

January 2015 minutes

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January 10, 2015 minutes

- President James Scott opened the meeting
- Pledges to the flags of the United States of America, The State of Texas, and the Sons Of The American Revolution were led by Past
- president Ray DeVries and President
- Elect Lane Redwine.
- Guests were introduced by Secretary Rick Malley.
- Minutes of December's meeting were approved.
- Treasurer's report was given by Ray DeVries, in the absence of Treasurer Bill Freeman.
- Ray also reported on the health of Bill Freeman, Mike Nichols, and Will Else.
- President Scott told a humorous story about communication, and stated that he would like communication to be one of our key items for the coming year.
- Past President DeVries gave an update about the current annual report which is due January 15.
- Registrar Harry Walden gave an update about current applications. There are 4 supplemental and 3 applications that are now being mailed.
- President Scott encouraged new members to become participatory, particularly for the JROTC awards presentations. He also stated that there is a need for participants in color guard, which is involved in various community and area events.
- President Scott announced that February's meeting will be our bi-annual joint meeting with DAR at th Austin Women's Club. Cost of the event is \$26.00 per person.
- Past President Ray DeVries talked about his participation, along with Harry Walden and President Scott, for Operation Ancestry Search, for wounded

warriors at Ft.Hood. They had 4 new people (soldiers) who attended the meeting on January 9.

- President Scott asked us to be mindful of the email that we got from the state office, regarding recruitment and developing our "elevator speech".

- Past President DeVries talked about the upcoming naturalization ceremony in February, at the library on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin.

- President Scott reminded us to make sure we pay our annual dues.

- President Scott also asked us to think of possible restaurants or other entities that may be willing to share a portion of entry fees/invoices with the chapter as a means of fund raising.

- At this time lunch was served.

- After lunch, President Scott introduced our speaker, Al Gonzales. Mr. Gonzales told us about his life of growing from a migrant worker to being a Ranger and Special Forces with the U. S. Army.

- After his remarks, President Scott presented Mr. Gonzales with a memento of his visit with us.

- President-Elect Lane Redwine led us in our recessional.

February 2015 minutes

Feb meeting is to o a combined SAR and DAR meeting. No minutes will be prepared for the February meeting.

March 2015 minutes

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March 14, 2015 minutes

-President James Scott opened meeting at 11:05a.m.

-Pledges to the flags of the United States of America, The State of Texas, and the Sons of the American Revolution were led by President-elect, Lane Redwine.

-Invocation was led by Chaplain Bill Towery.

-Guests were introduced by President Scott.

-Minutes of January's Meeting were approved.

-Treasurer's Report was given by Bill Freeman, with balance of 1,317.29.

-President Scott reported on the February Joint SAR/DAR meeting in Austin and reminded members of the upcoming State Convention in Houston later in March. President Scott and Past President DeVries were in Color Guard in uniforms for the February meeting.

-Ray DeVries reported was also in a 2/12 color guard event for the Sun City DAR and the 2/13 Naturalization program at LBJ Library., as well as the OAS program at Ft. Hood, where two new people and two returnees were involved in that genealogy/Ancestry.com project. He encouraged other members to participate in this worthy endeavor by the SAR.

-Historian Roger Gore reported on his research to establish an appropriate way to memorialize those Chapter members who have passed away. Thus far, we have two: Harlan Green and Bill (Nathan) Cabanniss.

-Mike Nichols reported on the various civic awards that the Chapter can consider.

-Registrar Harry Walden reported on several membership applications currently in process.

-Induction ceremony for James Lee Robinson was conducted. It was then noted that the SAR has recently agreed to use DAR applications which were approved since 1985.

-Break for lunch at 11:40a.m.

-After lunch, President Scott introduced President-elect Lane Redwine, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on "Historical Development and Present Status of Hereditary Societies." He referenced the website: www.hereditary.US. There are currently 233 old and new Societies, with the first being established in 1637.

-After his presentation, President Scott presented Lane with a commemorative SAR Coin, commemorating the founding of the NSSAR in 1889.

-Recessional and prayer were led by Lane Redwine and Bill Towery.

