

# January 2011 minutes

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## January 8, 2011 minutes

The meeting was opened by President Bunnell with the pledges to the flags followed by Prayer by Ray Devine in the absence Chaplain Kirkland.

Opening remarks by Pres. Bunnell included the need for our chapter to be more fully involved with the Williamson County Schools by concentrating on one school at a time.

The members were reminded that we do not have our own meeting next month, but will join with the Austin SAR chapter and DAR chapters in greater Austin area for a special George Washington Birthday dinner and program at the Austin Woman's Club. If our members prefer, we are also invited to join the Heart of Texas Chapter for their George Washing's Birthday celebration in Temple, Texas.

Secretary had no report at this time but noted that we had 17 members and 10 guests present. It was requested that the President and President-elect be given copies of the Annual Report.

Treasurer reported a balance in the bank of \$1,381.13

Historian reported that he has the scrapbook made by former historian and he passed it around for the members to see.

Photographer Will Else was introduced and was busy taking pictures.

President Bunnell then introduced the guests present.

President elect Swetland introduced the speaker: Mickie Ross, Executive Directory of the Williamson Museum in Georgetown. She shared information that the museum has on the early settlement of the Georgetown area.

Her excellent presentation was interrupted when the meal was served and concluded after the meal.

The meeting closed with the SAR Recessional

William M. Towery Chapter Secretary

# March 2011 minutes

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## March 12, 2011 minutes

ALEXANDER HAMILTON CHAPTER TXSSAR #66 SAR Minutes for March 12, 2011

Sign in and fellowship time took place from 11:00 to 11:30

Meeting called to order by Past President Harlan Green who introduced guest Wayne Redwine and speaker Bill Flagg and his wife.

Pledges of Allegiance to the American Flag, Texas Flag and the S.A.R. Pledge

Opening Prayer was led by Chapter Chaplain David S. Kirkland

Bill Freeman recapped the last joint meeting with the DAR at the Austin Women's Club, attended by some 140 people last month.

Dave Kirkland passed out applications for the upcoming SAR State Conference in Dallas.

Harlan reported that our Chapter provided a color guard for a recent program at the 1st Baptist Church in Georgetown. Some 90 people attended that event.

Dan Stauffer reported that we have 42 paid members in our Chapter, with 3 or 4 pending.

Bill Freeman reported that we have \$2,354 in our bank account, with major contributions from the Hoheim Insurance Group (\$350 last year and \$400 this year.) Dan Stauffer's former employer, Exxon has also been a major contributor to our Chapter.

Dan Stauffer and Harlan Green presented new member certificate to Will Else who was sworn into our Chapter. Supplemental certificate was presented to Harry Walden.

Dan Stauffer introduced our speaker, Bill Flagg, a former classmate of Dan's at Princeton. Bill has spent over 45 years as a History teacher. He showed a picture of a portrait of his Patriot Ancestor, painted by the famous colonial artist, John Trumbull. Bill's topic was "Washington's Generals." He focused on General Nathanael Greene, one of the Revolution's youngest general officers, and the admitted favorite General of George Washington himself. Greene's charismatic leadership in the southern campaign led to the capitulation of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, even though Greene lost most of the battles he ever fought. His gorilla style of fighting meant he could wear

down his opponents who constantly outnumbered his troops. Many felt that Greene could have become president, but for his sudden and untimely death.

Meeting was closed at 1p.m. with the SAR Recessional and closing prayer by Chaplain Kirkland.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Scott, Chapter Historian, for Bill Towery, Secretary

# April 2011 minutes

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## April 9, 2011 minutes

ALEXANDER HAMILTON CHAPTER TXSSAR #66 SAR Minutes for April 9, 2011

Again we had confusion over our use of the room as the manager was having a meeting with the workers. We finally got in the room by 11:20.

We had 17 members and 6 guests present for a total of 23.

Our President Don was unable to make the meeting due to health problems. We hope that it is only a temporary situation.

Past President Harlan Green Presided as President Elect Paul Swetland was not ready to assume the position.

President Green called on Rev. Towery for the opening prayer, forgetting that Chaplain Kirkland was present.

After the opening ceremony President Green explained about President Bunnell's health problems.

Our attention was called to the fact that 16 members have not as yet paid their dues.

It was noted that Harold Walden was acting as temporary Registrar as Don Stauffer will be gone until October.

New Business: Several of our members will be visiting in April and May the Jr. R.O.T.C units in the 7 High Schools in our County, that have them to, present medals and money to the winning students.

Harlan reminded us that our chapter will again join with the Austin chapter and the Capitol Area DAR chapters for the annual Memorial Day program.

Our program was presented by Larry Maltz and John Jones on the topic of "Shooting Long Rifles": They began by presenting a brief history on Gun Powder and a history of firearms. They had also brought two classic long rifles which they passed around for the group to see them

The meeting closed with the SAR Recessional and Prayer by Chaplain Kirkland.

