

# Meeting Minutes for TXSSAR Arlington Chapter #7

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

April 12, 2014

- President **David Friels** called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.
- The pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag was led by compatriot **Kevin Jorrey**.
- The pledge of allegiance to the Texas flag was also led by compatriot **Kevin Jorrey**.
- Sergeant-At-Arms **Ray Wehr** led the SAR pledge.
- The invocation was led by President **David Friels**.
- A motion was made by **Ron Carter** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by compatriot **Dennis Walton**, and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
- Compatriot **Tom Waldrop** was recognized and awarded the **Lamplighter Award - Copper Level** by the SAR Foundation. The financial gift made by Tom Waldrop was described by him as a "contribution from the heart."
- Officer and Committee Reports:
  - Treasurer **Ron Carter** presented the **Treasurer's Report**:
    - The petty cash fund was reduced, and these funds were subsequently deposited into the chapter's checking account.
    - The balance of the checking account will be affected in the future by checks for the chapter poster contest winners in the amounts of \$35, \$25, and \$15.
    - The direct deposit of membership dues into the chapter account was turned down due to an error in the bank account routing number. The State Society Treasurer has been notified and again provided with the correct account routing number.
  - **Ron Carter** also presented the CAR / TXSSAR **State Meetings Report**:
    - The most recent **CAR meeting** was held in San Antonio, Texas and was attended by **Ron Carter** and members of the **Rankin family**.
      - **Kyle Rankin**, a chapter member of SAR, is now the Texas CAR President.
      - The CAR awarded two scholarships in the amounts of \$2,500 and \$500 for the CAR essay contests.
    - The most recent **TXSSAR meeting** was also held in San Antonio, Texas and was attended by **Ron Carter** on March 29.
      - The new President of TXSSAR is **Dr. Robert S. Cohen**. One of the objectives of the new State Society President is to increase TXSSAR membership. Members were encouraged to develop an "elevator speech" as well as a brochure to describe their chapter activities to prospective members.
      - The new State Treasurer of TXSSAR is **John Beard**. It was noted that the State Society Treasurer must be a CPA.
      - **Ron Carter** also attended a memorial service for the deceased SAR compatriots of 2013. Deceased compatriot and former chapter Treasurer **Ray Bommer** was honored at this ceremony.

- **Ron Carter** also presented the **Awards Report**:
  - The chapter has received the **TXSSAR Flag Presentation Award** recognition based on flag certificates presented in the past by **Ron Carter** (e.g., Miller Elementary School & Key Elementary School.) <http://txssar.org/awards14.htm> [NOTE: Upcoming 2014 flag certificates will be presented by **Ron Carter** to Berry Elementary School, Mary Moore Elementary School, and the Legacy HS JROTC Color Guard.]
  - The chapter received the **Karl E. Wallace Award** (dubbed by those in attendance at the chapter meeting as the "**John Anderson Award**") for a 47.62% increase in membership. <http://txssar.org/awards14.htm>
  - The chapter received the **Marshall Hunter Attendance Award** (Group #1; 1-99 members) for high attendance (53%) relative to chapter membership. <http://txssar.org/awards14.htm>
  - The chapter received an Honorable Mention in the Small Group category for the **TXSSAR Yearbook Award** for the video yearbook prepared by Historian **John Anderson**. The electronic format of the Arlington chapter presented at the 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in San Antonio was unique for its use of modern electronic technology in the Yearbook category. According to Ron Carter, the TXSSAR is not quite ready to evaluate/judge electronic submissions but nonetheless were impressed by the Arlington Chapter's submission. <http://txssar.org/awards14.htm>
  - The Arlington Chapter also received repeat recognition at the Annual Convention for the **Col. Joe M. Hill Patriot Fund Award** recognizing total contributions that exceed the total of the previous year. <http://txssar.org/awards14.htm>
  - The Arlington Chapter was well represented at the 119<sup>th</sup> Annual TXSSAR convention in the **James M. Looney Elementary School Poster Contest**. It was noted during the chapter meeting that 194 posters had been collected by the Arlington chapter in 2014. As a result of the large number of poster contestants, the Arlington Chapter was allowed to submit two poster entries for competition at the state level. [NOTE: This contest was developed to help stimulate interest in American History in support of the Texas School Fifth (5th) Grade Curriculum. The posters are judged on artistic merit, creativity used to express the annual theme, originality of presentation, and show evidence of research done by the student.]
  - The **Arlington Chapter** was the **sponsoring chapter of the State's top two poster contest winners** in the poster competition (coincidentally, ranked in the same order as determined by our chapter) at the state convention. In addition to the cash prizes awarded by the Arlington Chapter, the first and second prize winners -**Mayra Nolazco & Sylvia Griffith**- will also receive \$250 and \$150 from the state level competition, respectively. <http://txssar.org/awards14.htm>
  - **Ron Carter** will recognize the winners of the poster contest at their respective schools and will provide certificates for ALL students (194) who participated in the contest at our chapter level.
  - The subject of next year's **James M. Looney Elementary School Poster Contest** will be General John Rogers Clark – founder of Louisville, Kentucky and veteran of the French and Indian War & the American Revolution.

