

TXSSAR Arlington Chapter No. 7
Country Kitchen Café, Arlington, TX
Meeting Minutes for February 11, 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** – John Pinkerton, Allan Husch, Wally Penny, Dan Hamilton, Frank Dawson, Marshal Cope, and Compatriot Gerry Gieger (our speaker).
- VI. Comment of the Day** – Compatriot Dick Lee passed out a copy of a section of the front page of the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin 1st Extra* dated December 7, 1941, announcing the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. He also gave us a copy of several pages from the Japanese “Instrument of Surrender” which was signed aboard the Battle Ship *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945. Dick then commented on how great it was to be an American and led us in singing of “America the Beautiful.”
- VII. This Month during the American Revolution presented by Historian Kevin Jorrey:**
 - February 10, 1776 – North Carolina delegation warns Continental Congress that all accounts from England indicate an upcoming attack on the colony.
 - February 13, 1776 – Congress adopts a resolution allowing individual provinces to import naval stores from North Carolina and elects Patrick Henry colonel of the 1st Virginia Battalion.
 - February 2-9, 1777 – Local patriots engage in skirmishes with Tories at Fort McIntosh, Georgia, and are forced to surrender the fort following a two day siege.
 - February 27, 1777 – In Baltimore, Congress adjourns and makes plans to return to Philadelphia now that General Washington has eliminated the British threat to the city.
 - February 14, 1779 – Battle of Kettle Creek, Georgia where a local militia force led by Col. Pickens defeats a larger force of Loyalists commanded by Col. Boyd. This victory provides a significant boost for Patriot morale and prevents the southern Loyalists from rallying.
 - February 4, 1783 – George III issues Cornwall’s Proclamation of Cessation of Hostilities (which later in September would culminate with the Paris Peace Treaty), ending the American Revolution.
 - February 6, 1783 – The Great Siege of Gibraltar (a combined Spanish and French effort to take Gibraltar back from Britain) is lifted after peace agreements are signed ending the American Revolution.
- VIII. TX SAR District 5 Vice President Ron Carter Remarks:**
 - TXSSAR Annual Convention will be held at El Tropicana River Walk Hotel in San Antonio on March 31 – April 2, 2017.
 - NSSAR Annual Trip will trace General Burgoyne’s route from Quebec City to Saratoga. Trip will be in May and information is available in the SAR Magazine, Summer 2016 edition.
 - The McKinney Chapter had a change of mind and plans to remain active.

IX. Membership Recognitions, President Anderson

- **War Service Medal and Certificate** presented to Compatriot Richard Martin. Richard was a pilot and served in Operation Desert Storm.
- **Viet Nam Service Medal** presented to applicant Allan Husch.
- **Birthdays this month** – Richard Coffey, Jim Benton, Sr., Kyle Baldwin, and James Walker.

X. Program – Compatriot Gerry Gieger presented a very informative program on “Lineage Societies and their Requirements.” The program was focused on SAR, War of 1812, and Sons of the Texas Republic (SRT).

XI. Chapter President’s Message - President Anderson discussed the “State of the Chapter” and handed out a report so titled. In summary the Chapter is doing very well. Membership, attendance, and treasury balance are all up from the previous year. Additionally our chapter is well represented in the Color Guard, Speakers Bureau, DAR support, and CAR support. A full copy of the report is available upon request.

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** – 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, or services may be conveyed separately to the secretary via email. Dates and locations are required to report any event or service.
 - **Treasurer Dennis Walton** – The February 10, 2017, total bottom line balance was \$2,561.26. Income included a check of \$40.18 from Kroger Community Rewards.
 - **Registrar Kevin Jorrey**
Status of Applications: Wally Penny’s application has genealogy National approval. Applications for Dwayne Garrison, Marshal Cope, and Allan Husch are underway at National. Supplemental applications for Ned Myers and Jerry Cope are underway at National. Applications for John Pinkerton and Frank Dawson are ready for signature. Applications for Dan Hamilton, Dan Jones, David Lafuze, and Wade Tolman are progress. Chapter membership is 58 including 8 junior members.
 - **Historian Kevin Jorrey** – Chapter History for 2016 was deposited at the University of North Texas (UNT) Library at Denton by Kevin, President Anderson and next year’s Historian Mike Hutchins on January 27. The UNT Library has long agreed to receive all TX SAR chapter history archives.
 - **Youth Awards Programs** – The chapter received no posters from any elementary schools.
 - **Speakers Bureau, Bill Covington Chair** – Bill could not attend the meeting and his presentations will be reported next month.
 - **Flag Certificate** – On 9 Jan 17 Compatriot John Anderson III presented an SAR Flag Certificate to Mrs. Sandra Rangel at the AISD’s Ferguson Education Center Gymnasium. Mrs. Rangel is a physical education teacher and her husband is a U.S. Veteran. She properly displays the American Flag on the Arlington ISD Newcomer High School gymnasium wall.

- **Old Business**

- The Nominating Committee chair, Compatriot Dennis Walton, proposed that Compatriot Mike Hutchins be elected to serve as Chapter Historian for 2017. He also proposed that Compatriots holding all other elected positions for 2016 be re-elected to serve in the same position for 2017. There were no nominations from the floor, and Compatriot Walton moved that Compatriot Hutchins, along with the existing 2016 board of officers be elected to serve during the 2017 year (March 2017 through February 2018). The motion was seconded by Compatriot Jerry Cope and approved unanimously by the membership present at the meeting.
- Induction of officers for 2017 will be conducted during the March meeting with our District 5 Vice President officiating.
- The Arlington Law Enforcement Officer of the Year is Cpl. Damien Gary. Vice President Roger Wehr will present the SAR Law Enforcement Award to Cpl. Gary on March 2nd at 11:00 A.M. during the shift change at the Police Station located on 2001 New York Avenue. As many Compatriots as possible should attend.
- There is no update on the Arlington and Mansfield Fireman and EMT Serviceman of the Year programs.
- 2017 Chapter Budget has been drafted and will be presented next month for the physical year April 1st, 2016– March 31st 2018.

- **New Business**

- No new business

XIII. N. Texas Color Guard Report presented by Compatriot Jerry Cope via handout.

- Participation in uniform:
 - January 12 - EFT Color Guard Change of Command Ceremony
 - January 19 – EFT presenting the EMS Metal to Capt. Christ Brown, the Fire Safety Metal to Firefighter Tony Boroughs, and TXSSAR Challenge Coin to Fire Chief Neil Howard of the Rowlett Fire Department, Rowlett, TX.
 - January 24 – Presenting Colors for the Nathaniel Winston Chapter DAR, Cleburne, TX.
- Future events where Color Guard will participate:
 - 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.
 - March 24 – Present Colors at the Naturalization Ceremony at the INS Field Office, Irving, TX.

All Compatriots are encouraged to attend these events and 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 11:30 am.

XIX. Attendance Summary:

13 members and 7 guests were present for the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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