

## **Minutes of the November 8, 2022, Monthly Meeting Mount Vernon Chapter SAR**

**Meeting Date and Time:** November 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

**Meeting Location:** The meeting was held in person at Vintage Pizzeria, 5510 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA. A total of **26** individuals were present at the meeting, The attendees included 15 Chapter members, 1 members with dual affiliation, 7 spouses / family members, and 2 prospective members who are in the final stages of the application process, as well as 1 guest, Adam Baker who was visiting his brother Kevin and is Affiliated with an SAR chapter in Texas.

Members present were: Richard Anderson, John Bivins, Genealogist Tom Chrisman, Tony Crowe, Bill Floyd, Recording Secretary John Galt, Shep Hammack, Thomas Hewett, Corresponding Secretary Tom Hughes, Charles "Sunny" Lee, President Richard McCrary, Sergeant-at-arms Ham McDonald, Warren McPhillips, Chancellor Tom Pye, Vice President David Wellons as well as dual member and Past President General of the SAR Larry Guzy who was also our 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 President Richard McCrary at **7:00** p.m.

**Invocation:** The invocation was given by Vice President David Wellons

**Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the SAR:** The Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the SAR was led by Sergeant-at-arms Ham McDonald.

**Guest Speaker:** Chapter Vice President David Wellons introduced our guest speaker, Compatriot and Past President General of the Sons of the American Revolution, Larry Guzy, who provided excellent insight about "The Battle of the Virginia Capes" and the importance of the French fleet in the battle for Yorktown.

Compatriot Guzy was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri, and graduated from Jesuit High School in 1966. He later graduated from Jesuit Marquette University in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics. Compatriot Guzy served three years in the U.S. Navy where he served on the aircraft carrier USS Independence. In 1973, he and his wife, Karin, moved to Marietta, Georgia. He was self-employed in an insurance claims handling business for 40 years, retiring in 2013. In 1995, he joined the Georgia SAR and took his first steps into involvement at the National level in 1999. In 2000, he was the founding President of the Captain John Collins Chapter, Marietta, GA.

**Speaker Appreciation:** Chapter Vice President David Wellons presented Compatriot Guzy with a certificate to express the Chapter's appreciation for his presentation.

### **CHAPTER BUSINESS:**

**Nomination for 2023 Officers:** Bill Floyd, chairman of the officer nominating committee recommended the following slate of officers for 2023 which was unanimously approved:

**Slate of Officers to be Inducted for 2023:**

- President David Wellons
- Vice President John Galt
- Recording Secretary Warren McPhillips
- Corresponding Secretary Tom Hughes
- Treasurer Ted Fricke
- Genealogist Tom Chrisman
- Chancellor Tom Pye
- Sergeant at Arms Hamilton (Ham) McDonald
- Chaplain Gene Ray
- Historian Shep Hammack

**Treasurer's Report:** President Richard McCrary reported that Treasurer Ted Fricke advised that the Chapter continues to have a positive balance as summarized in the Quarterly Report emailed to members.

**Registrar's Report:** Genealogist Tom Chrisman, reported that Kevin Baker and Dave Tharp have applications for Chapter membership that are in the final stages of the approval process, and moving through the system, A prospective member Terry Morris is working with Tom Chrisman on completing his application.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Americanism Report** – We need every member to keep VP David Wellons advised of any activity that generates points for us on the report. Email: [Dwellons1@gmail.com](mailto:Dwellons1@gmail.com).
- **Eagle Scout Report** – Chuck Olson was unable to attend the meeting but his scouting report has been posted to the chapter web site.
- **Birthdays November:** Tom Chrisman (Nov 1); Ross Glover (Nov 9); Ernie Moncrief (Nov 11); Walker Robitscher (Nov 11); David Redding (Nov 14); Alan Redding (Nov 14); Tom Pye (Nov 19); Don Hart (Nov22); Shep Hammack (Nov 26); James Brackey (Nov 30)

**Next Mt. Vernon Meeting:** Our next Mt. Vernon Meeting is Tuesday December 13, 2022. Our speaker will be Chapter Vice President David Wellons, who will speak on the topic of “God’s Hand on America”.

**Annual Dues:** Annual dues should be submitted before December 31, 2022 and can be submitted online or by check to Treasurer Ted Fricke. All members are encouraged to submit their dues as soon as possible to preclude a last-minute backlog.

**SAR National & State Activities:** Please check the Messages section on our website for Chapter events. The Georgia ‘Hornets’ Nest’ Newsletter has State and National SAR events listed.

**Recessional:** The Recessional was led by Sergeant-at-arms Ham McDonald.

**Benediction:** The Benediction was given by Vice President David Wellons.

**Adjournment:** The Monthly Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. by President Richard McCrary

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Galt, Recording Secretary