

**MINE RUN NSDAR
CHAPTER MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2013**

The Mine Run Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, met at the Wilderness Resort Clubhouse off Route 3 on November 16, 2013. Eight members and one prospective member, Nancy Shattuck, attended today's meeting. The meeting began with the speakers. Mr. Doug Horstman gave a program on the Families of the Wounded Warriors Fund. This organization, founded in 2005, has a goal of providing the families of wounded soldiers with \$6000.00 during the time they are in rehabilitation. Mary Lou Bowers, whose son was injured while serving in the military, brought his companion dog, "Gunnar." She talked about how "Gunnar" has helped her son in his recovery from an injury that resulted in the loss of one of his legs.

Regent Rochelle Grey presided over the meeting. She led the group in the DAR Ritual. Mary Stanley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Betsy Berry led the group for The American's Creed. Last month's minutes have been posted on the website and, Cindy Kohl and Debbie Matalavage agreed to review and approve the minutes for today's meeting.

Liz Couture presented an Indian Minute. She talked about the "Rock your Moc's Campaign," which is designed to educate people about indigenous cultures. A Flag Minute was offered by Mary Stanley. Mary also showed the group her military teddy bear, which is her way to commemorate her daughter's time in the service. There was no formal National Defense Minute, but Regent Grey felt that today's program could be utilized for this purpose.

Regent Grey encouraged the membership to read the NSDAR President's Blog, to keep current on issues impacting the DAR. Included in this information is the Celebrate America Project.

Betsy Berry is still collecting pop tops which benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Richmond.

Under reports of officers, Regent Grey presented the treasurer's report, which was sent by Sue Shackelford, who could not be present today. The current checkbook balance is \$2,145.23. The chaplain, Cindy Kohl, has sent Veteran's Day cards to those members who have served in the military. She sent a sympathy card to Anita Tuttle, whose father recently passed away. She is sending a card to Ozelle Hall, who recently turned 90 years old. Cindy has sent 16 pounds of manufacturer's coupons to Japan, for military service members. She has also purchased wreaths to put on the tombstones of deceased veterans.

Vice Regent Debbie Aylor reported that the next meeting will be held at the Germanna Visitor Center on December 7 at 8:30 a.m. The presenter is Marc Wheat, who will share information about the Germanna Foundation. Debbie DeHart is hosting an open house at her home on December 14. Calendar events can be accessed by checking <http://www.Dardebbie.com/MineRunCalendar.htm>. There was no registrar's report.

Liz Couture distributed the Mine Run Chapter Yearbook for 2012-2013. She is also in the process of decorating the Christmas Tree, which will be delivered to the Jepson Center at the University of Mary Washington for auction on November 22, 2013. Proceeds will benefit the Hope House. Hope House has a wish list which was distributed. They are in need of food, cleaning and kitchen items. Members should call Anita D. at 540-371-0831, before bringing any donated items to Hope House.

Regent Grey encouraged members to report volunteer hours and other ways they have supported various DAR projects throughout the year. She needs this data for the master questionnaire, which is due in January.

There were not enough members to have a quorum; therefore no voting was done at the meeting. It was decided that the Mine Run Chapter could collect change from every meeting to assist those members who are having difficulty paying their annual dues. This collection began today.

Regent Grey adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Submitted by:

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