-Meeting adjourned at 1p.m.

(Secretary's note: Thank you to Mrs. Nancy Scott for graciously taking notes for this meeting)

April 11 2015 minutes

- Meeting was called to order by President James Scott
- President-Elect Lane Redwine led pledges to the flag of The United States Of America, the flag Of The State Of Texas, and the flag of the Sons Of The American Revolution.
- Chaplain William Towery opened in prayer.
- Secretary Rick Malley presented our guest for the day.
- Minutes of the March meeting were approved.
- President Scott talked about JROTC awards and the need for assistance in presenting the awards.
- Treasurer Bill Freeman reported that we have \$1754.22 in our account. Of that amount, \$450.00 is what was returned to the chapter in the form of chapter dues.
- Past President Ray DeVries reported on Operation Ancestry Search. He stated that they had gone on Friday the 10th, and realized that Friday is not a good day. He spoke of the possibility of moving it to Wednesday afternoons. (On a side note, he mentioned that Fish City Grill will allow us to have a portion of their receipts for our treasury. We will be given more information as it is available.)
- District Vice President Ron Walcik present the chapter with a Patriot Funds Excellence Award, and a Flag Program Award. Don Bunnell was announced as being awarded the Lamplight Award, and Dan Stauffer received the Hartsell O. Stevens Award For First Line Sponsor, as well as the Liberty Medal.
- Mr. Walcik also gave some highlights from the state conference. *For long range planning, the state need to know goals for local chapters, so the state can adjust and assist with those goals. *The state would like to change the culture of the membership - that is, to recruit younger members. Youth membership will be a big push. *National is developing a new record keeping system, similar to DAR, with "online applications". Testing should begin this summer. *Annual report for 2015 is on National website. *He addresses ways to retain membership - call members who have dropped. There is also a push to begin sending renewal reminders in late Spring/early Summer. *State has decided on a new coastal registrar, who will be announced soon.
- Past President DeVries brought up that there is a problem with the state website not posting current local officers.

- Induction of new member David Scott.

- LUNCH -

- After lunch President Elect Lane Redwine introduced Jason Walker, director of the Texas State Cemetery. He told us about some of the memorable folks who are buried at the cemetery.

- Following his talk, Mr. Redwine presented Mr. Walker with a memento of his visit.

- SAR recessional was led by Lane Redwine.

- Closing prayer voiced by Chaplain Bill Towery.

May 2015 minutes

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- Opening prayer was led by Chaplain William Towery.
- Guests were introduced by Secretary Rick Malley.
- Minutes of the April meeting were approved.
- President Scott mentioned that our scheduled speaker will not be with us, but he has a backup plan.
- President Scott told us about Sybil Ludington, "the female Paul Revere".
- President Scott talked about the progress of the JROTC awards programs.
- He also remarked about upcoming Color Guard activities.
- Treasurer Bill Freeman stated that we have \$1692.72 in the treasury, with a couple of expenses that would reduce that amount slightly.
- Registrar Harry Walden stated that he has 10 applications that will be mailed soon, including 2 Juniors, plus 3 supplementals.
- Past President Ray DeVries told us that Operation Ancestry Search now has a "spot" where they can connect to the internet, with a bank of 4 computers. They had 3 soldiers who attended the previous meeting. They will meet twice a month in the afternoons.
- President Scott told us that the chapter will present flag certificate to Sun City Memorial Plaza.
- Mike Nichols talked about our Bronze Medal Award program. He talked about the Good Citizen Award, and how nominations could be made.
- Hearing no further business, we recessed for lunch.

