

Meeting Minutes for TXSSAR Arlington Chapter #7

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

June 8, 2013

- President Ron Carter called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 AM.
- Vice President David Friels led the invocation.
- Treasurer Roger Wehr led the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag.
- Compatriot William Covington, Jr. led the pledge of allegiance to the Texas flag.
- President Ron Carter led the pledge of allegiance to the SAR flag.

Following the opening ceremony the following approved candidates were inducted into the Chapter:

- Sonny Parks
 - Robert W. Wehr
 - Ray Wehr
 - Joshua Wehr, Junior Member
 - Daniel Wehr, Junior Member
 - William Taylor (unable to attend)
- Officer and Committee Reports:
- Chapter Registrar John Anderson presented the Chapter membership activities:
 - As of March 13, 2013 most all unpaid dues issues have been resolved. Thus, we have 21 compatriots, not including 2 from 2012 with still unpaid 2013 dues.
 - The 5 new Wehr family members; Ray Wehr Robert W. Wehr, William Taylor, Daniel Wehr, Joshua Wehr plus Sonny Parks and Bill Covington adds 7 to make our count 28.
 - Kevin Jorrey has been officially approved but the NSSAR online status has not yet been adjusted.
 - Lorna Rankin of Arlington DAR visited with us in April. Her husband and two sons have completed their applications and expect to complete their applications the week of June 17.

- Several other candidates are still on the “interested list”, including Jeff Stroup. Some with recent contact, but most with older contact. They are all included on our meeting announcement emails and I do see questions via email from time to time.
- Chapter Treasurer Roger Wehr presented the treasurer report:
 - Treasurer Wehr provided an overview of the May financial transactions, ending with the current checking account balance
 - As discussed in the previous meetings, in order to restrict such information to Chapter membership, the actual numbers are available via a separate source
 - A question was asked regarding the flow of funds from State, and actions were initiated to establish projections for incoming funds, and the potential outlay of expenditures
 - A cursory observation, using this suggested analysis (income vs. outlay) will be made annually for the financial records from 2013 forward
- Chapter President Ron Carter (and Poster Contest Chairman) presented the Final Report for the 2012/2013 Poster Contest. The topic was the Declaration of Independence. There were a total of 183 posters judged and a total of 183 certificates given. The participating schools and respective representatives were as follows:
 - Miller AISD Mrs. Jenkins
 - Wood AISD Mrs. Konica
 - Bryant AISD Mrs. Benavides
 - Larson AISD Mr. Wright
 - Key AISD Mrs. Brown
 - Swift AISD Mrs. Holloway

In addition the following appearances were made in Dress Uniform;

- Miller AISD there were 100 students present plus teachers and parents of the top three students
- Key AISD there were 60 students plus their parents and school staff
- Bryant AISD the entire fifth grade plus teachers were present
- Wood AISD all fifth grade students, plus parents and teachers

Notably, Miller student Kenwyn Alexander’s Poster placed third in the State Contest. First, second, and third place winners in the State Contest all received Ribbons.

Flag Certificates were given at Miller (Mrs. Jenkins) and Key (Mrs. Jackson, School Principal)

The Chapter gave the following monetary awards: \$35.00 to Kenwyn Alexander, Miller AISD; \$25.00 to Mari Matoes, Miller AISD; and \$15.00 to Michael Verner, Wood AISD.

- Chapter Historian John Anderson presented issues of historic importance to the Chapter. The following is a compilation of a few of the issues:
 - Since new officers were inducted in March, it is now time to bundle artifacts for archival at the North Texas University Library. Items identified so far are the printed Chapter minutes, last year's video scrapbook, this year's New Officer program, roster and various pictures. Both printed and electronic versions will be provided.
 - Several people have given positive feedback to the gathering and web posting of Compatriot Profiles. Compatriots are reminded to return their profile questionnaire for inclusion, get on the internet, review and offer suggestions.

Compatriot



Dr. Valin R. Woodward

February 12, 1890 - April 11, 1969

**Charter member and Past Chapter President
and TX S.A.R. President, 1935**

***The Texas Compatriot* was founded and freely distributed quarterly from 1933 to
1952 by the
Woodward brothers.**

Profession: Medical Doctor

**Patriot - [Jacob Lewis](#)
Virginia**

[Arlington Cemetery, Tarrant Co. Texas](#)

Figure 1

- www.txssar.org/Arlington/inmemoriam.php has been developed for memorials of fallen Compatriots. Figure 1 portrays Dr. Valin Woodard, who was a Charter Member and Chapter President 1935. Dr. Valin Woodward's cemetery location has been found with no SAR marker.
- 10 memorials are so far developed. This will continue to grow as a work in progress as data is collected.
- Web Administrator John Anderson provided the following information regarding the Chapter Website:
 - www.txssar.org/Arlington/awards.php has been developed
 - www.txssar.org/Arlington/roster.php has been developed. The purpose is to provide a short Compatriot profile including name, when SAR approved, current offices, committees, Patriot(s) and service identification, etc. Headshot photos and email links are included. Junior member photos and emails are never displayed.
 - Compatriots are reminded to return their profile questionnaire for inclusion, get on the internet, review and offer suggestions.
- The Business Meeting was opened and the minutes of the previous chapter meeting (May 11) were approved. Unfinished business included the following items:
 - Review of the Constitution and By Laws – There is a need to complete the revision work of these documents in a sit down meeting of the Chapter Officers ahead of approval by the Chapter members. The meeting schedule is:
 - June 21, 2013 @ 4:30
 - McDonalds Restaurant on Pioneer Parkway at Bowen Road
 - Approval by the membership must be scheduled
 - New business items included the following:
 - In preparation for next year's Poster Contest (2013-2014) brochures should be submitted to the Teachers of the Elementary Schools once the topic for the contest has been selected. In addition, "Flyers" should be provided for the entryways to all of the Elementary Schools.
 - Information is needed in support of the activities of the Arlington Downtown Library Genealogy Section – second Tuesday of each month.
 - Monthly meetings will be continued through the summer

- At 10:20 President Ron Carter motioned to adjourn and led the Admonition.
- Chaplain David Friels gave the benediction.

Our next meeting will is scheduled for 13 July, 9:00 AM

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