William M. Towery, Chapter Secretary

# May 2011 minutes

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## May 14, 2011 minutes

ALEXANDER HAMILTON CHAPTER TXSSAR #66 SAR Minutes for May 14, 2011

Our Meeting Began at 11:05 With President Don Bunnell BACK in charge

After the Opening Ceremony, President Bunnell announced that a Committee for website help would be under the direction of Rick Malley and that Ray DeVries would help in the awarding of Service Medals to deserving individuals.

Pres. Bunnell then asked Ray to lead the pledges and to open with prayer in the absence of our Chaplain.

Temporary Registrar Harold Walden then led the instillation ceremony for our new member, William Lewis.

Treasurer Will Else stated that we had over \$2,000 in our bank account and he noted that some still have not paid their dues (they can still be made by sending the money to the TXSSAR Treasurer).

Registrar Walden announced that there will be another new member to be inducted into our chapter at the June meeting.

Color Guard Captain Green announced that several members were involved in presenting awards to the Jr. ROTC units in our county (some in uniform).

President-elect Swetland introduced our speaker, Architectural Historian Peter Maxon who gave an excellent presentation with color slides on Architectural History of History.

The meeting closed with the SAR recessional.

William M. Towery, Chapter Secretary

# June 2011 minutes

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## June 11, 2011 minutes

ALEXANDER HAMILTON CHAPTER TXSSAR #66 SAR Minutes for JUNE 11, 2011 MEETING

11:20 Meeting was called to order by Past President Harlan Green  
with 22 present: 16 members and 6 guests

(Harlan is presiding in the absence of President Bunnell who is still having health problems)

Opening Ceremony and Prayer by Chaplain Kirkland

Induction of 2 new members: Orlynn R. Evens & Fred Gordon Hudgeons

Harlan presented some Color Guard activities and then announced the Memorial Day Program at the State Cemetery in Austin.

11:50 Meals were served (meeting suspended for the meal)

12:20 Meal finished and meeting continued  
Treasurer reported a balance of \$2027.

Members who have not yet paid their dues were encouraged to do so or their membership ends.

12:25 Introduction of Program: President/elect Paul Swetland  
"Medicine at the time of the American Revolution" Presented by Dr. James Heath

1:08 Closing Ceremony with SAR Recessional and Prayer by Chaplain Kirkland.

William M. Towery, Chapter Secretary

# July 2011 minutes

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## July 9, 2011 minutes

10:50 Setup room, ordered meals, and had a time of fellowship

11:20 Meeting was called to order by Past President Harlan Green (President Don Bunnell is still having medical problems).

--Pledges to the Flags and SAR

--Chaplain David Kirkland shared a reading followed by prayer

--Color Guard information was given by Harlan Green:

--Name tags and Tricorn hats will be given those who join.

--Our Color Guard was represented at the recent funeral of Col. Bill Todd.

--4 Color Guard participated in the July 4th program at Sun City and posted the colors later at the Ball Room. These were well attended.

--There is a need for more members with Muskets (they don't have to be in working order).

--Minutes of the June 11th meeting were accepted as e-mailed

--Treasurer Bill Freeman reported a balance of \$ 2,187.08

11:35 Meals were served and meeting postponed until after meal

--It was suggested that all members who have them, wear their uniforms at the December meeting.

12:10 President/elect Paul Swetland introduced the Speaker: Richard Powell who presented a program on "The Command History of Fort Hood"

--It was an excellent program despite power/point problems

1:20 Program ended after a good and lively discussion

1:35 Closing Ceremony and adjournment.

Minutes presented by Secretary William Towery

Program for August meeting will be presented by Compatriot William Towery: "An overview of the Southern Campaign of the Revolutionary War"

# August 2011 minutes

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## August 14, 2011 minutes

11:00 Setup room, order meals and fellowship time

11:15 Meeting called to order by President Don Bunnell

President commented on his health problems

Then He stated about his problem contacting the TXSSAR office.

He stated that he wants contact from those who get contacted from the TXSSAR office.

Pledges to the Flags and the SAR

Opening Prayer by Ray DeVines

Induction Ceremony for Lane Redwine

General comments by Pres. Bunnell

Harlan Green discussed the Color Guard activities and our chapter's involvement in the Jr. ROTC in Williamson county High Schools.

David Kirkland mentioned the other contests that are available in Williamson County schools.

Rick Malley discussed the chapter's Web site.

Notice was also made of the need to award Flag Certificates to those who properly display the American Flag.

The members were reminded that our chapter does not meet in September but participates with the Austin SAR and the Capitol Area DAR chapters in commemorating Constitution Week with a luncheon meeting at the Austin Woman's Club

11:45 Meals were served

12:15 Program was presented by Compatriot William Towery who gave an overview with maps of the Revolutionary War's Southern Campaign.

