

TXSSAR Arlington Chapter No. 7
Southern Recipes Grill, Arlington, TX
Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2016

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

- I. Call to Order** – By Chapter President John Anderson at approximately 9:15 a.m.
- II. Invocation** – By Chaplain Bob Wehr
- III. Pledges** – Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Covington led the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag, the pledge to the Texas flag, and the SAR pledge.
- IV. Introductions of Past Chapter Presidents by President Anderson:** Ron Carter – 2011, David Friels – 2014.
- V. Guest Introductions by President Anderson** – Dwayne Garrison, Allan Husch, Darrell Gates, Robert Pope, and Wally Penny.
- VI. Patriot Roll Call** – Those in attendance gave the name and some information about their Patriot(s).
- VII. Comment of the Day** – Compatriot Dick Lee handed out pins depicting our first flag and recognized the veterans present. Dick commented about President Harry S. Truman who by his own acknowledgement was a different kind of president.
- VIII. TX SAR Dist. 5 Vice President Ron Carter**
 - The 2017 Spring State meeting will be in San Antonio on the river walk March 30 – April 2, and we should all consider attending.
 - Ron recommended that we establish a committee to obtain permission and establish displays for a display case at one or more of the Arlington Libraries and manage the displays.
- IX. Membership Recognition – President Anderson** presented a 10-year Membership Pin to Compatriot Richard Martin.
- X. Program - Presented by President Anderson**

The program consisted of an informative DVD about the Texas Sons of the American Revolution that was prepared by Past State President Robert Cohen. NSSAR was founded in 1890 with the objective of promoting patriotism, history & education about the Revolutionary War, and service to the community. John also played the DVD *TXSSAR Arlington Chapter #7 2015 in Review* which he had prepared to document our Chapter's activities during the past year.
- XI. Chapter President's Comments, President Anderson**
 - Applications may now be prepared on line or the old way by down loading an application and completing it on your computer. Both ways must be printed on our special logo paper.
 - Requests have been mailed for donations to the SAR Foundation. Donations in any amount are accepted and appreciated.
 - Compatriot William Covington represented our Chapter at the Waco-McLennan County Public Library, Genealogy Lock-in on October 21 in Waco.
 - Arlington #7 was represented by Ron Carter, John Anderson, William Covington, and Jerry Cope at the Organizational Meeting of the Quannah Parker DAR Chapter of Mansfield on October 23.
 - Dues for 2017 are payable now, except the dues were included with the application fee for any new members who were approved after Labor Day 2016.
 - State Fair Table – We should all consider assisting with manning of the SAR Table at the next TX State Fair. We would be given free parking and a free pass to the fair.

- Compatriot Mike Smith is in critical condition at Parkland Hospital in Dallas and a card was circulated for those in attendance to sign.
- Compatriot Roger Wehr is attending the Boy Scout Camporee at the Texas Motor Speedway.
- We will continue with awarding Military Service Medals as paper work is submitted and medals can be ordered.
- Today is Compatriot Covington's birthday.

XII. Chapter Business – President John Anderson presiding:

- **Approval of last meeting's minutes:** The minutes as posted on the website and passed out during the meeting for review were approved.
- **Officer and Committee Reports:**
 - **Vice President Roger Wehr** – Not present, on a Boy Scout Camporee at Texas Motor Speedway.
 - **Secretary David Friels** – We received a quarterly statement from Randalls (i.e., Tom Thumb/ Albertson) stating our credit as of September 30 is \$0.95.
 - **Treasurer Dennis Walton** – The November 11 total bottom line balance was \$2,421.03. President Anderson mentioned the need for a budget for next year.
 - **Registrar Kevin Jorrey**
 Last month's new member packet has been received and sent to Compatriot Taylor Wolfe.
 Status of Applications: Dwayne Garrison's application was submitted to State on November 7; Grady, Steven, and John Anderson's applications were received at National on August 29; Ned Myers's Supplemental is at National; Lyndell Wallace (Wally) Penny's application is at State; and Dan Hamilton is gathering death certificate documentation for his application. Jerry Cope's supplemental is ready for submittal. Kevin is reviewing Dan Jones's proof summary.
 We received 9 contact forms from the TX State Fair, and Kevin has sent emails to the 7 who provided an email address and left a voice mail for others.
 Arlington #7 presently has 61 active members including 10 juniors.
 Kevin recommends not using the online application for now and requests that he be provided any needed information by end of year.
 President Anderson noted that we should complete a DAR Finder Form for every application where a DAR is referenced on one of our applications.
 - **Chaplain Bob Wehr** – Thankfully the contentious election is over and we enjoy the freedom and privilege to vote and participate in national and state elections. Bob is reminded of Proverbs 19:11 – *Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails. (NIV)* We are working under a divine plan of our Creator, and he is in control.
 - **Sergeant-At-Arms Bill Covington** – Bill has a 2 volume reference of *Tejano Patriots in the American Revolution* which he will make available to any of us with the need to review. Refer to Speakers Bureau below for Presentations. President Anderson had our Flags cleaned and pressed.

