

TXSSAR Arlington Chapter No. 7
Southern Recipes Grill, Arlington, TX
Meeting Minutes for December 10, 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** – Mike and Carroll Radcliff , Dwayne Garrison, Dan Hamilton, Wally Penny, Pam Faletti, and the Anderson Family; John Anderson, Genya Penda, Steve , Patty, and Grady Anderson, Susan Rials, Meredith Rials and Janae Anderson Harpool.
- VI. Comment of the Day** – Compatriot Dick Lee noted that with good reason we refer to the World War II Generation as the “Greatest Generation” (of which he is a member). He added that the generation of our Revolutionary War Patriots should also be considered as a “Greatest Generation” and our country is deeply indebted to both generations. Compatriot Kevin Jorrey gave the Chapter a brief discussion on the status of a virtual security fence that is being designed and constructed by his company.
- VII. This Month during the American Revolution** – Historian Kevin Jorrey:
 - December 3, 1775 – At the American camp in Cambridge, the captain of an American schooner brings in a captured enemy vessel carrying 5000 pounds of dry goods; the British revive a fear of smallpox by sending victims of the disease from Boston to patriot lines.
 - December 17, 1775 – Patriot forces in Montreal build ramparts of snow and ice. An American describes the event in a letter stating, “Who but Yankees would have thought of such a contrivance or who but enthusiastic for liberty would carry on a siege at such a season of the year.”
 - December 23, 1775 – King George III issues a royal proclamation closing the American colonies of all commerce and trade, to take effect in March of 1776. Also in December, congress is informed that France may offer support in the war against Britain.
 - December 1, 1776 – Washington wrote to Congress on this day that he did not have the troops to stop the enemy at the Raritan River and had started moving stores toward Philadelphia. British Corporal Thomas Sullivan heard that Cornwallis’ Vanguard had reached New Brunswick and found the bridge destroyed and was unable to follow the “enemy” to Princeton.
 - December 10, 1776 – The Congress prepared and published an address to the American people. It was a plea for military support against the advancing British army. “What a pity it is then that the rich and populous city of Philadelphia should fall into the enemy’s hands.” Trenton Falls: Washington was uncertain whether Cornwallis would cross the Delaware above here or down river from Trenton. He also wrote to General Lee at Chatham, New Jersey once more to join him to save Philadelphia.
 - December 22, 1776 – Congress received reports from the Northern Army in Ticonderoga, NY that were no better than those from Philadelphia. “The poor creatures are now (what’s left alive) laying on the cold ground, in poor thin tents, and some none at all, and many down with the pleurisy. No Barracks, no hospitals to go in. The barracks is at Saratoga. If you were here, your heart would melt. At present, we have not one pair of shoes nor blanket in the store.”
 - December 6, 1777 – French Foreign Minister Comte Charles G. de Vergennes responds positively to the American suggestions of a military alliance in the wake of an American victory at Saratoga.

- December 11, 1777 – Washington begins moving his troops from Whitemarsh to Valley Forge for the winter. Cornwallis clashes with the main American Army, enroute to Valley Forge, and then captures over 2000 sheep and cattle at Gulph’s Mill, Pennsylvania. Washington delays the march to the Valley Forge for several days.

VIII. TX SAR Dist. 5 Vice President Ron Carter – Ron yielded his time to TXSSAR President Mike Radcliff who will speak later.

IX. Membership Recognition – President Anderson presented the following SAR recognitions:

- Military Service Medal to Compatriot Ron Carter, a retired USAF officer with 20 years of service.
- 5-year Membership Pin to Compatriot Gary Faletti

X. Program - Presented by TXSSAR President Mike Radcliff

President Radcliff had challenge coins for sale as a fund raiser, and stated the following goals for the society:

- Mail out dues notices early
- Publish a newsletter with news contributions supplied by chapters
- Explore options for automatic membership renewal charged to the Compatriot’s credit card
- Promote and sustain membership within chapters
- Encourage outreach to new members

XI. New Member Inductions for John D. Anderson III, Steven T. Anderson, and his son Jr. Member Grady D. Anderson - President John Anderson and Registrar Kevin Jorrey conducted the induction and the rosettes were pinned on by Meg Anderson. John and Steven are sons of John and Meg, and Grady is Steven’s son. John is a history teacher for AISD, and Steven is an actuary for Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The Anderson’s Patriot is Pvt. John Youngblood who served in the Georgia Militia.

