

# January 2016 minutes

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## January 9, 2016 minutes

- The meeting was called to order by President James Scott
- Past-President Ray DeVries led the 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 our opening prayer.
- Secretary Rick Malley recognized and welcomed guests and members. It was good to see Past-President Don Bunnell with us.
- We were reminded of the joint DAR/SAR February meeting at the Women's Club in Austin, in celebration of George Washington's birthday. The cost for the event will be \$25.00 per person
- Darren Hutchinson, Daryl Hutchinson, and Roger Leedy were inducted into the chapter by Historian Roger Gore, Registrar Henry Walden, and President Jim Scott.
- Minutes of the December 2015 meeting were approved.
- Knight Essay Scholarship entrant Bianca Ritter presented her essay "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness".
- Treasurer Bill Freeman reported that we have \$1952.50 in the treasury.
- President Scott reported that our colorguard went to the funeral of the "Hug Lady" Elizabeth Laird, in Killeen.
- Mr. DeVries reported that Operation Ancestry Search would meet on the upcoming Tuesday, and the following Wednesday.
- JROTC programs will begin in March.
- President-Elect Lane Redwine reported that the Sybil Luddington chapter of Children of The American Revolution is seeking for participants.
- LUNCH–
- Our Speaker, Ted Acheson, renowned Vietnam War cinematographer and active member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, shared many of his unique experiences with us.
- Our recessional was led by Ray DeVries.
- Closing prayer by William Towery.

# February 2016 minutes

No minutes owing to the joint DAR/SAR February meeting at the Women's Club in Austin, in celebration of George Washington's birthday

# March 2016 minutes

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## March 12, 2016 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 State Flag Of Texas, and The Sons Of The American Revolution.
- Opening prayer was led by Mike Nichols.
- Secretary Rick Malley introduced our guests.
- The minutes from the January meeting were approved.
- President Scott gave a brief presentation about the Culper Ring.
- The president also reported about the joint SAR/DAR meeting in February, and reminded us that the next joint meeting will be in September in honor of The U.S. Constitution
- He also reminded us that the State Convention will be at the end of March, in Richardson, TX.
- Registrar Harry Walden told us that several applications have been sent to state, but have not yet been forwarded national. A number have been approved, but have not received official notifications.
- President Scott asked that everyone consider volunteering as officers for the coming year.
- Mike Nichols reported that Bianca Ritter was selected as the Texas State Contest winner for the Knight Essay and was awarded \$2500.00.
- The president reported that there will be a naturalization ceremony on April 21 at LBJ Library on UT campus, and encouraged anyone with color guard uniforms to attend.
- Treasurer Bill Freeman reported that we have \$1683.95 in our account.
- Past President Ray DeVries reported that there would only be one Operation Ancestry Search meeting in March, on the 23rd. He stated that participants are anticipatory, and now wait for OAS volunteers to show up.

- Mr. DeVries also reported that members of our color guard participated in a ceremony, sponsored by the Military Order Of The Purple Heart, in honor of Washington's birthday.

- LUNCH was served

- Dr. James L. Hailey gave a presentation about the history of Hawaii.

- Mr. Redwine presented Dr. Hailey with a memento of his visit with us.

- Closing prayer was led by Mike Nichols.

- Recessional was led by Lane Redwine.

- As we were departing, President Scott informed us that our chapter would be participating in presentations at 8 area high schools JROTC awards ceremonies. He asked for volunteers to make these presentations.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Rick Malley

# April 2016 minutes

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- 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 State Flag Of Texas, and The Sons Of The American Revolution.
- Opening prayer was led by Mike Nichols.
- Secretary Rick Malley introduced our guests.
- Registrar Harry Walden, Historian Roger Gore, and President James Scott inducted Arlo Fossum into the Society.
- The minutes from the January meeting were approved.
- District 4 Vice-President Ron Wolcik presented the chapter a Gold Star for our flag, and a certificate, on the occasion of sponsoring Bianca Ritter as the Knight Essay Winner. He also gave updates on information from the State Convention.
- President Scott did a brief presentation on Pachuli, Simmons And Associates, the oldest firm in Washington D.C.
- ROTC medals will be presented through mid-May.
- The chapter has approximately \$1600.00 in the treasury.
- Ray DeVries told us that Operation Ancestry Search met on the Tuesday previous to the chapter meeting, and had a good turn out. Next gathering will be April 20.
- Mr. DeVries also told us that there would be a naturalization ceremony on the University of Texas campus on April 21.
- Mr. Redwine told us that Children Of the American Revolution has requested that we help with building their July 4 parade float, but at this time, that is above our capacity.

