

**TXSSAR Arlington Chapter No. 7
Southern Recipes Grill, Arlington, TX
Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2018**

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 9:15 a.m.
- II. Invocation – Chaplain Bob Wehr voiced our invocation.** Compatriot Wehr reminded us that February 27, 1776, is the anniversary of the Battle of Moore’s Bridge, North Carolina, where Patriots soundly defeated loyalist. He also read Psalms 18: 28-30.
- III. Pledges** – Our guest Haley-Beth Wehr led the Chapter in 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. Introduction of Guests by President Anderson:** Texas SAR President John Beard and wife Mary-Claire; Haley-Beth Wehr (daughter of Compatriot Roger Wehr and Granddaughter of Compatriot Bob Wehr and a DAR Essay Contest Winner. Haley will receive her DAR award today); Applicant - Alan Benoit; and Speakers Don Graves and Paul Swartz.
- VI. Comment of the Day – Compatriot Dick Lee** told a light hearted story about a misrouted email.
- VII. Texas SAR District 5 Vice President Ron Carter Remarks:**
 - The TXSSAR Annual Meeting will be held during April 5 – 8) in Richardson. More information is available on the State web site and announcements on our agenda.
- VIII. Officer Nominations, by Nominating Committee Chairman Compatriot Robert Pope:**
 - The Committee proposed the following slate of Officers for the Chapters consideration:
President – Roger Wehr
Vice President – Kevin Jorrey
Secretary – John Anderson
Treasurer – David Friels
Registrar – Kevin Jorrey
Chaplain – Robert (Bob) Wehr
Historian – Allan Husch
Sergeant-of-Arms – Jerald (Jerry) Cope
 - There were no nominations from the floor, and the proposed officers were elected unanimously.
- IX. Program:** Don Graves presented a very interesting program as a veteran of the “The Battle of Iwo Jima.” Speaker Graves was introduced and assisted by Paul Swartz, a fellow marine and Viet Nam War Veteran. Don Graves enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps at age 17 and was a “flame thrower” in the 5th Division during the battle of Iwo Jima. The battle was very costly in both Japanese and American lives, but it shortened the war and saved many lives. Six weeks after hitting the beach, Don’s squad was evacuated and during the march back to the ships they walked through the 5th Division Cemetery where each soldier read the following statement: “When you go home tell them we did our best so you may enjoy many more tomorrows.” The Speaker closed by leading the Chapter and guests in “God Bless America.”

X. Texas SAR President's Message: President Beard gave a very informative presentation which highlighted the following:

- He has served on the NSSAR Audit Committee and encouraged any Compatriots that have that interest and training to volunteer for the Committee in the future.
- Compatriots are encouraged to attend the State Convention in April.
- Compatriots are encouraged to not only attend, but also to volunteer to assist with the NSSAR Congress which will be held in Houston July.
- Texas SAR presently has a net increase of 50 members, and the expectation is 3,000 by end of year.
- Texas SAR is making a big push for more youth program participation; however, State wide there seems to be difficulty "getting into the public schools."
- We still need State Registrars. The State BOM recommended assistant positions for 00all officers to lighten the work load and "groom" new officers. The State Registrar will especially benefit.
- Challenge Coins are available for purchase and the proceeds go to the Perpetual Fund. President Anderson noted that Arlington Chapter would purchase 20 Coins.

XI. Chapter Business – President John Anderson Presiding:

- **Awards:** Compatriot Bill Covington is absent due to a conflicting activity but will be presented his 5-year membership pin when he next attends.
- **Bernardo de Galvez Memorial Project:** The Chapter has collected donations of \$260. Consistent with the Chapter BOM recommendation, the Chapter will match the donations and submit \$520 for the project. With this donation the Chapter will be eligible for a Brick that may be inscribed to honor our Chapter. The Membership discussed two options for the inscription of the brick and the following inscription was selected:

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- **Certificates of Appreciation:** President Anderson mailed a "Certificate of Appreciation" to last month's speaker, Andre Miller, and will do likewise for this month's speaker.
- **Officer Inductions** will be conducted during the March meeting. Compatriot Carter, District 5 Vice President, will preside over the induction. The March meeting is also considered our Annual Meeting.
- **Military Recognitions:** National Certificates are planned for future recognitions.
- **Events with Conflicts:** Volunteers are needed for the Medal of Honor Parade and the LDS Family Search Center Workshop, both of which occur on April 7 and will conflict with the Texas SAR Spring Conference.
- **Announcements** and information on upcoming events were provided on reverse side of the agenda.
- **GRS System** – NSSAR is exploring the acquisition of a GRS, and President Anderson voiced the preference that we purchase the system presently in use by the DAR if possible.
- **Texas SAR Fall 2019 BOM** – Arlington Chapter will assist in hosting the event, and volunteers for the committee were requested. Compatriots Carter, Myers, Friels, and Anderson volunteered.
- **Approval of last meeting's minutes:** The minutes from the January Monthly Meeting were approved as posted.

- **Officer and Committee Reports:**

- **Secretary David Friels** – The Annual Reports (NSSAR Annual Report, TXSSAR Chapter Supplement, and Texas SAR CAR Reports) were submitted on time. The reports were emailed to Compatriot Blackburn on 1/13/2018, and a confirmation email received on 1/15/2018.
- **Treasurer Dennis Walton** – Compatriot Walton reported that our total bottom line balance as of the meeting date is \$2,856.45. The new budget (i.e., 2018) commences April 1st. Once this month's payments and deposits have been made and the books are ready to close, he will meet with Treasurer Elect Compatriot Friels to transfer the records and account.
- **Registrar Kevin Jorrey** – Compatriot Jorrey was absent due to illness, but President Anderson reported that applications for Alan Benoit are complete and have been submitted to Texas SAR. Parker McDivit's and Frank Dawson's application is at Texas SAR. Additionally, several supplementals are in various stages of processing. We now have 58 members including nine Jr. members and not including seven 2018 unpaid members. Chapter dues are payable now. See me if any hardship cases.
- **Youth Awards** – District 5 had three youth scholarship contest applications, one of which was for the Arlington Chapter.

- **Old Business**

- **Arlington Police, Fire, and EMS Recognition:** The recognition has been scheduled for February 27, 2018, at the East Arlington Service Center on New York Avenue.

XII. February Birthdays: Richard Coffey, Jim Benton Sr, and Jeff Meller.

XIII. Speakers Bureau, Bill Covington Chair - Compatriot Covington's presentations:

- February 1, 2018, Six Flags Chapter, NSDAR, "George Washington Vignettes"
- February 3, 2018, Dallas Genealogical Society, "African-Americans in the American Revolution"

XIV. North Texas Color Guard Activities - Color Guard Adjutant, Lieutenant Jerry Cope reporting. Compatriot Cope was absent due to illness and had no new activities to report.

XV. Motion to Adjourn – approved

XVI. SAR Closing Recessional

XVII. Benediction by Chaplain Bob Wehr.

XVIII. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:35 am.

XIX. Attendance Summary:

18 members and 6 guests were present for the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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