

January 2017 Minutes

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January 14, 2017

- President Lane Redwine called the meeting to order
- Sargent at Arms Frank Wickstrom led the pledges to the flags of the United States of America, the State of Texas, and the Sons Of The American Revolution
- Chaplain Paul Crown voiced the opening prayer
- Secretary Rick Malley welcomed guests and members
- Minutes from the December 2016 meeting were approved
- President Redwine presented biographical sketches about Ludwig Albright – patriotic ancestor of compatriot Frank Elrod
John Alexander – patriotic ancestor of compatriot Jim Scott
Jesse Barfield – patriotic ancestor of Roger Gore
- Information was provided regarding the joint Daughters of The American Revolution and Sons of The American Revolution meeting for George Washington's birthday on February 18, 2017, at the Austin Women's Club. Tickets are \$25.00 per person
- Treasurer Darren Hutchinson informed us that we have \$1762.44 in the coffers
- Compatriot Ray DeVries reported
Operation Ancestry Search will begin visits to the VA hospital in Temple
The next Ft Hood meeting will be January 25, 2017
Harry Walden is currently in the hospital with broken ribs, after enduring a fall
Five members have been approved by NSSAR and will probably be inducted in March, while some are pending
Several other applications are currently being researched
- Flag Committee Chair Mike Nichols reports that there are currently no awards pending
- President Redwine noted that there is an open chapter office – Color Guard Commander – and he asked for volunteers. Compatriot DeVries stated that he would like to see others participate, and would like someone to step up as leader
- LUNCH
- Author James Haley spoke about his historical novel "Shores Of Tripoli"
- Recessional was led by Sargent at Arms Frank Elrod
- Prayer led by Chaplain Paul Crown

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February 2017 minutes are currently not available.

March 2017 Minutes

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March 11, 2017

- President Lane Redwine called the meeting to order
- Sargent at Arms Frank Wickstrom led the pledges to the flags of the United States of America, the State of Texas, and the Sons Of The American Revolution
- Chaplain Paul Crown voiced the opening prayer
- Secretary Rick Malley welcomed guests and members
- President Redwine, Historian Roger Gore, and Past President and Acting Registrar Ray DeVries, inducted new members William Austin Hunt, James William Hunt, Charles Evan Hunt, John Austin Hunt, James Anderson Hunt, Joseph Paul Hartigan, Timothy Davis Terbay Jr., Tyler Charles Terbay, and Mark Edward DeVries.
- Minutes from the January 2017 meeting were approved
- President Redwine reported that the wife of compatriot Russell Fontenot has had lumbar surgery, and is at home recovering.
- Treasurer Darren Hutchinson informed us that we have \$1568.65 in the coffers
- Compatriot Ray DeVries reported Harry Walden is currently in St. David's rehab, and is doing well, after enduring a fall and breaking some ribs
Operation Ancestry Search has been established at the VA hospital in Temple. There were 12 service members at the Feb 28 session.
A number of applications have been prepared to be sent to NSSAR
Several other applications are currently being researched
Color Guard presented the colors at the Order Of The Purple Heart reception. They will also be presenting at the Mayflower Society meeting on March 25, and need other participants if possible
- Compatriot Mike Nichols asked for each member to be on the lookout for companies or individuals who properly display the U.S. flag, so that a presentation can be made to them.
- President Redwine reported about the DAR/SAR joint meeting in February.
- President Redwine presented biographical sketches about
Thomas Holden – patriotic ancestor of compatriot Rick Malley
Jacob Hollingster Sr. – patriotic ancestor of compatriot Paul Crown
James Hyde – patriotic ancestor of compatriot Mike Nichols
- It was reported that the Texas Society of The Sons Of The American Revolution will meet in San Antonio, March 31 – April 2, 2017