- Mr. Walden reported that Dan Stauffer is not in good health at the moment.

#### LUNCH

- Dr. Sally Hunt spoke about "Over Mountain Man, John Abston: Kings Mountain to Collin County, TX"

- Mr. Redwine presented her with a copy of the United States Constitution as a memento of her visit.

- Mike Nichols led the closing prayer.

- Lane Redwine led the SAR recessional.

# May 2016 minutes

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## May 14, 2016 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 State Of Texas, and the Sons Of The American Revolution
- Mr. Mike Nichols led our opening prayer
- Secretary Rick Malley introduced our guests
- President Scott informed us that Henry Walden, our Registrar, is in the hospital, as is Frank Wickstrom, our Sargent at Arms
- The group approved the minutes of the April meeting.
- President Scott, Past President Ray DeVries, and Historian Roger Gore inducted William Atley, Mark Balducci, and Ralph Mason, with Frank Elrod and Will Else as stand ins.
- Mr. Scott told us about the Mott family, who sacrificed their home for the defeat of the British, in South Carolina
- It was told that the Color Guard would be participating in the Memorial Day ceremony at the Texas State Cemetery, and anyone with uniform was invited to attend. In addition, color guard members are invited to participate in ceremonies at Sun City on July 1. the color guard will be presenting at a Naturalization ceremony at the Austin Convention Center. And they also posted colors at the Sun City DAR meeting.
- Several JROTC awards were presented to cadets in April and May.
- It was noted that this month (May) is the seventh anniversary of the charter ceremony of Alexander Hamilton #66
- Two weeks ago, Operation Ancestry Search met, with 4 attendees from the chapter, but only one service member. The next session will be Wednesday May 18.
- Treasurer Bill Freeman noted that we have \$2,097.95 in the coffers, with \$414.00 of that being from our state dues.

- LUNCH

- Dr. J.F. de la Teja, Professor of History at Texas State University, spoke about "A Forgotten Part of the American Revolution: Spain's Role from Texas to Yorktown."

- Mr. Redwine presented Dr. de la Teja with a memento of his time with us.

- Mr. Redwine led our SAR recessional

- Mr. Nichols closed in prayer.

# June 2016 minutes

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## June 11, 2016 minutes

- Call To Order by President James Scott
- Pledges to the flags of The United States Of America, The State of Texas, and the Sons of The American Revolution were led by Rick Malley
- Opening prayer led by Mike Nichols
- Guests were recognized by Secretary Rick Malley
- Minutes of previous meeting were approved
- President Scott gave a report about Harry Walden, who is still in the hospital at St. David's but is doing better.
- President Scott presented a biographical sketch about Abraham Whipple (1733 - 1819) who sank the first British ship of the Revolution
- President Scott, Historian Roger Gore, and Past President Ray DeVries inducted William Campbell, with Doug Steinke standing in
- District IV Vice President Ron Wolcik gave us info about color guard awards. The Bronze National Color Guard award is given to members who have earned 200 points of service, which usually takes 2 - 3 years. Silver National Color Guard award is given when participants attend 3 national events each year for 3 years, and is awarded by the State after approval by National. Bernardo de Galvez is awarded by the State when participants attend one National event. Silver Galvez medal is given for 3 years active service in the color guard.
- \*\* He also stated that National Congress will occur in July.
- It was reported that 8 schools had JROTC awards programs with SAR presentations made at those ceremonies
- Mr. DeVries reported that there were 2 candidates at the previous meeting with 4 volunteers in attendance. Next meeting will be June 22.
- In the absence of Treasurer Bill Freeman, President Scott reported that we have \$2027.40 in our account

- Mr. Scott reported that Bianca Ritter will be presenting her Knight Essay essay at National Congress in July

- Mr. Nichols reported that there are currently no upcoming medals to be presented

- Ray DeVries and Mike Nichols are heading up the nominating committee

- LUNCH

- Kelley Mathieu gave a presentation of "Seven Deadly Sins And Temptations In Early America"