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** – No Report
 - **Secretary David Friels** – The annual report is complete in draft form and a paper copy is available on the front table for review. It is important to convey any SAR, DAR, CAR, patriotic, and veteran service to the secretary. The items may be announced at the meetings so it is entered in our minutes, or services may be conveyed separately to the secretary via email. Dates are required for all activities. Specific items which increase our overall points and should be considered are:
 - i. Payment of dues on time
 - ii. Attending and participating in DAR, CAR, TXSSAR, and NSSAR meetings
 - iii. Presenting flag certificates
 - iv. Presenting scout awards
 - v. Library or museum exhibits
 - **Treasurer Dennis Walton** – The December 10 total bottom line balance was \$2,471.03. A review of income and expenses is underway in preparation for a 2017 budget.
 - **Registrar Kevin Jorrey**
Status of Applications: Lyndell Wallace (Wally) Penny’s application and Dwayne Garrison’s applications are at National. Ned Myers’s Supplemental is at National, and Jerry Cope’s Supplemental is ready for submittal to the State. Applications for Dan Hamilton and Dan Jones are in progress.
Chapter membership is 64 counting the three Andersons that were inducted today.

- **Historian Kevin Jorrey** – Kevin will deliver a CD to the Library at North Tx University for archival in Jan. 2017. Members should submit any information that should be archived to Kevin or download it to dropbox and notify him.
- **Chaplain Bob Wehr** – No report
- **Scout Activities Reported by Compatriot Gary Faletti** – Generally, there is a scout activity on every 2nd Saturday which is why he is often absent at our Chapter meetings. The Longhorn Council camporee was held last month and was attended by Gary and also Roger, Daniel, and Joshua Wehr from our Chapter. Gary did staff a booth at the University of Scouting Training at TCCC. There is a Scout Roundtable meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, and he will promote the SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship.
- **Sergeant-At-Arms Bill Covington** – No report.
- **Youth Awards Programs – Compatriot Ron Carter, Chair**
John has noted significant activity on the Youth Awards Pages of our Website.
- **Speakers Bureau, Bill Covington Chair** – Bill gave three presentations in November and will give one presentation in December. All presentations are in uniform.
November 11 - McCoy Elementary School, Carrollton-Farmers Branch, *Continental Soldier of the American Revolution*.
November 16 – Colonial Dames of the XVII Century, Waco, *Children in the 18th Century*.
November 20 – Bosque River Valley Chapter, NSDAR, Clifton, Tx, *Pint-sized Patriots of the American Revolution*.
- **President Anderson** – John announced that since Compatriot Covington has given over 20 presentations throughout the year, that he is the “Face of our Chapter”. John made a motion that our Chapter pay Bill’s 2016 TX SAR dues as an honorarium to recognize Bill’s time, efforts, and expenses to give the presentations. Compatriot Friels seconded the motion and it was approved by the Chapter. John updated the Chapter on the condition of Compatriot Mike Smith who is significantly ill from Agent Orange exposure and other complications. John proposed that we take up a special offering to pay Mike’s 2016 TX SAR dues, which we did. Last November 2015, he accompanied Compatriots Smith and Jorrey to attend a Veteran recognition service in Fort Worth where Mayor Betsy Price presided.
- **Old Business**
 - John will work with the two local DAR chapters to include SAR letters in the new member packets.
 - Compatriot Ned Myers is working with John to address possible fund raising activities. They jointly recommended delaying further fund raising discussions until after a 2017 budget was formulated next March.
 - Compatriot Walton has commenced working on a budget for next year. See his treasures report above.
 - Arlington DAR is planning for the next July 4th parade. Our Chapter will not be able to participate this year due to lack of a Chairman and overall interest.
 - Compatriot Jorrey was authorized to order a pack of 10 rosettes and to replenish the supply as needed.

- **New Business**

- The Chapter will have a BOM during the week after Christmas for final review of the Annual Report, officer nominations for next year, and chapter general and budget planning. As the intent was/is for the offices to be held for two years, John inquired if all officers were willing to serve the second year. Kevin Jorrey said he would like for the Chapter to elect a new Historian so he could spend more efforts on Registrar duties. No other changes were requested at this time.
- Meeting Location – John proposed we return to the old 1st Dixie Café location (now Country Kitchen Café) at 2400 W. Pioneer Pkwy Suite 105, Pantego, TX 76013 for the chapter BOM and January Meeting because it is more centrally located and has a larger private meeting room. Although Southern Recipes grill has worked out satisfactorily, their meeting room is too small for our needs. The membership agreed and John will notify Southern Recipes Grill manger. After the trial meeting in January, the membership will decide on the future regular meeting location.

XIII. N. Texas Color Guard Report - Compatriot Jerry Cope was not present, but had submitted his report. Recent events where Color Guard participated are:

- 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 8 – Dickens on the Strand in Galveston.
- December 10 – Plano Holiday Parade

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

- 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

- Saturday, January 14, 2017 our Chapter will celebrate our 23rd Chapter Anniversary, Group Pictures are scheduled for that day.
- Various other announcements and upcoming events were provided on reverse side of the agenda.

XV. Motion to Adjourn

XVI. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the benediction.

XVII. Bill Covington led the SAR Recessional/ Closing Admonition

XVIII. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:50 am.

XIX. Attendance Summary:

19 members and 12 guests were present for the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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