- President Redwine requested for volunteers to make presentations at various schools for their JROTC ceremonies.
- LUNCH
- Dr. James M. Vaughn, Assistant Professor of English History at The University of Texas at Austin, presented a very interesting lecture on “The Political Climate in England During the Era of the American Revolution.” Afterwards, there was a lively question and answer session.
- Recessional was led by Sargent at Arms Frank Elrod
- Prayer led by Chaplain Paul Crown

submitted by Secretary Rick Malley

April 2017 Minutes

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April 8, 2017

Mel's All Star Lanes

Georgetown, TX

- President Lane Redwine called the meeting to order
- President-Elect Frank Wickstrom led the pledges to the flags of The United States Of America, The State Of Texas, and The Sons Of The American Revolution
- Chaplain Paul Crown voiced the opening prayer
- Secretary Rick Malley welcomed our members and recognized our guests
- President Redwine reported on the health of Registrar Harry Walden, as well as the wife of compatriot Russell Fontenot
- The minutes of the March 2017 meeting were approved
- President Redwine, Past President Ray DeVries, and President-Elect Wickstrom inducted new members Glen Gordon Foster and Gordon Gene Foster
- Treasurer Darren Hutchinson reported that we have \$2250.18 in our coffers
- Compatriot Mike Nichols reported that the color guard presented the colors at the Mayflower Society meeting on March 25
- Compatriot DeVries reported that Operation Ancestry Search (OAS) has begun going to the VA hospital in Temple to assist with genealogy research. So far they have been there 4 times. In addition at Ft Hood, there have been 3 - 4 soldiers with some repeat meetings. As a result of the efforts of OAS there was a G.I. reunion with his step sister.
- The color guard has been invited to present the colors at th Purple Heart Society chili cook-off. Volunteers are asked to assist
- It was reported that Dan Stauffer will turn 93 on April 23. A group picture was taken to send to him (NOTE: Mr Stauffer passed away on Saturday May 6, 2016)
- Junior ROTC awards ceremonies have begun, and a number of our members will be attending giving our bronze medals to the outstanding cadets for the various schools
- President Redwine presented biographical sketches for Paulser Ingle, patriot ancestor of John H. Ingle
John Jacob Kimberlin, patriot ancestor of David Kirkland
Noah Lake, patriot ancestor of Richard Lake
- LUNCH was served
- Our guest speaker Martha Hartzog spoke on the topic of "How the ideas embodied in the US Constitution reflect the ideas of the four immigrant groups from Britain who settled the American colonies."
- Recessional was led by President-Elect Wickstrom
- Closing prayer was led by Chaplain Crown.

May 2017 Minutes

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- President Lane Redwine called the meeting to order
- President-Elect Frank Wickstrom led the pledges to the flags of The United States Of America, The State Of Texas, and The Sons Of The American Revolution
- Chaplain Paul Crown voiced the opening prayer
- Secretary Rick Malley welcomed our members and recognized our guests
- The minutes of the April 2017 meeting were approved
- President Redwine reported the death of past chapter registrar, Dan Stauffer.
- He also gave an update the health of Registrar Harry Walden (who later joined us at the meeting), as well as the wife of compatriot Russell Fontenot, and his wife, Martha.
- President Redwine told us that compatriot Jim Scott would be presenting JROTC awards at Stony Point High School on the upcoming Wednesday. and that Frank Elrod is presenting at Leander High School today.
- Past President Ray DeVries reported that he has been very busy with SAR applications, and is asking for some help with processing those applications.
- He also reported that Operation Ancestry Search (OAS) met at the Temple VA Hospital, and had 5 soldiers at one meeting, and 6 at the other. Ft Hood OAS had 5 soldiers at its last meeting.
- Treasurer Darren Hutchinson reported that we have \$2228.81 in our account.
- Compatriot Mike Nichols updated his report regarding the color guard presenting the colors at the Mayflower Society meeting on March 25. He stated that the Society presented a certificate and a picture to compatriot Ray DeVries
- In honor of our compatriot Dan Stauffer, President Redwine listed the many patriots of Mr. Stauffer

