

## Texas SAR Arlington Chapter – Meeting Minutes June 13, 2020

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*The June 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. John also provided a link for attendees to have video access. 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 and subsequent Roll Call, Secretary David Friels took roll.
- II. President Pope opened the meeting for Chapter business. Due to the nature of the meeting colors were not posted.
- III. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the invocation.
- 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 two guests: William McCoy prospective member and Teresa Taylor Quanah Parker DAR Ch. Regent.
- VI. Compatriot Dick Lee presented a light hearted Comment of the Day.
- VII. Historian James Gibson presented a summary of significant events occurring in the month of June during the American Revolution. The full presentation is posted on our website.
- VIII. Due to the nature of the meeting there were no inductions or awards presented.
- IX. Officer and Committee Reports
  - A. Treasure Ned Myers reported the May 7 through June 6 bank statement shows a deposit for the Amazon Smile Reward and a deposit from TXSSAR for Arlington’s portion of our annual dues. There was also a debit for a check in the amount of \$865 for payment of the 200 Chapter lapel pins and 100 challenge coins (as authorized during the May meeting). The two credits and one debit resulted in a decrease of approximately \$261 to our bottom line balance.
  - B. Secretary David Friels reminded the Chapter that the minutes from the May meeting were posted on the chapter website. The floor was opened to comments on the minutes and there being no comments, President Pope moved that the minutes be accepted as posted. The motion was seconded by Compatriot Anderson and approved by voice vote.
  - C. TXSSAR/ NSSAR Activities: Compatriot Anderson reported that the TXSSAR B.O.M. to be held in the area of Conroe is scheduled for July 29. The NSAR Annual Congress scheduled for July 10 in Virginia has been cancelled.
  - D. Registrar Allan Husch reported that we now have five applications in process at either State or National. Additionally, he has received a couple of new contacts regarding membership. Allan has also been serving as Chairman for the Veteran Affairs Committee and noted that Compatriot Cope has been approved for his National Guard Service. Allan had requested assistance because of health issues, and President Pope announced that Compatriot Dan Hamilton will take over for Allan as Chairman of the Veteran Affairs Committee.
  - E. Historian James Gibson has posted his report regarding events during the American Revolution occurring during the month of June on the chapter website under the “about us” tab.
  - F. Chaplain Bob Wehr had no additional information to report, but called on us to read II Chronicles 7:14 which is very appropriate for the times we are presently experiencing.

- 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. Jerry noted that DFW Cemetery is working on restarting of “Military Funeral Honors” which are scheduled through the veteran’s service branch.
- I. DAR Liaison John Anderson reported that the Arlington DAR Chapter does not meet during the summer months. John called on our guest, Quannah Parker Regent Taylor who complemented SAR and our chapter for our activities and thanked us for our support of the DAR activities.
- J. Speaker’s Bureau Chairman Bill Covington joined our meeting after presenting an online program for the Dallas SAR Chapter meeting. He reported that this presentation was his first since February 8. Presentation Date: June 13, 2020  
ZOOM Conference, Dallas SAR Ch., “British Prisoners and Prison Ships”
- K. ROTC/JROTC Liaison David Friels reported the following:  
Medals and Certificates were presented to outstanding cadets by the respective core leadership for the UTA ROTC honoring Cadet Thomas Irving and Mansfield H.S. JROTC honoring Cadet Cameron Hoston. Awards were mailed to Ferguson Education Center for the AISD Combined Corps and Timberview H.S. JROTC at the request of the respective unit commandants. According to the Legacy H.S. JROTC commandant, their presentation will be next October. The remaining five JROTC commandants did not respond to my emails, and their awards along with the award set for Legacy are being held in reserve for next year. We have 7 sets total in reserve.
- L. C.A.R. Coordination: Compatriot Ron Carter reported that he has not received any information regarding the Texas State C.A.R. Essay Contest winners. DAR Regent Taylor also did not have information, but said she would find out for us. (We are all interested in seeing how our candidate, Jeff Meller placed).
- X. Ongoing Chapter Business – Past, Present and Future
  - A. No ongoing business was discussed.
- XI. New Business
  - A. Compatriot Anderson reported that the Arlington Police Department would welcome our Chapter to again recognize one of their “Outstanding Officers” when health safety conditions allow.
  - B. Chapter Logo and Challenge Coin:  
After discussion, President Pope appointed Compatriot Dan Hamilton to be in charge of the Chapter’s recently purchased 200 lapel pins and 100 challenge coins. Dan will account for the pins and coins, manage sales, collect payments, and turn the money received over to the Treasurer, Compatriot Myers.  
After a discussion regarding cost and distribution of the pins and coins, Compatriot Hamilton made the following motion: *The lapel pins will be sold for \$5.00 each and the challenge coins will be sold for \$10.00 each. Initially President Pope will take 10 pins and 10 coins to distribute by either giving or selling at his discretion.* The motion was seconded by Compatriot Walton. The motion passed with no negative comments or votes.
  - C. President Pope proposed an informal meeting at Southern Recipes Grill (SRG) in the near future for members to socialize, purchase pins and coins, and comment on future chapter meetings and activities. A tentative date of June 27 was proposed and Bob will

contact SRG management regarding best times and their ability to accommodate our group. It is assumed we will wear face covering, bring hand sanitizer, and practice social distancing. Bob will find out what, if any, other rules SRG will require and will notify the Chapter by email once he has more details. It will be imported for him to have a head count of those planning on attending so the SRG may make adequate preparations.

D. Compatriot Anderson requested comments regarding our meetings via conference call. He ask if anyone had T-Mobile since they charge extra for any line that calls into Free Conference Call. No one present was using T-Mobile, and everyone seemed happy with using Free Conference Call. John noted that to experience the most from a program, we would need to be online. John added that when he sends out the meeting call-in information, there is also a link to log into the meeting online.

XII. The meeting was adjourned after a motion by President Pope and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Compatriot Walton.

XIII. Chaplin Bob Wehr gave the closing Benediction.

XIV. Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton led the SAR Closing Admonition.

XV. Next chapter meeting – July 11, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. via conference call

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Attendance: 16 Chapter members and 2 guests were present on the call

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Friels, Secretary

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