

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

March 9, 2014

- President Ron Carter called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.
- Vice President (Chaplain) David Friels provided the invocation.
- The pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag was recited by all in attendance.
- The pledge of allegiance to the Texas flag was also recited by all in attendance.
- Finally, District Vice President James Alderman led the pledge of allegiance to the SAR flag.
- Guests Introduced: Jean Walton & Grant Hamilton –family members of compatriot Dennis Walton, Dave Temple, and District VP James Alderman.
- District Vice President James Alderman conducted the installation of the newly elected chapter officers.

2014 TXSSAR Arlington Officer Installation

Office	Compatriot
President	David Friels
Vice President	Bob Wehr
Secretary	Roger Wehr
Treasurer	Ron Carter
Registrar	John Anderson
Chaplain	Bill Covington
Historian	John Anderson
Sergeant-At-Arms	Ray Wehr

President David Friels recognized the many accomplishments of Ron Carter and recalled the exponential growth of the Arlington chapter over the past three years.

Ron Carter was recognized with a **Past SAR President rosette** by David Friels.

Ron Carter recognized Historian and Registrar John Anderson for his many accomplishments with the chapter. **John Anderson** was awarded the SAR **Distinguished Service Certificate and Medal** presented by Ron Carter.

District VP James Alderman also recognized **John Anderson** with the TXSSAR **Meritorious Service Medal** for his registrar work beyond the Arlington chapter. Registrar John Anderson graciously accepted the award and noted the benefits of “team efforts” within the chapter and added that he would “like to thank each and every one of you.” It was later noted in the meeting that **John Anderson** is

anticipated to be recognized with the **Liberty Medal** at the upcoming TXSSAR state convention.

District VP James Alderman made additional suggestions to the Arlington chapter members. Such suggestions included: 1) supporting the local DAR, 2) communicating early with the JROTC programs regarding the upcoming awards ceremonies, 3) promoting SAR programs for Eagle Scouts, and 4) reaching out to our SAR chapter members who are unable to attend the monthly meetings.

The newest chapter member, **compatriot Dennis Walton** of Bedford, Texas, was officially inducted into the chapter by Ron Carter and John Anderson. With family members present in attendance, the diverse interests and background of Dennis were noted including: past work at General Dynamics, private pilot's license, martial arts, quilting, rifles, amateur radio, and more recently genealogy. Dennis Walton reflected back on his family background and patriot ancestor Jesse Walton. Ron Carter pinned the SAR member rosette to Dennis Walton.

➤ Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

➤ Officer and Committee Reports:

Roger Wehr presented the **treasurer report**:

- As the former Treasurer, Roger Wehr provided an overview of the annual financial transactions, ending with the current checking account balance. It was noted that there were two invoices which remained outstanding, both of which should clear by the next chapter meeting.
- A statement was made regarding the amount of petty cash on hand which was slightly higher than the previous months balance. Following the new officer installation, it was noted that Treasurer Ron Carter might decide to reduce the amount of petty cash from its current level.
- A forecast of the chapter's financial situation was reviewed, and a list of chapter inventory was also noted.

Chapter Registrar John Anderson presented the **membership activities report**:

- No changes in membership since last month. Dennis Walton's application was approved on December 31st and gives us 31 active compatriots, including 4 junior members. Dues have been accounted for except for 2 members.
- Robert Beauseau of Hurst has submitted his application in late January. Dennis Walton's stepson, Grant Hamilton, has his application in progress as well as Michael Smith. Registrar John Anderson has been in e-mail contact with a few other candidates interested in the application process.

Ron Carter presented the **awards activities report**:

- Ron Carter asked District VP James Alderman for clarification on the requirements for the Enhanced SAR JROTC Bronze Medal. It was noted that JROTC students must submit essays to the chapter before these candidates may be

considered at the state level. It was also noted that the chapter could consider essay submissions from all JROTC candidates for the Bronze medal.

