

Minutes of the October 2021 Monthly Meeting
Mount Vernon Chapter SAR
In Person only

Meeting Date: October 12, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: The meeting was held in person at Vintage Pizza located at 5510 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA. A total of **39** individuals were present at the meeting, including 23 members and a combination of 15 visitors, spouses, and guests, plus 1 guest speaker.

6:00-7:00 Social hour.

Meeting called to order:

This meeting of the Mount Vernon Chapter Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) was called to order by Chapter Vice President Richard McCrary at **7:00** p.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by the Chapter Chaplain, John Galt

Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the SAR

Color Guard Commander Shep Hammack (in uniform), Tom Hewett (militia), Tom Chrisman (militia), and Rev. Bill Floyd (in uniform) presented the colors.

Chapter Sergeant of Arms Chuck Olson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag and the Pledge to the SAR.

Guest Speaker: Chapter Vice President Richard McCrary introduced Sergeant Herb Smith, Former Sentinel of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, who gave an outstanding presentation on “The History of Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.” Herb had served as a Tomb Guard and was awarded the second rarest military medal (the astronaut badge being the rarest) – the Tomb Guard Badge – for his service. Questions after his presentation were numerous and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the presentation.

Speaker Appreciation Chapter Vice President Richard McCrary presented Sgt. Smith with a certificate of appreciation for his presentation.

CHAPTER BUSINESS:

Treasurer’s Report:

The Chapter Treasurer Ted Fricke report the current positive balance in the Chapters account and indicated he had just received a few more checks to be deposited. He will keep the board apprised of the balance when the deposits are completed

Membership Report

Registrar’s Report: Registrar Tom Chrisman reported that we have 79 Members, including one Junior Member, and 10 Dual Members for a total of 89. We have 6 new applications and 6 supplemental applications in various stages in the approval process.

Announcements

October Birthdays:

Denver Dunn, John Elwood, Tom Hewitt, Lucas Nelson, Anthony Olson, Christopher Paine, Jr., and Thomas Robbins.

Dues Renewal:

These are due by check at tonight's meeting or online by October 31. VP McCrary expressed a sense of urgency to encourage the members who have not yet renewed to take care of it this week.

Donaldson Bannister House Flagpole.

The City of Dunwoody had accepted our donation of \$1,000 for the placement of a flagpole at the Donaldson Bannister house. There will be a ceremony at 2:00 pm on November 11, 2021, Veterans Day, to dedicate this flag pole to the patriots who served in all services. All members are encouraged to attend to have a good showing as the press and dignitaries will be present.

New Member Induction

Vice President Richard McCrary inducted new member Gary A. Fudge. Gary was accompanied by his wife M'neil, who pinned on his Rosette.

Next meeting date:

The next Mt. Vernon Chapter meeting will be Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at Vintage Pizza. Zoom is not scheduled as an option.

SAR National and State Activities:

- Patriot Commemoration – October 16 in Dawsonville, GA
- Four (4) Patriot Grave Markings – October 30 in Washington, GA
- Patriot Grave Marking – November 13 in Dallas, GA
- Fort Morris Ceremony – November 20 in Midway, GA
- Wreaths Across America – December 18 – Order wreaths now
- SAR National Congress – July 10-15, 2022

Recessional: The Recessional was led by Sergeant at Arms Chuck Olson

Benediction: The benediction was given by Chapter Chaplain John Galt.

Adjournment: The Monthly Meeting was adjourned at **8:12 p.m.** by Vice President Richard McCrary

Respectfully Submitted,
David Wellons, Recording Secretary
October 13, 2021