

Meeting minutes for Arlington Chapter #7

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May 12, 2012

- President Ron Carter called the meeting to order at 09:00.
- Chaplain David Friels led the invocation.
- Gary Faletti led the pledge to the flag of the United States of America, Ron Carter led the pledge to the flag of the State of Texas and John Anderson led the pledge to the flag of the Sons of the American Revolution.
- President Ron Carter called for and received approval of the April 11, 2012 minutes.
- **Officer and Committee Reports:**
 - Registrar John Anderson discussed the status of the applications of Dick Lee which is at national. The Wehr family has some issues that are being resolved. Sonny Parks' application is in the process of being completed. Dick Lee's application has been received at National.
 - Treasurer Ray Bommer gave his report on the chapters' finances. He also presented President Ron Carter with checks that are to be presented to our top three Poster Contest winners.
- **Awards:**
 - Ray Bommer, JROTC/ROTC Committee Chair, reported on the status of the remaining awards that are to be presented.
 - President Ron Carter reported that Alek Sogan could not make today's meeting to receive his certificate. He placed 3rd in the State Children of the American Revolution Essay Scholarship Contest.
- **Unfinished and New Business**
 - Ron Carter stated that he would like to see at least one Certificate of Commendation per month (for displaying of the U.S. Flag). Ron

will be presenting J.B. Little Elementary a certificate on Tuesday May 15.

- A movement was made to forgo the August meeting. After a brief discussion it was decided by a vote to do so this year only to see how it works out.

➤ **Program**

- President Ron Carter introduced Mr. Claude Hicks, dressed as a frontier soldier, whose presentation contained a history of the Flintlock Rifle and gun powder. He began with the British Long Land Pattern musket that was of smooth bore and 46 inches long, the Sea Pattern Musket which was also smooth bore but the barrel length was shortened to 36 inches. Then he spoke of the Kentucky Long rifle which was actually manufactured in Lancaster PA. The pros and cons of each of these weapons were presented. Mr. Hicks brought in a flintlock musket and explained its' parts and the precision it takes to load it, especially the priming of the flash pan. Mr. Hicks then gave a brief discussion on black powder and how the different grades (1f, 2f, and 3f) were attained.
- At 10:30 President Ron Carter motioned to adjourn and led the Admonition. Chaplain David Friels gave the Benediction.
- There were 8 members and 3 guests present.

Don Billings
Secretary

See you at our next meeting on 10 June 2012

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