

**TXSSAR Arlington Chapter No. 7
Southern Recipes Grill, Arlington, TX
Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2017**

Location: Southern Recipes Grill, 2715 North Collins St., Arlington, TX 76006

I. Call to Order and Posting of Colors – President John Anderson called the business meeting to order at approximately 9:25 a.m.

II. Invocation – By Chaplain Bob Wehr

III. Pledges – Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Covington led the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag, the pledge to the Texas flag, and the SAR pledge.

IV. Introductions of Past Chapter Presidents by President Anderson: Ron Carter – 2011, David Friels – 2014.

V. Guest Introductions by President Anderson – John Pinkerton, Allan Husch, Dan Hamilton, Frank Dawson, Dave Lafuze, Jim Marshall, Dan Jones, John A. Miller, Dennis Burke, and Compatriots William Watts and Chuck Hield.

VI. Comment of the Day – Compatriot Dick Lee told a light hearted story about “henpecked” husbands.

VII. This Month during the American Revolution presented by Historian Kevin Jorrey:

- March 3, 1776 – Silas Deane Travels to France on a secret mission. He is instructed by the Committee of Secret Correspondence that if he meets with French Foreign Minister Vergennes, he is to stress America’s need for military stores and assure him that the colonies are moving toward “total separation.”
- March 10, 1776 –A resident of New Bern, North Carolina, writes that Governor Martin Threatened to burn the city of Wilmington in the colony if it did not furnish him with supplies. The city refused and was prepared to fight. The colony of North Carolina had 9,400 armed men in the southern part of the province; the three southern colonies of Georgia and North and South Carolina had a force of 20,000 men prepared to fight General Clinton if he landed on the coast.
- March 8, 1777 – American troops under the command of Brigadier General William Maxwell defeat the British at Amboy, New Jersey.
- March 23-24, 1777 – American troops under the command of Brigadier General Alexander McDougall failed to stop British Raiders from destroying magazines and storehouses in Peekskill, New York. Lieutenant Colonel Marinus Willett arrives with reinforcements from Fort Constitution and forces a British Withdrawal.
- March 13, 1778 – British Government informed of France’s recognition of the United States. The French ambassador informs the British that France now recognizes the United States. This is a virtual declaration of war but hostilities do not commence immediately.
- March 16, 1778 – Peace commission created by the British. The House of Commons Creates a peace commission to negotiate with the American patriots because of France’s recognition of the United States. This commission travels to Philadelphia and accedes to all demands except for independence. The Continental Congress rejects their offer.

- March 21, 1778 – Massacre at Hancock’s Bridge, New Jersey. The same British forces that assault Quintin’s Bridge surprise the Continentals at Hancock’s Bridge. In this engagement they not only kill several rebels, but inadvertently several known Loyalists.
- March 15, 1781 – Costly British victory at Guilford Courthouse. British troops win a costly victory over Continentals and militia at Guilford Courthouse, N.C. The battle is part of General Nathanael Greene’s strategy of engaging the British on ground of his choosing. Without winning a single clear-cut victory, he will succeed in wearing down the British army through hit-and-run tactics and set-piece battles.
- March 22, 1782 – Battle of Little Mountain, Kentucky (Estill’s Defeat). This skirmish, occurring during Kentucky’s “year of Blood,” was a fierce fight in the lightly settled territory, claimed at the time by Virginia. James Estill, a veteran Indian fighter, is somehow unaware of an Indian camp some half mile away. Estill’s band of 35 is attacked and defeated in a two-hour fight. A number of his men are killed and about 20 Indians are casualties.

VIII. TX SAR District 5 Vice President Ron Carter Remarks:

- TXSSAR Annual Convention will be held at El Tropicana River Walk Hotel in San Antonio on March 31 – April 2, 2017. Compatriots Anderson and Cope will attend and will be voting delegates. Other Compatriots are encouraged to attend. Our Chapter has moved from having 2 voting delegates to 9 voting delegates.
- NSSAR Convention will be held in July 2017 at Knoxville, Tennessee. The Holiday Inn World’s Fair Park will be the host hotel.
- Compatriot Carter has a planned presentation to the Arlington Genealogy Society
- Fall Leadership Council
- BSA provides training for adults that work with youth and Texas requires “face to face” training if you camp more than 72 hours. Compatriot Gary Faletti said training is available through the Longhorn Council, and if interested, we should check their web site – longhorncouncil.org or my.souting.org.