1. Isaac Levan Sr 5th great grandfather, b. about 1700, d. Aug 1786, Court Martial Man, Berks Co PA Militia

2. Peter Feather Sr, 4th great grandfather, b. 29 June 1730, d. 29 Nov 1801, Court Martial Man PA

3. Isaac Feather, 3rd great grandfather, b. 8 Aug 1753, d. 26 Jan 1836, Quartermaster Berks Co PA Militia

(Peter Feather Sr. was married to the daughter of Isaac Levan, and Isaac Feather was Peter Feather's son)

4. Isaac Hunsicker, 4th great grandfather, b. 28 Sep 1738, d. 23 Feb 1738, Pvt. Philadelphia Co PA Militia

5. Gottshall Gottshall, 3rd great grandfather, b. 8 Apr 1753, d. 5 Mar 1824, Pvt. Philadelphia Co PA Militia

6. William Tyson, 4th great grandfather, b. 26Mar1723, d. 28Jan1810, Pvt. Philadelphia Co PA Militia

7. Joseph Brendlinger, 3rd great grandfather, b. 21Mar1738, d. 5Apr1825, Pvt. Philadelphia Co PA Militia

8. Philip Miller, 3rd great grandfather, b. 3Feb1750, d. 6Jun1809, Pvt. Philadelphia Co PA Militia

9. Michael Kurtz, 3rd great grandfather, b. 27Mar1741, d. 29Aug1823, Pvt. Philadelphia Co PA Militia, and Pvt. 2nd Regiment, Pennsylvania Line (was in the Battle of Long Island)

10. Dillman Ziegler, 4th great grandfather, b. abt. 1734, d. bef. 18Oct1794, Pvt. Philadelphia Co PA Militia

11. Michael Bauer, 5th great grandfather, b. 1720-22, d. 17Jun1784, Pvt. Berks Co PA Militia

12. Henry Oberholtzer, 4th great grandfather, b. abt. 1746, d. Oct1783, Pvt. Philadelphia Co PA Militia

13. Henry Borneman, 3rd great grandfather, b. abt. 1740, d. 2Jul1828, Philadelphia Co PA Militia

14 Christian Borneman, 3rd great grandfather, b. 1735, d. Jan1809, Pvt. Philadelphia Co PA Militia

(Henry and Christian Borneman were brothers. I am descended from both of them, since the grandson of Christian married the granddaughter of Henry)

15. Heinrich Gilbert, 4th great grandfather, b. 17Feb1736, d. 28Aug1814, Philadelphia Co PA Militia.

(Many of these ancestors were Mennonites. They reported for militia duty, but if called to active duty, probably would not have fought, due to their religious beliefs)

- LUNCH was served
- Our guest speaker was Zachary Roberts, archivist for the National Archives at the George Bush Presidential Library.
- Recessional was led by President-Elect Wickstrom
- Closing prayer was led by Chaplain Crown.

June 2017 Minutes

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Mel's All Star Lanes

Georgetown, TX

- President Lane Redwine called the meeting to order
- President-Elect Frank Wickstrom led the pledges to the flags of The United States Of America, The State Of Texas, and The Sons Of The American Revolution
- Chaplain Paul Crown voiced the opening prayer
- Secretary Rick Malley welcomed our members and recognized our guests
- Compatriot Ted Acheson was presented certificates for supplementals for 3 patriot ancestors. He also passed around photos of the color guard in action at the Texas State Cemetery on Memorial day, as well as at a Boy Scout Eagle Court of Honor, and at the "Carry The Load" ceremony at the county courthouse.
- The minutes of the March 2017 meeting were approved
- The color guard also joined 4 other chapters for the opening of the Burnett County Fair, as well as posting and retiring the colors at the naturalization ceremony at the Delco Center.
- Applications are moving through at National a little faster now, since two need genealogists have been hired. Applications that were sent in April have already been approved.
- Compatriot DeVries reported that Operation Ancestry Search is moving along a "whole lot better" as well.
- Treasurer Darrin Hutchinson reported that we have \$1913.15 in our account.
- President Redwine gave brief biographical sketches about
 - Joseph Minze Sr, patriot ancestor of Jackie Minze
 - John Shekell, patriot ancestor of Will Else
 - John Spare, patriot ancestor of Richard Lake
- District 4 Vice President Ron Walcik reported that national congress will be July 6 -12 in Knoxville, TN.
He stated that nation officer terms will be extended to 2 years.
The State Board Of Managers meeting will be the second weekend of August in Galveston, TX
The 2018 national congress will be held in Houston
He also stated that the national organization is attempting to implement a biographical sketch database.
- Frank Elrod reported that the 2016-2017 JROTC Bronze Medal recipient from Leander High School was Maya France

