

Minutes of the May General Membership Dinner – Norfolk Chapter SAR

Gus and George's Spaghetti and Steak House Va. Beach, VA
May 19, 2015 6:00 PM

15 Compatriots and guests assembled for the May General Membership Dinner/Meeting

- Call to Order by Chapter President Maury Weeks
- Invocation and Dinner Blessings by Chaplain Robert Hitchings
- The Pledge of Allegiance by Secretary Edward Douglas
- The Pledge of the SAR by Chaplain Robert Hitchings
- Welcome and Introductions of Guests by Chapter President Maury Weeks

Everyone enjoyed dinner.

The program then resumed.

President Maury Weeks introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Mr. James L. Carver, who spoke on the Battle of Kempes Landing. Afterwards, President Weeks presented Mr. Carver with a Certificate of Appreciation and a CD entitled "Jefferson's Fiddle".

At this time the business portion of the meeting began beginning with the presentation of the Minutes of the March Youth Recognition Dinner and Meeting held on March 24, 2015 by Secretary Edward Douglas. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Kenneth Hawkins reported that the account balance as of this date was \$4,045.37.

Registrar Kurt Lawson noted that at present he was working on 12 applications. Kurt advised of news that related to grandfathered applications that states direct line of past applications can be used regardless of how old it is. He did state, however, that you won't be able to do any supplements off of these applications and that there can be no 3rd party use. As a result of this revision, Kurt noted that he now has 2 applications that are closer to being completed.

Compatriot Kenneth Hawkins stated that he has recognized 59 Eagle Scouts through the month of April.

Chancellor Carter Furr advised that he presented SAR Awards and medals to the JROTC Units in the 5 Norfolk High Schools: Maury HS, Granby HS, Lake Taylor HS, Norview HS and Booker T. Washington HS.

*Announcements

President Weeks reminded everyone of the Memorial Day Wreath Presentation at the Tidewater Veterans Memorial Park. He hopes as many as possible may be able to attend. This will be on Monday, May 25, 2015 at the SAR Monument within the park. Time will be 1:30 PM.

Our own Compatriot and Chapter Chaplain Robert Hitchings will be the guest speaker at the Annual Flag Day Ceremony sponsored by the Great Bridge DAR. This will be held at the MacArthur Memorial Rotunda on June 14, 2015 at 2:00 PM.

Robert also noted that he was a guest speaker for a Naturalization Program that was held in Portsmouth, VA and was sponsored by the Fort Nelson DAR.

Past President Tom Whetstone reminded everyone about the Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge which will be on December 5, 2015. He also stated that our Chapter may participate in the City Parade along with the DAR representatives. Tom wanted us to keep in mind the basics of this commemoration. He related that it's not about the people today but about the Patriots who sacrificed so much back then.

Compatriot Kenneth Hawkins led us with the Recessional.

Chaplain Robert Hitchings ended the meeting with the Benediction.

Respectfully Submitted, Edward J. Douglas, III Secretary