



**Sons of the American Revolution
Marquis de Lafayette Chapter
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: 10-12-2021

Meeting Location: 9495 Fayetteville Road, Jonesboro, Georgia

Michael Sanderson*	Vernon Bassham*	Clark Perrin*	Walter Reed*
Bo Hill*	David Jessel*	James Strickland	Glen Cheatham
Brenda Jessel	Pat Strickland	Linda reed	Ginger (Derney) Bassham
Eleanor Sanderson	Joeann McDowell		

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- 1) Michael Sanderson called the meeting to order at 7:00P. William Lechner posted the Colors. Michael led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and gave the Invocation. The Pledge to the Sons of the American revolution was recited.
- 2) Michael welcomed the guests and had each member introduce their guest.
- 3) Michael asked our Chapter Vice President, Dr. David Ludley, to introduce our guest speaker.

Dr. David Ludley introduced Dr. Lee R. McDowell who will be giving a presentation on "Presidents as Military Officers." Lee is a professor emeritus at the University of Florida. He received two degrees from the University of Georgia and a PhD from Washington State University. Dr. McDowell has authored eleven books. Of the 44 United States Presidents, 31 had served in the military. Twelve were Generals. A great deal of American History can be learned by reading the policies of our 44 Presidents.

- 4) Dr. McDowell delivered a slide presentation addressing each of the United States Presidents who had served in the military. He started the presentation by stating that he could name the Presidents in 19 seconds and went on to prove it. For each of the Presidents who served, Lee went on to briefly describe their service. For each, he included humor and anecdotes. The presentation was educational and entertaining.

His presentation, as well as his slides, are included in the video of this meeting which is available on request.

- 5) Michael presented Dr. McDowell with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of outstanding support given to the Sons of the American Revolution, Marquis de Lafayette Chapter SAR.

Brenda Jessel presented him with a flag from the General Daniel Newnan NSDAR, the Benjamin Harden Chapter USD 1812, and the James Oglethorpe Chapter NSDAC.

Michal presented Lee with picture of Marquis de Lafayette along with a thank you for his support and participation this evening.

- 6) Secretary Report: The October minutes were complete, reviewed, and revised, and will be distributed tomorrow.
 - 7) Treasurer Report: Vernon reported we currently have on deposit at the Heritage Bank, \$5239.24. We have no outstanding checks. One check was deposited today bringing our total to \$5583.24. Vernon will be remitting dues we collected for Georgia State and National to State at the end of the month. He reminded all members present that the dues were to be paid by October 31. Subsequent to the meeting, a dues notice was delivered to all members reminding them of the due date, dues amount, and methods of payment. Michael asked all members who have not paid to do so. (As of November 4th 50, members or (67.6%) of our 74 active members have paid their dues.)
 - 8) Chaplain Report: Michael reported that as of the meeting we are without a Chaplain, but we have a candidate in mind.
 - 9) Chancellor Report: Bo Hill stated that he had nothing to report. He went on to note that **November 11 would be the 100th anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.**
 - 10) Genealogist Report: David had nothing new to report.
 - 11) Historian Report: Dr. David Ludley had nothing to report. He went on to state that for a couple of months he and Marcia have been dealing with doctors who told them that Marcia had cancer and that her condition was serious. Today they went to see Pulmonologist at Piedmont Atlanta who advised them that she could find no trace of cancer! The new cat scan showed nothing! She suggested that Marcia may have had pneumonia. The audience applauded!
- Michael advised David that he has some old historian files dating back to 2010 that he would turn over to David.
- 12) Registrar Report: Art Stewart could not attend this evening, but he told Michael that we had two (2) referrals from State and that he responded to both. As of now, no response has been received. No new members are in the pipeline but there are several supplementals.

- 13) Boy Scout Committee Report: Michael reported that we have a new Chairmen, Glen Cheatham. Glen was attending on zoom and commented that he is getting started. We have one Eagle Scout who may be here next month.
- 14) Flag Committee: David stated that he had nothing to report. Mike stated that he had a couple of candidates to share with David.
- 15) Grave Marking Committee: Michael noted that we currently do not have a chairman but that there is a candidate currently being considered.
- 16) Membership Committee: David Jessel stated that there was nothing to report.
- 17) Parade Committee: David Jessel stated that if there is a Fayetteville Parade, he would make the trailer available. Michael indicated that there may be a parade in Sharpsburg. At this point we need additional information on both events.
- 18) Speaker Committee: David advised Susan Sloan, of the DAR, will be speaking on "Huguenots and the American Revolution."
- 19) Michael reminded us that we are going to be losing this facility for our meeting. It will be available in November and maybe December. The January meeting will be at Flat Creek Country Club and then we are homeless.
- 20) Veterans Committee: We have been advised that the Veterans Hospital will only accept **cash contributions**. The current program at the Hospital seems to be rejecting volunteer organization participation.
- 21) New Business: David Jessel presented a proposed slate of officers for the 2022 year.

The following have agreed to serve in the positions indicated, if elected. If you have additional recommendations, please send them to David Jessel at the earliest. As an alternative, you may recommend an individual from the floor (Please make sure that your nominee is qualified for the position and willing to serve, if elected.) **We will vote for the officers at the next meeting and the elected officers will be installed at the January meeting.**

Title	Candidate
President	Michael C. Sanderson
Vice President	Dr. David Ludley
Secretary	R. Clark Perrin
Treasurer	Vernon D. Bassham
Chaplain	Walter (Walt) B. Reed Sr.
Genealogist	R. Don Bulloch
Registrar	R. Don Bulloch
Chancellor	Bloise "Bo" Hill
Sgt-at-Arms	William "Bill" Lechner
Historian	Dr. David Ludley
Editor	John E. Swab
Past President	Walter "Walt" B. Reed Sr.
*Web Master	N. Banks Glover
*Not an elected Officer	

22) Michael reminded all that the Georgia web site has a great deal of information including their publication, The Hornets Nest. In 2026 the Declaration of Independence will be 250 years old. David Jessel suggested that we purchase a 250 United States Flag and stand. Michael made a motion for the purchase. The motion was seconded and passed (<\$500).

23) Upcoming Events: Walter Reed mentioned the following:

16 Oct. – **Grave Marking**, Reuben Hill, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church Cemetery, Dawsonville, Georgia at 10:00 AM
30 Oct. – **Patriot Grave Marking**, William Barnett, Gannaway Martin, John W. Talbot, William Triplett, Smyrna Church, 10:30 AM
07 Nov. – **Veterans Registration Dinner**, Yarrab Shrine, 5:30
20 Nov. – 10:00 AM **Fort Morris**

24) A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn. The Recessional was recited and David gave the benediction.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Clark Perrin

Secretary MDL SAR

A copy of the audio and video of this meeting is available on request