

Meeting Minutes for TXSSAR Arlington Chapter #7

Division Street Diner, 1800 Division St., Arlington TX 76012

March 9, 2013

- President Ron Carter called the meeting to order at 9:12 AM
- Chaplain David Friels led the invocation
- President Ron Carter led the pledges to the flags
- February minutes were approved

- **Guest Remarks** by TXSSAR Conference Activities Coordinator, Tom Whitelock
 - Recognized our Chapter's assistance rendered for the State Convention
 - Provided the Agenda for the TXSSAR 118th Annual Meeting which can be found at <http://www.txssar.org/pdf/Apr13ProgBOM.pdf>
 - Convenes at the Dallas Wyndham Love Field Hotel, April 4-7, 2013
 - For those compatriots planning to attend, highlights include:
 - Thursday, 5:30 pm Vans depart to Genealogy Seminar by Lloyd Brockstruck at SMU followed with Dinner
 - Friday, 6:00 pm Vans depart to President, Robert Clark's Reception
 - Saturday, 7:00 pm TXSSAR Banquet in Ballrooms "A & B"

➤ Installation of Chapter Officers elected for 2013

- District VP, James E. Alderman presided over installation of officers.

<i>Office</i>	<i>Name</i>
President	Ron Carter
Vice President	David Friels
Secretary	Bob Wehr
Treasurer	Roger Wehr
Registrar	John Anderson
Chaplain	David Friels
Historian	John Anderson
Sergeant-at-Arms	Claude Hicks

- President Ron Carter commended retiring Treasurer Ray Bommer for his untiring and faithful service.
- Former Treasurer Ray Bommer was presented a Certificate of Service and photographs were taken.

➤ Program

- John Anderson prepared a Video Scrapbook Presentation for the Chapter activities over the past few years.
 - He also compiled and published an accompanying Booklet.
 - President Ron Carter complimented John for the excellent work, regarding both the presentation and the booklet and stated DVD's of the slides are available for a \$5 to \$10 donation.

➤ **Officer and Committee Reports**

- Registrar John Anderson provided a report of membership:
 - At 2012 year end our roster had 21 Compatriots. Most have paid their 2013 Dues, 6 late payments, 2 still unpaid.
 - 2012 inductees were Bob Wehr, Roger Wehr, Dick Lee, James Friels, and Richard Coffey.
 - Applications for Robert and Ray Wehr have been forwarded from the State to National for final processing.
 - Approval has been observed for Bill Covington. We hope to induct him in April.
 - This leaves Twenty-three (23) remaining candidates which have contacted the Chapter for membership since 2011.
- Treasurer, Ray Bommer submitted his final report:
 - The Chase Bank Balance was \$1899.65
 - In accordance with Chapter approval, Treasurer Bommer reverted the amounts of two long outstanding checks, so that the Chapter ledger would correspond to the Chase Bank records.
 - A check for \$16.00 as indicated for a letter from Timberview.
 - The final Chapter ledger balance is \$1883.65
 - A motion was made and approved, authorizing the execution of new Treasurer bank account signatures.
- Web Administrator, John Anderson provided the following information:
 - Improvement of the Chapter website continues,
 - Further technical updates are in work.
 - Indication was noted that 893 different site hits have been received from worldwide contacts. These included inquiries from Saigon, Taiwan, and China.
 - A "Facebook" site has been added and is receiving considerable interest.
 - Both the Website and the Facebook portal afford potential new members the opportunity to receive application and contact information from the Chapter.
 - He is investigating the opportunity to enter our chapter in the NSSAR Website Contest. Key evaluations include "Links to Newsletters" which our chapter does not yet produce. Entry into the contest is mainly to seek feedback and provide publicity of our chapter website.
- For the TXSSAR Chapter Scrapbook, guest Tom Whitelock suggested the Video Scrapbook presentation be submitted for possible viewing at the state convention.

➤ **Awards:**

- President Ron Carter announced the outcome of last month's selection of a poster contest winner. The theme of the contest was the "Declaration of Independence".
 - Approximately 183 entries were received from 7 schools
 - The winner is Kenwyn Alexander from Miller Elementary School. Her poster will be entered in the State Contest. She will be presented a grand champion ribbon, a signed certificate and a check for \$35 in front of her classmates.
 - First, second, and third place winners from each of the seven schools will get ribbons with their certificates. All students completing a poster will receive a certificate.

➤ **New Business:**

- The review of the Chapter Constitution and By Laws continues. Completion of the review and possible revision of update is anticipated in the May-June timeframe.
- Guest Tom Whitelock provided the following remarks regarding Chapter information:
 - That relevant Chapter information will be submitted to the State Historian on an annual basis.
 - That such features as the Video Scrapbook, Officers' List, and other significant activities be posted on the website.
- Tom Whitelock also indicated that all such pertinent information and activities will eventually be digitized and indexed for the State Archives. This will facilitate retrieval or other use by the State Historian or for other historical purposes.
- Finally, it was decided the Chapter's publicity focus will be toward enhancing compatriot participation or the seeking of new members. An example of such publicity is the use of Flag Certificates for community organizations and businesses.

- At 10:15 AM President Ron Carter motioned to adjourn and led the Admonition.
- Chaplain David Friels gave the Benediction.

Our next meeting March 9, 2013, 9:00 AM

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