**Meeting Date: 10 March 2020**

**Meeting Location: Heritage Bank Fayetteville Georgia**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Walter Reed. The colors were posted and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Sons of the American Revolution was recited. The Invocation was given by Knox Herndon.
2. Walter welcomed all of the guests this evening and asked the respective members to introduce their guests.
3. Marc Potteiger gave a brief summary of the mission of the Sons of the American Revolution. One of the ways we execute this mission is to recognize Boy Scouts who have attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

Marc introduced Brian Schermerhorn and presented him with a Certificate of Recognition for outstanding achievement and recognition and exceptional leadership evidenced by his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout.

Marc introduced Keith Keiser. Keith’s project involved the veterans. He then presented Keith with a Certificate of recognition for outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership and citizenship evidenced by his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout.

1. David Jessel briefly reviewed the qualification criteria for receiving the Life Saving Award.

David introduced Dustin Arrington a Lineman for Coweta-Fayette EMC. In June Dustin Arrington rescued Steve Ellison, a fire fighter from Tennessee, from drowning in a rip tide in the Gulf of Mexico off Panama City Beach Florida. Just after arriving at the beach Dustin noticed three (3) men screaming for help in the water before a sand bar. After handing his daughter to his wife, Dustin went into the water. Before he realized it he was with a very large man. “I put my arm in his arm and started for shore. He weighed 300 pounds and was unconscious.” Ellison was in the ICU for two (2) days. Walter presented the Medal to Dustin.

David then presented Dustin with a Life Saving Award Certificate in recognition of saving a human life under emergency conditions.

David introduced Christopher (Chris) Stapler. Deputy Chris Stapler, on April 2019, arrived at the scene of a motor vehicle accident and found one of the victims with a severe laceration that resulted from an artery being severed. The victim was losing blood quickly so Deputy Stapler applied a tourniquet to his arm which stopped the bleeding. The Senior Flight Paramedic said “Application of the tourniquet was critical to the survival of the victim. Usually it is EMC that applies the tourniquet but he had the presence of mind to apply it.” Deputy Stapler learned to the procedure in a Coweta county Deputy Officer training program. Chris was then presented a Medal and a Life Saving Award Certificate in recognition of saving a human life under emergency conditions.

David introduced Jessica Kessinger. Jessica Kessinger not only was a first responder but also witnessed a head on collision between a truck and a motorcycle on September 25, 2019. The motorcyclist was thrown into the air and his helmet landed twenty (20) feet from his body. Jessica stopped noted the man was not breathing and she was unable to find a pulse. She opened has airway and started CPR. The motorcyclist had suffered multiple dramatic injuries including multiple broken bones. When the emergency crews arrived on the scene she assisted them until the victim was flown to Atlanta. The twenty five (25) year old motorcyclist survived which was unlikely without Kessinger’s intervention and care. The father of two (2) was discharged from the hospital October 11, 2019. Well done Jessica! David went on to present JESSICA Kessinger, Advanced EMT Coweta County Fire Rescue, with a Life Saving Award Certificate in recognition of saving a human life under emergency conditions.

David introduced Debbie Dollar. Debbie Dollar, Coweta County Fire Rescue Paramedic, was named Paramedic of the Year for the EMS Region four (4). From November 2018 to November 2019 Debbie had eight (8) recorded life saves according to the nomination form submitted. Bebbie’s latest was in September when she arrived at the scene of a motorcycle accident. An EMT had begun CPR when Debbie got there. She, with the assistance of a life support crew, was able to keep the patient stable until air transportation to Grady Hospital in Atlanta arrived. It was the initial action of the lifesaving crew that allowed him to make it to the Hospital and have a chance to survive. Debbie was presented with a Life Saving Award in recognition of saving a human life under emergency conditions.

1. David introduced Major Larry Aden Moore United States Army. Larry was presented with a Certificate and the War Service Medal in grateful recognition for service in the armed forces during armed conflict (Vietnam and Granada.)

1. Walter introduced Ms. Catherin B. Sanderson our guest speaker for this evening. The subject of the presentation was Marijuana: Harm to Youth. Catherine’s presentation was timely addressing an increasingly serious subject affecting all of us in one way or another. If you accept the premise that Marijuana is a gateway drug then this drug represents a serious threat to our society and it should be treated as such.

Catherin’s presentation started with a definition of Marijuana and the effect of its two major constituents, CBD and THC. THC is the “cannabinoid” which is euphoric, mind altering, and destructive to the health of the user. She went on to detail the consequences of using the drug, the forms in which it is delivered, and the deceptive nature of medical marijuana.

Ms. Sanderson’s presentation is approximately 30 minutes in length and is extremely well done. It is available on the Marquis de Lafayette web site for all to view. Our children and grandchildren would benefit from a viewing. .

1. Following the presentation Catherine B. Sanderson was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of outstanding support given the Sons of the American Revolution Marquis de Lafayette chapter.
2. Chaplain’s Report: Knox Herndon had nothing to report.
3. Genealogist’s Report: David is still working on Colonel Boyed. He is stalled because National has stopped using DNA. This is now at a standstill.
4. Historian’s Report: David Ludley just returned from Louisville National Leadership Conference. He met the Director of the SAR National Genealogical Library. The Genealogical Society has commissioned him to give a talk at the Archives in Morrow. He asked David to see if our Chapter could man a table, while he gives his talk at the Archives, to recruit candidates for the SAR.
5. Registrar’s Report: Mike Sanderson has two (2) applications which have passed National Genealogy and have been sent final registration and assign numbers. (Bill McGeven and Art Stewart). Mike has another application for Dan Bronkosky. He and his son are applying as a family membership. As soon as we receive his check it will be submitted. Mike has another gentleman, Rick Woods, who recently has shown an interest.

David added that the application fee is going to be raised to $100.00 in July. Supplemental Applications will also be raised to $100.00.

1. Color Guard’s Report: Vernon Bassham attended Briar Creek Celebration. We have another streamer for the flag.

1. Americanism Report: Don Bulloch had nothing new to report.
2. Boy Scout’s Report: Marc had nothing new.
3. CAR, DAR, and SAR Report: Don reported that the authorized check to the CAR could not be delivered because an appropriate address could not be found. David attended the event and stated that they had 100 plus students. David will provide the address.
4. Graves Committee Report: James is trying to get information regarding the ceremony and other activities for both Patriot and Compatriot grave markings. He has reviewed U tube video of ceremonies but needs some assistance. Walter noted that all of the scheduled grave markings are on the state web site. He will forward to everyone the Color Guard schedule which shows the grave markings.
5. Membership Committee Report: David had nothing to report.
6. Parade Committee Report: David indicated that he did not have any information on the Peachtree City Parade at this time. Walter indicated that he would get the information for the 4th of July parade.
7. Speaker Committee Report: Mike announced next month’s speaker; Mark Howley, who will talk about the “Battle of Cowpens.”
8. ROTC Committee Report: The presentations have all been canceled per David.
9. Treasurer’s Report: Vernon stated that we have on hand $4801.54. Walter indicated that he has committed to buy 2000 flags for our parades. Bo stated that he would find out where to send the check.
10. New Business: Walter advised that the 18th of April there will be a celebration of Patriots Day and Frederica naval battle at Saint Simons.
11. A motion to adjoin was made, seconded and passed. The Colors were retired, the recessional recited and a benediction given by Knox.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Clark Perrin

Secretary MDL Chapter, S.A.R.

A recording of the meeting is available on request.