

**The MDSSAR General Smallwood Chapter Quarterly Dinner Meeting  
April 2, 2015**



The General William Smallwood Chapter's regularly scheduled quarterly dinner meeting was held April 2, 2015 at the Knights of Columbus Council 2169, 9707 Rosensteel Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland. The meeting had been postponed from March 5 due to poor weather conditions. Michael Saunders, chapter president, presided.

The following 36 members and guests were in attendance:

DOROTHY BARNES	JIM HARDTER	TERI O'BRIEN
JAMES B. BATTLES	JOAN HARDTER	KAREN PERRY
BARBARA BRYAN-WILSON	KEN HARDTER	JAMES PERRY
RICHARD BUCKHOLTZ	DAVID JONES	MICHAEL SAUNDERS
THERESA BUSBY	MARIA JONES	KEITH SILLIMAN
MICHAEL CAMESI	DAVID KING JR.	PATRICK TALSANIA
JACK CARSON	JOE KING	KIRAN TALSANIA
MARISSA DANIELS	DANIEL KLEIN	JOHN VANDEGRIFF
DONALD DEERING (STATE 2 <sup>ND</sup> VP)	JONATHAN KLEIN	PAT WARNER
JAMES ENGLER SR. (STATE 1 <sup>ST</sup> VP)	MICHELLE KLEIN	SARA WARNER
DOUGLAS C. FAVORITE (STATE PRESIDENT)	TIMOTHY KLEIN	ROBERT WILSON
DOUGLAS P. HARDEN	CLARENCE LEE	DAN ZIMMERMAN

Mr. Saunders called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. John Vandegriff offered the Invocation. Members and guests were led in the Pledge of Allegiance (Jack Carson) the SAR Pledge (Clarence Lee) and the American's Creed (Michael Saunders). Compatriots and guests were introduced.

*Approval of Minutes:* The December 5, 2014 quarterly meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

*President's Report:* Mr. Saunders welcomed all members and guests. Invitations have been sent to JROTC military and naval science instructors for awards nominees. Several have responded with dates/times and names. Invitations have been sent to the local high schools for SAR Outstanding Citizenship Award nominees. Four schools have responded. Invitations have been sent to the Memorial Day wreath laying event in Bethesda. Thanks to Duane Tackitt who agreed to be registrar for this event. The MDSSAR George Washington Luncheon was re-scheduled and took place on Sunday, March 15 at the Towson Golf & Country Club. As of March 1, we have 76 paid members in the Smallwood Chapter compared to 65 last year. We expect to have one Cub Scout Wolf Den submit a poster for the Poster Contest. I attended a recent sign marking ceremony to recognize patriot Dr. Thomas Wootton, who is often referred to as the "father of Montgomery County."

*Special Recognitions and Awards:* Mr. Saunders presented Patrick Talsania with an Eagle Scout Certificate of Merit Award and an SAR/BSA patch. Mr. Talsania is the chapter's 2014 Eagle Scout Essay Award winner. A Flag Display Award was presented by Mr. Saunders to Richard Buckholtz of Takoma Park.

*New Members Installation:* Mr. Saunders and MDSSAR President Douglas C. Favorite inducted James C. Hardter into the chapter. Mr. Saunders and MDSSAR First VP James Engler, Sr. inducted into the chapter Dr. James Bruce Battles and six of his family members who live outside of the area.

*Unfinished/New Business:* Keith Silliman of the chapter Nominating Committee reported that the committee nominates the following individuals to serve as chapter officers for the 2015-16 term: for president, Michael Saunders; for vice president, James Perry; for treasurer, Bob Wilson; for secretary, Jack Carson. The nominations were approved by unanimous vote. Mr. Saunders announced that the chapter has set up a fund for paying for grave-site memorials at the Monocacy Cemetery and stated that he will kick off the fund by donating \$50. Mr. Saunders noted that the Smallwood Chapter dues of \$10 per year are among the lowest in the MDSSAR and proposed raising the dues to \$15 per year beginning in 2016. The proposal was approved by unanimous vote. A list of current chapter committees was distributed and Mr. Saunders asked for volunteers for committees with vacant chairs. Jack Carson volunteered to chair the Flag Display Committee. Mr. Saunders announced that the chapter is planning a formal SAR grave marking ceremony at the Monocacy Cemetery on May 23, and plans are underway for the chapter's annual Memorial Day observance event in Bethesda on May 25. Volunteers are needed for both events.

*Featured Speaker:* Mr. Saunders introduced compatriot James Perry, who presented an informative talk and slide show on the ill-fated 1782 Crawford Expedition into Native American-held territory.

*Announcements:* Pat Warner announced that: James Perry will become MDSSAR Historian as of April 18; the Capt. John Smoot Chapter has discovered the birth place of Samuel Chase and will be holding a ceremony on April 4; and, the MDSSAR is funding research into the MD 400 role in the Rev. War and who participated. Mr. Saunders noted that there is no memorial for the MD 400 in the state of MD. Douglas Favorite invited all present to the MDSSAR Board of

Managers meeting in Sykesville on April 18. Daniel Klein of the Ark & Dove Society invited all present to the group's annual Memorial Day wreath laying event. The next meeting of the Smallwood Chapter will be Thursday, June 5, 2015 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Silver Spring. Mark Croatti, director of the newly opened Treaty of Paris Center in Annapolis, will speak on the treaty of Paris and the role of Annapolis. The 50/50 raffle was won by James Engler, Sr. The Benediction was conducted by John Vandegriff. The Recessional was led by Mr. Saunders. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Compatriot Jack Carson  
Recording Secretary, Gen. Wm. Smallwood Chapter

## Current General William Smallwood Chapter Committee Assignments

### HELP WANTED

Americanism (**Vacant**)

Awards & Medals (Duane Tackitt)

Brochure Contest (**Vacant**)

Bylaws (**Vacant**)

Eagle Scout Essay Contest Award (Mike Saunders) -- We have a winner. **Patrick Talsania**.

Flag Award (**Vacant** – Jack Carson and Pat Warner have been filling in)

If you notice someone flying the flag properly that you think deserves to be recognized, contact me and I'll follow up.

Patriots Graves Registry (Jack Carson) -- Six Patriot graves were identified and details are still in development for the marking ceremony (May 23<sup>rd</sup>?). We'll will need volunteers to help make the needed arrangements and participate in the relevant ceremony at Monocacy Cemetery.

JROTC/ROTC (Mike Saunders) -- The ROTC winners are being identified at each school with JROTC and will be presented in an award this spring.

Knight Essay (**Vacant**)

Memorial Day (Mike Saunders) -- Work has started on notifying the usual participants. Duane is keeping the list of attendees.

Nominations Committee (Duane Tackitt, Pat Warner & Keith Silliman) -- Nomination slate to be presented at March 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

Operation REACH (**Vacant**) -- No activity at the moment.

Outstanding Citizenship (Mike Saunders) -- High School Outstanding Citizenship nominees have been requested from the local high schools. Expect activity to begin in the late April/May timeframe.

Patriotic Organizations Outreach (**Vacant**) -- Our chapter needs a volunteer to help this program. This includes outreach to DAR and organizations such as American Legion and VFW. Duties involve contacting these organizations by phone or e-mail and identifying activities in which our chapter and their organizations can cooperate.

Planning (**Vacant**)

Poster Contest (**Vacant**)

Rumbaugh Oration (**Vacant**)

Supporting CAR (**Vacant**) -- We need a volunteer to act as our point of contact and attend the meetings of the Hungerford Tavern and Arc & Dove CAR chapters.