Minutes of the May Membership Dinner Meeting - Norfolk Chapter SAR

Gus and Georges Virginia Beach Blvd. Va. Beach, VA May 15, 2018 @ 6:00 PM

The program commenced as follows:

- Call to Order (7:00 pm) by Chapter President Ken Hawkins
- Invocation and Dinner Blessings by Chapter Chaplain Charles Hassell
- The Pledge of Allegiance by Past President Maury Weeks
- The Pledge of the SAR by Chapter Registrar Bob Avery
- Welcome and Introduction of Guests by Chapter President Ken Hawkins

In Attendance:

President Ken Hawkins
Past President Maury Weeks
Secretary Edward Douglas
Treasurer Mike O'Shea
Registrar Bob Avery
Chaplain Charles Hassell
Vice President Tom Whetstone
Compatriot Warren Chauncey
Compatriot Greg Whitlinger
Lindsey Jones-Potential Member/Guest Speaker
Kimball Thompson-Potential Member
Mike Miller-Potential Member transfer from Maryland
Dave Dillahunt-Potential Member
Compatriot Keith Morris

DINNER

INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST SPEAKER

President Ken Hawkins introduced the guest speaker for the evening, potential member Mr. Lindsey Jones.

PROGRAM

Mr. Lindsey Jones spoke on The First Six of the US Navy 1794-1825

MINUTES

The minutes of the March Membership Dinner Meeting were presented by

Secretary Edward Douglas and they were unanimously approved.

TREASURY REPORT

Treasurer Mike O'Shea reported that the ending Bank Statement balance as of May 15, 2018 is \$2,043.54. There is an outstanding check (10) to VASSAR/NASSAR for \$305.00. There is also an outstanding check (1) for Scout of the Year for \$300.00.

Treasurer O'Shea also recommended that the dues notices be sent out via email and through the Newsletter again this year. Also recommended that the membership cards be sent out again like last year. This will be put on the agenda for the August board meeting

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Registrar Bob Avery noted that there are 4 applications submitted to National and they are from the Bleker family.

There are 3 or 4 applications that are in their early stages. Bob stated that we are on track for 10 to 12 new members coming up in the very near future.

INSTALLATION OF VICE PRESIDENT

President Ken Hawkins officiated over the installation of Compatriot and Past President Tom Whetstone to Chapter Vice President.

GREAT BRIDGE MEDALS

If anyone would like a Great Bridge medal or knows of anyone who would like one, please contact Treasurer Mike O'Shea.

WEBSITE

President Ken Hawkins brought up the question of checking into a new website or keeping our present one which has been taken over by a new company and is billing us for the service. This will be further discussed at our next BOM meeting and after Secretary Douglas checks with his son-in-law about our options.

OLD BUSINESS

There are 27 Patriot graves to be marked. We will receive \$525 from the Knight Patty Fund to assist with this. The first 5 graves to be marked are in Cedar Grove Cemetery in Portsmouth. The 1775 Society is also going to assist with this endeavor.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There will be another baseball game featuring the SAR this Summer, probably sometime during the month of August. Vice President Tom Whetstone will keep us advised as the event draws closer and Secretary Douglas will send out the details when they are known.

GREAT BRIDGE SOCIETY

It was noted by President Hawkins that membership into the Great Bridge Society is \$1775.00. Monies from this fee will go towards the advancement of the museum which is presently being built at the Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge site.

COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG PRINTS

President Hawkins has 2 Colonial Williamsburg prints by artist Bob Holland. We are opting to use these prints as fund raisers for our chapter through raffles, etc. Each print is unframed and valued at \$175.00. More details on how to raffle these prints will be discussed at the next BOM meeting.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

There will be a Memorial Day Ceremony at Cedar Grove Cemetery on Princess Anne Rd in Norfolk on May 27th beginning at 6:30 PM. This event will be sponsored by the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

FLAG DAY

The annual Flag Day Ceremony will be held on June 14th beginning at 11:30 AM at the MacArthur Memorial in Downtown Norfolk.

NANSEMOND INDIAN CHAPTER

On June 24th at 3:00 PM the Nansemond Indian Chapter of Suffolk will receive their Charter.

FINAL NOTE

Compatriot Warren Chauncey noted that a cannon that was recovered from the site of the Battle of Great Bridge is in Chilicothe, Ohio. He recommended that the chapter check into any way that this cannon could be brought back to our area, particularly Great Bridge. Understandably, much more research will have to be done on this matter but the motion by Compatriot Chauncey is very noteworthy and well worth checking into.

SAR RECESSIONAL

Treasurer Mike O'Shea

BENEDICTION

Chaplain Charles Hassell

These Minutes are respectfully submitted for your review and acceptance.

Edward J. Douglas, III Chapter Secretary