

Meeting Minutes for TXSSAR Arlington Chapter #7
First Dixie Cafe, 2400 W. Pioneer Parkway, Suite 105, Pantego, TX 76013

October 11, 2014

- President **David Friels** called the meeting to order at approximately **9:00** 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**.
- Compatriot **James Alderman** led the SAR pledge.
- An opening prayer to begin the meeting was made by **David Friels**.
- There were **four** guests in attendance: **Nick Norman** –a prospective member, **Erica Hamilton** –guest of Compatriot **Grant Hamilton**, Jean Hamilton –guest of Compatriot Dennis Walton, and TXSSAR District Vice President **James Alderman**.
- Compatriots **Grant Hamilton** and **Nicolas Hamilton** were inducted as new members of the Arlington Chapter. **Grant Hamilton** described visiting the battle site of his patriot **Private Joseph J. McMaken** of the 9th Pennsylvania Regiment, who was wounded at the **Battle of Brandywine**. Grant Hamilton also thanked Registrar **John Anderson** for his help with the SAR application process.
- A motion was made to approve the minutes of the previous meeting by **Ron Carter**. The motion was seconded by **Dennis Walton**, and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
- Officer and Committee Reports:
 - Treasurer **Ron Carter** presented the **Treasurer's Report**:
 - The most recent balance of the checking account was reported.
 - **John Anderson** asked about the trend of the treasury funds. It was reported that the chapter funds were maintaining a “straight line” trend which would not require an increase in chapter dues in the upcoming year.
 - Registrar **John Anderson** presented the **Registrar's Report**:
 - **Dennis Walton's** stepson, **Grant Hamilton**, and grandson **Nicolas**, had their applications approved as of September 4th and were inducted today. Welcome to them.
 - With those two changes in membership since last month, we now have 36 active compatriots, including **5** junior members. The TXSSAR website shows our chapter roster as of September 28, 2014 with **32** members not counting **4** members with unpaid dues. If your 2014 dues are unpaid, please remit ASAP and be aware 2015 dues will be payable in December 2014.
 - Compatriot **Robert Beauseax's** application was NSSAR approved last Spring, and since then he has moved to southern California. His membership is being transferred to California's South Coast Chapter that meets in Irvine, California. Therefore, our chapter is not expecting him to renew his TXSSAR dues in December.
 - Two applicants are in the early stages of preparation. They are **Corey Walker** and **Daniel Kolb**. **John Anderson** has had discussions with DAR members seeking to get their sons in SAR, but these applications are incomplete as of this time.
 - On Sunday Sept. 21st, there was a TXSSAR Presidents and Registrars online **GoTo Meeting**. **Ron Carter** and **John Anderson** attended from his house and **David Friels** attended from his own house. Discussions were on recruiting and encouraging registrars to get deeply involved with application research and preparation.