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June 2015 minutes

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June 13, 2015 minutes

- President James Scott called the meeting to order
- President Elect Lane Redwine led us in pledges to the flag of The United States of America, the flag of The State of Texas, and the flag of the Sons of The American Revolution
- Chaplain William Towery led the opening prayer
- Secretary Rick Malley introduced the guests for the day
- Minutes from the May meeting were approved
- President Scott read a brief history of the American flag, in honor of Flag Day, June 14.
- President Scott reported about the various JROTC awards presentations.
 - He stated that we need more folks wo participate in color guard. There will be a naturalization ceremony at the Delco Center in the coming week. On July 2, there will be a presentation at Sun City Plaza. During this time, 2 flag awards will be presented. The color guard will present the Colors during the Sun City Singers concert on July 3. And on July 4, Alexander Hamilton Chapter, along with Patrick Henry Chapter, will present the Colors at the Round Rock Express game at the Dell Diamond.
- Past President Ray DeVries talked about Operation Ancestry Search (OAS) meetings at Ft. Hood. This month will have 3 meetings, June 3, June 9, and June 24. Attendance has increased since the program began.
- Registrar Harry Walden states that 3 supplementals and 5 applications have been submitted this month. He has several that he is working on at home.
- Treasurer Bill Freeman reports that we have \$1626.73 in the treasury. He requests that if we know of companies with corporate donations, let him know.
- District 4 Vice President Ron Walcik reported that between Alexander Hamilton, Patrick Henry and Heart of Texas Chapters, all central Texas high schools were covered for JROTC awards. He also encouraged us to make flag presentations to these schools. He made other comments, among which was to encourage Jr. membership.

- Mike Nichols, along with Mr. Wolcik, presented Good Citizen Awards to Ray DeVries, James Scott, and Mike Nichols. Mike also told us that anyone who was a member of SAR in 2014 is eligible to purchase the 125th anniversary commemorative medal.

- New Business

- President Scott told us that Roger Gore has resigned as Historian. Mr. Scott is asking anyone who is interested to let the officers know.

- LUNCH

- President Elect Lane Redwine introduced Ann Evans, curator of the Williamson Museum, who spoke about some of the past history of Williamson County during the Civil War years.

- After her presentation, Colonel Shelby K. Little (retired) spoke about the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

- Mr. Redwine presented tokens of our appreciation for their presentations.

- Mr. Redwine led the SAR recessional.

- Chaplain Towery closed in prayer.

July 2015 minutes

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July 11, 2015 minutes

- President James Scott called the meeting to order.
- President
- Elect Lane Redwine led the pledges to the flag of the United States of America, the flag of the State of Texas, and the flag of the Sons of the American Revolution.
- Chaplain William Towery led the opening prayer.
- Minutes from the June meeting were approved.
- Secretary Rick Malley introduced our guest.
- President Scott told a humorous story about "Thibadeaux and Boudreaux".
- He then presented an historical story about Pedro Francisco.
- Mr. Scott informed us that the color guard made a couple of presentations at Sun City. They also posted the color at the Sun City Singers concert at the ballroom. In addition, they presented the colors at the Dell Diamond for a Round Rock Express game. Everyone is encouraged to to get a uniform and participate. Past president Ray DeVries states that the Purple Heart Society invited the group to participate in a ceremony on 9/11 at the Sun City Plaza.
- Treasurer Bill Freeman reports that the treasury has \$1623.73.
- Registrar Harry Walden reported that there are several applications "in the pipeline".
- President Scot asks if anyone is interested in any position, please let him know.
- President Scot also stated that Roger Gore is now certain that he will be able to continue as Historian.
- Ray DeVries says that Operation Ancestry Search will meet July 14 from 1:30

- 3:30 and also on July 22. He encourages anyone to participate and says they have had good attendance.

- At this time, lunch was served.

- Speaker Robert Simmons, former member of the Special Forces, spoke about his experiences as an Army Ranger.

- President

-elect Redwine presented Mr. Simmons with a memento of his visit.

- Recessional was led by President

-elect Redwine.

- Closing prayer was led by Chaplain Towery.