- SAR Recessional was led by Rick Malley

- Closing prayer was given by Mike Nichols

# July 2016 minutes

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## July 9, 2016 minutes

- Call To Order by President James Scott
- Pledges to the flags of The United States Of America, The State of Texas, and the Sons of The American Revolution were led by Rick Malley
- Opening prayer led by Paul Crown
- Guests were recognized by Secretary Rick Malley.
- President Scott noted that Harry Walden is back with us.
- He also noted that Treasurer Bill Freeman's wife is in the hospital with pneumonia.
- Minutes of previous meeting were approved, with correction regarding the number of volunteers being 4 and soldiers being 2 at the OAS meeting, as reported in last months minutes.
- President Scott presented a list of several facts about the events of the American Revolution.
- Our Treasurer reported that we currently have \$2014.97 in the coffers.
- Past President Ray DeVries reported on behalf of Registrar Harry Walden, that because of problems at the district level with the registrar, several applications have been lost.
- Mr. DeVries reported that the number of volunteers was 4 and 4 soldiers at the OAS meeting, and next meeting will be July 13, 2016.
- Mr. DeVries reported that there were 2 candidates at the previous meeting with 4 volunteers in attendance. Next meeting will be June 22.
- Mr. DeVries also reported that the color guard presented the colors at the Round Rock Express game July 3, and they also presented at the Sun City concert last weekend
- Mr. Scott reported that Bianca Ritter is currently at the National Congress to present her Knight Essay essay.

- Mr. Mike Nichols suggested a flag certificate be presented to the San Gabriel Masonic Lodge. He also asked for suggestions for other locations. He also suggested that members recommend individuals who may be eligible for Bronze Citizenship Awards

- Mr. Scott said that Williamson Museum curator Mikki Ross would like for members of our chapter to make presentations at schools, in cooperation with the Palace's production of "1776", as well as in commemoration of Constitution Week in September.

- We were also reminded that there will be a joint meeting with the Daughters of The American Revolution in September for Constitution week.

- Mr. Scott once again encouraged members to purchase/make Revolutionary era uniforms and participate in color guard events.

- President Scott made mention that we will be "changing guard" soon. Nominations will be collected until October and will be voted on in November and installed in December

- Ray DeVries recommended the Netflix series called "Turn", which is a historically accurate depiction of the Revolution.

- Mr. Redwine spoke briefly about Sybil Luddington Children Of The American Revolution chapter and the fact that they are encouraging members to enroll their children.

- LUNCH

- President Elect Lane Redwine gave a presentation of "Pvt Joseph Fowler, From The War Of 1812 To South Texas"

- SAR Reccessional was led by Lane Redwine

- Closing prayer was given by Paul Crown

# August 2016 minutes

There are no August 2016 minutes

# September 2016 minutes

There are no September 2016 minutes

# October 2016 Minutes

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Alexander Hamilton #66

October 8, 2016

- Call To Order by President James Scott
- Pledges to the flags of The United States Of America, The State of Texas, and the Sons of The American Revolution were led by Lane Redwine
- Opening prayer led by Mike Nichols
- Guests were recognized by Secretary Rick Malley.
- Minutes of previous meeting were approved
- Report of joint meeting with DAR/SAR. There were 14 attendees from our chapter. The next joint meeting will be in February.
- District 4 Vice President Ron Wolcik stated that the Board Of Managers meeting will be next week. He also let us know that dues notices have been mailed
- President Scott informed us that "1776" is being performed by the Palace Theater. In conjunction, The Williamson Museum is asking for members in uniforms to go to local schools and present artifacts
- President Scott gave a biographical sketch of Lydia Barrington Darraugh.
- New members Kent Carlson Jr., Tristan Carlson, and Albert Mann (represented by Dwayne Mann) were inducted into the Society.
- The state society has an auxiliary membership for any female supporter of SAR.
- It was reported that Operation Ancestry Search worked with 6 personnel to start their ancestry search.
- San Gabriel Lodge will be presented with a Flag Certificate this coming Thursday.
- The treasurer reported that there are \$2256.97 in our account.
- Mike Nichols spoke on behalf of the nominating committee, stating that these nominees will be presented at the November meeting: Lane Redwine - President, Frank Wickstrom - President Elect, Frank Elrod - Sargent at Arms, Rick Malley - Secretary, Darren Hutchins - Treasurer, Paul Crown - Chaplain. We are still looking for a registrar.
- LUNCH
- After the meal, Hon. E. Wayne Bachus spoke about the United States Constitution, and presented some interesting facts about it.
- After this talk, Mr. Redwine presented our speaker with a copy of the constitution and the Declaration of Independence.
- Our recessional was led by Mr. Redwine.
- Closing prayer by Mr. Nichols

