

Texas SAR Arlington Chapter – Meeting Minutes

Southern Recipes Grill; May 9, 2020

The May meeting was held via freeConferenceCall.com commencing at 9:00 AM. Call-in instructions were provided along with our meeting announcement by Web Master, John Anderson. The meeting followed our typical agenda as closely as practicable.

- I. Attendees called in and were welcomed by President Robert “Bob” Pope. During the call-in Secretary David Friels took the roll and President Pope opened the meeting for Chapter business.
- II. Due to the nature of the meeting colors were not posted.
- III. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the invocation which he took from Deuteronomy 31:8.
- IV. Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton led the pledges to the U.S. Flag, Texas Flag and the Sons of the American Revolution.
- V. President Pope recognized Past Chapter Presidents and greeted our guest - prospective member William J. McCoy.
- VI. Historian James Gibson presented a summary of significant events occurring during the month of May during the American Revolution.
- VII. Due to the nature of the meeting there were no inductions or awards presented.
- VIII. Officer and Committee Reports
 - A. Treasure Ned Myers reported the April 7 through May 6 bank statement shows no activity and the bottom line balance has not changed since the last meeting.
 - B. Secretary David Friels reminded the Chapter that the minutes from the April meeting were posted on the chapter website. The floor was opened to comments on the minutes and there being no comments, the minutes were accepted as posted.
 - C. TXSSAR/ NSSAR Activities: Compatriot John Anderson reported that As of May 1 the TXSSAR B.O.M. approved Drake Peddie from Plano to hold the office of TXSSAR President for the 2020-2021 term. The full slate of TXSSAR Officers for the 2020-2021 term may be seen on the State public website. Additionally, John has updated the History section of the State public website.
 - D. Registrar Allan Husch reported that William J. McCoy’s application has been submitted. The application for Bill Goodman is ready to submit, and Rod Ashford’s supplement is also complete and ready to submit. Allan also stated that until further notice our new applications had to be submitted using the PDF version rather than the on-line version.
 - E. Historian James Gibson has posted his report regarding events during the American Revolution occurring during the month of May on the chapter website under the “about us” tab.
 - F. Chaplain Bob Wehr had no additional information to report.
 - G. Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton had no additional information to report.
 - H. Chapter Color Guard Commander Jerry Cope reported that the Color Guard was “standing down” and there were no activities since the March meeting.
 - I. DAR Liaison John Anderson reported that Arlington and Mansfield DAR chapters desire to recognize health care workers and teachers, but have not decided on the method of recognition. The Arlington SAR Chapter will be welcome to join them and participate in the recognition.
 - J. Speaker’s Bureau Chairman Bill Covington reported that all meetings where he was requested to give a presentation during March, April, and May have been cancelled.

- K. ROTC/JROTC Committee Chairman David Friels reported the following:
All 10 schools (UTA ROTC and 9 JROTC Units) have been contacted at least twice. Eight schools have responded. Legacy H.S. plans to present awards next October and the other seven units either have or will have virtual presentations. Lake Ridge and Grand Prairie commanders have not responded. Awards have either been mailed or delivered AISD Combined Corps, Mansfield H.S., and Timberview H.S. by Compatriot Anderson; while Compatriot Roger Wehr has coordinated with the UTA ROTC. The plan is to deliver the medals and blank certificates to the remaining six JROTC commanders by meeting at their respective school parking lots at a time of their selection. Thus far we are awaiting their responses.
- L. C.A.R. Coordination: Compatriot Ron Carter reported that he had talked with Compatriot Joe Sogan who advised that a conference call meeting would be held in the near future and a selection of the Texas State C.A.R. Essay Contest winners would be announced. There were only four Essay's competing; therefore, we would be able to approve an award for our candidate, Jeff Meller, at our next meeting.
- IX. Ongoing Chapter Business – Past, Present and Future
- A. No ongoing business was discussed.
- X. New Business
- A. Chapter Logo and Challenge Coin:
Last month Compatriot Dan Hamilton was authorized to place an order with Signature Coins for 200 lapel pins of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch dia. and 100 challenge coins with a cost not to exceed \$900. Dan reported that he had received notice that our order was shipped on May 5 to his address. It was decided that for the present time Dan will retain custody of the lapel pins and challenge coins. Payment was required for the order to be placed and Treasurer Ned Myers made the payment using a personal credit card. By unanimous consent during the meeting, Ned was authorized to reimburse himself from the Chapter bank account for the full amount of \$865.00.
- B. Compatriot Anderson noted that he would like to post an image of the logo on the Chapter Website. Additionally, Compatriot Mike Hutchens would like to post a logo image on the Chapter Face Book page. However, we should have an image without the water mark to be legal, and Dan would scan a copy to see if it would be satisfactory.
- C. Recognitions for Outstanding Service during the Covid-19 Pandemic:
The topic was tabled to be addressed further after the DAR chapters have decided on their preferred method of recognition.
- XI. The meeting was adjourned after a motion by President Pope and 2nd by Compatriot Walton.
- XII. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the closing Benediction taken from Hebrews 13:21, 22.
- XIII. Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton led the SAR Closing Admonition.
- XIV. Next chapter meeting – June 13, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. via conference call
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Attendance: 16 Chapter members and 4 guests were present on the call

Respectfully Submitted,
David Friels, Secretary

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