

On May 19, 2012, the Mine Run Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, met at the old Berea Church, formerly the site of the Spotsylvania County Museum. Eleven members were present today. Cindy Kohl and Mary Stanley agreed to approve today's minutes via e-mail.

Rochelle Grey, regent, led the DAR prayers and opening exercises that included the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the American's Creed.

Liz Couture, corresponding secretary, introduced the speaker for today's meeting, "Jefferson Davis," President of the Confederate States of America. Rochelle thanked the President for his presentation.

The treasurer's report was submitted by Sue Shackelford. The check book balance is \$4,682.62.

Debbie DeHart presented the registrar's report. As of last month, there are 74 chapter members. There are 36 prospective members.

Cindy Kohl has sent \$7000.00 worth of store coupons for use by military families to Japan. She also distributed cards which can be given to veterans and current military personnel to thank them for their service. May is military appreciation month.

Liz Couture reported that the American History Essay Contest is open to middle and high school students. It includes children who are in public and private schools and home-schoolers.

Debbie DeHart discussed ways that the Chapter can support veterans. There are homeless veterans who need assistance. There are veterans in local nursing and assisted living facilities that need clothes, personal care items and magazines. Rochelle is collecting deodorants, which can be dropped off at Jane Bailey's workplace (Dr. Phillip's office) on Route 3.

Mary Nolan updated the group on the status of Salubria in Culpeper County which was damaged in the August, 2011, earthquake. FEMA has agreed to contribute \$750,000.00 for repairs to the building. Salubria still needs \$250,000.00. Anita Tuttle, who is a Master Gardener and Chapter Member, is to assist with the Salubria gardens later in the year.

Liz Couture presented a Conservation Minute, regarding efforts to control the Emerald Ash Borer. She also offered an American Indian Minute, which focused upon Rosetta Stones' endangered Indian language program.

Liz reported that the plaque to commemorate General Lafayette's military service in Spotsylvania County is currently at the foundry and will be placed at the Todds Tavern Market site later this year.

Debbie DeHart stated that DAR schools continue to need support.

Under new business, a possible fundraiser was discussed for an event scheduled at Old Mill Park on June 2, between 3 and 7 pm. Ways to raise money included preparing gift baskets, baking cakes and an offer from Debbie DeHart to donate genealogy research time.

Debbie DeHart mentioned that there is a Genealogy Workshop scheduled for July 14, at the Culpeper campus of Germanna Community College.

The next meeting of the Mine Run Chapter is on June 9. This will be held at Debbie Aylor's office in the Spotsylvania Courthouse Village. Debbie DeHart will be providing a genealogy workshop to assist members with supplemental papers.

The Naturalization Day ceremony in Richmond is set for July 18.

Future DAR meetings are the Fall Muster in Richmond on September 20. Mine Run is a hostess chapter and volunteers will be needed to assist at this meeting. District II's annual meeting is scheduled for August 2, also located in Richmond. There is a Field Trip planned for Manassas on September 22, to hear a speaker on DNA.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah L. Samuels, Recording Secretary