

Northeastern Ohio Chapter #12
Sons of the American Revolution

April 19th, 2015

Call to Order: President Troy Bailey called the meeting to order at 11:47 AM. The meeting was held at Rivalry's in Austinburg, OH. There were 17 members and 8 guests present

Invocation: Invocation was given by Compatriot Jim Pildner, Chaplin Pro Tem.

Pledge of Allegiance/SAR: Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was recited by all present and the SAR Pledge was recited by all Compatriots present.

Minutes Report: Minutes of the previous meeting, February 21, 2015 were posted online at the NEO#12 website and a copy was available at the meeting. Compatriot Jim Pildner made a motion to approve the minutes and Compatriot Jim Gilbert seconded. Motion carried.

Presidents Report: President Bailey welcomed all in attendance. Compatriot Bailey went over the upcoming schedule of events. The May meeting will be a joint meeting with the Ashtabula County Genealogical Society for a program presented by Compatriot Paul Wilke on the Miller Flag collection. The meeting will be held on Sunday May 17th in Geneva.

April 22nd at 5:00 PM is the Blue Star Mothers Veterans dinner with the patients from the Stokes VA medical center at the Geneva VFW. April 23rd is the Youngstown State ROTC award breakfast. April 25th and 26th will be the Maple Festival parade in Chardon.

We will be holding a Flag Certificate presentation after today's meeting in Jefferson.

He also announced the passing of Compatriot William "Red" Leonard. We passed a card around to be mailed to his family. Compatriot Leonard's daughter Jennifer was present at the meeting.

Secretary's Report: Compatriot Matheke reported that the NSSAR website award application was submitted. He also reported on a few things from the Winter BOM and Spring Leadership meetings. He also did a presentation of the Stark Award and the Service to Veterans Award.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted in writing from Steve Hinson. Our previous balance was 1893.46. There were expenditures for awards, flag poles and hardware The Chapter has a balance of \$1429.66.

Compatriot Hinson announced that we are looking to do a Grave Marking ceremony again this year on the 5th of July. The 2 cemeteries would be Chestnut Grove and Edgewood in Ashtabula. We are soliciting donation to help defer the costs of the markers which are \$80. We anticipate needing 8-10 markers this year. If you are interested in donating and/or participating this year please contact Compatriot Bailey or Hinson.

Registrar's Report: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business: None.

Program: Scott Wludyga-Historian did a presentation on several items that were contained in the records he maintains as Historian. Some items that were pointed out were the Chapter having only 5 members at one point and the decision that they needed to recruit some new folks to join. Also the membership was as few as 14-15 members in the 1990's. We currently have around 120 members. There were also many articles from various news sources of a wide variety of events that happened over the years.

New Business: Since Compatriot Bailey was not present at the last Chapter meeting he was sworn in as Chapter President.

President Bailey then conducted an Awards Ceremony with the following awards:

Vennie Hinson- Lydia Darragh Award
Scott Wludyga- Certificate of Appreciation
Bob Howe- Certificate of Appreciation
Tim Ward- Patriot Grave Marking Medal
Kirk Bacon- Bronze Color Guard Medal
Jim Gilbert- Bronze Color Guard Medal
John McClellan- Chapter Roger Sherman Award
Steve Hinson- Chapter Meritorious Service Medal
Dan Matheke- Chapter Meritorious Service Medal and Service to Veterans Medal
Jim Pildner- Chapter Distinguished Service Medal

Motion to Adjourn: Motion was made by Tim Ward and seconded by Jim Pildner. Motion carried.

Closing Obligation: Closing Obligation was recited by Compatriots present.

Benediction: Benediction was given by Jim Pildner Chaplin Pro Tem

Submitted by Daniel M. Matheke
Secretary NEO#12 OHSSAR