- Compatriot DeVries reported that Harry Walden seems to be a little stronger now, and is living at the Delaney on Shell Rd.
- Chaplain Paul Crown reported that the chapter website has been revamped and moved onto the TXSSAR server.

LUNCH

- Author William Gronneman III, former captain with the New York City Fire Department Battalion 308 spoke about his personal experience surrounding September 11, 2001. More information and insights can be found in his book "September 11: A Memoir"
- President Elect Frank Wickstrom presented him with a memento of his visit.
- Compatriot Wickstrom led the SAR recessional
- Chaplain Paul Crown led the closing prayer.

July 2017 Minutes

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July 8, 2017

Mel's All Star Lanes

Georgetown, TX

- President Lane Redwine called the meeting to order
- President-Elect Frank Wickstrom led the pledges to the flags of The United States Of America, The State Of Texas, and The Sons Of The American Revolution
- President Redwine voiced the opening prayer written by Chaplain Paul Crown
- Secretary Rick Malley welcomed our members and recognized our guests
- The minutes of the June 2017 meeting were approved
- Treasurer Darrin Hutchinson reported that we have \$1792.06 in our account.
- Compatriot Ray DeVries reported that Operation Ancestry Search is moving along, but with problems in Temple. There are fewer folks attending at each event. Ft. Hood has a new company coming in, so that will mean more numbers.

- Compatriot DeVries also stated applications are moving through at National. There are 9 at National. He has 6 that he is working on, and there are several with brick walls.

- Compatriot DeVries reported that Harry Walden is still having problems with his hips, and is now in a new rehab center.
- The color guard posted and retired the colors at the naturalization ceremony at the Delco Center and the Burnett County fair, along with 5 different chapters.
- Compatriot Jim Scott posted colors at the Sun City Singers Concert.
- President Redwine gave brief biographical sketches about
 - Joseph Motley, patriot ancestor of Tom Northen
 - John Shekell, patriot ancestor of Will Else
 - Joshua Logan Younger, patriot ancestor of Frank Wickstrom
- Compatriot Joseph Hartigan told us about a TX House bill that would protect monuments of Texas heros.
- President Redwine reported that the NSSAR convention will be held in Houston in 2018. If any patriot volunteers to help, the state will pay for their rooms.

LUNCH

- LTC Matthew Rogers was our guest speaker. He gave us an history of the 1st Cavalry Division.

- Compatriot Wickstrom led the SAR recessional
- President Redwine led the closing prayer.

August 2017 Minutes

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August 12, 2017

Mel's All Star Lanes

Georgetown, TX

- President Lane Redwine called the meeting to order
- President-Elect Frank Wickstrom 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 voiced by Chaplain Paul Crown
- New compatriots R.D. Brown and Michael Leeds were inducted into the chapter by president Lane Redwine, acting registrar Ray DeVries, and president elect Frank Wickstrom
- Secretary Rick Malley welcomed our members and recognized our guests
- Treasurer Darrin Hutchinson reported that we have \$1728.68 in our account.
- Checks for \$25.00 SAR/DAR luncheon go to treasurer
- Compatriot Ray DeVries reported that Operation Ancestry Search is moving along, but more volunteers are needed to help with the research.

