

## **Texas SAR Arlington Chapter – Meeting Minutes August 5, 2020**

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*The August meeting was held via freeConferenceCall/Zoom.com commencing at 1:30 P.M. 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 was absent due to a medical appointment; and in his absence President Pope 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 William McCoy whose application has just recently been approved by NSSAR.
- VI. Historian James Gibson gave an informative report of “Significant Events Occurring in the Month of August 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 that there was no activity in our checking account, and therefore, no change in our bottom line balance.
  - B. Secretary David Friels reminded the Chapter that the minutes from the July meeting were posted on the chapter website. The floor was opened for comments on the minutes, and there being no comments, he 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 he hosted the ZOOM State Committee meetings for History and IT last Thursday July 30. He reported the NSSAR website log-in process has been changed to a simpler “single sign-in” and everyone will need to reregister their login to use the website. Also, anyone wanting to attend the TXSSAR online Convention Saturday, August 8, 2020, needs to register by Friday evening Aug. 7.

President Pope has appointed Compatriot Anderson to be our Chapter voting delegate for the election Texas SAR Officer Nominations Committee on Thursday night. During the convention Saturday our Chapter will be entitled to six or seven votes. As of this meeting, Compatriots Anderson, Carter, Myers, and Cope will attend and will be our voting delegates.

Our Chapter had two Essay Contest applicants: Jeff Meller and Jacob Sogan. Since we could only submit one Essay, Dallas submitted Jacob's Essay and we submitted Jeff's. The SAR Knight Essay winners were: Jacob Sogan 1<sup>st</sup> and Jeff Meller 2<sup>nd</sup>. The CAR Essay winners were: Jeff Meller 1<sup>st</sup> and Jacob Sogan 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Chapter will recognize these two CAR members at a later time.

- D. Registrar Allan Husch was not in attendance. President Pope reported that Compatriot Roger Cobb has volunteered to assist the Compatriot Husch with registrar duties. In their absence, Compatriot Anderson reported that within the next two months we should receive packets for four new members whose applications were submitted by the outgoing CAR Sr Sponsor Jeanne Deakyne. He also informed us that the NSSAR website now shows William McCoy as being approved. William told us that his Patriot is Pvt. Joseph Hatfield who served in the Virginia Militia and was also a spy. President Pope reported that he has received membership inquiries from approximately six prospective applicants, and Compatriot Anderson said he would send him a copy of a past email that was used to welcome and inform prospective applicants.
- E. Historian James Gibson has posted his report regarding events during the American Revolution occurring during the month of August on the chapter website under the "About Us" tab.
- F. Chaplain Bob Wehr had no additional information to report. However, Compatriot Anderson informed the Chapter that Compatriots Bill Goodman and Gary Faletti were ill and believed to have the covid-19 virus.
- G. No Sergeant-at-Arms Report
- H. Chapter Color Guard Commander Jerry Cope had a medical appointment and in his absence Color Guard Lieutenant Ned Myers reported that we would have the following new State Color Guard Commanders:
- State Commander                      Blair Rudy
  - Northern Commander                Bob Kubin
  - Southern Commander                Shiidon Hawley
- I. DAR Liaison John Anderson had nothing new to report since the two local DAR chapters do not meet during the summer.
- J. Speaker's Bureau Chairman Bill Covington reported that he has a tentative presentation for the Allen DAR Chapter on August 24.

K. ROTC/JROTC Liaison David Friels reported no change in the status of Chapter Awards, but did have the following comments from the TXSSAR ROTC/JROTC Committee meeting held via ZOOM on August 4:

- Texas awards approximately 438 medals and certificates
- TXSSAR will pay for each Chapters awards from the Patriot Fund
- Consider soliciting cadets to enter the Outstanding Enhanced Contest
- Consider recognizing each instructor with a Certificate of Appreciation
- Chapters may also award the Bronze Citizenship Medal
- Consider presenting a Flag Certificate at each awards ceremony

IX. Ongoing Chapter Business – Past, Present and Future

A. No ongoing business was discussed.

X. New Business

A. President Pope has discussed our concerns voiced during the last meeting regarding apparent wide scale movements to remove our historical monuments and destroy our heritage with TXSSAR officers Compatriots Connelley and Peddie. He was invited to present a motion before the TXSSAR & DAR Liaison Committee meetings for this issue to be debated by the Committee. It was debated, and President Pope was ask by the Committee Chairman Tom Green to send him the motion (presumably to advance it from Committee to the State Convention Agenda).

XI. The meeting was adjourned after a motion by President Pope and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Compatriot James Gibson.

XII. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the closing Benediction.

XIII. SAR Closing Admonition was led by President Pope.

XIV. Next chapter meeting – September 12, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. via conference call/ZOOM

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Attendance: 11 Chapter members were present on the call

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Friels, Secretary  
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