

**TXSSAR Arlington Chapter No. 7
Southern Recipes Grill, Arlington, TX
Meeting Minutes for April 8, 2017**

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

- I. Call to Order and Posting of Colors** – Following fellowship and breakfast, President John Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 9:20 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 (absent today recovering from surgery), David Friels – 2014.
- V. Guest Introductions by President Anderson** – Meg Anderson, Elaine Penny, Kay Pearson, Susan Martz-Cothran, Dan Cothran, Gordon Hill, Sherry Hill, Daniel Lopez, Amie Lee Lopez, Bill Goodman, Linda Mynar, George Godson, Geneice Morris, William Mynar and Applicants: Allan Husch, John Pinkerton, Frank Dawson.
- VI. Comment of the Day** – Compatriot Dick Lee told us about his Grandmother’s philosophy which he always tried to follow: Love God, obey the Commandments, and believe that Jesus was crucified, died on the cross for our sins, and was raised from the dead.
- VII. This Month during the American Revolution presented by Historian Mike Hutchins:**
Compatriot Hutchins provided a very informative review of a few events that occurred during the month of April and were significant to the American Revolution. He concluded with the founding of SAR in New York on April 30, 1889, by William Osborn McDowell. *This was the centennial for the inauguration of George Washington as the First President of the United States of America in 1789.* McDowell also worked with six women to organize the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution on July 29, 1890.
- VIII. Special Recognitions by President Anderson:**
 - Arlington #7 was recognized with a certificate for winning the Karl E. Wallace Award for the Texas Chapter with the greatest membership growth for the past year. President Anderson requested the Registrar, Kevin Jorrey and Past President, David Friels to accept the certificate on behalf of the Chapter. The Chapter experienced a 30.61% growth for 2016, and has won the award four of the last five years.
 - **Compatriot Dick Lee’s 90th birthday celebration.** The meeting was attended by 11 of Dick’s relatives and friends, including his Daughter, Linda Mynar and her husband. President Anderson presented Dick with the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal and Certificate and his 5-year membership pin and certificate. Susan Martz-Cothran, DAR Regent and representative of the Sara Maples NSDAR Chapter presented Dick with a DAR pin in recognition of his support of the Sara Maples Chapter. Dick was born in Dallas, worked as a riveter for Douglas Air Craft during the World War II build up, and served in the US Navy between 1944 and 1946. After the war, he worked as a real estate broker and he and his wife had four children.
 - Other Compatriots with April birthdays include: James Friels, John Anderson III, James W. Harris, Heath Walker, and Daniel Wehr.

- **New Member Induction for Compatriot Wally Penny** – President Anderson presided and was assisted by Compatriots Jorrey and Covington. Compatriot Penny was accompanied by his wife Elaine and his sister, Kay Pearson. Wally's Patriot is Kalb Penny from North Carolina who furnished clothing and supplies to the Colonial troops. Additionally, his two sons served in the North Carolina Militia.
- IX. TX SAR District 5 Vice President Ron Carter Remarks:** Compatriot Carter could not attend due to a recent surgery to his shoulder.
- X. TX SAR Convention Review, President Anderson**
- Solid Light Program – SAR Foundation is planning an interactive museum that will especially be directed to children with a goal that it will be fully funded.
 - Youth Awards – Due to the lack of participation in the oration contest, consideration is being given to include 4H and FFA members.
 - David Temple is moving from his current position of TXSSAR Inland Registrar to Staff Secretary and the Inland Registrar position needs to be filled.
 - Photos of period tomb stones are encouraged for applications, but the prints must be readable and include cemetery name and location.
 - A DAR finder form must accompany all SAR new member applications that reference a DAR application. TXSSAR requires three applications to qualify for the Martha Washington DAR Medal.
 - JROTC enhanced program first place scholarship award will be increased to \$3000 next year.
 - Mentor Program – Each chapter is encouraged to create a mentor program for new members to enhance their participation.
 - Youth Protection Training (YPT) – NSSAR has adopted the BSA YPT which will be required for SAR members that work with youth (i.e., CAR, BSA, ROTC, etc.). Compatriot Gary Faletti, who is very active in scouting, is a **BSA YPT Certified Trainer** and has volunteered to provide the training to our membership. The training will take approximately 45 minutes. After much discussion, Compatriot Friels proposed that for a future meeting, the program be eliminated and after the business meeting is adjourned, Compatriot Faletti conduct the training for those interested.
- XI. North Texas Color Guard - Color Guard Corporal Jerry Cope** was participating in a Medal of Honor Parade at Gainesville, but submitted his report earlier in the week.
- March 1 – Present Colors at Colleyville Genealogy Club.
 - March 2 – Arlington #7 presentation to recognize the Arlington Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Cpl. Damien Gray @ Arlington East Police Service Station. Compatriots Wehr, Anderson, and Carter also attended the event.
 - March 4 – Family History Fair Presentation, LDS Arlington Stake. Compatriots Anderson and Carter also attended the event.
 - March 11 – Compatriot Cope was presented NCO rank of Corporal and a Certificate of Outstanding Service by NTCCC Bill Watts during the Arlington #7 meeting.
 - March 14 – Present Colors at the Plano Symphony Orchestra Concert for Collin County 5th graders (1500 students), 11:30 am at the Eisemann Concert Hall, Richardson.
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- March 16 – Present Colors at the DAR State Convention, Dallas, TX. Event was also attended by Compatriots Anderson, Covington, and Lee from Arlington Ch. #7. Compatriot Covington was recognized at the TX DAR History Teacher of the Year.
- March 31 – April 2, 122nd TXSSAR Convention at San Antonio, TX. Attended by Compatriots Cope and Anderson representing Arlington Ch. #7.
- Future Events
 - April 8 – Medal of Honor Parade, Gainesville.
 - April 14 - Naturalization Ceremony at the INS Field Office in Irving.
 - Apr 29 – Rededication of repaired tombstone of Dr. Lawrence Washington.
 - May 25 – Present Colors at Daughters of The Republic of Texas State Meeting, Dallas.

