

**Meeting Minutes for TXSSAR Arlington Chapter #7**  
First Dixie Café, 2400 West Pioneer Parkway, Suite 105, Pantego, Texas 76013

**February 14, 2015**

**I. Call to Order**

President **David Friels** called the meeting to order at approximately **9:25** a.m.

**II. Invocation**

Vice President **Bob Wehr** led the invocation.

**III. Pledges**

The pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag was led by compatriot **Grant Hamilton**. The pledge of allegiance to the Texas flag was also led by compatriot **Grant Hamilton**. The SAR pledge was also led by outgoing District Vice President **James Alderman**.

**IV. Guest Introductions**

There were **six** guests in attendance: outgoing District Vice President **James Alderman**, **Steve Braun** of the Arlington Genealogical Society, **Jason P.** –friend of Grant Hamilton, and prospective SAR members **Sam Dunn**, **Ned Myers**, and **Brett Wehr**.

**V. Recognitions/Awards**

Treasurer **Ron Carter** discussed the invitation to the second place winner of the **Knight Essay Contest** to an upcoming chapter meeting.

Secretary **Roger Wehr** announced that **Nicholas J. Pewitt** will be recognized with an SAR Eagle Scout certificate on February 16. Historian **John Anderson** noted that he was also willing to attend this upcoming Eagle Scout ceremony. District VP **James Alderman** suggested scanning the certificate and sending this information to the TXSSAR.

**VI. Approval of the Minutes for Previous Month's Meeting**

A motion was made to **approve the minutes** of the previous meeting by **Ron Carter**. The motion was seconded by **Bob Wehr**, and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**VII. Election of Chapter Officers for 2015**

**John Anderson** of the Nominations Committee had presented a list of candidates for consideration from the previous meeting. The Nominating Committee for the Chapter had nominated the following individuals for the following offices for 2015-2016:

President: **David Friels**; Vice President: **Bob Wehr**; Secretary: **Roger Wehr**; Treasurer: **Ron Carter**; Registrar: **John Anderson**; Historian: **Kevin Jorrey**; Chaplain: **Ray Wehr**; & Sergeant-at-Arms: **Bill Covington**. The term for chapter offices runs from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2016.

Sergeant-At-Arms **Ray Wehr** requested to decline his nomination as the Chaplain for 2015.

A motion was made to accept the list of candidates from the previous meeting by **David Friels**. **Grant Hamilton** seconded this motion. The motion to accept the list of candidates was approved by those chapter members in attendance.

**VIII. Officer and Committee Reports**

**A. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer **Ron Carter** presented the **Treasurer's Report**:

There were no new activities on the chapter account in the last thirty days. The recent balance of the checking account was reported. The petty cash was also reported. The value of the petty cash on hand was in line with what has been suggested by the TXSSAR.

The 2014 Treasurer's Report noted the following **Recurring Expenses**:

Poster Contest Awards - \$75.00; Rosettes for new members plus shipping and handling - \$34.00; Certificates and frames - \$13.79; JROTC/ ROTC Ribbons - \$20.00; Guest Meals - \$60.00; Other Miscellaneous Costs absorbed by chapter members \$60.00. **SUBTOTAL \$242.79**

The 2014 Treasurer's Report noted the following **Non-recurring Expenses**:

Trailer Fee - \$50.00; Parade Entry Fee - \$25.00; Float Banners - \$121.25; Other Miscellaneous Float Expenses - \$69.00; B&G Signs - \$123.02; **SUBTOTAL \$265.25**

The 2014 Treasurer's Report noted the following **Income**: Member Dues \$285.00; and Member Donations \$582.00

## **B. Registrar's Report**

Registrar **John Anderson** presented the **Registrar's Report**:

1. According to the TXSSAR 2015 Roster of Members with Dues Paid as of 10 February 2015, the Arlington chapter now has **31** active compatriots, including **5** junior chapter members. The roster also shows **3** active 2014 members with unpaid dues.
2. The application of Junior applicant **Mark Howard** -now age 18 and grandson of Peni Andrews of Arlington's Lucretia Council Cochran DAR Chapter- was sent to National SAR. The national online status still reflects "received." We are hoping that this application will be approved any day now.
3. Four applicants are in the preparation process. They are **Corey Walker, Daniel Kolb, Ned Myers, and Scott Huffman**. Hopefully, they will be ready to submit soon.

## **C. Historian's Report**

Historian **John Anderson** presented the **Historian's Report**:

**John Anderson** noted that he has been in contact with the Arlington cemetery which is city owned. There are two former TXSSAR State Presidents who are buried in this cemetery. The goal for our chapter should be to have these graves appropriately marked, if allowed by the City of Arlington.

