

Texas SAR Arlington Chapter – Meeting Minutes December 12, 2020

The December meeting was held via ConferenceCall/Zoom.com commencing at 9:00 A.M. Call-in instructions as well as a link for ZOOM were provided along with our meeting announcement by Compatriot John Anderson.

- I. Attendees called in 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 applicants and guests.
- VI. Historian James Gibson gave an informative report of “Significant Events of the American Revolution Occurring in the Month of December.” The report has been posted on the Chapter website under the “about us” tab.
- 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 for the last statement period the bottom line balance decreased by \$13.36. There was one deposit from Amazon Smile and one check to NSSAR for our advertisement in The SAR Magazine.
 - B. Secretary Friels reminded the Chapter that the minutes from the November meeting were posted on the chapter website. The floor was opened for 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 Ron Carter and approved. Compatriot Friels stated that work is underway on our annual reports, and thanked all the compatriots for submitting their activity reports and other relevant information.
 - C. TXSSAR/ NSSAR information was provided by Compatriot John Anderson. District 5 Vice President Bob Mearns delivered the following chapter awards to Compatriot Anderson:
 - Certificate for presenting all five Public Service Awards during 2019, and
 - Chapter Streamer for affirmative responses to at least 8 of 10 questions on the 2019 CAR Chapter Report.Other information included:
 - 2021 dues are payable now and should be paid prior to end of year to prevent being classified as inactive.
 - Valley Forge Legacy has a website that allows public to search the complete Muster Roll. The Website is valleyforgemusterroll.org.
 - D. Acting Registrar John Anderson reported:
 - A total of 77 members, including 65 active, 5 new and 7 junior members.
 - Six applications have been approved by State and are at National.
 - Several more applications are holding for additional information, etc.
 - E. Chaplain Bob Wehr commented that this is the 400th anniversary of the pilgrims landing at Plymouth Rock. Compatriot Wehr also gave us a very uplifting presentation

regarding the use of our intellect to authenticate information we are given. He told us of the WWII origin of the system which is used in the Military today:

1. Do you know who the source of the information is and is the source trustworthy?
2. Is the information true?
3. Can the information be authenticated

Compatriot Wehr used an example from the scriptures to demonstrate the use of the authentication process.

- F. Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton reminded the Chapter that we have challenge coins and lapel pins available for purchase (costing \$10 and \$5, respectively) which would make excellent Christmas gifts.
 - G. Chapter Color Guard Commander Jerry Cope announced that the CG would be laying Wreaths at the Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth on December 19, commencing at 11:00 A.M. as part of the Wreaths Across America program.
 - H. DAR Liaison John Anderson reported that the Arlington Lucretia Council Cochran DAR Chapter and the Arlington CAR Chapter are commencing preparations to honor and celebrate our country's 250th anniversary and ask that our Chapter join them to participate. Compatriot Anderson told them we would be honored to join with the DAR and CAR.
 - I. Speaker's Bureau Chairman Bill Covington was not present, but he sent his report to Compatriot Friels. Bill reported three presentations for October in addition to the very fine presentation he gave during our Chapter meeting.
 - J. ROTC/JROTC Liaison David Friels reported that we have 4 certificates and medals to report for the year. The remaining medals and certificates are being held until next year. The four Corps met virtually to present the awards; therefore, we were unable to participate.
- IX. Ongoing Chapter Business – Past, Present and Future
- A. Secretary Friels has mailed a sympathy card to the Carl Sparks Family.
 - B. Secretary Friels sent Compatriot Ron Wright a card congratulating him for his reelection to the U.S. House of Representatives from the 6th Congressional District.
 - C. Plans are for Jeanne Deakyne, Quanah Parker DAR Past Chapter Regent, to present a program in February regarding the National Medal of Honor Museum that will be constructed in Arlington near the ball park.
- X. New Business
- A. It was proposed by Compatriots Anderson and Friels that we order pins and medals that are anticipated to be awarded by President Pope during the next year. Compatriot Anderson has advised that orders from the NSSAR store placed by midnight December 13 will receive a discount. It was noted that these are awards the Chapter would typically issue as part of the ongoing recognitions for members. After a short discussion, it was approved unanimously by the Chapter to place the order. Compatriots Pope, Anderson, and Friels would comprise a committee and continue discussion after the meeting is adjourned to decide on the appropriate awards to order. After the continued discussion by the committee following the meeting, the number and types of awards were identified and approved. Compatriot Anderson would place the order using his credit card and present the invoice for approval and payment after receipt of the medals.

- B. President Pope noted that we had already approved meeting via ZOOM through December and proposed that we continue meeting via ZOOM in January and February. The Chapter was in agreement, but it was suggested that this topic be revisited each month.
 - C. Donating to the SAR Museum was discussed and it was concluded that members should make their donations on an individual basis. Likewise Compatriot Carter suggested that we consider joining the Friends of the SAR Library individually.
 - D. The meeting was adjourned after a motion by President Pope and 2nd by Compatriot Dan Hamilton.
- XI. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the Closing Benediction.
- XII. Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton led the SAR Closing Admonition.
- XIII. Next chapter meeting – January 9, 1921 at 9:00 A.M. via conference call/ZOOM.
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Attendance: 16 Chapter members and 3 applicants were present on the call

Respectfully Submitted,
David Friels, Secretary

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