



Sons of the American Revolution

May 21, 2022

- Attendance Sheet
- Call to Order
- Invocation
- American Flag Salute & SAR Pledge
- Reading of the April Minutes
- Officer Reports: Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain
- Chapter Officer Vacancies: Receiving Registrar Help
- Introduction of New Members & Guests
- **State Meeting Recap**
 - SAR Library (11,000 Books Online)
 - \$1000 for SAR Life Library Membership
 - Treasurer General: John Dodd
 - The People's Money: Awards, Plaques, Advertising
 - Full Time Publicity Position
 - Youth Programs: Poster Contest, Brochure Contest 8th Grade, Oration Contest
 - American Flag Certificate
 - America 250 Coins

- AB1600 on Consent Calendar
- Grants through the George Washington Endowment Fund
- Revolutionary War Memorial
- American Village (americanvillage.org) Register Your Ancestor
- Fresno Veterans Day Parade
- Life Membership: National & Then State (New Fee Schedule)
- Chapter Compliance Forms
- Other New Business
- SAR 250 Minutes
- SAR Recessional
- Benediction



SAR 250 Minutes

The Sons of Liberty were very active throughout the colonies, and the British officers charged with enforcing the customs laws and the Stamp Act were becoming aggressive.

In June of 1772, a dramatic event was to demonstrate the severity of the crisis. A Lieutenant William Duddington, of Her Majesty's Ship Gaspee, was charged with patrolling the waters of Narragansett Bay, off Rhode Island. Duddington had earned a reputation as an overzealous enforcer; boarding and detaining vessels and confiscating cargoes, often without charge, and without recourse for merchants whose goods were impounded. Losses were mounting and it was widely believed that these harassments were directed specifically at members of the Sons of Liberty.

On June 9, 1772, a local vessel out of Newport was under way to Providence when its captain baited the HMS Gaspee and led Duddington into shallow waters near Warwick. The Gaspee ran aground at a place that is now known as Gaspee Point. News of the grounding quickly reached Providence and a party of fifty-five, led by a man named John Brown, planned an attack on the ship. The following evening they surrounded and boarded the Gaspee, wounding Duddington and capturing the entire crew. All were hauled ashore and abandoned, to watch as the Gaspee was looted and then burned.

The boldness of this attack was even more remarkable in that none of the attackers made any effort to hide their identities. Duddington and crew were

able to point out most of the participants readily. However, this did them little good because the local courts, too, were antagonistic toward the Royal Navy. Rather than attempt to prosecute the attackers, charges were brought against Lt. Duddington for illegally seizing goods. When this news reached Parliament, there was outrage. A special commission, under the authority of the vice-admiralty courts, was sent to apprehend the perpetrators of the Gaspee affair, and to haul them back to England for trial. Though the identities of the perpetrators were widely known, the investigation was fruitless. No arrest was ever made.



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Delta Chapter Sign In Sheet - April 16, 2022

SAR Members

Guests

Minutes – April 2022

Members Present:

Scott Elliott (President), Charles Newcomb (Treasurer), Randy Haight (Secretary), Al Baker, David Beeskau, Dug Beeskau, Keith Bickley, Mel Howell, Gary Overby (Chaplain).

- President Scott Elliott gaveled the meeting to order.
- Chaplain Gary Overby led the opening prayer.
- Randy “Doc” Haight led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Treasurer Charles Newcomb led the SAR Pledge.

Officer’s Reports

- Secretary Haight read the minutes of February’s meeting.
- President Elliott noted that he will attend the State Convention, to be held in Sacramento April 21.
- President Elliot advised that in furtherance of SAR’s efforts to promote “SAR 250” members and chapters can document SAR 250 Presentations to accumulate award points. President Elliott was the recipient of the Bronze Award for SAR 250 and will accept the Silver Award at the State meeting.
- Treasurer Charles Newcomb reported receiving a check for \$105 from the Wreaths Across America which brought our current balance to about \$9400.
- President Elliott added that he had received an additional \$40 from Wreaths Across America to be deposited.

New Business

- Gary Overby advised that he presented Citizen Awards to members of the San Joaquin and Modesto Sea Cadets and met with the District Commander at a reception following the presentation at Eagles Hall.

Presentation

President Elliott provided a presentation on Patrick Henry. This presentation focused on his life before, during and after the American Revolution and provided insight into this American Patriot. Accompanying his presentation, President Elliott displayed a portrait and memorabilia concerning Patrick Henry. Incidentally, Patrick Henry is President Elliott's "Patriot Ancestor" for his initial admission to SAR.

- Mel Howell led the SAR Recessional.
- Gary Overby led the closing prayer.