August 2015 minutes

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August 8, 2015 minutes

- President James Scott began with a story about Boudreaux and Thibadeaux.
- He then told us about Robert Morris, a financier, who assisted with financing the funding of the Revolutionary War.
- President James Scott called the meeting to order.
- President-Elect Lane Redwine led the pledges to the flag of the United States of America, the flag of the state of Texas, and Sons of the American Revolution pledge.
- Chaplain William Towery led the opening prayer.
- Secretary Rick Malley introduced our guests.
- Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
- We were reminded of the joint meeting on September 19, 2015 with Patrick Henry Chapter and the Daughters of the American Revolution Society, and that the cost would be \$25.00 to attend.
- President Scott encouraged members to visit both the Texas and the National societies web pages.
- President Scott told us that another naturalization ceremony would be held near the end of September.
- He also told us that Patrick Henry Chapter would meet the August 15, and that National President Larry Stevens would be attending.
- We were told that organization dues would increase by \$5.00 this year.
- Treasurer Bill Freeman states that we have \$1595.23 in the treasury.
- Past-President Ray DeVries told us that, after an initial slow start, the last meeting of Operation Ancestry Search had 12 folks in attendance. He told us of the next dates that OAS would meet, and encouraged members to attend and assist.

- Mike Nichols spoke "a word or two" about some of the awards we have presented. He asked that if we know of someone that should be recognized, let him know. Mr. Scott stated that as we give these awards, the chapter gets "points" on our yearly report.

- Registrar Harry Walden says that he mailed 4 applications a month ago, but hasn't heard anything from them, and is assuming they are OK. He also mailed 4 more recently, and is still waiting on a response. Two supplementals were approved, and two Jr. apps were rejected and will have to be resubmitted.

- Mr. DeVries stated that two Eagle Scout awards would be soon presented.

- The color guard has been asked to participate in a Purple Heart ceremony on September 11, 2015, on Georgetown Square.

-- At this time LUNCH was served.

- Following his presentation to the group, Dr. Joe Spann was presented with a resolution lauding his work with Ebola patients in Liberia. The chapter also presented him with a Bronze Medal of Honor for his work, not only with Ebola, but also for his assistance with U.S. Veterans while he was practicing here in Austin.

After a period of Q&A, Mr. Redwine presented Dr. Spann with a memento of his visit.

- President Scott gave words of appreciation for Dr. Spann's work.

- Chaplain Towery led in prayer.

September 2015 minutes

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No Minutes owing to reminded of the joint meeting on September 19, 2015 with Patrick Henry Chapter and the Daughters of the American Revolution Society.

October 2015 minutes

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October 13, 2015 minutes

- President James Scott called the meeting to order
- President-elect Lane Redwine led pledges to the flags of the United States of America, The State of Texas, and the Sons of The American Revolution.
- Chaplain William Towery led the opening prayer
- Secretary Rick Malley introduced our 5 guests
- President Scott stated that our guest speaker had a death in the family and we will have a "plan b" program today
- President gave report about the DAR/SAR meeting. Our chapter will host the meeting in February.
- November meeting will be General David Palmer.
- A new Children Of The American Revolution chapter has formed in Georgetown
- President Scott made a Bronze Good Citizen Award presentation to Harry Walden, for American Principles.
- Yearly dues will increase by \$5.00 as of November 1, 2015
- Patrick Henry Chapter is forming a Drum and Fife Corp.
- Treasurer Bill Freeman states that we have \$1,612.03 in our account
- Past President Ray DeVries stated that during the last Operation Ancestor Search meeting, there were only 3 soldiers and 2 chapter participants. Next meeting is Wednesday, October 28, 2015
- Registrar Walden has a number of applications that have been sent to state, and he is waiting for replies from those.
- President Scott gave a biographical sketch of Haym Solomon, a Jewish businessman, who helped finance the American Revolution

- LUNCH

- After lunch, a video was presented called "Alexander Hamilton and The Idea Of Honor", which portrayed Mr. Hamilton and his ideas on character and honor.

- Following the presentation, the recessional was led by Bill Freeman

- Closing prayer was led by Bill Towery.

