

Meeting Minutes for TXSSAR Arlington Chapter #7
Division Street Diner, 1800 Division Street, Arlington, TX 76012
February 8, 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.
- Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Election of Chapter Officers:

The following is the slate of nominated officer-candidates for 2014. President Ron Carter further opened the nominations to include any recommendations from the Chapter membership. There were none, and the slate was presented for a vote.

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

All nominees were accepted and elected without dissent. A report will be prepared and submitted to TXSSAR, State Secretary Henry Voegtle.

➤ Officer and Committee Reports:

- Chapter Treasurer Roger Wehr presented the treasurer report:
 - Treasurer Wehr provided an overview of the January financial transactions, ending with the current checking account balance.
 - A statement was also made regarding the amount of petty cash on hand which was consistent with the previous months balance.
- Chapter Registrar John Anderson presented the Chapter membership activities:
 - There were no membership changes since last month. Dennis Walton's application was approved December 31st, and this gives us 31 active compatriots, including 4 junior members. Since Dennis' membership packet has not been received, his induction is delayed until March.
 - I have a supplemental application for myself submitted and in progress.
 - Robert Beauseau of Hurst has submitted his application. Dennis Walton's stepson, Grant Hamilton, has his application in progress, as well as Michael Smith. I've been in email contact with a few other candidates interested in the application process. Welcome to those who are here today.
 - The 2013-2014 Yearbook programs are drafted for our March "Annual Meeting". Your review for accuracy is appreciated.
- Chapter Historian John Anderson provided the following activity information:
 - Despite being offered on the TXSSAR website, CD versions of our TXSSAR History Volumes I and II are not available. Ray Cox of TXSSAR is preparing a special onetime offering for me. Target – this week receipt.
 - Compatriot Ron Carter invited me to attend the Arlington Genealogical Association meeting last month. During the meeting we learned of our former compatriot Bob Valentine's death, January 9th 2014. Originally from Ohio, he moved here after retiring from the US Navy and the rigors of WWII. He resided in Arlington until 2005, when he moved to Louisville, KY. His obituary is being circulated.
- Chapter Webmaster John Anderson provided a report on our web activities:
 - www.txssar.org/Arlington is our chapter homepage. Please review your "Compatriot Profile" information and advise of any updates.
 - There has been an unusual volume of website activity last month. It is mainly on the "Poster Activity" page and from various local IPs.

➤ Old Business

- Award Committee Chairman Ron Carter, provided a participation list from the various schools.

School	Nbr of Participants
Berry Elementary	6
Mary Moore Elementary	1
Bryant Elementary	3 +
Wood Elementary	2
Key Elementary	3 + about 90
Miller Elementary	5 + about 90
Grace Lutheran School	7

- Selection of the Posters for submission to TXSSAR will be done after the meeting.

➤ New Business

- The City of Arlington sponsors a 4th of July parade each year. Registration to participate must be submitted by May. Compatriot Ray Wehr suggested that we consider entering the parade, however it will be necessary to gage the interest of the Chapter membership in this participation. A committee was formed to investigate this topic. Ray Wehr will head the committee, and he will be assisted by Compatriots Bill Covington and Roger Wehr in conducting a “brainstorming” session at the March meeting.

➤ Program:

- Vice President David Friels provided an excellent program entitled “Francis Marion the Swamp Fox”.
- David prepared an informative background document with several notable dates correlating to the American Revolutionary War. Evident within the presentation was the underlying experience that Patriot Marion gained in earlier battles with the Indians. This aspect literally contributed to the effectiveness of the Swamp Fox’s raids on the British and clearly contains the elements of what we know today as “guerilla warfare.”

- David provided a brief description of the Patriot Marion's governmental contribution following the war. In concluding the presentation, it was noted the American Revolutionary period of the Swamp Fox served as a pattern for the modern day movie, "The Patriot".

➤ Meeting Adjournment:

At 11:15 am, President Ron Carter motioned to adjourn the meeting, and led the group in the SAR Admonition. Chaplain David Friels concluded the meeting by pronouncing the Benediction.

- After the conclusion of the meeting several members assisted the President/Awards Chairman in the selection of the Posters to be provided to State.
- Compatriot attendance included 11 members, and 3 guests
 - Mike Smith – an applicant
 - Levi Walker - father of an applicant
 - Reese Allison – Kevin Jorrey's Grandson

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

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