- **Youth Awards Programs – Compatriot Ron Carter, Chair**
The SAR CAR Essay Contest topic is “Who Was Alexander Hamilton”. Contest is open to CAR members and rules are posted on the TXSSAR Web Site.
A National Level CAR award is in planning.
Poster Contest rules are posted on our Chapter Website. Posters are due to Ron not later than January 27. The Brochure Contest is in process.
- **Speakers Bureau, Bill Covington Chair** – Bill’s October presentations in uniform:
Flower Mound Chapter, NSDAR, 10/8/16 – “Bad Girls of the American Revolution”
Walking Tales: Oakwood Cemetery, Waco, TX, 10/15/16 – “Continental Soldier of the American Revolution”
Matthew Bolton Chapter, McKinney, TX, 10/16/16 - “Continental Soldier of the American Revolution”
Waco-McLennan County Public Library: Genealogy Lock-in, Waco, TX, 10/21/16 – “Texas in the American Revolution”
Quanah Parker Chapter NSDAR, Mansfield, TX, 10/23/16 – Presentation of the Colors
- **Old Business**
 - TX SAR Dist. 5 Registrars have developed their DAR & SAR new member packet letters and are in progress of distributing them to local DAR and CAR chapters.
 - No update on scheduling joint DAR/SAR “Police/ Firefighter/ EMT Serviceman of the Year” programs
 - Arlington DAR is planning for next July 4th parade. Our Chapter needs a parade chairman if we are to participate with the DAR Chapter.
- **New Business**
 - Volunteers are needed to serve on a Chapter Fund Raising Committee. President Anderson will be committee Chair.

XIII. N. Texas Color Guard Report - by Compatriot Jerry Cope

Future events where the Color Guard will participate and all SAR members are encouraged to attend include:

- October 17 – Honoring WW II Veterans
- October 23 – Present Colors for the “Organizing Meeting” of the Quanah Parker DAR Chapter of Mansfield.
- November 11 – Veterans Day Parades at Fort Worth, Dallas, and Fairview, TX.
- November 13 - Massing of the Colors at First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth.
- December 3 - Holiday Parade at Rockwall.
- December 10 – Plano Holiday Parade
- December 10 – TXSSAR President to visit Arlington Chapter, CG participation to be decided
- December – Flag Ceremony for Dickens on the Strand Parade, Galveston, TX.
- December 17 – Wreaths Across America at DFW National Cemetery.
- January 11 – Flag Ceremony for N. American Beekeeping Conf., Galveston, TX.
- February 18 - George Washington’s Birthday Parade, Laredo, TX.

XIV. Announcements

- TX State President Mike Radcliff will be our guest next month.
- Saturday, January 14, 2017 our Chapter will celebrate our 23rd Chapter Anniversary, Group Pictures are scheduled for that day.
- Various announcements and upcoming events were provided on reverse side of the agenda.

- XV. Motion to Adjourn** – Compatriot Walton with 2nd by Compatriot Carter
- XVI.** Chaplain **Bob Wehr** gave the benediction.
- XVII. President Anderson** led the SAR Recessional/ Closing Admonition
- XVIII.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:25 am.
- XIX. Attendance Summary:**
13 members and 5 guests were present for the meeting.

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