



**GOVERNOR PAUL HAMILTON CHAPTER
SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
BEAUFORT, SC**

Minutes of SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING FRIDAY MARCH 11, 2022

The Traditions Restaurant, Building 79, 78 Nicaragua Street, Parris Island, SC 29905

Thirty (33) members and ten (10) guests, including ten (10) DAR members, attended the Gov. Paul Hamilton, Chapter, SAR Spring Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon. The meet and greet started at 1130.

President Michael Monahan welcomed everyone in the dining room at 1200-noon.

The invocation and blessing of the meal was led by Lt Col Perry Gesell, USMC (Ret).

After the invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Color Sergeant Michael Keyserling. Compatriot Keyserling then led the pledge to the SAR.

President Micheal Monahan then provided the 20 Year Membership Award and Certificate to member Thomas L. Case.

Vice President Peter Somerville introduced the guests who attended.

The meal consisted of a pay as you go buffet of a variety of meats, salads, ice tea and deserts.

President Michael Monahan introduced the speaker, our old friend, William S. "Bill" Davies, Jr. of Columbia and Edisto Island. His topic was "250th Anniversary of the American Revolution in South Carolina"- The major points were the efforts underway to celebrate 250 years of independence and the key role South Carolina played in the American Revolution. After the talk, President Monahan presented Bill Davies with a SAR Chapter Certificate of Appreciation.

Tom Oblak of the 5th company, 4th SC Regiment, Artillery Demonstration Team, gave a spirited presentation about the organization's many activities around the state.P2

President Monahan then installed two new chapter members, John Thomas O'Quinn, Sr. and Capt. Thomas P. Sharkey, USN (Ret). They received a national certificate along with a copy of their SAR genealogies, a copy of SAR magazine and a SAR rosette to display on their lapels.

President Monahan then led a veterans awards ceremony with the assistance of Secretary Harold Mills. The following members were awarded the SAR War Service Medal:

Robert L. DeLoach, US Navy
Lt Col Perry H. Gesell, USMC (Ret) US Marine Corps
William "Hazen" Culley, FL Air National Guard
Capt Thomas P. Sharkey, USN (Ret) US Navy Special Operations
Troy A. Krapf, US Marine Corps Afghanistan
Michael H. Keyserling, US Air Force Vietnam (had to leave for medical and will be recognized at the June 10th meeting.)

The following members were awarded the SAR Military Service Medal:

Craig E. Bowman, US Army
Robert K. Pollard, PA National Guard
Claude N. Denkins, SC National Guard
Thomas E. Wilson III, US Air Force
Lt Col (Ret) Francis "Frank" E. Gibson III, SC National Guard

Note: National SAR War Service Medal and SAR Military Service Medal certificates arrived after the March 11th meeting. It seems that such awards can be done at the chapter, state or national level. In the present case, our awards were submitted for National SAR approval which results in an impressive national certificate which features a replica of the appropriate medals in color. These certificates will be provided the above members who at the June 10th meeting.

Secretary Harold Mills provided an update on chapter plans to recognize a JROTC cadet at 7 local high schools in April and May including Beaufort, Battery Creek, Bluffton, Wade Hampton, Colleton County, Estill and Whale Branch.

Treasurer Randy Atkins provided a report of the very positive financial health of our chapter.

New Business:

1. Members were reminded of and encouraged to attend the Heritage Society of Beaufort Luncheon to be held at the Marine Corps Air Station O'Club on Friday April 29, 2022. P3

2. Our next chapter meeting is to be held at noon on Friday June 10, 2022 at the Harmony Lodge located at 2710 Depot Road in Beaufort.

3. Please take note that our September 9th meeting will be held at the Callawassie Island Club in Okatie. The speaker will be Bill Schulz an expert on SC Naval History.

The benediction was led by Capt. Thomas P. Sharkey, USN (Ret).

The SAR Recessional was led by Vice President Peter Somerville as follows:

“ Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, Who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a Nation of Free Men.”

Adjourned at 2pm.

Respectfully Submitted in the service of the Gov Paul Hamilton Chapter

Harold W. Mills, Jr
Secretary