XII. 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** – Encouraged membership to continue using the community rewards program, and stressed importance of reporting date and person receiving award when giving out recognitions such as the JROTC Medal.
 - **Treasurer Dennis Walton** – Compatriot Walton reported the April 8, 2017, total bottom line balance was \$3,015.76 and that we are on budget.
 - **Registrar Kevin Jorrey**
Chapter membership: 62 with 2017 dues paid and 5 with unpaid dues.
Status of Applications: Applications for Allan Husch, John Pinkerton, and Robert Browning 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, John Miller, and James Wood are in progress.
 - **Historian Mike Hutchins** – No report
 - **Chaplain Bob Wehr** – Bob is working on Military Chaplaincy back to Revolutionary War.
 - **Youth Awards Programs**
Compatriot Wehr, Chapter V.P. addressed the ROTC/JROTC Cadet Awards Presentations. Although we do not have dates for all of the presentations, compatriots interested in presenting a medal and certificate during a schools award program should let Roger know. We typically will present awards for seven different programs, and the Awards Nights will likely be prior to our May Chapter meeting.
 - **Speakers Bureau, Bill Covington Chair** – Bill reported the following events and presentations for March:
March 13 - Rebecca Boyce Chapter of NSDAR, Waxahachie, “Pint-Sized Patriots: Children’s Contributions to the American Revolution.”

March 17 - The Mentor's Club, Dallas, "Bad Girls of the American Revolution."

March 18 - TX DAR State Meeting, named "Outstanding Teacher of the Year."

March 20 - Received "Teacher of the Month," Waxahachie ISD

Compatriot Covington will have three events in April, and in addition will attend the Jane Douglas Chapter NSDAR and receive the "Excellence in Teaching" DAR award.

- **Old Business**

- Details for the Arlington Firefighter of the Year are being worked out.
- There is no update on the Mansfield Fireman and EMT Serviceman of the Year programs. Compatriot Roger Wehr will preside over the program, and the target date is October 2017.

- **New Business**

- Meeting Location – President Anderson reported that the Country Kitchen Cafe is now closed. He noted that as much as we like this present location (Southern Recipes Grill), there may be a time when we have to have a larger meeting room.

Compatriot Walton presented information on meeting at the Total Shooting Sports located in North Richland Hills. We would have a private room available to meet for 1.5 hours and use of the firing range afterward. The cost including room, training, and three firing lanes would be approximately \$305 plus hearing protection and pistol rental and ammunition.

Compatriot Faletti noted that meeting at the Elks Lodge on Pioneer Parkway would be a possibility. A meeting their with a scout troop serving a pancake breakfast was considered a good alternative.

XIII. Announcements

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

XIV. Motion to Adjourn

XV. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the benediction.

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

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

XVIII. Attendance Summary:

18 members and 17 guests were present for the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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