

Minutes for TXSSAR Chapter #7 Arlington Meeting Division Street Diner, Jan. 14, 2012

Approximately 9:10 AM, President Ron Carter called the meeting to order. Ray Bommer gave the Invocation. 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.

Ron welcomed our special guests, TXSSAR District 5 Vice President James Alderman, local CAR Senior Society President Joe Sogan, and today's program presenter William Covington. Welcomes were also given to longtime member David Friels and other guests.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- President & Secretary Ron Carter requested the Dec. 10, 2011 minutes be considered. They were approved as posted to the Chapter website.
- Treasurer Ray Bommer reported the operating fund is reconciled with a balance of \$402.88 and the Treasury bill value is \$1600.00, subject to interest. He alerted future discussions may include alternatives to the Treasury bill.
- John Anderson reported on today's new inductee Don Billings, new transfer Kyle Baldwin and on other candidates' status in progress.

Unfinished and New business:

- President Ron Carter inducted new member Don Billings. His wife Mindy was in attendance. Compatriot Don Billing stated his patriot ancestor is John Barr of PA and gave a short biography, including his "Sugar House" detention.
- Ron reported the Poster Contest is well underway. Several schools are expected to participate. There will be a need for assistance gathering the entries and an external meeting to judge the entries. All available members will be sought to assist judging. He will announce the date, time and place at our next monthly meeting.
- Ray reported he has contacted all but one of the local JROTC, ROTC Commanders. They have his contact information and exchanged schedules. He will continue attempts to contact that one last commander.

Announcements & Discussions:

- James Alderman reminded everyone it is time for annual dues and Chapter Reports. He alerted us the annual State Conference will be in late March in San Antonio. He also announced and sought attention to the "Ask Granny" campaign underway as described in the NGS magazine. This campaign qualifies for Chapter point credits. More information is available at www.askgranny.us.
- Joe Sogan spoke on local CAR activities and sought our Chapter sponsorship for one of his CAR members in the NSSAR Essay Contest. Nine year old Jacob Sagon energetically described some of the many fun activities in which he has participated.

Program:

William "Bill" Covington gave a lively presentation on expressions used today that originated in the American Colonial period. He was in period dress and presented several colonial artifacts, including a Brown Bess Musket, to demonstrate and support his claims. *"Don't go off half cocked"*, *"Flash in the pan"*, *"Lock, stock, and barrel"*, *"Walking a Virginia fence"*, *"Mind your Ps & Qs"* and *"2 bits, 4 bits, 6 bits a dollar"* were just a few.

President Ron Carter called for a motion to adjourn. John lead the SAR Closing Admonition and Ray gave the Benediction. Approximately 10:30 AM the meeting was closed to closer review the presenter's colonial artifacts.

In attendance per the signup sheet were 5 members, 2 candidates and 4 guests.

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

Ron Carter
Secretary

See you at our next meeting, Saturday Feb. 11th, 2012.
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