

## Mine Run Chapter Meeting on October 11, 2012

On Thursday, October 11, 2012, the Mine Run Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution met at the Four Seasons Restaurant off Route 1 in Spotsylvania at 6:00 p.m. Seventeen members were present for this dinner meeting. Regent Rochelle Grey, called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. She led the opening exercises, which included the DAR Ritual, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and The American's Creed. The minutes of the September meeting were approved and, Cindy Kohl and Mary Stanley were selected to approve today's minutes.

Sue Shackelford, treasurer, announced that there is a total of \$5,807.12 in the chapter treasury. All but sixteen members have paid their annual dues.

The chapter registrar, Debbie DeHart, indicated a total of 72 members as of this date. There are currently 32 prospective members.

Regent Grey discussed the bus trip to the DAR National Headquarters in Washington, DC, on December 5, 2012. The trip will require about 36 people to attend, in order to pay for the bus. She will need to know the final number by early November. Pick up and departure times were discussed. Checks for the bus trip (\$25.00) can be given to the chapter treasurer, Sue Shackelford, and Regent Grey needs to know who will be attending.

Vice Regent, Debbie Aylor, reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 10, at the Snow Library near Spotsylvania Courthouse. The speaker will be Jeff Riley, who will present a program on Camp Rapidan, located in the Shenandoah National Park. Camp Rapidan is the forerunner to Camp David, the presidential retreat in Maryland.

Under committee reports, Debbie DeHart, told the group about planting flowers at the grave of Eugenia Washington, who was one of the founding members of the DAR. She is actually the first member of the organization and her grave is located in Stafford County. It is important to note that today is the 122<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Cindy Kohl, chaplain, gave a special prayer to honor Eugenia Washington. Debbie DeHart suggested that the Mine Run Chapter adopt the cemetery and provide maintenance on the gravestones there.

Liz Couture mentioned that she and Leah Samuels won several ribbons at the Virginia State Fair held in Doswell, and this can be counted as part of American Heritage.

Regarding Service for Veterans, Liz Couture and Anne Compton recently travelled to McGuire Veterans Hospital in Richmond to present them with a check for \$725.00. The Chapter is still waiting to learn if we can adopt the local veteran's clinic. It was recently announced that member Gwen Conger was honored with a bronze medal for her work by the Army Engineers. She has been eligible for a DAR pin and Debbie DeHart made a motion for the Chapter to purchase the pin and present it to Gwen. This was unanimously passed by the membership.

Regent Grey mentioned that the Women in the Arts Award for Miranda Reynolds is still being finalized.

Sue Shackelford is collecting items to be sent to female soldiers in Afghanistan, as part of Project Patriot.

Regent Grey closed the meeting at 6:45 p. pm. Debbie Aylor, introduced the speaker for the meeting, Terry Dougherty, director of the Spotsylvania County Museum, who talked about "Terms in Old Deeds."

Respectfully submitted,

Leah L. Samuels,  
Recording Secretary

Footnote: Debbie DeHart corrected the check amount given to McGuire Hospital and clarified that Gwen Conger was eligible for a DAR pin before receiving her recent award.