- **Roger Wehr** gave a brief update on the status of the upcoming **JROTC/ROTC awards ceremonies**.
  - It was noted that not all of the high schools had responded with the dates and times of their upcoming ceremonies; nonetheless, additional volunteer help from our chapter members might be needed for some of the presentations if there are schedule conflicts with these ceremonies. [NOTE: In 2013, the Arlington High School & UT-Arlington ceremonies as well as the Lake Ridge High School & Legacy High School ceremonies shared the same presentation dates.]
  - **Ron Carter** suggested that our chapter might explore the possibility of recognizing high school students in Arlington which are not already being recognized by the Arlington High School JROTC awards program (i.e., Bowie HS, Lamar HS, Martin HS, Sam Houston HS, *et al.*) At the present time, only Arlington High School has a JROTC program which is being recognized by the Arlington Chapter. It was suggested that a candidate might be selected from each high school in the Arlington Independent School District (AISD). [NOTE: The AISD high schools which do not have JROTC programs are currently funneled into the JROTC program at Arlington High School.]
  
- Registrar **John Anderson** presented the **Membership Activities Report**:
  - There have been no changes in membership since last month. The chapter has 31 active compatriots, including 4 junior members. The TXSSAR website for our chapter roster is suspect, but it currently shows 2 members with delinquent dues. It was noted that membership will probably be down this year.
  - **Robert Beauseau** of Hurst has submitted his application in late January. It shows as "Received" at the NSSAR application status website. He has reported that he has moved to southern Calif. and will transfer his membership in the fall.
  - **John Anderson** has a supplemental application which is showing as "Received" at the NSSAR application status website.
  - **Michael Smith** has an application in process.
  - **Grant Hamilton**, stepson of compatriot **Dennis Walton**, has an application in process.
  - **John Anderson** has been in contact via e-mail with a few other candidates who are interested in the application process.
  
- Historian **John Anderson** presented the **Historian's Report**:
  - It was reported that another former Arlington Chapter member died last month. **Dr. Lewis Woodward** died on March 13, 2014 at the age of 75 in Modesto, California. Dr. Lewis Woodward was the son of this chapter's founder Dr. Valin R. Woodward, Sr. and was the music director at Modesto Junior College. The obituary of Dr. Lewis Woodward was presented at the meeting.
  - Because the Woodward family was crucial to the founding of this chapter, a discussion to place a SAR Grave Marker (Lug Style 0602L) was suggested and delayed until a Woodward family member contact can be located and approve.
  - Also, an ancestry chart has been created to trace the family relationships. Some of this genealogical information is as follows:
    - 1. Walter Calisto Woodward** (1882-1940); Coleman, Texas – Texas State Representative
      - 1.1 Walter McClellan Woodward, Sr.** (1917-1990); Huntsville, Texas
    - 2. Mortimer Lee Woodward** (1885-1956) Queen City, TX
    - 3. Dr. Valin Woodward, Sr.** (1890-1969); Arlington, Texas
      - 3.1 Col. Dr. Valin "Woody" Woodward, Jr.** (1920-2009); Albuquerque, New Mexico
      - 3.2 Dr. Stanley "Stan" Woodward** (1923-2004); New Braunfels, Texas

**3.3 Thomas "Morgan" Woodward** (1925-living); Walla Walla, Washington – Television & Film Actor (e.g., role of the prison guard "Boss Godfrey" in the 1967 movie *Cool Hand Luke*, and others) [http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0940971/?ref=tt\\_cl\\_t9](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0940971/?ref=tt_cl_t9)

