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MNSAR 134TH ANNUAL MEETING

Minneapolis, MN – The Minnesota Society, and the Minneapolis and Saint Paul Chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution held their annual meetings at Jax Cafe on January 14, 2023.

The Society was called to order by President Christopher Willard Moberg who introduced all of the MNSAR officers as well as each attendee. The Color Guard posted the colors followed by the Pledge to the U.S. flag and the SAR Pledge. Chaplain Michael Scott Swisher delivered the invocation. The assemblage enjoyed luncheon, each ordering their own entree from Jax Cafe’s menu.

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Luncheon Meeting
Announcement

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MINNESOTA SOCIETY SAR ANNUAL MEETING

New Northland Chapter

The MNSAR Board of Managers voted to approve an application for chartering a Northland Chapter, whose headquarters shall be located in Duluth, Minnesota.

Members living in the Duluth area have been meeting regularly since July and have recently requested that a Northland Chapter be established. The charter gives the names and residences of five members, many of whom were present at the annual meeting: Hon. David S. Bouschor, John M. Glendenning, Jr., Timothy F. Grover, Michael J. Stainbrook, Sr. and Craig W. Whiting. The document is dated November 18, 2022.

A vote was also accepted that the funds that were returned to the MNSAR when the original Duluth Chapter dissolved be made available to the Northland Chapter.

MNSAR Membership

Corresponding Secretary COL Ronald McRoberts reported on membership. The membership count on 01 January 2023 is 255, a gain of five members. Our membership includes 18 Junior members and two Dual members. Registrations were recorded for 28 new members, five new Junior member, and three who were reinstated following non-payment of dues by the pre-

vious year's deadline. Losses included two deaths and 28 dropped due to non-payment of dues. The median age of members is 61 years of age. The median length of membership is seven years. Once again, the Minnesota Society leads the National Society in the percentage of life members at 31%.

Minnesota Society Financial Report and Endowment Trust Fund

Treasurer Richard E. Smith presented the Annual Financial Report. It showed net assets of \$52,115.82 as of 31 December 2022.

Michael Swisher, Trustee of the MNSAR Endowment Trust Fund reported that the Endowment Trust balance on hand as of December 31, 2021 was \$55,392.13, including \$924.31 in earnings, which were distributed. This left us with a balance remaining of \$54,467.82 as of January 1, 2022. During 2022, contributions to principal of \$3,485.69 were received and earnings were \$1,049.09. Ending balance at December 31, 2022 was \$59,002.60. The Trustees voted to make an unrestricted gift of the Trust's 2022 earnings, amounting to \$1,049.09, to the Minnesota Society SAR. Principal on hand on January 1, 2023, was \$57,953.51.

Eagle Scout Scholarship and Awards Program

Compatriot Richard Smith reported as chair for the Eagle Scout Program. Caleb Brennan Smith of the Northern Star Council Boy Scouts of America was the Minnesota contest winner in 2022. He placed 9th nationally. Finn Owen McBride and Tanner Schertz was the Minneapolis and Saint Paul Chapter winners respectively. Smith thanked the MNSAR Eagle Contest Committee members Richard Howey, Thomas Shaffer and Craig Whiting for helping to judge the winners.

ROTC Medal Program

Compatriot James Hagen reported that during 2022 invitations were sent to each of the state's seven ROTC units and twelve JROTC units. Six of the seven ROTC units responded with names of cadets to be given the SAR Silver Certificates and Medals. All eleven of the JROTC units responded with names of cadets to be given the SAR Bronze Certificates and Medals. Of those, each unit held in-person award ceremonies this year. Two of the eleven chose to have their own staff present the awards to their cadets. The remaining nine JROTC units' cadets were presented their awards by a Minnesota Society SAR Compatriot. Special

thanks to MNSAR Compatriots that took the time to present ROTC and JROTC awards on behalf of the SAR Minnesota Society.

