

TXSSAR Arlington Chapter No. 7

Country Kitchen Café, Arlington, TX

Meeting Minutes for January 14, 2017

Location: Country Kitchen Café, 2400 W. Pioneer Parkway, Arlington, TX 76013

- I. Call to Order** – By Chapter President John Anderson at approximately 9:15 a.m.
- II. Invocation** – By Compatriot Roger Wehr
- III. Pledges** – Compatriot Jerry Cope 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** – Dan Jones, John Pinkerton, Allan Husch, Wally Penny, Dan Hamilton, Wes Halverson, and Wade Tolman.
- VI. Comment of the Day** – Compatriot Dick Lee provided a light hearted comment to commence the meeting.
- VII. This Month during the American Revolution** – Historian Kevin Jorrey:
 - January 4, 1776 – General Washington promises Congress that he will attack Boston at first opportunity.
 - January 11, 1776 – The Tryon County, New York Committee sends an urgent appeal to General Schuyler for men and arms to repress an impending attack by loyalists.
 - January 14, 1776 – General Washington writes from Cambridge that army enlistment problems continue.
 - January 3, 1777 – Early morning Washington and his troops attack the British rear guard at Princeton. Forty Patriots and 275 British soldiers were killed during the battle. The victory was vital to Washington's prestige and American morale.
 - January 17, 1777 – Patriot forces under General William Heath begin a movement toward a British post at Fort Independence, King's Bridge, New York.
 - January 25, 1777 – British forces counterattack from besieged Fort Independence, scattering the Americans.
 - January 1, 1780 – Mutiny at West Point: 100 soldiers from Massachusetts mutiny and attempt to return home at the expiration of their enlistment, or in some cases, shortly prior to the expiration.
 - January 1-10, 1781 – Mutiny of the Pennsylvania Line in the Continental camp located near Princeton, New Jersey, occurs. Leaders were William Bozar and John Williams. General Wayne defuses the situation but over half of the soldiers that were involved leave the army.
- VIII. TX SAR District 5 Vice President Ron Carter** – Compatriot Carter noted that the Annual Reports are due by January 15 and copies are available for review today. Secretary Friels has prepared the report which summarizes the service and patriotic activities accomplished by or Chapter and individual members. The reports are used as the basis for State and National awards. Future events are listed on the back side of the minutes and Ron especially recommended the membership consider attending:
 - LDS "Family History Fair will be held in SW Arlington on March 4, 2017. Our Chapter will have an information table and could use help manning the table.
 - TXSSAR Annual Convention will be held at El Tropicana River Walk Hotel in San Antonio on March 31 – April 2, 2017. He recommended the Youth Luncheon if we could not attend all the events.
 - TXSSAR Annual BOM will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Galveston on October 13 – 15, 2017.

