

## ***Minutes of the January Membership Meeting – Norfolk Chapter SAR***

Holiday Inn Virginia Beach – Norfolk Hotel & Conference Center

January 13, 2015, 6:00 PM

44 Compatriots, friends and guests congregated for this year's annual membership dinner.

The program commenced as follows:

- Call to Order (7:00 pm) by Chapter President Tom Whetstone
- Invocation and Dinner Blessings by Chapter Chaplain Robert Hitchings
- The Pledge of Allegiance by Compatriot Gary Zaugg
- The Pledge of the SAR by Compatriot Carter Furr
- Welcome and Introductions by Chapter President Tom Whetstone
- Induction of New Compatriots Robert J. Whitaker, Jr., Lynn S. Cupp and Phillip M. O'Shea by President Whetstone, assisted by Vicki Kendall

Everyone enjoyed dinner.

The program then resumed with a reading of the minutes by Chapter Secretary Scott Aiken and a brief Financial Report by Chapter Treasurer Tom Cantrell.

- The Chapter approved the Minutes and Treasurers reports unanimously.

The Chapter then proceeded to present some awards. Unfortunately, Hannah Wheaton, this year's Knight Essay winner, was unable to attend due to her being involved in an accident a few days earlier. President Whetstone along with everyone present conveyed best wishes for her full recovery. It was noted that she will definitely be invited back to one of our meetings in the near future to read her essay and to receive her medal, certificate and scholarship.

President Whetstone presented the Distinguished Service Award to Chapter Chaplain Robert Hitchings.

At this time President Whetstone introduced our guest speaker, Virginia Society 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ed Truslow, who addressed our group with interesting information on the Engagement at Spencer's Ordinary, the Commemoration of the Crossing of the Dan and gave us an overview of the VASSAR projects and goals for 2015. We were also honored to preview the bust of the comte de Rochambeau which will eventually be permanently displayed in Yorktown, VA. After 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Ed Truslow's speech, he was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by President Whetstone.

The newly elected Officers were called to the front and were officially installed by Virginia Society 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Ed Truslow.

The Norfolk Society Officers for 2015:

President: Maury Weeks

Vice President: Robert Kendall

Secretary: Edward Douglas  
Treasurer: Ken Hawkins  
Registrar: Kurt Lawson  
Chancellor: Carter Furr  
Historian: Stu Whitehead  
Chaplain: Robert Hitchings

Chapter President Maury Weeks presented a message to the group underlining goals, projects and initiatives for the good of the Chapter. He emphasized that working together as a whole is the best way to achieve success. He stated that he, along with all of the newly inducted officers, will work diligently to make our chapter the best it can be.

At this time Past President Tom Whetstone was called to the front where he was presented a Certificate of Appreciation along with an engraved gavel by President Weeks. These gifts, of course, were presented in appreciation for President Whetstones' past 2 years of dedication and service to our chapter. We, as chapter board members and the general membership, look forward to a continued working relationship with Past President Whetstone.

SAR Recessional was presented by Warren Chauncey  
Benediction by Chapter Chaplain Robert Hitchings

Respectfully Submitted, Edward J. Douglas, III, Chapter Secretary