

Minutes of the May 2020 Mount Vernon Chapter SAR Monthly Meeting – Virtual via Zoom

Meeting Date: May 12, 2020

Meeting Location: Due to the COVID-19 social distancing policies in place at the current time, the Monthly Meeting was held via the Zoom online meeting application. Present were **14** members, plus 5 SAR guests, 2 pending members, and three spouses. Our ZOOM host was Rick Reese, Jr. from the Piedmont Chapter, and our SAR guest included Georgia Society President Bill Dobbs, Atlanta Regional VP Ron Redner, Piedmont Chapter President Al Findley and Piedmont Chapter past President George Thurmond. The 2 pending members were Hamilton McDonald and Richard McCrary. The 3 spouses were Patsy Rann, Beth Fricke and Connie Bivens for a **total of 24** in attendance.

Recording: This May 12 Chapter meeting was recorded using the Zoom function and will be posted on the Chapter web site.

April, 2020 Meeting was cancelled

As a note, the April 2020 chapter meeting was cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus.

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 **7:02 PM**.

Invocation:

The invocation was given by the Chapter Chaplain, John Galt.

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 Sergeant at Arms Chuck Olson

Opening statement

President Chuck Rann made an opening statement acknowledging our guests and visitors and giving an overview of the meeting agenda.

State SAR Updates – GA President Bill Dobbs

Bill Dobbs noted that their current location in Barnesville does not permit meetings due to the COVID issue. Announced that Rick Reese will chair the upcoming state meetings. On May 30 at the BOM bylaws will be amended to allow online meetings, consistent with the bylaws of the National Society. A motion to amend the bylaws to permit the national meeting to be held in May or June will be proposed. National held a Zoom meeting last Saturday with the Trustees about the national conference in June, so if the VA governor extends it past June, then there may be an issue of a refund of about \$300,000 in committed expenses. Many members may decide not to attend, especially those

planning to fly commercially from the West Coast. Once this information is known, we will be notified of the decision. The VA chapters have put in a lot of effort to make this event happen.

Video: The Revolutionary War – 19 minutes long. An excellent and informative video about the Revolutionary War was shown online by President Chuck Rann.

Links available on Chapter Web Site:

President Chuck Rann also pointed out our Chapter web site that has links to many sources of Jack Manning's "Yesterday in History" articles and links to videos and other sources.

May 12th - This Day in History - The siege of Charleston ended.

BUSINESS – Reports

Membership Update: Registrar Tom Chrisman

Our membership was 78 at the March meeting, due to some who did not renew. Currently there are 3 apps at national, and 2 supplementals submitted and 2 pending supplementals. Three (3) new members were approved by National the week of this meeting: Rick Anderson, Richard McCrary and Hamilton McDonald. Congratulations!

The Treasurers Report is emailed to the membership.

The Secretaries report is posted online with meeting info.

BUSINESS – Updates

Status of the Law Enforcement Award - Tom Chrisman

Tom is in contact with the City of Dunwoody police chief and as soon as the COVID restrictions are ended, we can begin to schedule the Award process.

Status of the Adopt a Military Unit – Chuck Olson

Chuck is in contact with a military coordinator, but the process is delayed due to the COVID restrictions.

Status of the JROTC awards - Chuck Olson

Dunwoody North and North Springs High all cancelled their ceremonies. We have made an offer to meet at an upcoming session when school resumes in the fall. We are awaiting their response to reschedule.

Have added troop 266 at Northwest Presbyterian Church as another Troop. We have a pending Eagle Scout from Troop 463, but the shutdown has postponed it.

The Dunwoody 4th of July Parade is postponed. The parade has been postponed, and when Shep hears more information, he will advise us.

The July 18th Picnic depends on the City of Sandy Springs. Updated information will be provided when available about our holding this picnic.

Donalson-Banner House Flagpole Update. Chapter Historian Shep Hammack reported that we are contributing a total of \$2,000 for the flagpole at the Donalson-Banner House, in conjunction with the DAR Chapter, with each organization donating \$1,000.

Next Meeting: The Governor of Georgia is still limiting groups to 10 or less and recommending that “fragile” citizens not go out to events with greater than 10 individuals until Friday June 12th. Our next meeting at Vintage Pizzeria was scheduled for the Tuesday June 9th, so rescheduling the meeting date to one week later to Tuesday June 16th is a strong possibility... or we could do another virtual online meeting. Time will tell what is best so President Rann will keep us advised.

Georgia Society Board of Managers Meeting:

The next Georgia Society BOM meeting will be held via Zoom on May 30, 2020. Rick Reese is working on the details and capacity management.

Recessional:

The Recessional was led by Sergeant at Arms Chuck Olson

Benediction:

The benediction was given by Chaplain John Galt.

Adjournment:

The Monthly Meeting was adjourned at **8:12 PM** by President Chuck Rann and the Zoom video was ended.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Wellons, Recording Secretary
May 19, 2020