

**TXSSAR Arlington Chapter No. 7
Southern Recipes Grill, Arlington, TX
Meeting Minutes for June 11, 2016**

Location: Southern Recipes Grill, 2715 North Collins St., Arlington, TX 76006

- I. **Call to Order** – By President John Anderson at approximately 9:15 a.m.
- II. **Invocation** – By Chaplain Bob Wehr
- III. **Pledges** – John Anderson led the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag and Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Covington led the pledge to the Texas flag and the SAR pledge.
- IV. **Guest Introductions** by John Anderson – Four guests were in attendance: Richard Martin, Dwayne Garrison, Bob Gresham (speaker), and Gloria Cope (wife of new member, Jerry Cope).
- V. **In this Month during the American Revolution** – Historian Kevin Jorrey
 - June 10, 1775 – John Adams proposed a Continental Army.
 - June 11, 1775 – Men from Gen. Wooster’s Connecticut troops raided the Turtle Bay Warehouses and magazine, making off with much needed munitions and other supplies.
 - June 11, 1776 – Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, and Philip Livingston comprise a committee to prepare the Declaration of Independence, and Jefferson chosen to prepare first draft.
 - June 14, 1777 – Congress adopted the “stars and stripes” flag composed of 13 stars and 13 stripes, representing the initial 13 Colonies.
 - June 19, 1778 – Gen. Washington’s army departed Valley Forge after a demoralizing winter to discover the British had abandoned Philadelphia due to Frances entry into the war.
- VI. **TX SAR Dist. 5 Vice President Ron Carter** – absent to attend CAR Meeting
- VII. **New Member Recognition** – Compatriot Rev. James Harris, Bill Covington’s Pastor, has transferred from Florida (not present today). His Patriot is Terrance Conner.
- VIII. **New Member Induction for Jerry Cope** - President John Anderson and Registrar Kevin Jorrey conducted the induction. Jerry’s rosette was pinned on by his wife, Gloria. Jerry’s Patriot is John McKenney. Jerry is planning on joining the Fort Worth Color Guard and noted that Gloria is active in DAR and Daughters of the Texas Republic.
- IX. **Program – By Fort Worth Chapter Color Guard Commander Bobby Grisham** Compatriot Bobby Grisham presented a very informative program on the Fort Worth Color Guard and procurement of a uniform and accessories. He stated that the Color Guard is readily available for any DAR or SAR request and can accommodate most other community requests. Since Arlington does not have a color guard, we are invited to participate with Fort Worth. Bob’s contact information is: 817/451-1040 and Gresham817@aol.com.

X. Chapter President's Message – John Anderson

- Name tags for new members are in progress.
- We presently have 53 members with 9 Jr. members
- Our representative, Ryan Jones, won 4th place in the State SAR/CAR essay contest and will receive a \$300 scholarship award. He sent a thank you card for our involvement.
- Chapter announcements are on the back of the agenda.
- State announcements and information are made available, generally quarterly, through the DADA email. Members should sign up at <http://www.txssar.org/cgi-bin/dada/mail.cgi/list/memb> on the State web site to receive DADA emails.
- The chapter gave out awards to seven ROTC/JROTC cadets last month. Units represented and number of awards were: UTA - one, Arlington High Schools (one combined unit) – one, and Mansfield High Schools - five. Each award consisted of a medal and a framed certificate and was viewed as one of the top awards by the units.
- A brochure of SAR Youth Awards was distributed and John noted that First Place at National level for the Eagle Scout Contest was the top award of \$10,000.

XI. Chapter Business – President John Anderson presiding:

- **Approval of last meeting minutes:** The minutes as posted on the web and made available during the meeting were approved by the Chapter after a motion for approval by Dennis Walton and 2nd by Bob Wehr.
- **Officer and Committee Reports:**
 - **Secretary David Friels** – The application to participate in the Kroger Community Rewards Program was submitted via email on May 25. It had been returned after an earlier submittal due to absence of the first page of the current IRS Form 990. But this submittal is apparently complete as it has not been returned. The Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program Application will be mailed next week.
 - **Treasurer Dennis Walton** – Reported a June 11 total bottom line balance of \$2,521.70.
 - **Registrar Kevin Jorrey** – Reported that Kevin Hurley's application is at National and we should receive has packet shortly. Art Brucks application has been at National about one month. The Benton's applications (3 generations) are still at National. Charles Wolf's application is ready to submit after completing signatures. Dwayne Garrison is working on completing his documentation. Robert Pope is working on his application.
 - **BSA Eagle Scout Awards** – John ask for volunteers to attend scout meetings and present Eagle Scout Awards. David Friels and Jerry Cope both volunteered.
 - **Chaplain Bob Wehr** – John advised that Compatriot David Allison, who has some health issues, is due for a 20 year pin. Chaplain Bob Wehr and the rest of us were asked to reach out to our older members that no longer attend.

- **Sergeant At Arms Bill Covington** – Bill stated he keeps flags and base in his car until we get an appropriate storage location. He will notify one of us and pass off the materials if he knows sufficiently in advance if he can not attend a meeting. Richard Coffee agreed to help out with flags and base if needed.
- **Photographer Mike Hutchins** – John noted that Mike is doing a great job. He downloads his photos to drop box and John moves them to the Web Site.
- **Speakers Bureau, Bill Covington Chair** – Bill said he is getting some requests from our posting. May 9 he presented to the Susannah Biggs Bibb DAR Chapter in Richardson. The topic was “Bad Girls of the American Revolution” and he was in uniform.
- **Web Master John Anderson** – John asked that we review our profile on the Chapter Web Site and notify him of any changes or additions.
- **Old Business**
 - **Meeting Location** – John Anderson stated that we will continue meeting here for at least the rest of this year.
- **New Business**
 - Roger Wehr recommended that we consider recognizing the Arlington Police officer that was wounded serving a UTA student with a warrant. John stated that our goal was to recognize at least one police officer and one fire fighter each year, and the chapter concurred with Roger’s recommendation.

XII. Announcements

- Various announcements were provided on reverse side of the agenda.
- TXSSAR Secretary Drake Petty is doing a great job and has our membership posted by category on the web site. We should all check it out.

XIII. Motion to Adjourn was made by Dennis Walton, duly seconded and approved.

XIV. Sergeant At Arms Bill Covington led the SAR Recessional / Closing Admonition.

XV. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the benediction.

XVI. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 am

XVII. Attendance Summary:

14 members and 4 guests were present for the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:
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