

Meeting Minutes for TXSSAR Arlington Chapter #7
Division Street Diner, 1800 Division Street, Arlington, TX 76012
January 11, 2014

- President Ron Carter called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM.
- Vice President (Chaplain) David Friels provided the invocation.
- Compatriot John Anderson led the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag.
- Compatriot John Anderson also led the pledge of allegiance to the Texas flag.
- Finally, Compatriot Bill Covington led the pledge of allegiance to the SAR flag.
- Guest Introduced: District VP James Alderman honored us by his participation in the 20th Anniversary of the Chapter reactivation.

Special appreciation is conveyed to Compatriot John Anderson for his patriotic decoration of the meeting tables, and for his guidance in obtaining pictures for the commemoration of the 20th Anniversary event.

- Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Officer and Committee Reports:
 - Chapter Treasurer Roger Wehr presented the treasurer report:
 - Treasurer Wehr provided an overview of the December financial transactions, ending with the current checking account balance.
 - A statement was made regarding the amount of petty cash on hand which was consistent with the previous months balance.
 - Chapter Registrar John Anderson presented the membership activities:
 - There was one membership change since last month. Dennis Walton's application was approved December 31st, and it gives us 31 active compatriots, including 4 junior members. Dennis' induction will probably be in February.
 - A reminder that SAR annual dues were due before yearend. If not yet remitted, then please do so ASAP. You each should have received via US Postal Service your Annual Membership fee card and return envelope. Online payment is also available at <http://www.txssar.org/dues14.htm/>. Please contact the Registrar if assistance is needed.
 - Dennis Walton's stepson, Grant Hamilton, application is in progress, as well as Michael Smith's application. Registrar John Anderson continues to

maintain e-mail contact with a few other candidates interested in the application process.

- Chapter Historian John Anderson reported that there were no new activities in the month of December.
- Chapter Webmaster John Anderson provided a report on our web activities:
 - www.txssar.org/Arlington is our chapter homepage.
 - Since the "In Memoriam" webpage includes former members, it has been renamed to "Former Members List".

➤ Old Business

- Award Committee Chairman Ron Carter, gave a brief overview of the upcoming awards activities:
 - The Arlington ISD has made a final dissemination of information regarding the poster contest. The contest is for 5th Grade students and will end on the 29th of January 2014. Poster judging will take place in February.
 - Wood and Berry Elementary Schools have already submitted their top posters. Their submissions also included the list of names of those students who participated in the contest.
- Preparation of the Annual Report for the Chapter
 - Compatriot John Anderson prepared a spreadsheet for use with a chapter BOM comprised of Compatriots Ron Carter, David Friels, John Anderson, Roger Wehr, and Bob Wehr. Roger kindly provided use of his UTA office to work on the report.
 - Submission due date for the report is January 27th.
- Chapter Distinguished Medal:
 - This medal may be awarded within the Chapter to honor significant or extraordinary service. The cost of the medal is \$55.00. Until such time as an account fund is accumulated, any immediate requirements will be filled by sharing the expense among the Chapter membership.

➤ New Business

- A committee was formed and prepared a slate of nominations for officers to serve in 2014. The following are the recommended officer-candidates for the coming year.

2014 TXSSAR Arlington Office Nominations	
Office	Compatriot
President	David Friels
Vice President	Bob Wehr
Secretary	Roger Wehr
Treasurer	Ron Carter
Registrar	John Anderson
Chaplin	Bill Covington
Historian	John Anderson
Sergeant At Arms	Ray Wehr

This list of nominees will be presented to the members at the February meeting. Additional nominations, of course, will be accepted from those present. A vote will be taken to select the officers.

- The State SAR organization has approved a new Constitution
 - The new State Constitution has been reviewed and compared to our revised Chapter Constitution. There are no major differences or conflicts.
 - There is a minor variance in provisions regarding "petty cash". Considering the size of our Chapter and other provisions for care and monitoring, no changes are contemplated at this time.
- District Vice President James Alderman made a few concluding remarks to the Chapter and reminded the group of the forthcoming State meeting in San Antonio at the end of March. He encouraged the members to attend.

➤ Program:

- Vice President David Friels introduced Compatriot Bill Covington who provided an excellent program entitled "Militia Man".
- Dressed in the style and clothing of an American Revolution Militia Man, Bill provided a clear description of the fighting organization of the Continental Army, as augmented by the "militia". He carefully pointed out that they were state troops, whose term of enlistment lasted 6 months to a year. Similarly,

on a local basis the militia served for approximately 3 months, or alternately for a specific battle objective, supposedly staying until accomplishment of the objective.

- A highlight of the program was the wide array of equipment that Compatriot Covington displayed for the members to see and inquire. All attending thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and discussions with Bill.

➤ Meeting Adjournment:

At 11:15 am came a motion to adjourn the meeting. Compatriot David Friels concluded the meeting by pronouncing the Benediction.

Compatriot attendance included 11 members, and 3 guests

- District Vice President James Alderman
- Grant Hamilton - applicant
- Nicolas Hamilton - applicant

Our next meeting will is scheduled for February 8, 2014 at 9:00 AM

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