Sons of the American Revolution

Marquis De Lafayette Chapter

Tuesday March 8, 2016

Minutes of MDL Chapter Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President John Swab. The Colors were posted; the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the SAR were recited. The invocation was given by Chaplain Baker. The guests and family members were introduced and welcomed.
2. Compatriot Bo Hill then reported that he had passed out two Bronze Good Citizenship Medals to the Master Gardeners that had helped with the Veterans Memorial on Redwine Rd. in Fayetteville. Two others will be given out at a later date.
3. GASSAR President Allen Greeley was then introduced and he gave greetings from the societies 31 chapters and outlined his five goals for the GA Society for his term in office. First to create a positive atmosphere and change the things that are hindering our progress, second to redo our data base, third to reestablish the Briar Creek commemoration, fourth increase our membership growth rate and fifth have a sharp focus on the youth education program.
4. President Greeley then gave and explanation of the Patriot Medal it is presented to a member of the state society that has long and distinguished service to the SAR. The medal can only be given at the state level. The state is limited in the number of medals that it can award and a compatriot can only receive the medal once. President Greely then awarded the Patriot Medal to Compatriot Bloise Armstrong Hill for his long and distinguished service to the SAR
5. Pres John Swab then introduced Col Ben Malcolm as our speaker for the evening. Col Malcolm gave a very good talk about the United States involvement in Viet Nam form the early 1950 until the pull out in 1973.
6. Pres Swab awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to Col Malcolm for his presentation.
7. The Secretary reported the minutes of the last meeting were sent to all by e-mail There was one correction sent back the correction was made and the minutes were approved as Corrected.
8. Treasurer reported that we had one expenditure of $100 and that the balance was $3424.72 report filed with the minutes. Report was approved.
9. Chaplain reported today is National Women’s Day and he read an account about Nancy Hart who was a heroine of the Revolutionary war for her role as a spy in Tory encampments gaining valuable information and acts as a militia in the war. She is the only women with a county named after her Hart County.
10. Genealogist no report
11. Registrar reported that we have 5 applications we are working on should have information soon. The Eric Turner’s and his son Luke’s applications are at national and should be approved soon. There are two juniors that were brought in by Mike Tomme and they will be in our chapter.
12. Sergeant-at- Arms no report
13. Bo Hill reported that we have been asked to participate in the 4th of July evening activities in Peachtree City. Perhaps to fire muskets in conjunctions with the 1812 Overture. We will also be participating in the 4th of July Parade Peachtree City and the Bell Ringing Ceremony in Fayetteville. Fayetteville will be having a Veterans Day Parade on November 11and he recommends that we participate in that parade. Bo is also working with a group to raise money to get the names of confederate soldiers engrave on the monument in Patriots Park.
14. Walt and Linda Reed and David and Brenda Jessel will be at the patriots days in Sea Island Ga. and John Swab will be at Fort Ticonderoga French and Indian War Seminar in May. Walt and Linda Reed will also be at the National Congress in Boston.
15. There are two Flag Certificates that need to be given, Bob Wylie will work on that.
16. Graves Committee: Bob Wylie reported that he and James Strickland visited the grave site that he wants to have marked. It looks almost ready for the grave marking ceremony. Bob will start the paperwork necessary and get it on the color guard schedule.
17. Publicity, James Strickland has agreed to take the editors position. He needs a complete e-mail list of the membership to get the newsletter out to all.
18. The website is up and running it is getting populated and we do have a face book page that is being used. If you do not have the website contact Bob Wylie and he will give it to you. Forward info and pictures to James Brown to post on the website.
19. David Jessel reminded all that you can get a car magnet with a donation of $25 to the SAR and that he has 10 of the new SAR pin for $20, ten dollars goes to our treasury. David also has the new lapel pin for the JROTC endowment fund for $25.
20. We have 24 JROTC units and 2 Sea Cadet units in our area. David gave a brief description of the requirements for the medal. If you are helping give out the medals you are not required to say anything but give the cadet a copy of the Declaration of Independence and constitution.
21. Public Safety: John has talked to the Fayette County Sheriff to let them know about our program. We recognized the firemen of Coweta County last month. Please keep your eye out for acts of heroism by EMTs, Firemen or Police and any citizen that performs an act that is worthy of the heroism award.
22. We need help in getting speakers. If you have ideas contact Don Bulloch.
23. The VA Hospital is not taking items at this time but John is taking our items to the Viet Nam veterans.
24. Brenda Jessel announced that the General Daniel Newnan Chapter of the DAR is having a Viet Nam Veterans Remembrance day at the veterans’ plaza in Newnan at 3:00 PM on March 29, 2016.
25. Brenda then presented a flag to Col Ben Malcolm to recognizes him from her chapter of the DAR
26. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM with the retiring of the Colors, the recessional and benediction.

Respectfully Submitted

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