



GOVERNOR PAUL HAMILTON CHAPTER
SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY
SONS of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION
Beaufort, South Carolina

Minutes of the Fourth Quarter Formal Dinner Meeting, December 2, 2022,
Carolina Room, The Dataw Island Club, Saint Helena Island, SC

Seventy people attended (70) including 27 SAR members, 11 DAR members and plus 20 guests.

President Michael Monahan welcomed everyone at 7 PM.

The invocation and blessing were led by Chaplain Tom Burnett.

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

The Pledge to the Flag of South Carolina and Pledge to the Palmetto State were led by vice President Peter Somerville.

The chapter then sang together the National Anthem.

Ted Walker, Senior Vice President for SC Society SAR, dressed in colonial/revolutionary dress, led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Michael Monahan introduced special guests as listed below:

Ted and Linda Walker-SAR SC State Senior VP & wife
Jack Henrickson and Shirley Cruz-Perez-Monhan's grandson & friend

Gail and husband Bobby Newton-Regent, Thomas Heyward Jr Chapter, DAR
Dr. Jack and wife Dr. Lilian Thome-Fripp neighbors of the Mills
Hastings and wife Nancy Greene-chapter applicant
Two possible recruits:
Ken and Dian Brownfield and Ron and Robbin Buchanan
Phil and Amelie Cromer
Robert Strother & wife Bonnie-bagpiper transfer from Ohio

President Monahan called on Phil and Amelie Cromer to come forward to receive the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal each for their many contributions to the Beaufort Community.

President Michael Monahan presented the SAR War Service Medal to Colonel David Mills, USMC, for Special Operations Service, and service in Iraq and Afghanistan, to Harold Wayne Cousar for U.S. Air Force service in Vietnam, and to Bradford Wayne Cousar for GA Air National Guard SW Asia/Afghanistan service. James P. Atkins was presented the SAR 5 Year Membership Award.

DINNER MEAL: The entree was a choice of Grilled Filet Mignon or Pan Roasted Scottish Salmon, Artisan Green Salad and New York Cheesecake with strawberry sauce & fresh berries.

Secretary Harold Mills introduced his son, Col David Mills, USMC the guest speaker for the evening as a family man, good son and dedicated Marine.

Col Mills described with color slides and photos his service from early August to late December 2021 in establishing and operating the Afghan Refugee Camp of 5,000 refugees at Marine Base Quantico, Virginia.

He related with pride how the young Marines interacted with the afghans which was inspirational. David also offered his observation that today's young Marines are people of action like previous generations and would respond to any challenge and complete their mission.

There were no staff reports other than Randy Atkins, the treasurer, announced that the winners of the table decorations were designated by a red dot on the front of their dining chair.

There was no old business or new business.

Historian Tom Burnett provided a vivid description of his family combat activity during the Revolutionary War and stopped at a point of maximum interest with the promise that he would complete the story at our next chapter meeting. He then provided the Benediction as the chaplain.

Vice President Peter Somerville led the SAR Recessional.

The chapter then closed out the evening program by singing together "God Bless America" accompanied by bagpiper Robert Strother.

Submitted by
Harold Mills
Secretary