- Ron Carter noted that due to the heavy volume of poster entries to the Arlington chapter, the TXSSAR allowed two entries to be submitted for competition at the state level. It was also noted that Key Elementary had submitted 84 posters in the competition. Each entrant will be awarded with a certificate of appreciation from the chapter.

Chapter Historian John Anderson reported the recent death of former chapter member **George O. Hutcheson Jr., MD**. The Hutcheson family is noted for its role in Arlington and by Hutcheson Junior High School. During World War II, George Hutcheson served as a captain in the US Army Medical Corps. He practiced internal medicine in the Fort Worth area from 1956 to 1994 and was also the Tarrant County medical director in the 1960s. He was a longtime rancher in Parker County.

Chapter Webmaster John Anderson provided a **web activities report**:

- www.txssar.org/Arlington is the Arlington chapter home page. Members were encouraged to review their "Compatriot Profile" information and advise of updates.
- Not much additional activity has taken place on the website; however, it was noted that the website did receive a "hit" by an unknown user in California.

➤ Unfinished Business

Registrar John Anderson gave a brief overview of the TXSSAR **DADA Mailer** - The DADA bulk mailer has been an excellent tool for communicating timely issues and information to the SAR membership. It is also used to "deliver" the state newsletter by letting members know that it is available for download on the web site. This will only work for members, however, if they are subscribed to the state member mailing list. The **DADA link** (found on the private section under the Information heading - look for Email System) includes information about the DADA mailer, for subscribing / unsubscribing, and for changing member e-mail address. Subscribing and e-mail address changes are done by individual members.

Sergeant-At-Arms Ray Wehr gave an update on the **Arlington "4th of July" / Independence Day Parade**. Ray Wehr noted that organizations interested in participating in the parade must attend a mandatory meeting on May 19th to obtain rules regarding the upcoming event.

- William Covington, Ray Wehr, and Roger Wehr have been selected to co-ordinate the Arlington chapter efforts for this event. Roger Wehr noted that the local DAR chapter has been contacted and that their local group is interested in combining efforts for the upcoming parade.
- District VP James Alderman suggested that a trailer could be borrowed from the Fort Worth chapter provided that the necessary repairs are made to the trailer. James Alderman also noted that the decorations for the float were also available for loan from the Fort Worth chapter. John Anderson suggested that the Arlington chapter might be able to pay for the needed repairs, depending upon the cost of repairs.

○ John Anderson suggested that a group be formed to go inspect the trailer. Ray Wehr and Roger Wehr volunteered to assist with this effort.

➤ New Business

Sergeant-At-Arms Ray Wehr introduced the possibility of chapter participation in the 25th Annual **Arlington River Legacy Cardboard Boat Regatta**.

Compatriot Richard Coffey introduced the possibility of purchasing name tags for future chapter meetings. A motion was introduced and seconded to spend up to \$30 of chapter funds to purchase **name tags / name tag holders**.

Ron Carter introduced the possibility of purchasing a **building sign** for the Arlington chapter to be displayed on the outside of the Division Street Diner. More information on the costs involved will be presented at a future meeting.

District Vice President James Alderman made a few concluding remarks to the Chapter and reminded the group of the **upcoming TXSSAR meeting in San Antonio** at the end of March. He encouraged the chapter members to attend.

➤ Program:

Historian John Anderson presented a **DVD "video scrapbook"** of Arlington chapter members and activities from March 2013 to the present. John Anderson suggested that this "video scrapbook" be submitted at the TXSSAR state convention.

Those members who are interested in obtaining a copy of this DVD may request a copy.

➤ Meeting Adjournment:

At approximately 11:15 a.m. a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Compatriot William Covington concluded the meeting by pronouncing the **Benediction**.

Attendance for the March meeting included 10 chapter members and 4 guests:

District Vice President James Alderman

Grant Hamilton - applicant

Jean Walton - wife of Dennis Walton

Dave Temple - TXSSAR Inland Registrar

Our **next chapter meeting** is scheduled for **April 12, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.**

Roger Wehr

TXSSAR Arlington Chapter Secretary

www.txssar.org/Arlington

wehr@uta.edu