IX. 2017 – 2018 TXSAR Arlington Chapter Officer Inductions, District 5 Vice President Ron Carter presiding

President – John Anderson, Vice President – Roger Wehr, Secretary – David Friels, Treasurer – Dennis Walton (could not attend), Registrar – Kevin Jorrey, Historian – Mike Hutchins, Chaplain – Bob Wehr, and Sergeant-at-Arms – Bill Covington. The term of office is approximately one year, commencing at induction and continuing until the March 2018 meeting or until a successor is elected and qualified.

X. Membership Recognitions

- The North Texas Color Guard Commander Bill Watts presented Compatriots Jerry Cope, Bill Covington and Ron Carter Certificates of Recognition for Outstanding Service and Contributions to the Arlington Color Guard. Compatriot Cope was commissioned as Corporal, and Compatriots Covington and Carter were commissioned as Sergeant Major. Compatriot Watts is the incoming TX SAR Color Guard Commander and Compatriot Cope will be the Northern Command Adjutant at the upcoming TX SAR Convention.
- President Anderson presented Compatriot Kevin Jorrey with the Chapter Meritorious Service Medal for his outstanding efforts as Chapter Registrar and Historian and other efforts to benefit the Chapter.

- **Compatriots with March Birthdays** – James Benton, Jr., Jack Davis, Duane Garrison, Mike Hutchins, Jr., Richard Martin, Russell Mirabelli, David Rankin, and David Wells.

XI. SAR Membership Anniversaries – This year in 2017 Dick Lee (5 yr.), Roger Wehr (5 yr.), Bob Wehr (5 yr.), Ron Carter (10 yr.), James Newland (20 yr.).

XII. Chapter President’s Message - President Anderson reported the following events:

- SAR 2016 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award was given to Corporal Damien Gary on March 2. Arlington Compatriots attending were: Roger Wehr, John Anderson, Ron Carter, and Jerry Cope. Ron and Jerry were in uniform.
- On March 1 Compatriots John Anderson and Jerry Cope gave an SAR presentation to the Colleyville Genealogy Society regarding “Who is the SAR” and “What We Do.”
- Compatriots John Anderson, Ron Carter, and Jerry Cope attended the Arlington Texas Stake, Church of Latter Day Saints “Family History Fair” on March 4 soliciting genealogy enthusiasts. Jerry was in Uniform.
- On March 14 Compatriot John Anderson will present to the Arlington Genealogy Society.

XIII. North Texas Color Guard, Activities Reported by Color Guard Corporal Jerry Cope

- February 2 – Funeral Services for SSgt. Patrick R. Griffin USMC, Greenwood Chapel, Fort Worth, TX.
- February 3 – Internment Service for SSgt. Patrick R. Griffin USMC, DFW National Cemetery, Dallas, TX.
- February 14 – Present Colors at the Plano Symphony Orchestra Concert for Collin County 5th Graders at the Eisemann Concert Hall at 11:00 am, Richardson, TX. 1000 students with faculty
- February 15 – Present Colors at the Plano Symphony Orchestra Concert for Collin County 5th Graders at the Eisemann Concert Hall at 10:00 am, Richardson, TX. 1500 students with faculty
- February 16 – Present Colors at the Plano Symphony Orchestra Concert for Collin County 5th Graders at the Eisemann Concert Hall at 11:30 am, Richardson, TX. 1200 students with faculty
- February 18 – Washington Birthday Parade, Laredo, TX. Compatriot Cope was awarded the TXSSAR Bronze Galvez Color Guard Medal, Ron Walcik and Tom Green.
- Future Events
 Mar 14, 15 & 16 – Present Colors at Eisemann Concert Hall for 5th Graders, Richardson
 Mar 24, Present Colors at Naturalization Ceremony at the INS Field Office in Irving
 Apr 8 – Medal of Honor Parade, 10:00 am, Gainesville, TX

XIV. Chapter Business – President John Anderson presiding:

- **Approval of last meeting’s minutes:** The minutes as posted on the website and passed out during the meeting for review were approved.

