

TXSSAR Arlington Chapter No. 7
Southern Recipes Grill, Arlington, TX
Meeting Minutes for December 9, 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 9:05 a.m.
- II. Invocation – By Chaplain Bob Wehr**
- III. Pledges** – Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Covington was absent for a speaking engagement. Compatriot Frank Dawson 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 and David Friels – 2014.
- V. Introduction of Guests by President Anderson:** Beckie Pope, Maria Pope, Tim Lockhart (former SAR member San Antonio). Rod Ashford, Wes Halverson.
- VI. Comment of the Day – Compatriot Dick Lee** told a light hearted story about an employee and his boss's intelligence or lack thereof.
- VII. TX SAR District 5 Vice President Ron Carter Remarks:**
 - Texas will host the National SAR Congress in Houston at the Weston Hotel in July 2018. Volunteer assistance is needed from TXSSAR Compatriots. There will be **no special discount** to the room rate available to members assisting.
 - Ron will step down as TX SAR District 5 VP at the end of his term in 2018. He also will not continue as State CAR Committee Chairman, CAR liaison, or Poster Committee Chairman. He asked that any compatriots interested in one or more of the positions contact him. Compatriot Carter also said he would be glad to mentor a compatriot interested in taking any of the positions.
 - Ron called our attention to a very good article written by our NSSAR President General Larry T. Guzy titled "Growth in Our SAR Family" and published in the latest edition of "The SAR Magazine."
- VIII. New Member Inductions:** President Anderson inducted Compatriot Robert Pope with the assistance of his Robert's wife, Beckie who pinned on his rosette. Robert's daughter, Maria also joined in the induction. Compatriot Pope informed us that his Patriot is Meredith Collins who served under Captain James McDaniel, Montgomery County, Virginia. The Pope family had very close ties to the Washington Family since John Washington; George Washington's great grandfather married Ann Pope.
- IX. Chapter President's Message**
 - Friday December 8 was the TX SAR's 121st Anniversary.
 - The induction for Compatriot Will Graham is planned for the January meeting.
 - Thursday January 11 is TX SAR Arlington Chapter's 24th Anniversary.
 - Compatriots Anderson and Jerry Cope will go to Corsicana to check for an SAR headstone marker on the headstone for Compatriot Cope's great uncle who was a TXSSAR Past President 1906
 - Compatriots that have not already paid their dues should do so as soon as possible.
 - Compatriot Anderson is assisting our Registrar, Kevin Jorrey by processing transfers and easy supplementals.

- The North Texas Color Guard represented SAR at the November 12 Massing of the Colors.
- Compatriots Anderson, Gary Faletti, and David Friels attended the University of Scouting on November 18. The purpose was to represent Arlington SAR at an information table to promote the Eagle Scout Scholarship and seek invitations to attend meetings to discuss our youth awards.
- Compatriots Anderson and Pope attended the tribute to Morgan Woodward on November 18. Compatriot Woodward has 73 years of membership and is an SAR emeritus.
- Compatriot Richard Martin and his wife spent a recent day at the new Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia. Richard gave a brief description of the Museum and passed out some brochures.

X. Program – Compatriot Anderson presented a program “Looking at the NSSAR Website” Both the Solid Light and Library videos were shown and briefly discussed”.

XI. Chapter Business – President John Anderson Presiding:

- **Officer and Committee Reports:**

- **Secretary David Friels** –

- i. Work has commenced on the Annual Report and Compatriots with any activities should send him the information for the activity.

- ii. **Approval of last meeting’s minutes:** After one correction was noted by Compatriot Ron Carter, the minutes were approved as posted and as made available for review at the meeting. Last month the minutes erroneously stated that a room discount would be available for volunteers that assisted during the National Congress at Houston in 2018. **Ron reported that there will be no room discount for compatriots assisting with the meeting.**

- **Treasurer Dennis Walton** – Compatriot Walton reported that our actual income is ahead of our actual expenses to date, and our total bottom line balance as of today is \$2,638.45.

- **Registrar Kevin Jorrey** – Compatriot Jorrey reported that we have two applications at National and two applications at State. Compatriot Will Graham’s application has been approved and we are awaiting the new member packet for his induction. Our Chapter roll shows 67 members including 10 juniors and not including 3 transfer outs. Compatriots Kyle Baldwin, Billy Finnell, and Scott Finnell have transferred out since they live out of the Arlington area.

Compatriot Anderson reported that Bradley J. Herring, who lives in California, was inducted by phone. Compatriot Herring is retired USN, and the chapter will also award him the Military Service Medal.

- **Web-Administration John Anderson** – Compatriots Anderson and Dawson are working on the privacy policy for the Chapter’s website.

- **DAR Liaison John Anderson** – President Anderson reported that the social activity for members from Arlington and Mansfield DAR Chapters and our SAR Chapter will not develop due to scheduling conflicts.

- **Youth Awards Ron Carter** – Posters are due in January and judging is planned for the February meeting. Compatriot Carter proposed that at the BOM we consider increasing the amounts for the youth awards. It is expected that there will be one essay submitted from Bowie High School.

- **Old Business**

- Our library display is at the Lake Arlington Branch Library this month and plans are not final to move it to one of the other two branch library's that have a suitable display case.
- TX SAR Arlington chapter BOM will be Thursday December 28 at 11:00 am at the Southern Recipes Grill. All members are welcome.
- Annual Report – President Anderson proposed that a draft be available for review prior to the BOM. Secretary Friels concurred.
- **New Business**
 - Donations were accepted for support of the Bernardo de Galvez Memorial Project. An additional Chapter donation will be discussed during the chapter BOM.
 - The President General has given each state a number of challenge coins to sell as a fund raiser. Each chapter has been asked to purchase (are sell) a number of the coins. Chapter participation will be addressed at the chapter BOM.

XII. Speakers Bureau, Bill Covington Chair – November Presentations:

- Nov. 10, James Butler Bonham Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas “Texas’s Roll in the American Revolution”
- Nov. 11, Lucretia Council Cochran Chapter, Arlington NSDAR, “Bad Girles of the American Revolution”
- Nov. 18, Heart of Texas Chapter, Temple, NSSAR “Signers of the Constitution”

XIII. North Texas Color Guard Activities - Color Guard Adjutant, Lieutenant Jerry Cope reporting.

- Nov. 9, INS Naturalization Ceremony, Dallas Field Office. Will Bierman, Field Office Director. Jerry Cope
- Nov. 11, Veteran Day Parade, Fort Worth, TX. Jerry Cope
- Nov. 11, Skyball XV Gala, American Airlines Hanger 5, DFW International Airport, Irving, William Covington
- Nov 20, DFW National Cemetery – Internment Service for 28 Veterans, Jerry Cope
- Nov. 29, INS Naturalization Ceremony, Dallas Field Office. Will Bierman, Field Office Director. Jerry Cope

XIV. Announcements

- Announcements and information on upcoming events were provided on reverse side of the agenda.

XV. Motion to Adjourn – approved

XVI. SAR Recessional/ Closing Admonition

XVII. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 am.

XVIII. Attendance Summary:

20 members and 4 guests were present for the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:
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