

Minutes of the November 2020 Monthly Meeting
Mount Vernon Chapter SAR
In person and virtual via Zoom
November 10, 2020

Meeting Date: November 10, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Due to the Corona virus and the limitations of restaurant seating, this meeting was held at Vintage Pizza, 5510 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA, for a limited number of attendees, including those receiving awards. The remaining participants attended via Zoom video. Special guests included William (Bill) Dobbs, Georgia Society SAR President, in person, and GA Veterans Chair Gary Hoyt, Piedmont President Al Finley, and Rob Ufford (Piedmont) via Zoom.

Attendance was:	In person	Online Zoom	Totals
Members	12	9	21
Guests	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>13</u>
Total	18	16	34

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 **7:04 PM**.

Invocation:

The invocation was given by the Chapter Chaplain, John Galt

Presentation of Colors – Presentation of Colors was made by the Mt. Vernon Chapter 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 Georgia President Bill Dobbs

Special Presentation of Military Medals

President Chuck Rann opened the meeting with a brief recitation of revolutionary history, which can be found on the Chapter web site. He noted that 238 years from this day, on November 10, 1782, ten days before the preliminary peace treaty with the British of November 20, 1782, the final battle of the Revolutionary War was fought at Chillicothe, Ohio where the Americans won in a decisive battle. Also, today is the 245th anniversary of the founding of the US Marine Corps by Captain Samuel Nicholas from a resolution of the Continental Congress. We honor the US Marine Corps also in our meeting tonight.

We honored nine Mt. Vernon Chapter members for their military service. These awards are cross referenced with the official discharge papers of these members. Two awards are being granted. One is a Military Service Medal for military service but not in a war zone. The other is a War Service Medal where the member was engaged in a war zone setting. In the case of the War Service Medal recipients tonight, all were earned from their service in the Vietnam War.

Except as noted below, the awards were presented to the following members during this meeting by State President Bill Dobbs. There were three recipients who could not be present and will have their medals presented at a future Chapter meeting:

- John H. Bivens Military Service Medal
- John S. Galt War Service Medal
- Earl Hewett War Service Medal
- Dr. Thomas C. Hewett Military Service Medal
- Richard L. McCrary Military Service Medal
- Benjamin H. McDonald War Service Medal (To be presented)
- Graham Purkerson Military Service Medal
- Joe C. Rude War Service Medal (To be presented)
- James W. Styring Military Service Medal (To be presented)

CHAPTER BUSINESS:

Registrar's Report

The Registrar's report was mailed to the attendees in advance of this meeting. Currently we have 7 applications submitted to State and National, awaiting approval, plus 2 more being prepared for submission. We have a Chapter membership of 76, plus 12 dual members, **for a total of 88.**

Dues Report

Approximately 80 percent of the membership have renewed their dues for 2021, and outreach is proceeding to contact the remaining 20 members with dues still outstanding.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ted Fricke provided a current balance and state of funds. This information is available on the Chapter site in a secure area.

Supplemental Award

Past Chapter President and Current State Treasurer Shep Hammack was awarded his 10th supplemental certificate for his ancestor patriot Benjamin H. Smith.

Flag Streamer

President Chuck Rann delivered a new flag streamer for our participation in the First Siege of Augusta Commemoration. It was given to Shep Hammack to add to our Chapter Flag.

Next Chapter and BOM Meetings

The next Chapter meeting will be held December 8 at 7 pm, location to be advised.

The next Board of Managers Meeting will be held via Zoom on Friday, January 8th at 1pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The following announcements and topics were presented by President Chuck Rann:

- For anyone interested, the recent Dawsonville Grave marking Ceremony is available online at this URL:

<https://youtu.be/x2j3CJPFy8Y>

- The 2021 Annual Battle of Kettle Creek event is the second Saturday in February – which is February the 13th in Washington, GA

Recessional:

The SAR Recessional was led William (Bill) Dobbs, Georgia Society SAR President

Benediction:

The benediction was given by Chaplin John Galt

Adjournment:

The Monthly Meeting was adjourned at **7:44 PM** by President Chuck Rann and the Zoom video was ended.

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