## **D. Webmaster's Report**

Webmaster **John Anderson** presented the **Webmaster's Report**:

1. Our chapter homepage is at [www.txssar.org/Arlington](http://www.txssar.org/Arlington) Since inception in June 2011, we now have had 2,292+ total hits (accesses) to this website. **John Anderson** has recently added a "**Frequently Asked Questions**" web page and is working with **Bill Covington** in setting up a "**Speaker's Bureau**" web page.
2. Recent pictures are posted at [www.txssar.org/Arlington/photos2014.php](http://www.txssar.org/Arlington/photos2014.php)
3. Scrapbook videos are posted at [www.txssar.org/Arlington/videos.php](http://www.txssar.org/Arlington/videos.php)
4. John Anderson thanked everyone for providing pictures and videos for our website.
5. The online private chapter **Dropbox** can be accessed at <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/1izglvhvuhh9mzy/AAAXOVZ4zk-KaK3JcagRBQnHa?dl=0>
6. Contact John Anderson if you need a new login or have access questions to **Dropbox**.

## **E. Awards Report**

Treasurer **Ron Carter** presented the **Awards Report**:

There were three state winners of the 2014 Knight Essay Contest: First Place Winner **Meredith S. Burke** – sponsored by the Dallas Chapter; Second Place Winner **John C. Clayton** – sponsored by the Alexander Hodge Chapter; and Third Place Winner **Justin B. Vickers** – sponsored by the Robert Rankin Chapter. It was also noted that the second place state winner of the Knight Essay Contest has been invited to attend a chapter meeting. The topic of his essay was "John Adams - the Unsung Hero of the American Revolution."

## **G. Veterans Affairs Assistance Report**

**Ray Wehr** did not have anything new to report. President **David Friels** noted that this report should be kept on the agenda.

## **IX. Unfinished Business**

### **A. Commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Viet Nam War**

A flyer of the upcoming Commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Viet Nam War was distributed to those members in attendance. **James Alderman** noted that this commemoration will take place on May 9, 2015 beginning at 9:00 AM at the NAS Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base. SAR members will be distributing American flags to all attendees at the May 9<sup>th</sup> event. James Alderman noted that the SAR should attempt to do more activities with the DAR. He also noted that the 2014 Independence Day Parade float with the local DAR chapter was a "huge leap forward!" James Alderman applauded John Anderson and Ron Carter for their efforts in participating with other organizations – particularly the CAR and DAR.

**John Anderson** recommended that our chapter participate in this upcoming commemoration by partnering with another organization. Regarding this event, John Anderson announced that he will stay in contact with Compatriot and Viet Nam veteran **Mike Smith**.

The March meeting is considered to be the Annual meeting. David Friels and John Anderson discussed inviting TXSSAR President Bob Cohen to the Arlington Chapter's Annual meeting. Within the TXSSAR, Ron Carter is the new District Vice President.

## **B. Chapter Brochures & TXSSAR “Elevator Speeches”**

**Dennis Walton** has devised a brochure which could be used in conjunction with the TXSSAR “elevator speeches.” The brochure serves the following purposes: 1) establish credibility, 2) presents the meeting format, 3) provides National SAR information, 4) provides State and Chapter information, and 5) provides a blank space for individual contact information. President **David Friels** noted his appreciation for Dennis Walton’s efforts.

**John Anderson** also thanked Dennis Walton for his efforts.

A discussion was held regarding paper colors for the brochure. **Dennis Walton** suggested that the “yellow brochure really pops out.” He also liked the idea of a **rubber stamp** that could be used in the blank space provided on the brochure. He also announced that a copy of the brochure is available on **Dropbox**.

## **X. New Business**

### **A. Poster Contest**

**Ron Carter** announced the number of posters collected from participating AISD schools. Unfortunately, the number of entrants had declined from the previous year. After the meeting, the chapter members will select a poster to send to the state level of competition. District Vice President **James Alderman** noted that there had been no entrants in the poster contest from the Fort Worth Independent School District.

### **B. Arlington Family History Fair**

**Ron Carter** presented information on the March 7<sup>th</sup> Arlington Family History Fair at the Family Research Center off Pleasant Ridge Road in Arlington. The event will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. Any chapter members who would be willing to volunteer at the SAR chapter booth are encouraged to attend. John Anderson volunteered to attend. Grant Hamilton and John Anderson will make it possible for chapter brochures to be available at this event.

### **C. TXSSAR President Bob Cohen at the Next Meeting**

**John Anderson** noted that **Dr. Bob Cohen**, the TXSSAR President, will be attending the March meeting. **Ron Carter** suggested that an electronic announcement be made to our current members to attend the next meeting. **David Friels** also encouraged our chapter members to bring their wives to the March meeting.

## **XI. Meeting Adjournment, SAR Closing Admonition & Benediction**

At approximately 10:14 a.m. a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. President **David Friels** concluded the meeting with the SAR closing admonition and Vice President **Bob Wehr** gave the benediction.

## **XII. Attendance Summary & Next Meeting Information**

**Attendance for the January meeting** included **six** guests and **eight** chapter members: John Anderson, Ron Carter, David Friels, Grant Hamilton, Dennis Walton, Bob Wehr, Ray Wehr, & Roger Wehr.

Our **next chapter meeting** is scheduled for **Mar. 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** at the **First Dixie Café** located at **2400 West Pioneer Parkway, Suite 105, Pantego, Texas 76013.**

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