**3.4 Dr. Francis "Lewis" Woodward** (1928-2014); Modesto, California – music director

**3.5 Coulter "Lee" Woodward** (1931-living); Tulsa, Oklahoma – local television personality

**4. Cicero Smith Woodward** (1894-1980); Home of Aged Masons, Arlington, Texas

**4.1 Andrew "Lee" Woodward** (1928-living)

**4.2 William Wendell "Woody" Woodward** (1930-2012); Lafayette, Louisiana

**5. Lewis Oliver Woodward, Sr.** (1896-1979); Odessa, Texas

**5.1 Lewis Oliver Woodward, Jr.** (1931-2007); Odessa, Texas

- Chapter Webmaster John Anderson provided a **Web Activities Report**:
  - [www.txssar.org/Arlington](http://www.txssar.org/Arlington) is the Arlington chapter home page.
  - Recent pictures are posted at [www.txssar.org/Arlington/videos.php](http://www.txssar.org/Arlington/videos.php)
  - Last month's **2013 Video Scrapbook** is also posted at [www.txssar.org/Arlington/videos.php](http://www.txssar.org/Arlington/videos.php)
  - YouTube videos are linked are available free of charge.

➤ Unfinished Business

- Sergeant-At-Arms **Ray Wehr** gave an update on the **Arlington "4<sup>th</sup> of July" / Independence Day Parade**.
  - **Ray Wehr** attended a planning meeting / workshop on March 20<sup>th</sup> and reported that there is a \$25 entry fee and a May 1<sup>st</sup> application deadline.
  - The theme of the Independence Day Parade is "Celebrating American Ingenuity."
  - There were several suggestions for parade entries, such as use of helium balloons, trailer banners, and decorations of the lead vehicle. However, there may be no promotional items passed out during the parade – only "walk and wave." For publicity of the chapter, a website address might be displayed on a banner.
  - **Ron Carter** raised the issue of liability insurance for use of the Fort Worth Chapter trailer.
  - **John Anderson** noted the issue of the tail lights on the Fort Worth Chapter trailer.
  - **Ray Wehr** noted the \$250 cost of being listed as a "SPONSOR of the PARADE."
- Vice President **Bob Wehr** created a **prototype name tag** which was worn by President **David Friels**.
  - Three different styles of name tags were presented.
  - In an informal vote, the preferred style seemed to follow the logo of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.
  - A motion was made to use these proposed name tags at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by **Dennis Walton**.
- Treasurer **Ron Carter** presented information on the chapter **building signs** for display at the Division Street Diner.
  - Additional pricing information would be provided by the B&G Sign Company. The initial cost estimate was \$96.
  - A motion was made to delay further action pending additional information to be provided in the next monthly meeting. The motion was seconded by **Bob Wehr**.

➤ New Business

- Due to upcoming public events, there was a discussion on whether chapter members should consider purchasing an embroidered **SAR Chapter vest**. The advantages and disadvantages of vest materials and embroidery were discussed.

The possibility of members adopting an **SAR Chapter polo-type shirt** was also discussed. Additional cost information will be provided at the next chapter meeting.

➤ Program:

Secretary **Roger Wehr** made a presentation entitled "Too Much Money, Too Much Control, and Too Much Blood on the Streets" – an examination of the food riots which took place during the American Revolution. During the discussion, the chapter members were subjected to a 15 question "Food Riots Pop Quiz" in which the following topics were discussed:

1. Seigniorage is the ability of a government to raise revenue by the printing of money.
2. More than 30 food riots took place in the American colonies between 1775 & 1779 – with the greatest number of them taking place in 1777 (16).
3. Benjamin Franklin made an early argument for seigniorage for the financing of the war effort.
4. Hyperinflation was one result of this seigniorage.
5. Tea was the economic commodity which inspired the most food riots (7).
6. Massachusetts was the colony which experienced the most food riots (18).
7. France should have learned some valuable lessons from the American experience with wage and price controls of this time period but unfortunately did not.
8. George Washington nearly suffered a defeat as a result of food shortages caused by price controls implemented by Pennsylvania and other colonial governments.

The lecture examined the links among hyperinflation, the wage & price controls in the New England colonies and the subsequent food riots of this time period and beyond.

➤ Meeting Adjournment:

At approximately 11:15 a.m. a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. President **David Friels** concluded the meeting by pronouncing the **Benediction**.

**Attendance for the March meeting** included ten chapter members: John Anderson, Ron Carter, David Friels, Kevin Jorrey, Dick Lee, Tom Waldrop, Dennis Walton, Bob Wehr, Ray Wehr, & Roger Wehr.

There were no guests in attendance.

Our **next chapter meeting** is scheduled for **May 10, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.**

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