November 2015 minutes

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November 14, 2015 minutes

- President James Scott called the meeting to order, by invoking a moment of silent prayer for the victims of the Paris terrorist attacks.
- President-elect Lane Redwine led pledges to the flag of the United States of America, the flag of the State of Texas, and the flag of the Sons of The American Revolution.
- Chaplain William Towery led the opening prayer.
- Secretary Rick Malley introduced our guests.
- President Scott presented Mr. Dan Stauffer the Liberty Medal and the Hartsell Stevens Award membership Oakleaf.
- Mr. Stauffer spoke about his Honor Flight trip.
- President Scott gave a brief bio sketch of Salem Poor, who is credited with mortally wounding British Lieutenant Colonel James Abercrombie.
- Mention was made that everyone should have received their annual dues notification by now.
- Our chapter will be hosting the joint DAR/SAR meeting in February.
- We were told of the Knight Essay contest, for students to write about the nation's founders.
- President Scott informed us that compatriot Rufus Overlander passed away.
- Calvin Harrison was inducted into the chapter by Registrar Harold Walden, assisted by President-elect Redwine, and President Scott.
- Mr. Walden spoke about a book he received about Bunker Hill.
- Mr. Walden told us that Sergeant-at-arms Frank Wickstrom recently received a supplemental certificate. Mr. Walden also stated that several applicants have had their checks cashed, which means that their memberships should be approved soon.

- Treasurer Bill Freeman states that we have \$2013.03 in our account.

- Past-President Ray DeVries told us that the next Operation Ancestry Search meeting at Ft. Hood will be on the upcoming Wednesday, and that there will be two dates in December.

- We were informed that The Daughters of The Republic Of Texas will have a presentation at our December meeting (more information in the upcoming agenda email).

- President Scott told us that JROTC programs will be coming up in the Spring.
LUNCH

- After lunch, State President Larry Lewis told us about some items of business from the state convention. He then gave a very informative presentation about Revolutionary uniforms. Following his talk, President Scott thanked him for his presentation.

- Closing prayer was led by Mr. Towery.

- Recessional was led by Mr. Redwine.

December 2015 minutes

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December 12, 2015 minutes

- President James Scott called the meeting to order.
- President-elect Lane Redwine led the pledges to the flags of the United States of America, the state of Texas, and the Sons of The American Revolution.
- Opening prayer was led by Mike Nichols.
- We were asked to pray for compatriot Russell Fontenot, who is enduring some medical issues.
- Guests and members were recognized by Secretary Rick Malley.
- Minutes from the November meeting were approved.
- Sally Hunt, from Daughters Of The American Revolution, Robert Gilbert Livingston chapter, told us about the "Patriot's Pantry" cookbook, and offered them for sale for \$10.00 each with proceeds going toward local high school scholarships.
- On February 20, there will be a joint meeting of DAR and SAR to celebrate Washington's birthday at the Women's Club in Austin. Alexander Hamilton chapter is host. William Federer will be the guest speaker. Also, the Heart Of Texas chapter will have their Washington's birthday celebration, with Judge Ed Butler as guest speaker.
- President Scott talked about Christmas 1776, and the hardships that the patriots faced at Valley Forge.
- President Scott gave a summary of the Annual Report and some of the chapter's activities.
- He also reminded us that annual dues are due before December 31.
- Treasurer Bill Freeman reported that we have \$2013.03 in our account.
- Registrar Harry Walden states that numerous applications have been sent to the national registrar. One supplemental for Frank Wickstrom was presented.
- We were told that as of December 4, we have 48 members.

- Past President Ray DeVries reported on Operation Ancestry Search. He stated that there was good attendance at the meeting on Tuesday prior to our chapter meeting, and that the next gathering would be December 16. So far, 80 soldiers have been helped.

- Mr. Redwine told us about the Sybil Luddington Children Of The American Revolution meeting, which would occur at 1:00 p.m. today (Dec 12) at the Williamson County Museum. He said that new members are sought.

- Mike Nichols told us about the Knight Essay Contest Scholarship. Submissions should be 800 - 1,200 words and are due by December 31. Bianca Ritter, from Leander will present her essay at our January meeting.

-- LUNCH --

- President-Elect Redwine introduced Karen Thompson, Daughters of The Republic Of Texas, and Chairman of the French Legation Museum. She spoke to us about the founding and gave some history about the Legation.

- Mr. Redwine thanked her for her narrative, and presented her with a small token of appreciation for her visit.

- Mr. Redwine led us in the SAR recessional.

- Mr. Nichols led our closing prayer.