MNSAR Color Guard

Color Guard Commander, Steven Hyde reported that the MNSAR Color Guard participated in many activities including, Oneota Cemetery Memorial Day event and a Memorial Day Flag rasing in Roseville. Their biggest event is the C.A.R. Independence Day celebration in Wayzata. They also participated in Wreaths Across America with the Civil Air Patrol cadets. The MNSAR and especially the MNSAR Color Guard has been invited to participate in the DAR America 250 Patriot marker installation on Saturday, April 15th at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery located near Little Falls, Minnesota.

MNSAR Living History Team

Living History Team Leader, Richard Howey reported that they performed Patriot Chest Presentations to many students including at Maranatha Academy, MN Civil Air Patrol and Schaeffer Academy. Through a generous donation their Patriot Chest wish list has dissolved. Howey showed a couple of new items for the

Patriot Chest including a replica tea crate like those dumped into Boston Harbor during the Boston Tea Party.

NSSAR Service Awards

During 2022 the MNSAR has awarded four NSSAR service awards. Ron McRoberts was awarded the State Distinguished Service medal and Rick Smith was awarded the Silver Roger Sherman medal at our February meeting. Minnesota DAR State Regent Kathy Huston was awarded an SAR Medal of Appreciation at the Memorial Day "Folds of Honor" event at the Midland Hills Country Club in Roseville. Ethan Read earned the Silver Good Citizenship medal and we will continue to try to work out a time and place to present it to him.

North Central District Zoom Events

Informal Zoom meeting events take place monthly and are open for all Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska and Dakota SAR members. President Moberg described past presentations and announced the topic of the next Zoom meeting.

Saint Paul Chapter

The Saint Paul Chapter was called to order by President James Everett Hagen. Secre-

tary-Treasurer Timothy Harris presented the Financial Report indicating assets totaling \$6,583.96.

Compatriot Harris reported that ten Saint Paul area high schools participated in the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal Program and their students were presented with their medals the past May. Letters have been mailed to twelve Saint Paul area high schools to begin the program for 2023.

Flag Certificates were awarded to five Saint Paul area businesses for regularly flying the flag on Flag Day, June 14.

Minneapolis Chapter

The Minneapolis Chapter was called to order by President Kevin Everett Sullivan. Thomas Harris presented the Annual Financial Report, noting total assets of \$22,792.92 as of 31 December 2022.

Michael Huttner, Chairman of the Minneapolis Chapter Bronze Good Citizenship Medal Program reported that medals and certificates were presented in fifteen area high schools – down from the usual twenty-plus. The High Schools that did not participate were from the Minneapolis School District. The teach-

ers strike in May disrupted the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal Program this year.

The Minneapolis Chapter will donate \$200.00 to the Lake Minnetonka Society C.A.R. and \$100.00 to the Hennepin History Museum.

MNSAR Corresponding Secretary, COL Ronald McRoberts conducted the oath of office ceremony for the Minnesota Society, the Minneapolis Chapter and the Saint Paul Chapter officers. President Moberg recited the SAR Recessional and the MNSAR Color Guard retired the colors ending the festivities of the day.

MNSAR ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND

Contributions to the MNSAR Endowment Trust are always welcome and can even be made on the MNSAR website. Go to <https://minnesotasar.org/2022/12/04/2023-dues-and-endowment-donations/> to contribute today.

Remembering Two MNSAR Members

Kevin Randolph Sleen, Jr.

Compatriot Kevin Randolph Sleen, Jr., 51, died unexpectedly last winter on February 26, 2022. Kevin's SAR membership was registered in 2021. Kevin served in the military for 22 years between the Army, the Air Force, and the Air National Guard. He was activated on 9/11 to support Operation Noble Eagle, and deployed in the Mideast during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He retired from the Air Force in 2012 and worked in the mining and pipeline industries, focusing on quality assurance. Kevin and his wife Patty raised a family of 10 children (6 adopted) and he was working on his doctoral dissertation at the time of his passing.

Dr. Roy Franklin House, Jr.