- **Officer and Committee Reports:**

- **Secretary David Friels** – We received a check from Randalls for the Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program (Albertsons Safeway) for \$11.52.
- **Treasurer Dennis Walton** – President Anderson reported for Compatriot Walton. The March 10, 2017, total bottom line balance was \$2,572.76. The Arlington Chapter Budget for 2017 is complete and has been distributed to the members in attendance. Copies are available by request from President Anderson. Chapter dues collected by State will be “direct deposited” to our bank account within the month.
- **Registrar Kevin Jorrey**
Status of Applications: Applications for Members Wally Penny & Duane Garrison and Jr. Member Marshall Cope have been approved. Applications for Allan Husch and John Pinkerton are at National and Frank Dawson’s application is at State. Compatriots Jerry Cope and Ned Myers have supplemental applications at National. Applications for Dan Hamilton, Dan Jones, David Lafuze, Wade Tolman, and Robert Browning are in progress.
Chapter membership: 67 which includes 5 with 2017 unpaid dues (an increase of 3 over last month).
- **Historian Mike Hutchins** – Compatriot Hutchins was inducted today.
- **Chaplain Bob Wehr** – Bob expressed concern regarding restraints that have been applied to our Active Duty Military Chaplains by previous administrations. His main concern was that the restraints could preclude the Chaplains from freely practicing their religion and adequately serving our men and women in uniform.
- **Youth Awards Programs**
AISD has listed SAR **JROTC**, Oration Contest, and Essay Contest Scholarships on their web site.
Roger Wehr will soon submit a list of schools where we will present ROTC/JROTC Awards.
Ron Carter reported that several CAR scholarships were not awarded last year due to lack of participation.
- **C.A.R. Liaison** Ron Carter moved that the Chapter purchase a Bronze C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation with Certificate to award annually to a deserving member of the 3 Forks Trinity C.A.R. Chapter. Roger Wehr seconded the motion and it passed.
- **DAR Liaison** John Anderson reported that the TX DAR convention will be in Dallas on Saturday, March 18, 2017. During the meeting Compatriot Bill Covington will be recognized as the TX DAR “History Teacher of the Year.” Additionally, Bill’s nomination will be submitted to the National DAR competition. Compatriots Anderson and Covington will attend the meeting.
- **Speakers Bureau, Bill Covington Chair** – Bill reported the following presentations:
February 1, Thomas Poe Chapter of the Daughters of the American Colonists, Dallas, “Slang Expressions of the 18th Century”
February 11, Crossroads of Texas Living History Association, Mexia, “The Continental Soldier of the American Revolution”
February 25, General Levy Casey Chapter of the DAR, Addison, “Pint-Sized Patriots: Children in the American Revolution”
Compatriot Covington was awarded the “**Waxahachie ISD Teacher of the Month**” for March.

- **Old Business**

- Arlington Law Enforcement Officer of the Year was awarded March 2.
- Arlington Firefighter of the Year details are being worked out with a goal for April.
- There is no update on the Arlington and Mansfield Fireman and EMT Serviceman of the Year programs.
- 2017 Budget has been presented and accepted by the membership.

- **New Business**

- As a fund raiser our Chapter could follow a DAR lead and arrange for us to attend a local restaurant for a meal, and in return we would receive a percentage of the proceeds from our meals. This is a popular fund raiser for Mansfield ISD grade schools and Spring Creek Barbeque. The DAR example can provide us with a list of five restaurants, and need volunteers to for a committee to select one or more restaurants and coordinate the event(s).
- Meeting Location – President Anderson reported that the Country Kitchen Cafe is in business and said they had only closed for two days due to a family emergency. The manager apologized for the confusion and said he would notify us in the future if they had to close. The Chapter discussed giving Country Kitchen another chance or staying at the Southern Recipes Grill. A strong majority of those in attendance preferred to continue with Southern Recipes Grill for future meetings. It was recommended that members should check our website ahead of meetings and contact an officer if questions.
- Meeting Time – The membership desired to return to the 8:30 am breakfast with business meeting to follow.

XV. Program – President Anderson presented a video of the 2016 – 2017 Year in Review which included a Scrap Book of events and a Roster.

XVI. Announcements

- Various announcements and upcoming events were provided on reverse side of the agenda.

XVII. Motion to Adjourn

XVIII. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the benediction.

XIX. Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Covington led the SAR Recessional/ Closing Admonition

XX. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 am.

XXI. Attendance Summary:

15 members and 11 guests were present for the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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