Chapter Meeting Minutes: 14 May 2019

On 14 May 2019 the meeting was called to order by Don Bulloch at 7:00 PM. The Colors were posted, the Pledge of Allegiance recited, and the S.A.R Pledge recited. David Jessel gave the invocation.

There were ten (10) guests and fourteen (14) Compatriots in attendance.

1. Don extended a welcome to all of the guests and asked the members to introduce their guests.
2. David Jessel announced the presentation of following awards:

Flag Commendation Certificate - AFJROTC Newnan High School to Color Guard

Flag Commendation Certificate - MCJROTC East Coweta High School to Color Guard

Flag Commendation Certificate – AJROTC Griffin High School to Color Guard

Michael Sanderson - NSSAR Awards Michael C. Sanderson, a member of the Vietnam Veterans Corp

Walter Reed reported receiving banners for the following:

Brier Creek Commemoration

Patriot Day Remembrance

Frederica Nave Victory in St. Simons GA

1. Walter Reed introduced Mr. Hoke Kimball, the guest speaker. Mr. Kimball completed a four (4) year stint in the U.S. Navy and then received a degree from the University of North Carolina. His career includes thirty (30) years in the air quality field. He has a continuing interest in history. Of particular interest are the Revolutionary War and Civil War periods. He is published in the colonial area, “Governor’s Houses and State Houses of British Colonial America.” (Book available at Amazon $49.95) The subject of this evening’s presentation was colonial State and Governor’s housing and the related architecture. His presentation was comprehensive and interesting.
2. Following Mr. Kimball’s presentation Don presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of outstanding support given to the Sons of the American Revolution, Marquis de Lafayette Chapter. Brenda Jessel then presented Mr. Kimball with an American Flag on behalf of the Newnan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.
3. Secretary Report – The Secretary was absent at the last meeting but the minutes were recorded and published by Michel Sanderson. Thank you Michael!
4. Treasurer Report – Vernon Bassham reported that the Chapter’s account total is $3493.05 with one (1) outstanding check not yet cashed for $100.00.
5. Chaplain Report – The Chaplain is ill and not present
6. Chancellor Report – This position is open
7. Genealogist Report – Nothing to report.
8. Historian Report – Dr. David Ludley stated that BOM (Board of Managers) made two (2) amendments to the bylaws about duties of the committee Chairman.
9. Public Information/Office Editor Report – Nothing to Report
10. Sargent at Arms Report – Bill Lechner purchased two (2) cases for the flags.
11. Boy Scout Committee Report – Marc Potteiger attended the Flint River Council recognition dinner. Grant Fouts will be attending the June meeting so we can recognize him for his Eagle Scout award.
12. CAR/DAR/SAR Committee Report – No report
13. Color Guard Report – Walter Reed stated that we had a request from Marietta Georgia National Cemetery. Bill Palmer is requesting a Militia willing to fire muskets over the Memorial Day Holiday. John Swab volunteered to attend Saturday May 27th at 9:00 Am. A check for $25.00 should be issued.

Walt further indicated that we had a request from Fayetteville V.F.W for Color Guard on the 27th at 11:00 AM at the Fayetteville Cemetery.

1. Flag Committee Report –Walter stated that he had a flag certificate for Eric Larsen which Clark will present. Walter reported three (3) awards received. See 3 above.
2. Graves Committee Report – James Strickland stated that they are waiting to get into a grave site in Holy??. A bridge has washed out and access is difficult. He further stated that a grave In Peachtree City (off Dividend Drive opposite the Gulf Course) has been vandalized. He and Don will locate the grave and determined what is needed to repair the site.
3. Membership Committee & Registrars Report – Michael Sanderson reported that Kelly Dickinson’s application made it out of Georgia and is now at National. It is waiting for the backlog at National to clear. Two (2) new applicants have shown an interest (John King and Mark Gangler). Michael is waiting for a first draft of their applications. Several other applications are at various stages with Bill McKibben’s being the closest.

Michel also reported the he presented the S.A.R. award at Spalding High School as well as a couple others that David knows about.

1. Parade Committee Report – David indicated that the 4th of July parade is approaching. Walt will be obtaining the application for us. David modified his travel plans so that he can attend the 4th of July activities. We will meet at the BMX track across from the school. We have 2000 flags available. More about this event at the next meeting.
2. Public Safety Committee – Nothing to report
3. JROTC Committee Report – David Jessel stated that all awards have been presented but that he still needs additional information from Jackson HS regarding who received the awards. Riverdale closed down totally. Northgate HS & Charles Drew HS stated that since the students could not wear the award on their uniforms they did not want is it.
4. Speaker Committee Report – Walter Reed reported that the speaker for June 11th will be Perry Bennett. Perry is a graduate of the Citadel and recommended by Banks Glover.
5. Veterans Committee Report – Walter Reed indicated that we have Armed Forces Day and Veterans Day coming up. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a barbeque for the homeless veterans at Fort McPherson on June 29th. DSPII Griffin Waypoint is sponsoring a Fundraiser Yard Sale on May 18th. All proceeds will go helping Veterans in need. As a part of the festivities there is a raffle for a collector birdhouse. Tickets are $5.00 EACH.

Brenda Jessel advised that there will be a flag retirement ceremony at the Veterans Club in Coweta County on June 9th at 1:00 o’clock. All are welcome. Bring your flags to be retired. This is a respectful ceremony.

1. Webmaster Report – Banks Glover indicated the he appreciates the excellent pictures he has been receiving especially the JROTC presentations. He further appreciated the documentary data accompanying the pictures. This is an ***active chapter*** and that is reflected in our web site. We need to support the web site and refer all interested parties to visit the site. Banks asked the he be given information on upcoming events like the flag retirement mentioned by Brenda so he can place them on the web calendar.
2. Old Business – Tabled motion from three (3) meetings ago to purchase a flag for the Fayette County Library. It was tabled for further research. Marc Potteiger reports they have a flag. The motion is withdrawn.

Don mentioned two Veterans Day events in which we participate. The first is at the Fayette County Cemetery at 11:00 AM on Memorial Day. Bo Hill may have further information. The second is at the Veterans Memorial in Newnan at 11:00.

1. New Business – There will be a basket out at the next meeting for the collection of item to be given to the veterans.

Walter stated that the Color guard is asking for thirteen (13) volunteers who want to fire muskets at a Braves game on July 4th. This is an evening game but they want you there in the afternoon to do a run through. Interested parties are referred to Walter.

Refreshments are needed for June and July meetings. Jim & Pat Strickland volunteered for June.

1. Motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed. The S.A.R. Recessional was recited and David Jessel gave the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Clark Perrin

Secretary, MDL Chapter GASSAR

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Note: Audio recordings of each meeting are available on request