

Meeting Minutes for TXSSAR Arlington Chapter #7

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

June 14, 2014

- Treasurer **Ron Carter** called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.
- The invocation was led by Chaplain **Bill Covington**.
- The pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag was recited by all in attendance.
- The pledge of allegiance to the Texas flag was recited by all in attendance.
- The SAR pledge was recited by all in attendance.
- There were **four** guests in attendance: Jack Davis, Nancy Davis (DAR), Jennifer Haskell (DAR), and Martha Funderburk (DAR regent).
- A motion was made by Registrar **John Anderson** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice President **Bob Wehr**, and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved by those in attendance.
- Officer and Committee Reports:
- ❖ Treasurer **Ron Carter** presented the **Treasurer's Report**:
 - The balance of the checking account has been reduced by the outstanding check of **\$25** to Sergeant-at-arms **Ray Wehr** to pay for the Arlington Independence Day parade fee.
 - Checks for the poster winners cleared in the amounts of **\$35, \$25, and \$15**.
 - Petty cash has been reduced in the amount of **\$24** to compensate **Ron Carter** for previous approved expenses related to ribbons used for poster contest winners.
 - The balance of the checking account now reflects an increase of **\$237** for chapter dues payments received from TXSSAR. [NOTE: Since chapter dues are approximately \$9.50 per member, the \$237 deposit reflects dues for approximately 25 adult members.]
- ❖ Registrar **John Anderson** presented the **Registrar's Report**:
 - There was one change in membership since last month; **Mike Smith** was approved. The chapter now has **34** active compatriots, including **4** junior members. The TXSSAR website for our chapter roster is suspect but shows 28 members, not counting 5 members with unpaid dues. If your 2014 dues are unpaid, please remit ASAP.
 - **Kevin Jorrey's** supplemental application was approved by our TXSSAR Inland Registrar and is now at the national level for their review.
 - **John Anderson's** supplemental application is pending approval with the TXSSAR Inland Registrar. There is a three-year deadline on completion of such supplemental applications.
 - **Michael Smith's** induction will be held as soon as his new member packet is received, probably at the chapter meeting on July 12th.
 - **Dennis Walton's** stepson (**Grant Hamilton**) and grandson (**Nicolas Hamilton**) have their SAR applications back in progress for submission. Their applications are awaiting SAR acceptable sources for proof of his grandmother's DAR application.
 - Few other candidates are in progress at this time.

- ❖ Historian **John Anderson** presented the **Historian's Report**:
 - There was no new activity to report for this month.

- ❖ Chapter Webmaster John Anderson presented the Web Administrator's Report:
 - www.txssar.org/Arlington is the Arlington chapter home page.
 - Recent pictures are posted at www.txssar.org/Arlington/photos2014.php _ Additions to the website photos include:
 1. May 10th: photo of the new chapter signs attached outside our meeting location at the Division Street Diner.
 2. May 10th: photo of compatriot **Drake Peddie**'s guest presentation.
 3. May 10th: photo of junior member **Kyle Rankin**'s guest presentation on behalf of the CAR.
 4. May 9th - May 13th: photos of ROTC awards presentations.
 - Recent Poster Contest Awards presentations are posted at www.txssar.org/Arlington/photos_posters.php
 - Video scrapbooks are posted at www.txssar.org/Arlington/videos.php
 - The new **Facebook** page for the **Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (TXSSAR)** is located at the following website address: www.facebook.com/txssar
 - NOTE: the **Facebook** page for the **Arlington chapter** is located at the following website address: www.facebook.com/pages/Texas-Society-Chapter7-Sons-of-the-American-Revolution/233906343393479
 - Thanks to everyone for providing pictures for our websites.

- ❖ Secretary **Roger Wehr** noted that the **ROTC/JROTC SAR Awards Final** Report is available in Excel format. The following ROTC/JROTC cadets were recognized by our chapter in 2014:
 - On April 21st, Secretary **Roger Wehr** presented a **SAR ROTC Bronze Medal & Certificate** to **Cameron Martin** of Mansfield High School.
 - On May 1st, Vice President **Bob Wehr** presented a **SAR ROTC Silver Medal & Certificate** to **Brian R. Reniker** of the University of Texas at Arlington.
 - On May 2nd, Secretary **Roger Wehr** presented a **SAR ROTC Bronze Medal & Certificate** to **Kaela Lapointe** of Arlington High School.
 - On May 9th, Registrar **John Anderson** presented a **SAR ROTC Bronze Medal & Certificate** to **Jonathan Turner** of Timberview High School.
 - On May 9th, Treasurer **Ron Carter** presented a **SAR ROTC Bronze Medal & Certificate** to **Jorge Trevino** of Legacy High School.
 - On May 13th, President **David Friels** will present a **SAR ROTC Bronze Medal & Certificate** to **Deandre' Farris** of Lake Ridge High School.
 - **Ron Carter** commended those SAR Compatriots of our chapter who participated in these awards presentations and strongly suggested that our chapter encourage the promotion of the **Enhanced JROTC Award**.

