

**TXSSAR Arlington Chapter No. 7  
Southern Recipes Grill, Arlington, TX  
Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2017**

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

- I. Call to Order and Posting of Colors** – Following fellowship and breakfast, President John Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 9:20 a.m.
- II. Invocation** – By Vice President Roger 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 and David Friels – 2014.
- V. Comment of the Day** – **Compatriot Dick Lee** told a light hearted story regarding a 3 legged chicken that we all enjoyed.
- VI. TX SAR District 5 Vice President Ron Carter Remarks:** The TX SAR annual BOM (Board of Managers Meeting) will be held in Galveston on October 13-15. All members are encouraged to attend.
- VII. Special Recognitions – President John Anderson:**
  - **Compatriot David Allison** – a 23-year member who served in the Marine Corp. during the Vietnam War.
  - **Membership Anniversary Recognitions**  
Compatriot Ron Carter – 10-year membership certificate  
Compatriot Roger Wehr – 5-year membership certificate  
Compatriot Bob Wehr – 5-year membership certificate
  - **Compatriot Gary Faletti** – Certificate of recognition and thank you from the Chapter for providing the Youth Protection Training (YPC) following our June Chapter meeting. Additionally, Compatriot Faletti was presented with the **NSSAR Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award** and a good citizenship patch (from the Chapter) for his efforts with the Boy Scouts. Gary has been active in scouting since 1962 and has held numerous positions and has received much recognition for his scouting work.
  - **Compatriot John Pinkerton** was presented with a Military Service Medal and recognized as a Vietnam Veteran.
  - **Morgan Woodward** (former chapter member but not in attendance) was recognized for 73 years of SAR membership, making him the longest seniority active SAR member. There will be a benefit honoring Compatriot Woodward at UTA on November 18, and details are listed under Upcoming Events on the meeting agenda.
- VIII. Program:** Tom Dodson of the Arlington Historical Society presented a very informative program titled “History of the Bankhead Highway through Texas and Arlington.” Upon conclusion of the program, President Anderson presented Mr. Dodson with a Chapter Certificate of Appreciation.
- IX. Guest Introductions by President Anderson:** Anthony and Andrew Walker and Robert Pope.

**X. Chapter Business – President John Anderson Presiding:**

- **TX SAR President John Beard** will visit or Chapter for our February 2018 meeting.
- **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:**
  - **Treasurer Dennis Walton** – The total bottom line balance as of today is \$2,595.93 and our income is exceeding our expenses by \$133.17.
  - **Registrar Kevin Jorrey** – Compatriot Frank Dawson and Robert Browning have approved applications. Jeff Meller's application for Junior Membership has been approved. Robert Pope's application is at National. Dan Jones, David Lafuze, Wade Tolman, John Miller, James (Ray) Wood, Stephen Lushbaugh, Johnathan Husch, Rob Dawson, Brad Herring, Glen Scott, and Matt Gagnon have applications in progress. Compatriot Anderson has two supplemental applications in progress. Our Chapter Roll shows 71 current members, including juniors and 5 unpaid members.

According to a new NSSAR rule, new members approved after September 1 will not have to pay annual dues for the following year.

The TX DAR has written a letter to be included in new DAR member packets state wide to encourage each new member to promote SAR membership to their eligible family members

- **Web-Administration** – Compatriot Anderson reminded us that the Chapter web site includes our Patriot information and that we should review the posted information to be sure it is complete and up-to-date. He also noted that his research has indicated that he and Compatriot Jerry Cope have a common ancestor and they are 7<sup>th</sup> cousins, twice removed.

Compatriot Roger Wehr is managing our Chapter facebook page and John requested that he make all members that use facebook as "facebook administrators" so we can all post to the Chapter Face Book page. Please send Roger Wehr and email (wehr@uta.edu) to have add you.

- **Youth Awards Programs**  
President Anderson reported that he has approximately 500 brochures to be delivered to each Arlington ISD high school and grade school. He requested compatriots see him after the meeting to take packets of brochures for delivery to a group of schools during the week of August 21.

Compatriot Faletti reported that he is getting the Eagle Scout Award notifications distributed through out the Longhorn Council 23 area. He also noted that most scouts don't achieve Eagle until they are approximately 18 years old. Compatriot Anderson noted that the SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship entry must be made prior to the scout's 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Compatriot Carter reported that the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Poster Contest theme for Texas is: "An event involving Bernardo de Galvez in the Revolutionary War." The Middle School (grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 9<sup>th</sup>) Brochure topic is "The Foundational Documents of the United States." Details for both contests may be found on the TX SAR web site. Arlington Chapter should plan on judging submittals following the January meeting.

- **DAR Liaison** – President Anderson reported: The Mansfield DAR Quanah Parker Chapter will recognize Vietnam veterans at the Fort Worth VA Clinic on August 17 between 8 am and 3 pm. (*Refer to Up and Coming Events on Agenda for details*). Our Chapter will present Lorna Rankin, Quanah Parker chapter regent, with the NSSAR Martha Washington Medal & Certificate during their meeting on Tuesday, August 29(*Refer to Up and Coming Events on Agenda for details*).
  - **Old Business**
    - Efforts are still ongoing to schedule a recognition award presentation to one or more members of the Mansfield Public Safety Department. The award(s) will be jointly presented by Mansfield Quanah Parker NSDAR chapter and Arlington SAR. It appears likely the presentation will be in September.
  - **New Business** – Distribution of the Student Award Brochures the week of August 21 (*Refer to Youth Awards above*)
  - **August Birthdays** – Compatriots Ron Carter and Allan Husch.
- XI. Speakers Bureau, Bill Covington Chair** – Presentations by Compatriot Covington in Uniform for July include:
- **July 10** – Waco-McLennan County Library, “Documents Generated by the American Revolution.”
  - **July 10** – WCCC-TV, Waco, "The Continental Soldier of the American Revolution.”
  - **July 17** – Wesley Retirement Village, Wilmore, KY, “Bad Girls of the American Revolution.”
  - **July 19** – Old Fort Harrod State Park, Harrodsburg, KY, “The Illinois Regiment in Kentucky.”
  - **July 26** – Fort George State Park, Lake George, NY, “Bernard Romans and the Capture of Fort George, May 1775.”
- XII. North Texas Color Guard Activities - Color Guard Adjutant, Lieutenant Jerry Cope reporting.** Other Chapter Members – William Covington and Marshall Cope.
- **July 4** – White Lake Hills Parade, TX. Compatriot Marshall Cope also participating. *Both in uniform, NSSAR event*
  - **July 7** – Presentation and Awards for Arlington Firefighter and EMS Officers of the year. *In uniform, Arlington SAR event.*
  - **July 27** – Presenting/Retrieval of Colors for the Naturalization Ceremony at the Dallas Field Office. Amos L. Mazzant U.S. District Judge presiding. *In uniform, TXSSAR event.*
- XIII. Announcements**
- Various announcements and upcoming events were provided on reverse side of the agenda.
- XIV. Motion to Adjourn** – approved
- XV. Vice President Roger Wehr** gave the benediction.
- XVI. SAR Recessional/ Closing Admonition** led by Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Covington.
- XVII.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 am.

**XVIII. Attendance Summary:**

17 members and 4 guests were present for the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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