

Meeting Minutes for TXSSAR Arlington Chapter #7

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

August, 10 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 July meeting were discussed 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 individual members.
- **Registrar's Report** – Registrar John Anderson related the member growth activity, and noted that the current TXSSAR online chapter membership has still not been revised since March 31, 2013 where 21 active compatriots are shown, not including two with still unpaid 2013 dues. Removing deceased Compatriot Ray Bommer and adding new compatriot Kevin Jorrey, we have 29 active members including 2 junior members. Ongoing Chapter activities include the following:
 - Kevin Jorrey's induction is scheduled for our September meeting. Currently, he is out of state visiting his extended family and patriot's cemetery.
 - Bill Rankin and his two junior sons have completed their applications and are approved by our TXSSAR Inland Registrar, David Temple. The NSSAR website has been updated this week to reflect their status as "Received." They normally take 4-6 weeks to process.
 - Compatriot Anderson has been in email contact with a few new candidates interested in the application process. Anticipation was that we should have a few guests today.
 - Compatriot Anderson is also an active member within the TXSSAR Major Van Zandt Chapter #6 in Fort Worth. Their Registrar, Compatriot Gerry Geiger, will be on assignment to Michigan for the rest of this calendar year, and John will be assisting their chapter in his absence. Applicants are free to apply to whichever chapter they choose.

- **Webmaster's Report** – Webmaster, Compatriot John Anderson, reports the website continues to improve. The TXSSAR website, www.txssar.org, was down Friday morning August 2nd for 4-6 hours. All chapters using this server to host their respective websites, including us, were also impacted. Short outages are not uncommon and are expected. That particular Friday, Compatriot Anderson observed what is an infrequent longer outage. Other website information follows:
 - Chapter Homepage: <http://www.txssar.org/Arlington>
 - Chapter Roster: <http://www.txssar.org/Arlington/roster.php>
 - In memoriam to past patriots:
<http://www.txssar.org/Arlington/inmemoriam.php>
 - Patriot Index: <http://www.txssar.org/Arlington/patriots.php>
 - Webmaster's email address: janders981@sbcglobal.net
- **Historian's Report** – Chapter Historian, Compatriot John Anderson continues his efforts to contact Morgan Davis Gieringer at University of North Texas. There were no new changes to report.
- **Awards Chairman's Report** – Chairman Ron Carter provided an abbreviated update of the upcoming Poster and Essay contests. As a reminder, the poster contest theme is "The Swamp Fox," the Revolutionary War soldier and leader, Francis Marion. Similarly, the theme for the Knight Essay Contest will be on the American Revolution. Information dissemination to the local schools will begin as soon as their new school year begins.
- **Constitution and By Laws Chairman's Report** – Chairman Roger Wehr provided the revised Constitution and By Laws activities are complete. The following steps were taken for the approval process:
 - A copy of the revised document was submitted to TXSSAR, and there are no conflicts with any existing or established provisions of the State Constitution or By Laws.
 - The revised document was posted on the Chapter website for review and comment. In parallel members were provided notification via e-mail
 - The e-mail established and targeted today's meeting for comments or discussion of issues.
 - The opportunity was also provided to receive open comments at the meeting.
 - All procedural steps having been completed, the Constitution and By Laws were presented for approval.
 - All members present unanimously voted for the approval of the revised Constitution and By Laws.

- **The Business Meeting** was opened and the Unfinished business included the following items:
 - Chapter Members were saddened by the passing of Compatriot Ray Boomer. President Ron Carter spoke words of kind remembrance for Compatriot Boomer, citing his untiring work for the Chapter. His commitment, particularly when the Chapter was suffering a severe downturn in member participation, was greatly appreciated.
 - Plans are underway to commemorate Compatriot Boomer with a SAR marker and other remembrances to the family.
 - In light of the passing of Compatriot Ray Bommer, stronger attention will be given to the aging members of the Chapter. This will include the sending of cards and messages of encouragement, as well as calls, and if appropriate, visits.
 - The topic of aging members was discussed. There are 6 to 8 members in this category.

Meeting Program

- Treasurer Roger Wehr provided an excellent program illustrating the currency of the fledgling states of the new nation. Compatriot Wehr passed out replicas of money from the various state currencies, discussing the interstate monetary system and some of the unique situations that occurred. Compatriot William Covington will extend these discussions in his forthcoming presentation.
- At 10:55 President Ron Carter motioned to adjourn and led the Admonition.
- Chaplain David Friels gave the benediction.

Ten members of the Chapter were present. There were no guests.

Our next meeting will is scheduled for 14 September, 9:00 AM

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