese, Jr. Past President of the Piedmont Chapter of the SAR. His topic was the "Restoration of the Brockett Home". He showed the photographs of the process of dismantling, moving and reassembling the home (cabin) of his ancestor William Ebenezer Brockett to a new location in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, and described the living conditions of the day for them. Most of the original logs and wood were saved and reused in this move.

Officer Reports

- Treasurer Ted Fricke provided the current bank balances, including operating fund and the "Fellows" fund balances, demonstrating the Chapter is solvent. **The Treasurer's Report is NEVER posted online and is emailed to the Mount Vernon membership.**
- President Chuck Rann announced that the Minutes of the previous meeting were posted online (link) within the Annual Meeting write-up on the Photos Gallery on <http://mountvernonsar.org> .
- Registrar/Genealogist Tom Chrisman reported that we currently have 3 applicants at national very close to confirmation and expects they will be submitted at the next regular meeting and probably inducted in the May Chapter meeting. There are 6 more prospects in preparation. He noted the current official 2020 membership is 67, with the expectations this number will rise by up to 10 due to few more renewals that are being processed. This count does not count dual members where our chapter is not primary. **The Registrar's Report is posted online (link) within the Annual Meeting write-up on the Photos Gallery** on <http://mountvernonsar.org> .

Chapter Business

- Past President Shep Hammack discussed "Shep's Store" and announced there were 2 remaining Chapter golf shirts, size Large, in stock. For the future, he will order on an as-needed basis to avoid having inventory on hand.
- Past President Shep Hammack provided an update on the Dunwoody Park flagpole donation for the Donaldson-Bannister House. The Sandy Springs DAR is joining us by additional funds they will donate towards this project. The chapter's donation will be noted on a brass plaque attached to the new flagpole. City of Dunwoody Parks and Recreation will handle all details and work effort.
- President Chuck Rann updated us on the "Adopt a Military Unit" program and described the types of items that are permitted in the "care packages" we will be sending to our assigned overseas military unit. Chuck Olson is the contact point man for the Chapter.
- President Chuck Rann discussed the "Friends of the Library" program and encouraged members to make the \$25 donation to this program. Georgia SAR has been the largest donor until the past 2 years and we'd like to recapture the title. So far, the Mt. Vernon Chapter has 11 FOTL pledges for \$25.
- Registrar/Genealogist Tom Chrisman updated the "Police and Fireman's Award" program and discussed how we have selected the first recipients of the award – two Dunwoody police officers - which will be voted on at the next BOM.

- Chuck Rann noted that we will begin the process for either the Military Service Medal or the War Services Medal for 3 of its Chapter members who served in the military. (John Galt, Don Hart and Joe Rude).

Announcements:

- The Fourth of July picnic celebration will be held at Lost Corners on July 18th from 6 pm to 9 pm. Jim McDonald has reserved the venue and has graciously offered to pay the rental fee. The permit acquired is online in the secure BOM folder on <http://mountvernonsar.org> .
- The next BOM meeting will be April 3, 2020 at 11:30 am at Vintage Pizza. Any member is welcome to attend as an observer.
- The next regular Chapter meeting will be held April 14th, 2020 at Vintage Pizza.
- It was noted that our website calendar has the schedule for SAR events, such as grave marking ceremonies, and members were encouraged to visit the site at <http://mountvernonsar.org> .

Recessional:

The SAR recessional was led by Past National President General Larry Guzy.

Benediction:

The benediction was given by Chaplain John Galt.

Adjournment:

The Monthly Meeting was adjourned on time at **8:00 PM** by President Chuck Rann.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Wellons, Recording Secretary
March 13, 2020