

Minutes of the November General Membership Dinner – Norfolk Chapter SAR

Gus and George's Spaghetti and Steak House Va. Beach, VA
November 17, 2015 6:00 PM

15 Compatriots and guests assembled for the November 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 President Maury Weeks
- The Pledge of the SAR by Secretary Edward Douglas
- Welcome and Introductions of Guests by Chapter President Maury Weeks
- Each member present stood up and introduced themselves to the group

Everyone enjoyed dinner.

The program then resumed.

President Maury Weeks introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Ms. India Meissel who spoke on "Spies of the American Revolution". Afterwards, President Weeks presented Ms. Meissel 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 September 15, 2015 Membership Dinner meeting by Secretary Edward Douglas. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Kenneth Hawkins reported that the account balance as of this date was \$6,282.88. Much of this includes dues that have been turned in and after those have been distributed there will be approximately \$3,300.00 in the treasury account. Treasurer Hawkins also presented copies of the financial audit of Norfolk Chapter SAR for calendar years 2009 and 2010. Kenneth also reported that there have been 179 Eagle Scout Awards presented to date.

Past President Tom Whetstone recommended for the minutes that there be a recognition for Compatriot Bill Waller and Compatriot Ken Hogendobler for their fine work over the years with the ROTC and Eagle Scout programs. A job well done by both of these outstanding compatriots.

President Weeks noted in the report of the Commemoration of the Battle of Kempes Landing that it was a very successful event. Mr. James Carver of Emmanuel Episcopal Church did an excellent job of putting this celebration together. There were several hundred people gathered throughout the day for the commemoration program and the days activities which included music, food and re-enactments.

Our next important event is the Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge. Past President Whetstone passed out informational handouts in reference to this event. He is hopeful that as many members as possible will be able to attend this, our most historic and important event of the year.

There was no unfinished business to discuss at this time.

Our chapter annual meeting which will be held on January 19, 2016 is going to be at the Holiday Inn-Virginia Beach/Norfolk Hotel and Conference Center again this year. More information will follow as this event draws closer.

ELECTIONS

Compatriot Charles Hassell has been nominated and elected as the new chapter Chaplain. Compatriot Kurt Lawson has extended his tenure as Registrar until a replacement can be found. The Vice President position will remain open at this time.

President Weeks reminded everyone that he wants us to be flexible with out meetings, get together, etc. He stated that nothing is etched in stone and we should look for possible changes in membership meeting venues to possibly accommodate more participation with our members.

Compatriot Warren Chauncey wanted to remind everyone that his church, St. Paul's Episcopal along with the Norfolk City Historical Society are sponsoring a bus trip to Historic Edenton, NC for a Christmas Homes Tour. Warren forwarded a handout to the members present and Secretary Douglas will distribute this information to the rest of the chapter.

President Weeks announced that Compatriot Robert Kendall was awarded the Patriot Award and the Partners in Patriotism Certificate from the National Society for the year 2014-2015.

Secretary Ken Hawkins led the group in the Recessional.

Chaplain Robert Hitchings closed the meeting with the Benediction.

The meeting was adjourned by President Weeks.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Secretary Edward J. Douglas