

Texas SAR Arlington Chapter – Meeting Minutes July 11, 2020

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

- I. Attendees reported in using their selected electronic devices, and were welcomed by President Robert “Bob” Pope. A roll of those in attendance was recorded by Secretary David Friels.
- 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 guest: William McCoy, prospective member
- VI. Historian James Gibson was not in attendance, but had previously posted his report of “Significant Events Occurring in the Month of July During the American Revolution” on our website.
- VII. Due to the nature of the meeting there were no inductions or awards presented. However, on June 27 the Arlington Chapter Compatriots were invited to attend an informal/general discussion meeting at the Southern Recipes Grill at 10:00 A.M. Ten Compatriots were present. On behalf of the Arlington Chapter Color Guard Commander Jerry Cope, President Robert Pope presented National Certificates recognizing the promotion of Chapter Color Guard Members Ned Myers and Dan Hamilton to the rank of Lieutenant for their outstanding service.
- VIII. Officer and Committee Reports
 - A. Treasure Ned Myers was not present but emailed his report. The June 5 through July 6 bank statement shows an increase in our bottom line balance of \$473.39. There were no debits to the account for the month and there was one deposit which included Kroger rewards \$33.39, a DVD purchase \$5.00 and member purchases of challenge coins and lapel pins of \$435.00.
 - B. Secretary David Friels reminded the Chapter that the minutes from the June meeting were posted on the chapter website. The floor was opened to comments on the minutes and there being no comments, he moved that the minutes be accepted as posted. The motion was seconded by Compatriot Cope and approved by voice vote.
 - C. TXSSAR/ NSSAR Activities: Compatriot Anderson reported that on Monday night (7/13/20) the State Executive Committee will vote on the meeting venue for the July TXSSAR Convention. The Convention is presently scheduled to commence July 29 at The Woodlands Weston Hotel. As outlined in President Peddie’s July 7 email, most of the committee meetings will be held via ZOOM. Compatriot Anderson also offered his apologies for the membership connection issues caused by his being late on the connection.
 - D. Registrar Allan Husch reported that we now have five applications in process at either State or National. Additionally, we have received a couple of new contacts regarding membership. President Pope reported that he has received the certificate for Rod Ashford’s Supplemental, and he has also received emails from seven potential applicants.

- E. Historian James Gibson has posted his report regarding events during the American Revolution occurring during the month of July 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 on July 18 @ 10:30 the Color Guard will present the Colors and give a Musket Salute at the Graveside Service for Montie Monzingo (a long time East Fork Trinity Chapter member) at the Old Saltillo Cemetery, Sulphur Springs, TX
- I. DAR Liaison John Anderson reported that the Arlington DAR Chapter does not meet during the summer months. The Mansfield Quannah Parker DAR Chapter will meet next September and at that time he should know more about scheduling of recognition for outgoing CAR President Jeff Meller.
- J. Speaker’s Bureau Chairman Bill Covington reported that he had presented an online program for the Dallas SAR Chapter meeting on June 13. The presentation title was “British Prisoners and Prison Ships.” Bill also has a presentation scheduled in August for the Allen DAR Chapter.
- K. ROTC/JROTC Liaison David Friels had no additional information to report.
- IX. Ongoing Chapter Business – Past, Present and Future
 - A. No ongoing business was discussed.
- X. New Business

- State of the Union – Where does SAR and DAR Fit In?

President Pope led a discussion regarding the recent and widely spread protests, riots, and movements to destroy or have removed historical monuments and statues (e.g.; the recently proposed removal of George Washington’s monument and Thomas Jefferson’s memorial). Concern being that if adequate objections are not raised against these planned and apparently well organized movements, those behind the movements will eventually be successful in removal or erasing our Country’s Revolutionary War History and Heritage. History has proven that an initial step in changing a country’s government is removal or rendering insignificant its history. We are already seeing elected officials actively promoting socialist views and policies that run counter to our present form of government and capitalistic economy which has built the most free society and successful country in the world in less than 250 years. He also called for discussion of how the 150,000 SAR/DAR voices could be effectively heard. Specifically, what can/should our Chapter do to initiate or participate opposing this apparent very strong movement to destroy our heritage?

A number of very appropriate comments were offered by various members. A few of the points included:

- A joint letter from the NSSAR and NSDAR
- A FAQ sheet stating the 20 most frequent justifications used by groups aiming to destroy our history with well thought out answers to their talking points.
- Open dialog among opposing groups

- Member education as needed so each individual member can effectively respond to opposing questions or comments with a brief and concise statement. Similar to the elevator speech we were ready to use if an interested person ask about SAR's goals and objectives.

It was concluded that:

- President Pope would meet on-line with Chapter Past Presidents to outline a proposal for specific actions.
- President Pope would contact TXSSAR President Drake Peddle on the Chapter's behalf to inquire about any existing plans at State level to address the issues of concern or the approval to present our concerns during one of the State Committee meetings later this month.

XI. The meeting was adjourned after a motion by President Pope and 2nd by Compatriot Bob Wehr.

XII. Chaplin Bob Wehr gave the closing Benediction.

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

XIV. Next chapter meeting – August 8, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. via conference call/ZOOM

Attendance: 16 Chapter members and 1 guest were present on the call

Respectfully Submitted,
David Friels, Secretary

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