

Minutes of the Sons of the American Revolution, Norfolk Chapter  
Membership Meeting  
September 18, 2021

President Gary Pridgen called the meeting to order at 11:00 am at the Princess Anne Country Club.

Tom Whetstone gave the Invocation, Bruce Besley led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Patrick Hannum led the SAR Pledge.

President Gary Pridgen then introduced guests and mentioned that our speaker was on his way. The meeting continued with announcements and reports:

- Kimball Thompson announced that the Prelude to Yorktown Reenactment at Chippokes Plantation will be held next weekend, September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Patrick Hannum announced that the Great Bridge Battlefield and Waterways History Foundation will have John Adams interpreter, Dr. William G. Chrystal, as speaker the evening of September 27. Tickets are on sale.
- Mike O'Shea gave the Treasurer's Report. Current balance is \$552.36. He also stated that annual renewals will be mailed in October and are due December 1.

The meeting was in recess while members enjoyed their lunch.

After lunch, President Gary Pridgen introduced our speaker, Albert Burckard, with the Isle of Wight County Museum in Smithfield, who was dressed in colonial uniform as Col Josiah Parker. He gave an entertaining presentation of the heroic Isle of Wight County Militia's "Battle of Mackie's Mill," as he meticulously walked us through the movements in Virginia of traitor Benedict Arnold's forces in January 1781. After his talk Albert was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a book on Revolutionary War terms and topics.

The business meeting continued with minutes from the May 22, 2021 meeting approved as written.

- Kenneth Hawkins gave the Eagle Scout report. This past year our chapter has recognized 105 Eagle scouts and 1059 during Ken's tenure as Chairman of the Eagle Scout Committee.
- Kenneth Hawkins also gave an update on grave marking Patriots' graves in Cedar Grove Cemetery in Norfolk. There are seven Revolutionary War Patriots and twenty War of 1812 veterans to be marked with a plaque. The plaque is approved by the city and has been ordered.

- Kenneth Hawkins, as head of the Nominations Committee, presented the slate of officers for 2022-2023:

President	Bob Bruce
Vice President	Tim Ahlgrim
Secretary	Patrick Hannum
Treasurer	Mike O'Shea
Historian	Bruce Besley
Chaplain	Wayne Boone
Counsellor	Carter Furr
Registrar	Open

The floor was then opened for additional nominations. Wayne Gustison presented himself for Historian. Elections will be held at the November 13, 2021 meeting.

Ken also mentioned that volunteers are needed to fill committee posts and gave a list of the various committees.

- Tim Ahlgrim gave a report on the ROTC and JROTC committee. We recognized cadets at three colleges—Old Dominion University, Norfolk State University, and Hampton University. Of eighteen high schools, we awarded medals to students at seventeen.
- President Gary Pridgen noted that we were disappointed the Battle of the Capes Commemoration was cancelled by the base at Fort Story. It would have been a big occasion, well attended by French representation and wreath presentations. New member Kevin Johnson mentioned that he was now assigned to JEB Little Creek-Fort Story and can assist as the Norfolk Chapter's Military Sponsor for next year.
- President Gary Pridgen presided over the induction of new members:

Wayne Gustison  
 Scott Almond  
 Kevin Johnson

- Patrick Hannum recognized that our meeting today (September 18) was on the 240<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the historic meeting of George Washington, Rochambeau and Comte de Grasse on the Ville de Paris (Comte de Grasse's flagship) in the Hampton Roads.

Jason Fite gave the SAR Recessional and Mark Jumper gave the Benediction.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

Robert Bruce, Historian