

Sons of Liberty Chapter CASSAR

MINUTES OF MEETING SEPTEMBER 18, 2010

Attendees

Berni Campbell	Gary Bohannon	Rev. Vic Springer
David Eaton	Glen Gujda	Ronald Johnson*
David Hayball	Greg Gujda	W. Scott Campbell
David Smith	Jim McHargue	
Dr. John Mohler	Lowell Downer	
Elliott Graham	Melvin Harrell	*Associate Member

Guests

Virginia Emery	Mary Ellen Mohler	Mary Campbell
Dana Patton	Barbara Johnson	Denise Cook
Damian Smith	Kathy Harrell	

Opening Ceremony

First VP Ronald Johnson brought the meeting to order. Reverend Vic Springer delivered the invocation, Colonel David Smith led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Past-president Jim McHargue led the Pledge to the SAR.

Program

After lunch, a program entitled "Winners of the Congressional Medal of Honor" was delivered by Reverend Vic Springer. Everyone truly enjoyed the presentation, which revealed many interesting and sometimes sad facts about the lives of our nation's greatest heroes.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the June meeting were distributed. Two corrections were made and Past-president Scott Campbell moved that the minutes be approved as amended, Past-president Jim McHargue seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer David Eaton reported that the Permanent Fund has assets of \$59,468.00, and that the current balance in our checking account t was \$4,312.43. Past-president Glenn Gujda moved that the minutes be approved as stated, Past-president Scott Campbell seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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Registrar's Report

Registrar and Past-president Berni Campbell reported that there are four applications in working status.

OLD BUSINESS

Colonel Smith reminded attendees that the celebration of his retirement from the United States Air Force will be held September 22 at Edwards AFB. All Compatriots are invited to attend, but advance notice is required for base access. See last month's Newsletter for details.

NEW BUSINESS

Eagle Scout Essay Program

Compatriot Lowell Downer brought the Chapter up-to-date on a very important program sponsored by the SAR, the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship Essay Contest. Compatriot Downer has taken the lead on this initiative and discussed the details and discussions with Boy Scouts of America (BSA) executives. After a lengthy discussion, Colonel David Smith moved that \$100 be authorized so that the Chapter could solicit entries to the contest from local BSA troops, with another \$100 available at the President's discretion. The motion was seconded by Past-president David Hayball seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Compatriot Downer will continue to lead the Chapter's effort, with others assisting.

Color Guard

President Melvin Harrell briefly discussed upcoming events that the Color Guard will participate in, including a BSA Jamboree and the Marching through History Exhibition at Prado regional Park October 2-3.

Rosettes

Past-president David Hayball moved that the Chapter revive an old tradition of awarding SAR rosettes to new members. The motion was seconded by Colonel Smith and carried unanimously. Funds were authorized for the purpose, but following the meeting, Virginia Emery, long a friend of our Chapter, kindly offered to purchase 10 rosettes as a gift to the Chapter.

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Martha Washington Medal

Past-president Jim McHargue moved that the Chapter award Sharon, our regular hostess at the Tam O'Shanter, the Martha Washington Medal, which may be given by the National Society, a state society, or a chapter to a woman over 18 years of age in recognition of outstanding service to SAR. First VP Ron Johnson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Compatriot McHargue then graciously offered to purchase the medal and gift it to the Chapter.

Christmas Party

Dr. John and Mary Ellen Mohler have again offered their beautiful home for the Chapter's Christmas Party. The date was fixed as Sunday, December 19, with guests invited to arrive at 4:00 PM. This year will be a pot luck. All attendees are asked to bring a dish or bottle of wine. Details will follow in the coming weeks.

Past-president Glenn Guida then gave a benediction, and President Melvin Harrell lead the membership in the SAR recessional.

There being no further business before the chapter, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Gary Bohannon, Secretary.

