

Meeting Minutes for TXSSAR Arlington Chapter #7

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

July 13, 2013

- President Ron Carter called the meeting to order at 9:20
- Chaplain David Friels led the invocation
- President Ron Carter led the pledge to the flags
- Minutes from the June meeting were read and approved

Officer and Committee Reports

- **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Roger Wehr provided a summary of banking transactions and announced the current balance. A copy of the report was passed to the members for review and then returned to the Treasurer Roger Wehr for filing. The file may be viewed upon request of the individual members.
- **Registrar's Report** – Registrar John Anderson related the member growth activity, and noted that the last official report received from the state is the March 2013 report. In review, John Anderson related that the official report shows Chapter #7 as having 21 members [plus 2 members with unpaid dues]. There were 6 member inductions after March (3 Wehr regular, 2 Wehr junior, plus Sonny Parks). There is an additional induction, pending receipt of his packet (Kevin Jorrey.) $21+2+6+1=30$. Thus, our current active membership grand total is 30.

Bill Rankin and his two junior sons have completed their applications. Last month the Registrar John Anderson forwarded the applications to the Regional Inland Registrar, David Temple. No further information as to the status.

Jeff Stroup has attended our monthly meetings twice, and others who have attended have applications in progress.

- **Historian's Report** – Chapter Historian John Anderson reported there was no new information for the Historic files.
- **Webmaster's Report** – Webmaster John Anderson has continued improving the website and the Chapter has received commendatory comments about its appearance and functions. In particular, Compatriot Anderson has continued the effort of inputting and updating Compatriot profiles. Pertinent website information follows:
 - Chapter homepage: www.txssar.org/Arlington/roster.php
 - In memoriam: www.txssary.org/Arlington/inmemoriam.php. This latter address is in use for the development of the compatriot profiles and will remain active for in-progress as information is gathered.
 - Webmaster's email address: janders981@sbcglobal.net

- **Awards Chairman Report** – Chairman Ron Carter discussed the upcoming Poster and Essay contests. The theme for the Poster contest is “The Swamp Fox,” Revolutionary War soldier and leader, Francis Marion. Information will be disseminated to the local schools. Chairman Carter also highlighted the need to encourage CAR and SAR participation in the Essay contest. The statistics reveal a decline in overall participation. Last year only 6 essays received; in contrast, the preceding year 8 had been received. Compatriot Bill Cunningham was appointed to serve as the liaison and contact to assist CAR potential participants.

Similarly, the theme for the Knight Essay Contest will be on the American Revolution. This contest is not restricted to just CAR and SAR members, but rather to local high school students, as well. The rules are published on the TXSSAR website. Participation upper limit is seniors in high school. The winner at the state level will receive \$2,500. Our Chapter project should be to ensure all local high schools have the information and rules to participate.

- **Guest Remarks by District VP James Alderman**

Compatriot James Alderman, always a welcome guest at the Chapter meetings, provided an overview of the newly released President General Initiatives for 2013-2014. These initiatives can be referenced at:

<https://www.sar.org/News/President-General-Initiatives-2013-2014>.

Using the General Initiatives as basis, VP Alderman highlighted those district activities planned in support of the initiatives. A part of his remarks focused on the restoration of the gravesite of Patriot James Lemon, located in the Edgewood Cemetery, Lancaster, Texas. Patriot Lemon served as a messenger to George Washington.

- **The Business Meeting** was opened and the Unfinished business included the following items:

- Review of the Constitution and By Laws –The revision work for the Constitution and By Laws continues. The review meeting was held as follows:
 - June 21, 2013 @ 4:30
 - McDonalds Restaurant on Pioneer Parkway at Bowen Road
 - Details for membership approval were discussed at this meeting.
- Approach for approval of the Constitution and By Laws – The following steps will be followed in the approval process:
 - A copy of the revised document will be submitted to TXSSAR to ensure there are no conflicts with any existing or established provisions of the State Constitution or By Laws

- The revised document will be posted on the Chapter website for review and comment. In parallel members will receive notification via e-mail
- The e-mail will also establish a date for receipt of comments or discussion of issues
- If the State review, membership posting and communication are completed in sufficient time, a vote will be considered for the August meeting
- If comments are received from the membership or if the above actions are not yet completed, the membership approval vote will be postponed until the September meeting
- All members present approved of this approval process

New business items included the following:

- The topic of aging members was discussed. There are approximately 6 to 8 members in this category.
- As examples Compatriot Ray Bommer is recuperating and recovering from recent illness. Similarly Compatriot Claude Hicks is scheduled for certain medical procedures.
- Increased attention will be given in the form of visits [if appropriate], cards, and calls from the membership to those unable to attend the meetings

Meeting Program

- Vice President David Friels provided an excellent program and video presentation on Patrick Henry. The video was a re-enactment of Patrick Henry's report to the Virginia House of Burgesses regarding the potential for armed resistance of the British Government
- At 10:50 President Ron Carter motioned to adjourn and led the Admonition.
- Chaplain David Friels gave the benediction.

There were 9 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Our next meeting will be scheduled for 10 August, 9:00 AM

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