# November 2016 Minutes

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**Alexander Hamilton #66**

**November 12, 2016**

- President James Scott called the meeting to order
- President elect Lane Redwine led pledges to the flag of the United States Of America, the flag of the State Of Texas, and to the Sons Of The American Revolution.
- Opening prayer was led by compatriot Paul Crown
- Secretary Rick Malley recognized our 8 guests and 20 members
- Minutes from the previous minutes were approved, with the addition of Roger Gore as historian in the list of officer nominees.
- President Scott, past president Ray DeVries, and historian Roger Gore inducted Ken Sears and Ted Atcheson as our newest members.
- President Scott presented a biographical sketch on Dr. Joseph Warren, who was responsible for sending Dawes and Revere on their rides.
- Compatriot Darren Hutchinson told us about ordering uniforms. The company is American Heritage Clothing by Lori Beasley. (610) 562-6714. [www.colonialuniforms.com](http://www.colonialuniforms.com)
- Treasurer Bill Freeman reported that we have \$1964.32 in our account
- Past president Ray DeVries reported that he and registrar Harry Walden went to FT Hood on November 8 for Operation Ancestry Search
- President Scott reminded us that 2017 dues are due.
- District 4 Vice President Ron Wolcik will be with us at our December meeting. He is working to have our state president attend.
- Mike Nichols reported that a flag presentation was made to San Gabriel Masonic Lodge.
- New Business
- Election of officers. The nominating committee presented these candidates:
  - Lane Redwine, President
  - Frank Wickstrom, President Elect
  - Frank Elrod, Sargent At Arms
  - Rick Malley, Secretary
  - Darren Hutchinson, Treasurer
  - Harry Walden, Registrar
- Having no other nominations from the floor, compatriot Ray DeVries moved to close nominations, with compatriot Will Else seconding.
- That motion carried, and the voice vote was unanimous for the nominees.
- LUNCH
- President Elect Redwine introduced our speaker, General Charles "Chuck" Graham. Gen. Graham spoke about the planning and building of the Veteran's Memorial Plaza in Sun City
- President elect Redwine presented Gen. Graham with a memento of his visit.

- Closing prayer was led by Paul Crown
- Recessional led by Lane Redwine

# December 2016 Minutes

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**Alexander Hamilton #66**

**December 10, 2016**

- 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 of the Sons of The American Revolution.
- Opening prayer was voiced by compatriot Mike Nichols.
- Secretary Rick Malley acknowledged our guests and our members.
- Minutes of the November meeting were approved by voice vote.
- Compatriot Ray DeVries reported that Operation Ancestry Search meets 1 - 2 times monthly. Dates through September have been scheduled. There are plans to begin going to the Veterans Hospital in Temple to start the program there. Participants will need background fingerprint check and orientation. The goal is to have 4 different people going to each location.
- Compatriot DeVries reported that several S.A.R. membership applications have been accepted at the national level.
- Treasurer Bill Freeman reported that we have \$1,897.43 in our account.
- Compatriot Redwine stated that there is no new information to report regarding Children Of The American Revolution.
- President Scott stated that he appreciates the support that he has been given, and the various roles that people have taken.
- New Business
  - Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the following compatriots:
    - Ray DeVries - OAS, Registrar
    - Mike Nichols - Flag program
    - Lane Redwine - Speakers
    - Bill Freeman - Treasurer
    - Harry Walden - Registrar
    - Roger Gore - Historian
    - Frank Wickstrom - Sargent At Arms
    - Rick Malley - Secretary
  - Five year service pins were presented to compatriots Ed Clendenon, Lane Redwine, Wil Else, and Orlin Evans
    - Compatriot Mike Nichols was presented with a ten year pin.
    - Compatriot Bill Freeman received a twenty year pin.
    - For fifty years of service, compatriot Roger Gore received the 50 year pin.
    - Compatriot Paul Crown was awarded the Alexander Hamilton Medal for contributing \$1,000 to the Society for youth programs
  - President Scott talked about the annual report that is submitted each year, that highlights each chapter's accomplishments and contributions.

- President Scott gave a biological sketch of President Washington, and mentioned that he threw elaborate Christmas parties, following the many lean, harsh Christmases that he and his soldiers endured for our country.

- LUNCH

- TXSSAR Secretary Drake Peddie, spoke about "Privateers in the American Revolution."

- President-Elect Redwine presented Secretary Peddie with a token of appreciation for his speech.

- TXSSAR Secretary Drake Peddie installed the roster of officers for the 2017 - 2018 term of office.

Lane Redwine, President

Frank Wickstrom, President Elect

Frank Elrod, Sargent At Arms

Rick Malley, Secretary

Roger Gore, Historian

Darren Hutchinson, Treasurer

Harry Walden, Registrar

Paul Crown, Chaplain

L- R: Harry Walden, Frank Elrod, Darren Hutchinson, Paul Crown, Rick Malley, Frank Wickstrom, Lane Redwine, James Scott, Roger Gore, Drake Peddie.

- President Elect Frank Wickstrom led the SAR recessional