- Compatriot DeVries said that color guard posted colors at the reopening of WalMart in Georgetown, after renovations to the store.
- Compatriot DeVries also stated applications are moving through at National. There are 8 compatriots that should be inducted in October. He has 7 that are in the works.
- Compatriot Jim Scott talked briefly about the satisfaction of working with OAS. He also told us that Georgean Stauffer hopes to be with us in October
- Eagle Scout awards were presented to compatriots Jim Scott and Martin Shelton
- Minutes of the July meeting were approved
- President Redwine gave a biographical sketches about compatriot Don Witherspoon who passed away July 10, 2017. He also gave a sketch of compatriot Witherspoon's ancestor, James Witherspoon

LUNCH

- Betty Hamilton was our guest speaker with the topic *"An Introduction to DNA Testing for Genealogy"*.
- President elect Wickstrom led the SAR recessional
- Chaplain Crown led the closing prayer.

September 2017 Minutes

The September 2017 AH SAR meeting was a combined SAR/DAR affair.

Minutes are of the combined meeting are not currently available.

October 2017 Minutes

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October 14, 2017

Mel's All Star Lanes

Georgetown, TX

- President Lane Redwine called the meeting to order
- President-Elect Frank Wickstrom 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 voiced by Chaplain Paul Crown
- Ms. Georgeanne Stauffer, widow of compatriot Dan Stauffer, was recognized in attendance. A list of Mr. Stauffer's achievements was read.
- New compatriots David Yeager, David Fontenot, Johnathan Malley, Ridge Johnson, Richard Randall, James Root Sr., and James Root Jr. were inducted into the chapter by president Lane Redwine, acting registrar Ray DeVries, and Sargent at Arms Frank Elrod.
- Secretary Rick Malley welcomed our members and recognized our guests
- Treasurer Darrin Hutchinson reported that we have \$1309.92 in our account.
- Compatriot DeVries said that color guard posted colors at the joint SAR/DAR meeting in September
- Compatriot Ray DeVries reported that the leader Operation Ancestry Search passed away while on vacation, and a search is underway for a new leader. He also stated that volunteers are still needed to assist in helping the soldiers with their research

- Our Color Guard will be participating in Veterans' Day activities on November 9

LUNCH

- Our guest speaker was Dianne Calisi. She gave some insights about our involvement in various recent military conflicts. She recommends "This Kind Of War" by T. R. Fehrenbach, which could help in understanding the current situation with North Korea.
- President elect Wickstrom led the SAR recessional
- Chaplain Crown led the closing prayer.

December 2017 Minutes

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December 9, 2017

Mel's All Star Lanes

Georgetown, TX

- President Lane Redwine called the meeting to order
- President-Elect Frank Elrod 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 voiced by Chaplain Paul Crown
- Compatriot Crown also gave us an update about the success of the stocking stuffers for the veteran's homes
- Secretary Rick Malley welcomed our members and recognized our guests
- Treasurer Darrin Hutchinson reported that we have \$1243.92 in our account.
- New officers Frank Elrod as President Elect, and Darren Hutchinson as Sargent At Arms were installed by District 4 Vice President Ron Wolcik, and current officers recommitted their oaths.
- Registrar Harry Walden was presented with a Liberty Medal for being first line sponsor of 10 new members.
- Bernard Galvez Bronze Medals for color guard were presented each to compatriots Ray DeVries, Lane Redwine, and James Scott.
- Compatriot Ray DeVries thanked compatriot Crown and his wife Marrika for the work they did for the stockings for the veteran's homes.
- He also reported that Tuesday December 12 would be the last day for Operation Ancestry Search for the year. He stressed that volunteers are desperately needed
- Compatriot DeVries reported that there are 6 new applications that have been approved, and 3 more that could possibly be approved by year's end.
- Secretary Rick Malley noted that the annual report is due soon, and asked all officers and committee members to send information about activities during the past year.
- Corrected minutes from the November meeting were approved.

LUNCH

- Speaker Ben Wright, from the Briscoe Center for American History, talked about the relationship of Texas and Texans in the American Revolution
- Recessional was led by President-elect Frank Elrod
- Closing prayer by Chaplain Paul Crown.