- ❖ Treasurer **Ron Carter** also presented information related to the **Awards & Activities Report**:
 - Our chapter recognized **192** poster contest entrants for 2014.
 - Both the 1st and 2nd Place Awards winners for the state competition were nominated by our chapter. In uniform, **Ron Carter** presented both of these awards winners with their checks and ribbons. The first place winner received a \$250 check from the TXSSAR.
 - **Ron Carter** while wearing Revolutionary War attire presented a SAR **Flag Certificate** to **C.B. Berry Elementary School**.
 - **Ron Carter** announced that the **Children of the American Revolution (CAR)** will be having a **\$2,500 scholarship essay contest** this year on **George Rogers Clark** (November 19, 1752 – February 13, 1818) - a soldier from Virginia and the highest ranking American military officer on the northwestern frontier during the American Revolutionary War. He served as leader of the Kentucky (then part of Virginia) militia throughout much of the war. Clark is best known for his celebrated captures of Kaskaskia (1778) and Vincennes (1779) during the Illinois Campaign, which greatly weakened British influence in the Northwest Territory. Because the British ceded the entire Northwest Territory to the United States in the 1783 Treaty of Paris, Clark has often been hailed as the "Conqueror of the Old Northwest."
 - **Ron Carter** introduced **Martha Funderburk** - DAR regent, member of the Mayflower Society, and "Mayflower cousin" of Ron Carter.
- Unfinished Business
- ❖ **Chapter Vests** - Compatriot **Dick Lee** brought up the issue of **Chapter vests** and asked whether the chapter was allowed to purchase vests. **Ron Carter** noted that some other chapters do in fact have them.
 - Compatriot **Dick Lee** suggested that our chapter consider purchasing four (4) to six (6) vests to have available for presentation purposes. He suggested that the vests could be made available to those who desired to wear them for certain special occasions. He further suggested that a design for the vest could be made by our own chapter members; moreover, by having our chapter purchase these vests on behalf of chapter members, there would not be a financial burden placed on anyone who did not want to purchase a vest. His idea was that these vests would be readily available for special occasions such as the upcoming **Independence Day Parade**.
 - Compatriot **Dick Lee** also suggested that the sizes of the vests begin with LARGE and EXTRA LARGE and further suggested that individuals who were so inclined could purchase these vests on a "voluntary basis."
 - **Ron Carter** presented a shirt he had created for the Carter Society containing a crest of the five Carter families. He noted that the shirt cost \$26 but would be considerably less expensive if the shirts were provided to the airbrush company initially.
 - Compatriot **Roger Wehr** also suggested that it would be a good idea to have a few vests readily available for the chapter. It was noted that pricing information which had been previously presented could be brought back to a future meeting.
 - Compatriot **John Anderson** noted that there is not yet a consensus on this issue of purchasing vests and that the larger issue is the **National SAR convention** scheduled for **2016** in Dallas, Texas.

- **Ron Carter** suggested that our chapter form a “working group” to explore the purchasing options involved with obtaining vests for the chapter. Subsequently, a motion was made from the floor “to explore the chapter vest potential and form a committee” -composed of **Ron Carter** and **Roger Wehr**- to prepare a preliminary report of findings to be presented at the July chapter meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by the group.

❖ **Parade Plans for the Arlington “4th of July” / Independence Day**

- **Roger Wehr** presented parade information passed on to him by Sergeant-at-Arms **Ray Wehr**. Information was requested regarding the **DAR members and officers** participating in the upcoming parade. Ridership on the float was estimated at fourteen to twenty persons. **John Anderson** noted that twenty people would be “crowded” on the trailer.
- **Roger Wehr** also reported that **Ray Wehr** had expressed concern in moving the trailer from Burleson to Arlington.
- **John Anderson** volunteered to use his truck which was equipped with a trailer hitch suitable for moving the trailer to Arlington.
- **Roger Wehr** volunteered to use his driveway to store the trailer prior to the trailer being moved to the so-called “Bus Barn.”
- Finally, **Roger Wehr** reported that **Ray Wehr** had noted that the insurance issues related to the tractor pulling the trailer were now satisfied.
- Participation of the **CAR** in the upcoming parade was also discussed. Vice President **Bob Wehr** brought up the possibility of having a list of alternative riders in place, so that there is a full crew in the event of rider cancellations. A preliminary list of SAR members who would be riding on the trailer was discussed.
- Decorations and banners for the float were discussed by both SAR and DAR members in attendance. The DAR noted that it does not have a banner with a website address on it. **John Anderson** noted that the trailer may have the option for carrying the traditional DAR/SAR flags with their flag stands. Additional issues addressed included descriptions of the float by the parade emcees and the seating/standing arrangements on the float.

➤ Meeting Adjournment:

At approximately 10:00 a.m. a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by **Dennis Walton**, and the motion was seconded by **Bob Wehr**. Treasurer **Ron Carter** concluded the meeting following the **Admonition** by Chaplain **Bill Covington**.

Attendance for the June meeting included **nine** chapter members: John Anderson, Ron Carter, Richard Coffey, William B. Covington Jr., Kevin Jorrey, Dick Lee, Dennis Walton, Bob Wehr, & Roger Wehr.

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

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