

**Minutes for TXSSAR Chapter #7 Arlington meeting
Division Street Diner, Sept. 10, 2011**

Approximately 9:30 am, President Ron Carter called the meeting to order and welcomed TXSSAR District 5 Vice President James Alderman and other guests.

John Anderson led the pledge to the flag of the United States of America, the pledge to the Texas flag and the pledge to the SAR flag.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- President & Secretary Ron Carter requested the Aug 13, 2011 minutes be considered. They were approved as emailed.
- Treasurer Ray Bommer reported the operating fund is now registered as 501C and will have no monthly fees. The previous credit card is not needed and has been destroyed. It has been reconciled with a balance of \$464.63, which includes some late arrival dues received from the State. The Treasury Bill is worth \$1600.00.
- Registrar Ray Bommer sought discussions on new candidates. Ron Carter reported Claude Hicks' induction will be today. Ron also reported a transfer membership of Kyle Baldwin to our chapter from the Alexandria, VA chapter is in the works. Compatriot Baldwin has a repeating conflict for our Saturday meetings, so some alternatives may need consideration. John Anderson reported Gary Faletti's application has been received at National and Don Billings' new application has been mailed to the Texas regional registrar.
- Website Administrator John Anderson reported "Stat Counter" has been added to the new chapter website. Early reports minimal activity, but evidence of the value is reflected with new candidate Don Billings' application. John suggested new pictures; etc should drive up the website activity and sought suggestions from the membership. Statistical reports are available by request.

Unfinished and New business:

- No unfinished business.
- Ron Carter moved we continue the \$35, \$25 and \$15 prize awards for the upcoming Poster Contest. It was seconded and approved. The poster topic will be the "Battle of Guilford Courthouse" on March 15, 1781 in Greensboro, NC. The actual contest announcement and period has not yet been prepared. Vice President Bob Harris added the contest is open to all local public, private and home school students and that the State of Texas requires American History instruction in the 5th grade.
- Ron Carter sought the count for JROTC metals and certificates for next spring and reviewed the participating schools from this prior year. Bob Harris suggested we seek 1 extra set to accommodate certificate typos.

Program:

- Due to technical difficulties, the planned audio and visual presentation was delayed.

Announcements & Discussions:

- Vice President James Alderman inducted new Compatriot Claude Hicks to our chapter. His wife, Jean, was in attendance.
- James Alderman reported on the "SAR Venturing to Germany" scheduled for April 2012. Interested Compatriots can get more information of the same title from the summer SAR magazine. He also reported the next BOM meeting will be in Galveston on Halloween night. All compatriots are welcome.
- New candidate, Don Billings, gave a short review of his patriot John Barr, from Chester Co, PA.

President Ron Carter called for a motion to adjourn and led the recessional.

Ray Bommer gave the Benediction.

Approximately 10:45 am the meeting was closed.

In attendance per the signup sheet were 5 members, 2 candidates and 2 guests.

All members should advise the secretary of revisions to mail, phone and email addresses.

Submitted for Approval

Original signed by

Ron Carter

Chapter Secretary

Amendment Oct. 08, 2011:

Officer and Committee Reports:

- Ron Carter reported as a chapter we mourn the loss of Compatriot Jack Stewart.