

TXSSAR Arlington Chapter No. 7
Fielder House Museum, 1616 W. Abram St, Arlington, TX 76013
Meeting Minutes for March 13, 2016

Location: Fielder House Museum, 1616 West Abram St., Arlington, TX 76013

- I. **Call to Order** – By outgoing President, David Friels at approximately 10:00 a.m.
- II. **Invocation – By New Chaplain, Bob Wehr**
- III. **Pledges – Kevin Jorrey** let the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag and the Texas flag and also the SAR pledge.
- IV. **Guest Introductions**
Compatriot Larry Stevens, TXSSAR President, and wife Barbara
Compatriot T. L. Holden, District 11 Vice President
Compatriot George West, 2003 Past President, TXSSAR
Compatriot Gerald Gieger, Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter V.P., Fort Worth
Jerry Cope and Ned Myers, SAR applicants
Janice, Amy, and Haley Wehr
Meg Anderson
- V. **Special Recognitions by outgoing President, David Friels**
Entire chapter was thanked for attendance, cooperation, and willingness to assist.
Roger Wehr was awarded the **Chapter Distinguished Service Medal**. He has served as both treasurer and secretary, presented a number of very interesting programs, and prepared our certificates for the past 4 years.
- VI. **Induction of New Officers, TXSSAR President, Larry Stevens presiding**
Officers for 2016 include: President – John Anderson, Vice President – Roger Wehr, Secretary – David Friels, Treasurer – Dennis Walton, Registrar – Kevin Jorrey, Historian – Kevin Jorrey, Chaplain – Bob Wehr, and Sergeant-at-Arms – Bill Covington. The term of office is approximately one year, commencing at induction and continuing until the March 2017 meeting or until a successor is elected and qualified.
- VII. **Comments from TXSSAR President, Larry Stevens**
 - President Stevens discussed the DAR – SAR Relations Committee which is intended to promote cooperation between SAR and DAR chapters. DAR will help us find members and will assist with their applications. Likewise, we are encouraged to send any potential new DAR applicants to a local DAR chapter contact. If the DAR sends us new SAR applicants, we should complete a DAR Finder form to be included for processing with the new SAR application. After a few, the DAR member will qualify for the SAR Martha Washington medal. Jerry Geiger recommended that we award the medal at the DAR member's chapter meeting.
 - TXSSAR had 2449 paid members as of January 1, 2016 and only 350 membership drops.
 - Member Transfers – Losing state secretary sends transfer to gaining secretary.
 - The Texas Compatriot Position is Open, Larry Stevens is substituting.
 - District meetings are important and should be attended by chapter presidents, other officers, and members.
 - Seventy-five percent of active chapters are either on or east of I-35.
 - Education is a primary purpose of SAR. We are here because of our Patriot ancestors and we need to preserve our history. We currently pay a student in Denton to enter our information so the documents will be preserved and available for future use.
- VIII. **Special Recognitions by New Chapter President, John Anderson**
 - David Friels was awarded the president next ribbon, past president pin, and 15 year pin.
 - Kevin Jorrey and John Anderson were awarded a supplemental application star.
 - James Gibson and John Anderson were awarded the 5 year membership pin.

IX. **Historian Kevin Jorrey** reported on this day or month during the American Revolution.

X. **Business**

- The minutes for February were approved.
- Registrar's Report by John Anderson – We have 49 active compatriots with dues paid for 2016 (including 10 junior members). Candidates Ned Myers and Jerry Cope's applications are at National pending approval. Candidates James Benton, his father and son, and Mr. Hurley have applications either at or on the way to TX SAR Inland Registrar. Mr. Hurley's and Mr. Cope's applications were processed by Kevin Jorrey, our 2016 Registrar. Ron Carter and John Anderson attended the Family History Fair at the Mormon Church in SW Arlington on March 5.
- Treasurer's Report by Ron Carter – Our income and expenses are consistent with our anticipated budget. There was no unusual or large expense, and we expect 49 membership dues to be received shortly from state.
- Goals for this year are to have two members present the ROTC award at each school, Jack Davis will be asked to serve as DAR liaison, Mike Hutchins accepted the position of chapter photographer, Ray Wehr will be asked to serve again this year as chairman of the 4th of July parade committee.
- We are very appreciative of the use of the Van Zandt chapter trailer, and Jerry Geiger voiced their appreciation for our donations.
- Meeting Location - Meeting location committee consists of David Friels, Roger Wehr, John Anderson, James Gibson, and Mike Hutchins. General guide lines used by the committee and believed to be the preferences of the membership are:
(1) Availability on Saturday morning, (2) a private room, and (3) breakfast. Identified locations with no cost are: (1) First Dixie Café (if it reopens), (2) Jay Jay Café on Little Road, (3) Southern Recipes Grill on Collins, (4) Arlington Fielder House Museum (no direct costs but will require some memberships or a nominal donation, and (5) various libraries. Discussion was tabled and Ron Carter moved that we meet at the Fielder House Museum next month. David Friels seconded the motion and it was approved by the chapter. The committee should continue the selection process and are encouraged to gather and check out these options and report back quickly.

XI. **Announcements** – Various announcements were provided on the agenda, including a reminder of the soon upcoming TX SAR Annual Convention in Richardson, TX.

XII. **The SAR Closing Admonition was let by Larry Stevens**

XIII. **Chaplin Bob Wehr gave the benediction**

XIV. **The meeting was adjourned** for the Grave Marking activities commencing with the noon reception at the Fielder House Museum, followed by the 2:00 p.m. grave marking ceremony at Arlington Cemetery. Grave markers will be dedicated for Compatriot Dr. Valin Woodward, 1890 – 1969, TXSSAR President 1935 and Compatriot Hon. Benton C. Collins, 1893 – 1972, TXSSAR President 1942.

XV. **Attendance Summary:**

13 members and 11 guests were present for the meeting. Chapter members present included: David Friels, John Anderson, Dennis Walton, Dick Lee, James Gibson, Mike Hutchins, Kevin Jorrey, Ron Carter, Roger Wehr, Bob Wehr, Richard Coffey, and junior members Joshua and Daniel Wehr.

Our next Chapter Meeting is scheduled for April 9 at the Fielder House Museum, 1616 West Abram Street (Intersection of Fielder with Abram), Arlington, TX 76013

Respectfully Submitted by:

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