Rochester pediatrician and fellow compatriot Roy "Bodie" House passed away quietly on December 3. He was 83 years old, and has been a member of the SAR since 1990. During his 30+ year career as a pediatrician at Mayo, he treated countless patients with tremendous care and dedication, and was an exceptional diagnostician. Although Bodie grew up in Arkansas and Tennessee and never lost his southern drawl, Rochester was his home for the past 50 years.



2023 MINNESOTA SOCIETY SAR OFFICERS

The following compatriots were nominated and elected to serve the Minnesota Society and/or their respective chapters. Congratulations to all the compatriots who accepted service to the Minnesota Society, Minneapolis Chapter or the Saint Paul Chapter Sons of the American Revolution.

MINNESOTA SOCIETY SAR

President:.....James Everett Hagen
 Vice President:Kevin Everett Sullivan
 Corresponding Secretary:.....COL Ronald E. McRoberts, P.P.
 Recording Secretary:.....Open Seat
 Treasurer:Richard Eugene Smith
 Genealogist / Registrar:.....John Charles Sassaman, P.P.
 Chancellor:Brendan Robert Tupa, J.D.
 Historian/Newsletter Editor:Timothy Charles Harris, P.P.
 Librarian:.....Stephen John Vescelus
 Surgeon:George Floyd Smith, M.D.
 Chaplain:Michael Scott Swisher, P.P.
 Sergeant-at-Arms:Thomas Christopher Harris

Past Presidents are automatically members of the Board of Managers. Those not named above are:

Geoffrey Robert Bodeau, M.D.	Hon. David S. Bouschor
Dennis Garvin Croonquist	William Leslie DeCoursey
James Fredrick Foster	Duane L. C. M. Galles, Ph.D.
John Hallberg Jones	COL Ronald E. McRoberts
Christopher Willard Moberg	John Charles Sassaman
Larry Wray Sisk	Buford Allen Young

Board of Managers: (up to 20 members in addition to the above)

Robert Wayne Allison	Charles Edward Boyles
Tracy Ashley Crocker	David Adriance Foster
Jay Thomas W. Franklin	James Everett Hagen
Steven James Hyde	Marvin Lane Jansma
Hon. William Raymond Johnson	Larry Allan Lundblad, Ph.D.
John David McCallum	Robert Arthur Minish
Thomas Truxtun Morrison, Sr.	Randall Roger Nelson
Christopher John Pizinger	Aaron Hale Printup
LTC Allen Dean Shepersky	Rehn Douglas Smith
Kevin Everett Sullivan	Stephen Paul Thompson

S.A.R. Endowment Trust Fund: (three-year terms)

Trustee ending January 2024:Michael Scott Swisher, P.P.
 Trustee ending January 2025:COL Ronald E. McRoberts, P.P.
 Trustee ending January 2026:Duane L. C. M. Galles, P.P.

Nominated for Election at the NSSAR National Congress in Orlando, FL, in July 2023

National Trustee for Minnesota: ..Richard Eugene Smith
 Alternate National Trustee MN:....Stephen John Vescelus

MINNEAPOLIS CHAPTER SAR

President:..... Robert Wayne Allison
 Vice President: Hon. William Raymond Johnson
 Secretary-Treasurer:..... Thomas C. Harris
 Chaplain: Michael Scott Swisher, P.P.
 Board of Managers:..... Tracy Ashley Crocker
 Michael William Huttner
 Steven James Hyde
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SAINT PAUL CHAPTER SAR

President..... Richard Eugene Smith
 Vice President Thomas Wayne Shaffer
 Secretary-Treasurer Timothy Charles Harris
 Chaplain Thomas Christopher Harris
 Board of Managers..... Dennis Garvin Croonquist
 Christopher Willard Moberg
 James Everett Hagen

NEXT MEETING NOTICE

The Annual George Washington Observance and Luncheon Meeting will take place on 18 February 2023 at Jax Cafe. See the meeting notice inserted in this newsletter.