



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

**Minutes of Summer Quarterly Meeting Friday June 10, 2022  
Harmony Masonic Lodge, 2710 Depot Road, Beaufort, SC 29902**

Forty Seven (47) people attended, including thirty two (32) SAR members and six (6) DAR members.

President Michael Monahan welcomed everyone promptly at 1200 hours/Noon.

The invocation and blessing was 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. Compatriot Keyserling then led the Pledge to the SAR.

Vice President Peter Somerville introduced guests.

The meal was catered and consisted of fried chicken, bar b que, vegetables and banana pudding for desert. Plain tea and sweet tea were offered.

President Michael Monahan recognized the chapter Eagle Scout of the Year, Robert Dirk "Beau" Cooper, Jr. who was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Mary James Cooper. Beau was presented a chapter certificate and a medal. To compete for the National SAR college scholarships, Beau must submit his application by December 31, 2022 for the 2023 \$10,000, \$6,000 or \$4,000 scholarships and before his 19th birthday. His mother said the application is on his "to do" list before he goes to Baylor University.

President Michael Monahan announced that the chapter has a new Registrar, Wilson McElveen since Tom Wilson has resigned after many years of faithful service. Tom's service was recognized by the surprise award of the Chapter Roger Sherman Medal.

President Monahan then introduced the speakers: Rita Elliott and her husband, Dan Elliott, both very distinguished archaeologists. Her presentation was an in depth analysis of the archaeological discovery of the Revolutionary War Battle of Purysburg, SC. The talk prompted several penetrating questions. They were then presented certificates of appreciation by President Monahan.P2

A new chapter member, William "Bill" Yager Keane, Jr., of Bluffton, SC was installed by President Monahan. He was provided a membership certificate, a copy of his SAR genealogy, a rosette lapel

pin, a copy of the latest SAR magazine and other SAR information. Bill Keane is a descendant of William Booton of Culpepper, VA who provided material support to the patriot cause.

The below listed members who are military veterans were recognized individually by President Monahan with award of the appropriate SAR Medal:

#### SAR WAR SERVICE MEDAL

Michael H. Keyserling-US Air Force-Vietnam Service  
Brian G. McKay-US Army-Vietnam Service  
Robert E. deTreville-US Army-SW Asia Desert Shield/Desert Storm  
Carelton R. Howk-US Navy-Vietnam Service

#### SAR MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL

Stewart F. DeWitt-US Coast Guard  
Carrol L. Crowther-US Army  
Ted S. Carothers-US Army  
James P. Atkins III-US Marine Corps

There were two reports of old business:

Harold Mills described participating in five (5) local high school JROTC awards ceremonies ( Beaufort, Battery Creek, Bluffton, Whale Branch, and Colleton County) assisted by Jody Henson who took photos and published articles in The Island Packet. Two schools, Estill and Wade Hampton, held in house awards ceremonies for which the chapter provided a medal, a certificate and a check for \$100 just like the in person ceremonies.

Randy Atkins provided an updated treasurer's report of our positive bank balance and major expenditures. P3

New Business consists of president Monahan announcing the Fall chapter meeting to be held at the Callawassie Island Club on September 9th. The speaker is Bill Schulz an expert on SC Naval History.

Chaplain Tom Burnett provided the Benediction.

The SAR Recessional was led by new member Bill Keane as follows:

“ Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and independent Supreme Court and a Nation of FREE MEN.”

Adjourned at 2pm at which time everyone pitched to the clean and arrange the meeting the room.