- IX. Chapter Anniversary** – President Anderson announced that this month our Chapter celebrates our 23rd Anniversary and that Compatriot Mike Hutchins will take group and individual photographs at the conclusion of the meeting.
- X. Program** - President John Anderson presented an informative program on “Our Chapter History”. Our Chapter was first organized in 1938 and reorganized in 1994.
- XI. Chapter President’s Comments** - President Anderson proudly announced that he and Meg have a new DAR candidate. Their granddaughter, Abigail Olive Anderson, was born to Compatriot Stephen and Patty Anderson this morning.
- Compatriot Richard Martin was to receive a War Service Medal, but is absent today.
 - Our Chapter BOM was held December 28. Refer to Old Business below for results of the meeting.
 - Compatriot Bill Covington has been selected History Teacher of the Year by TX DAR and will be in the competition for the NSDAR winner.
 - Compatriot Mike Smith is now home and needs our prayers.
 - Compatriots celebrating birthdays this month include David Allison, Art Brucks, Ned Myers, Joe Sogan, Jerry Cope, Dennis Walton, and Robert Wehr.
- 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:**
 - **Secretary, David Friels** – The annual reports are complete in draft form and two copies are available for review. It is important to convey any SAR, DAR, CAR, patriotic, and veteran service to the secretary for inclusion in the minutes and subsequent inclusion in the year end reports. The items may be announced at the meetings so, or services may be conveyed separately to the secretary via email. Dates are required for all activities.
 - **Treasurer, Dennis Walton** – The January 13, 2017, total bottom line balance was \$2,473.03.
 - **Registrar, Kevin Jorrey**
Status of Applications: Applications for Wally Penny, Dwayne Garrison, Marshal Cope, and Allan Husch are at State. Supplemental applications for Ned Myers and Jerry Cope are at National. Applications for Dan Hamilton, Dan Jones, David Lafuze, Robert Pope, Wade Tolman, and John Pinkerton are progress. Chapter membership is 64.
 - **Scout Activities, President Anderson and Gary Faletti,** attended two Scout Round Tables and told them of our scholarship program.
 - **Youth Awards Programs, Ron Carter**
Posters are due the last week of January, and we will judge the posters at the end of the February meeting.
 - **Speakers Bureau, Bill Covington Chair,**
Bill could not attend the meeting but reported he gave one presentation in December and one presentation so far in January which was:
January 10 – Literary Club of Cedar Creek Lake, Seven Points, TX, 18th Century Slang Expressions of the American Revolution
 - **DAR Liaison** – President Anderson announced that our Chapter has been requested to meet with the Quanah Parker NSDAR Chapter of Mansfield during the afternoon of Oct. 14, 2017, to present awards to a Mansfield Fire Fighter and a Police Officer. President Anderson will be at the TXSSAR BOM. Vice President Roger Wehr agreed to make the presentations on our Chapter’s behalf. Several members indicated they would also attend.
 - **Old Business**

- The Nominating Committee chair, Dennis Walton, reported that Compatriot Mike Hutchins was selected to serve as Chapter Historian for 2017 since Compatriot Jorrey has requested to be replaced so he can concentrate his efforts as Registrar. Compatriot Hutchins said that he would accept the nomination. Other 2016 officers have agreed to serve a second year during 2017.
 - Election of officers for 2017 will be held during our February meeting, and induction of officers for 2017 will be conducted during the March meeting.
 - A draft budget prepared by Treasurer Walton and those compatriots attending the BOM was presented during the BOM. The final budget will be presented to the Chapter for approval not later than the April meeting.
 - Meeting Location – The Chapter discussed either continuing to meet at this location, e.g., Country Kitchen Café, or return to the Southern Recipes Grill. The pros for Country Kitchen Café were (1) a more spacious meeting room and (2) a more centralized location. The food and service was considered very good at both locations. After a motion by Kevin Jorrey and second by Jerry Cope, the Chapter voted to continue meeting at the Country Kitchen Café. President Anderson will coordinate with both locations and be sure we have our meeting dates reserved at the Country Kitchen Café. Ron Carter proposed that we present a Certificate of Appreciation to the Manager of the “Southern Recipes Grill” for their previous hospitality and good service.
 - **New Business**
 - No new business was discussed.
- XIII. N. Texas Color Guard Report** – Compatriot Jerry Cope submitted the following list of Future events where Color Guard will participate:
- January 19 – EFT presenting the EMS and Fire Safety Comendation, City of Rowlett, TX.
 - February 15 & 16 – Present Colors at the Eismann Concert Hall for 5th graders in Richardson, TX.
 - February 18 - George Washington’s Birthday Parade, Laredo, TX.
 - March 14, 15, & 16 – Present Colors at the Eismann Concert Hall for 5th graders in Richardson, TX.
 - All Compatriots are encouraged to attend these events and we should contact Compatriot Cope for more details.
- XIV. Announcements**
- Various announcements and upcoming events were provided on reverse side of the agenda.
- XV. Motion to Adjourn**
- XVI. Compatriot Roger Wehr** gave the benediction.
- XVII. Compatriot Jerry Cope** led the SAR Recessional/ Closing Admonition
- XVIII.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 am.
- XIX. Attendance Summary:**
14 members and 7 guests were present for the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:
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