1:00 The meeting was adjourned with the Closing Ceremony & Prayer

# October 2011 minutes

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## Oct 8, 2011 minutes

11:00 Setup room, order meals and fellowship time

11:15 President Bunnell gave a summary of the Sept. 6th Board Mtg.  
1. Web-site - Rick Malley is still working on it to make it better.  
2. Membership Directory: awaiting roster from the TXSSAR.  
Dues are due in December and delinquent as of 1/1/12.  
3. SAR/DAR combined meeting in Feb. and Sept.  
4. Elections: according to By-laws are to be held every 2 years  
Nominating Committee: Paul Sweetland, Harlan Green, and  
Jim Scott.  
Report in Oct.; Election in Nov.; Instillation in Dec.  
5. Delinquent Dues: as of Jan. 1st each year.  
6. School Programs: Jr ROTC - Harlan Green  
7. Recognition of Dan Stauffer as 3rd in nation 57 new  
members and given Florence Kendall award.

11:30 Introduction of Guests by Pres. Bunnell

Officer Reports: Pres. Elect. - Badges available for members  
Tres. away on a trip but finances good.  
Registrar: Recognition of Harry Walden  
Color Guard: 3 attended Naturalization event  
JrROTC: James Scott working on assignments

11:40 Instillation of Ed Clendenin as new member

11:50 Harry Walden recognized with another supplemental.

11:55 Presentation of a \$500. check by Michael Houaffer

12:00 Interruption for meals being served

12:25 Program presented by Lt. Col. Jack Cowan  
"The Chains That Made America"

1:05 Closing Ceremony and Prayer by Chaplain Kirkland

# Nov 2011 minutes

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## Nov 12, 2011 minutes

11:00 Setup meeting room

21 Members and 5 guests signed the book for a total of 26 present

11:10 Call to Order by President Donald Bunnell

Report of Veterans' Day participation

Nominations needed for vacancies of officers for next year

11:12 Opening Ceremony

Reports by Officers

Secretary: William Towery no additions or corrections to minutes.

He also requested that an understudy be selected to assist him.

(Rick Malley agreed to do it)

Treasurer: reported that we are still solvent

Registrar: Dan Stauffer that 14 members did not pay dues last

year. They can be reinstated simply by filling out form and send in

their 2012 dues before 01-01-12. He will contact them.

Color Guard : Jim Scott reported 3 were in the Veterans Day

parade and he and Don Bunnell helped in a celebration at

their church.

School Contests: working on Poster and Essay contests.

Old Business: Election of President-elect for Paul Swetland who

declined to serve next year. Ray Devies was nominated and

elected to serve in 2012 for one year.

11:40 Meals Served and meeting recessed

12:15 Meeting resumed with the Induction Ceremony for John Tarlton

Harry Walden was presented with his Supplemental Certificate

12:30 President-elect Paul Swetland introduced speaker Marvin Morgan

TXSSAR Color Guard Commander who discussed and displayed

the Uniforms and Equipment of the Continental Soldiers.

1:10 The meeting closed by the Closing Ceremony and Closing Prayer.

# December 2011 minutes

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## December 10, 2011 minutes

10:50 Setup room, ordered meals, and had a time of fellowship

11:20 Meeting was called to order by President Don Bunnell .

--Pledge to the American Flag and the Texas Flag led by Tom Northen

--Opening prayer led by Chaplain David Kirkland

--Pledge to the SAR Flag led by Tom Northen

--Welcome to guests by President Don Bunnell

--Past President Harlan Green made request that any chapter members who have served in any branch of the military, please fill out a card with their names and branch of service.

Reports of Officers

-- President Elect - no reports

-- Secretary - No additions or corrections to minutes from previous meeting

--Treasurer Bill Freeman reported that chapter still has money

-- Registrar - A couple of prospective members are in attendance

-- Historian - absent

-- Webmaster - no new report

-- Sergeant at Arms - Absent

-- Color Guard - no new report

-- ROTC, Civic Report - no new report

11:30 Past President Harlan Green gave a short presentation regarding beginnings of alliances with foreign countries during the Revolution and the importance of Valley Forge.

11:40 President Don Bunnell passed out copies of an interview that was conducted with local TV, regarding SAR Chapter 66. He also asked that if any members have done any sort of SAR activity during the past year, please provide that information to Past President Harlan Green. This information will be sent to the state organization

11:45 Past President Harlan Green swears in new President Elect Ray DeVries. Afterwards, Past President gave a short description of the four uniforms that were worn by local compatriots:

Tom Northen - George Washington's uniform

David Kirkland - Pennsylvania uniform 1777

Harlan Green - Washington's uniform with red trim

Don Bunnell - Washington's uniform - Continental uniform

It was pointed out that there was no standard uniform for U.S. military until 1861, during the Civil War.

12:00 Dan Stauffer gave information regarding Society of Descendants of Valley Forge

12:05 Short break while waiting for food to be served.

12:35 Paul Swetland provided a very informative presentation and slide show regarding suffering and hardships of the Continental Army.

12:55 President made announcement that we will have our regular meeting next month on January 14, and our February meeting will be a joint meeting with the DAR in Austin.

1:00 Closing Ceremony and adjournment.

Minutes presented by Rick Malley