

Minutes of the Sons of the American Revolution, Norfolk Chapter
Membership Meeting
September 16, 2020

President Gary Pridgen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at Cypress Point Golf Club. He welcomed everyone to this first meeting since March and the Covid virus caused meetings to be cancelled.

The Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and SAR Pledge were recited.

President Gary Pridgen introduced the speaker, Tom Sasso, with the Youth Virginia Regiment. He spoke about the joy of history and its stories. He was accompanied by members of that group who performed a skit about the Battles of Kemp's Landing and Great Bridge.

Mr. Sasso who has served in the Marines, as a police officer, and paramedic, is with the Portsmouth Fire Rescue. At tonight's meeting he was presented the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal, awarded by the State Awards Committee, and Good Citizen Certificate.

A motion was made to accept the March Meeting minutes and was approved.

New Business:

- Mike O'Shea, Treasurer, gave his report. Currently, we have a balance on hand of \$809.00. We have 81 members in the Norfolk Chapter. The renewal date for dues has been moved up to December 1, 2020.

President's Report:

- Battle of the Virginia Capes did not happen, but a lot of work was put into this. We secured a military sponsor who agreed to do it, but was cancelled due to the virus. We will be ready for 2021.
- 12 High School J/ROTC and 4 College ROTC award medals and certificates were given and 65 new Eagle Scouts received Letters of Congratulations and certificates
- In planning for the Battle of Great Bridge, the President General, John Manning, accepted to attend.
- The VASSAR President determined that the official starting date of the Norfolk Chapter is 1924 which is the second oldest in the State. This determines the order of speaking at meetings.
- There are 2 Covid cases of SAR members in Virginia.
- New members were presented their certificates. We have 6 new members of which 3 were present. They are Paul Farley, Zadoke Melson, and Joseph Quartararo. We also have a transfer member.

- Wounded Warrior Coins and Certificates were given to Frank Anderson, Richard Boyce, and John Rigsby.
- The next meeting is November 10, 2020

The meeting was closed with the SAR Recessional and Benediction.

These Minutes are respectfully submitted for your review and acceptance.

Robert E. Bruce, Historian