

**Lafayette Chapter, Kentucky Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
Lexington, Kentucky
Minutes of the August 28, 2010 Meeting
Fort Harrod State Park, Harrodsburg, Kentucky**

The Lafayette Chapter of the KYSSAR convened August 28, 2010 at Fort Harrod State Historic Site, Harrodsburg, Kentucky. The quarterly meeting, called to order by President Jim Strohmeier, opened with the Posting of the Colors. Compatriot Wayne Bussell led in the United States Pledge of Allegiance followed by Compatriot Jim Evans leading the SAR Pledge. The invocation was given by President Jim Strohmeier.

President Strohmeier then introduced chapter members and guests: Compatriots Steve Skinner, Dan Stewart, Jr., Wayne Bussell, Jim Evans, Ben Mann (a new member), Del White, Roger Bain, Don Adams, Jim Steed, Lucien Rice, and Greg Hodge. Guests were Mrs. Sharon Steed, Mrs. Carol Rice, Mrs. Holly Hodge and sons, Parker & Landon; Compatriot Tom Higgins, webmaster for the KYSSAR; Bob Hughes, a prospective member; and Tommy Barnett, member of Friends of Fort Harrod.

Don Adams, Secretary, distributed and read the minutes of the chapter's quarterly meeting, May 15, 2010, held at Waveland Historic Site, Lexington, Kentucky. Upon motions of approval made by Compatriots Wayne Bussell and Del White, the minutes were accepted as recorded.

Don Adams distributed and read the minutes of the Lafayette Chapter's Board of Managers meeting held July 19, 2010 at Beaumont Branch of the Lexington Public Library. Compatriot Del White made a motion to acknowledge the reading of these minutes with approval thereof to be voted upon at the next chapter meeting. The motion was seconded by Compatriot Steve Skinner. Motions were accepted.

President Strohmeier called for further officers reports. Compatriot Steve Skinner, Treasurer, stated the financial report is available on line. This announcement was unanimously accepted. No report was given at this time by Compatriot Jim Evans, Historian. In the absence of Compatriot John Burch, ROTC Chairman, no report was given.

Compatriot Greg Hodge, Color Guard Commander, reported the first public appearance was June 27, 2010 at the grave marking ceremony of Rev. War soldier, Lt. Joseph Pugh, Virginia Militia, buried in the Pugh-Ewalt cemetery in Bourbon County. Greg reported the color guard marched July 3, 2010 in the city of Wilmore's Independence Day Parade. The guard also participated August 21, 2010 in the annual memorial of the Battle of Blue Licks, sponsored by the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter.

Regarding unfinished business, a discussion pertaining to the Lafayette Chapter's (1960) Constitution and Bylaws ensued. Compatriot Del White brought to our attention that Article 18 states it is the duty of each member to notify the secretary and president of the decease of a member.

Compatriot White rose and made a motion seeking ratification of changes to specific constitutional headings proposed at an earlier meeting. Compatriot Wayne Bussell seconded this motion. All were in agreement thereto.

Compatriot Greg Hodge made a motion to insert a constitutional clause requiring an annual audit of the treasurer's records. The said audit must consist of a chapter committee. His motion was seconded by Don Adams. Motions were duly approved.

Regarding new business, President Jim Strohmeier officially inducted Ben Mann into the Lafayette Chapter, presenting him with the membership rosette bearing General George Washington's colors. Compatriot Mann was heartily welcomed by fellow members. He was asked to share information about his patriot, Meredith Raines from Virginia, who came here as a *Mayflower* passenger. Ben expressed much pride and gratitude in his SAR membership.

Announcements regarding forthcoming events:

Wayne Bussell spoke about the new National SAR Membership Directory available in January 2011; hard copy \$130; soft copy \$70.

The James Samuel McConnell Chapter, DAR, is sponsoring a grave marking ceremony for Private Abner Shropshire Sept. 25, 10:30, at Georgetown, Kentucky Cemetery.

November 4 our chapter will have a joint dinner meeting with the Transylvania DAR Chapter at the Lexington Country Club.

November 6 at Williamsburg, Ky., 10:00, University of the Cumberlands, the KYSSAR will nominate & elects its 2011 slate of officers.

The Lafayette Chapter's Christmas luncheon will be Dec. 11 at historic Duncan Tavern, Paris, Ky.

Our speaker, David Coleman, Ft. Harrod Park Manager, interpreted 1775--1805 pioneer life in the area. His objective is to "bring more historical accuracy in the interpretation of life and culture of the fort."

President Strohmeier dismissed the session with a benediction followed by Compatriot White leading all in the Recessional.

Respectfully,
Don D. Adams, Secretary

