

**West Michigan Chapter, MISSAR  
Minutes of Meeting: May 10th, 2017  
Meeting held at Martha's Vineyard, Grand Rapids, MI**

**Meeting brought to order by President Ken Goodson 6:45 pm  
Invocation by Compatriot Rasmussen (Chaplain & Trustee)  
Pledge of allegiance lead by Compatriot Triplett (1<sup>st</sup> VP/Trustee/Web)  
SAR pledge lead by Compatriot Lannon (Co-treasurer/awards chair)  
Introduction of the guests was given by President Ken Goodson**

**Compatriot Rasmussen gave the prayer for the meal.**

**During the meal President Goodson introduced our guest speaker Compatriot Cotner, who spoke about his patriot Johan [NT1] George Sager and his grave dedication scheduled in Ohio. It was suggested he look into having his ancestor's daughters be recognized by the DAR as first daughters and was also suggested by State President Callanan that his ancestors spouse could be placed on the back of his grave marker.**

**The following was the business portion of the meeting arranged by topic, not in the order it was presented:**

**National SSAR & Michigan SSAR News**

- Michigan State President Callanan spoke about how impressed he was with our chapter, not only in its leadership but also in all the work of its members. He also spoke about how impressed he was with our involvement with DAR and CAR and spoke about the CAR state project being spearheaded by CAR State President Natalia Johnston on a gravesite restoration and dedication of the first Michigan State Trooper to give his life in service to the community. The goal is raising \$3000 for its restoration and a memorial.**
- The treasurer's report and the minutes were asked to be approved as written. Moved by Compatriot Strauss, Seconded by Compatriot Rich.**

**WMCMISSAR President Message**

- President Goodson's message this meeting was to honor several members of our chapter as well as corresponding CAR and DAR chapters.**
  - Elizabeth Kraatz, Alice Kraatz, James Kraatz, Mark Johnston, Natalia Johnston, Jasmyn Johnston, Danielle Taylor, Alicia Petietrzak, Ovelia Taylor the Bronze CAR-SAR Medal of Appreciation for their outstanding work this past year.**
  - Theresa Tuttle and Sharon VanWeelde of the Sophie de Marsac Campau Chapter NSDAR received the Martha Washington Medal in recognition of their outstanding service to SAR.**

- **Compatriots Nathan Triplett and Harry Rinker received Certificates of Appreciation for their work on the Web and ROTC programs, while Ron Strauss and Jim Biener received Distinguished Service Certificates for their work on our Historical records and control of our Financial Statements. Craig Rich, Mark Ackerman, Jason Gideon, James Biener and Chip Stevers were presented with the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal for their immeasurable work with the Media, Flag awards, Newsletter, Logo award recognition and Social organization.**<sup>[NT2]</sup>
- **Compatriot Tom Lannon received the Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service which is the highest honor the chapter can bestow upon a member. Compatriot Lannon has been key to West Michigan's success particularly with his leadership in SAR's Eagle Scout program. He and Jim Biener were submitted and our Chapter awarded the National Logo Award.**

### **WCMCISSAR Communications & Community Engagement**

- **President Goodson announced the mentor program and will be the mentor for his nine-month old grandchild Jack Goodson who is now our youngest member. Compatriot Lannon will mentor Stephen and Connor Wales, and Compatriot Rinker will mentor Chris Reynolds.**
- **President Goodson also mentioned that the WM members of the Color Guard will be at Hollands Memorial day parade.**
- **Compatriot Johnston discussed the CAR involvement in the Battle of Sunset Lakes re-enactment June 23-25 and encouraged the SAR to be involved in the parade June 24<sup>th</sup> and anything else they can participate given the CAR will be hosting a tent showing young and old alike the games children played during the revolutionary war.**
- **President Goodson reminded the group to send any information we can on our patriot ancestor to Compatriot Strauss for publication.**
- **President Goodson presented \$100 on behalf of the chapter towards Jasmyn Johnston's (CAR president Ki-Ka-Ma-Sung) mission trip.**

### **Governance Matters**

- **Compatriot Johnston read the list of those members seeking office and their corresponding positions and opened up the floor for nominations. A motion to close nominations and vote for all the positions en masse and as read was proposed by Compatriot Cotner and seconded by Compatriot Rich. It was carried and all positions approved by unanimous consent.**
- **Michigan State President Callanan swore in the officers for West Michigan for the term 2017-2018.**
- **Michigan State President Callanan , West Michigan President Goodson, and junior member James Kraatz participated in the recognition and**

**swearing in of new members Stephen Wales, Connor Wales, and  
Christopher Reynolds.**

**Benediction lead by Compatriot Rasmussen  
SAR Recessional lead by Compatriot Rich  
President Ken Goodson adjourned meeting at 7:45pm**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Mark Johnston  
WMMISSCAR Secretary.**