- Historian **John Anderson** presented the **Historian's Report**:
 - The online private chapter **Dropbox** for historical documents can be accessed at: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/1izglvhvuhh9mzy/AAAXOVZ4zk-KaK3JcagRBQnHa?dl=0>
Dropbox contains historical documents, graphics, pictures, forms, *et cetera* for reference. Since e-mailing documents is tedious and limiting, you may find this Dropbox webspace easier to share with chapter members. The current **Table of Content folders** are:
 - **Current Discussion Docs**
 - **Links** (for reference)
 - **New Candidates Temp Folder** (for paperwork exchange)
 - **Officer and Committee Rpts** (Reports by the Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, *et cetera*)
 - **Official Docs, Charter, Roster**
 - **SAR-Graphics, Logos, Banners, et cetera**
 - **SAR-Pics** (Chapter pictures)
 - **Youth Contest, Awards**
 - Please contact **John Anderson** if you have access questions regarding **Dropbox**.
 - **John Anderson** also noted that the Arlington chapter of TXSSAR was founded by the Woodard family. This family began publishing the **Texas Compatriot** in 1938 and continued to do so until 1953. This publication became the basis of the **Texas Compatriot Quarterly** which is now published by TXSSAR. Copies of this publication may be found at the Special Collections Library at the University of North Texas.
- Chapter Webmaster **John Anderson** provided a **Web Committee Report**:
 - www.txssar.org/Arlington is the Arlington chapter home page. Since its inception in June 2011, the website now has had 2,000+ separate total hits (accesses) to this website.
 - Recent pictures are posted at www.txssar.org/Arlington/photos2014.php
 - Video Scrapbook videos are posted at www.txssar.org/Arlington/videos.php
 - **John Anderson** thanked everyone for providing pictures and videos for our website.
- President **David Friels** presented information related to the **Awards & Activities Report**:
 - **David Friels** noted that he had contacted members of the Arlington Police and EMT/Fire Departments. As a result of these efforts, he was contacted by Battalion Chief **Joe Morris** who said he would be honored to come to one of our meetings and will present a program at the next monthly meeting. Firefighter **Ryan Pugh** will be the recipient of the **SAR Fire Safety Commendation Award**.
 - **Ron Carter** noted that information on the upcoming poster contest was now available on the AISD website. The themes of the 2014-2015 SAR Poster Contest are the **Battles of Concord and Lexington** or **George Rogers Clark**.
 - Chapter members are encouraged to get a copy of the poster contest flyer and take it to a school for increased school participation. It was noted that the first and second place poster contest winners at the state level were from schools which had competed for the first time last year. **Ron Carter** noted that he had presented a check in the amount of \$250 to the Texas state poster contest winner at Berry Elementary.
 - Due to the heavy volume of poster entries, teachers from each elementary school participating in the SAR poster contest will select their top three poster contest entries for submission to the chapter. 192 posters were submitted to the Arlington chapter for the 2013-2014 contests. **David Friels** noted that due to the number of poster entries, the chapter was allowed to submit two entries to the state level of competition. It was also noted that the two submissions from the chapter were the first and second place winners at the state competition.
 - In addition to schools from the AISD, **Ron Carter** noted that private schools (e.g., Grace Lutheran Church) and home school students are also encouraged to participate. Although Mansfield area elementary school principals have been presented with information regarding the poster contest, as of this date, there has been no interest.
 - **David Friels** thanked **Ron Carter** for his efforts which were "good for our chapter" and "serve as a challenge for the rest of us" to contact our local elementary schools regarding the 2014-2015 SAR Poster Contest.
 - **Ron Carter** also provided information on the upcoming **CAR Essay Contest**. These essays may be submitted by CAR members from the sophomore year in high school through the freshman year in college. He noted that members of the Rankin and Jones family will submit essays for this competition.
 - With regard to JROTC/ROTC awards, **Roger Wehr** noted that there was nothing new to report.

➤ **Unfinished Business**

- Compatriot **Dick Lee** discussed the new **laneyards and nametags** presented to all members in attendance at the meeting. He had designed a nametag prototype at the previous meeting and was pleased to see chapter members already wearing these nametags at the present meeting.
- Regarding proposals for chapter shirt embroidery, there was nothing new to report. However, it was suggested that there might be an update at the November meeting.
- Discussion on the proposed chapter project with the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fort Worth was tabled until the next meeting.

➤ **New Business**

- A motion was made by **John Anderson** to move the chapter meeting location from the Division Street Diner to the First Dixie Café. The motion was seconded by **Ron Carter**. All those in attendance voted in favor of moving the meeting location which **David Friels** described as a “win-win” deal for both our chapter and the Division Street Diner.
- **James Alderman** suggested *changing the location on the state website*. He also suggested *a notification to the State Secretary of TXSSAR* of the location change.
- **Ron Carter** will represent the Arlington Chapter at the Board of Managers (BoM) meeting. **David Friels** noted that all members were welcome to attend participate at the BoM and that this meeting would give the opportunity to fraternize with other members of the TXSSAR. **Ron Carter** also noted that this meeting will our chapter to discover what other chapters are doing.
- **David Friels** pointed out that although the BoM meeting on November 8th conflicts with the November chapter meeting, the Arlington chapter will meet as usual to maintain continuity.
- **James Alderman** announced that after serving as District Vice President for six years, he will be stepping down from this post. Anyone who has a nomination for this position should contact **James Alderman**.
- **James Alderman** also announced an upcoming event on Sunday November 9th honoring the **Military Order of World Wars** (MOWW) at the First Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth. This “massing of the colors” event begins at 1:30 PM and ends at 2:45 PM. Various organizations (e.g., SAR chapters) will display both their organization flag and U.S. flag. Spouses of compatriots may also attend this event. The Frontier Band of Grapevine, Texas will play Civil War-era music at this event.
- **James Alderman** also encouraged chapter compatriots to visit the battlefields where their respective patriot ancestors fought – as in the case of newly inducted chapter member **Grant Hamilton**.

➤ **Meeting Adjournment:**

At approximately 10:50 a.m. a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. District Vice President **James Alderman** led the SAR Recessional followed by the **Benediction** by Chapter President **David Friels**.

Attendance for the October meeting included **four** guests and **nine** chapter members: John Anderson, Ron Carter, David Friels, Grant Hamilton, Nicolas Hamilton, Kevin Jorrey, Dick Lee, Dennis Walton, & Roger Wehr.

Our **next chapter meeting** is scheduled for **November 8, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.**

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