

Texas SAR Arlington Chapter – Meeting Minutes January 9, 2021

The January 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 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. President Pope read the comment of the day which he had received in a phone call from Compatriot Dick Lee. His comment told how he was honored by other vehicle drivers who noticed his “World War II Veteran” display on his car.
- VII. Historian James Gibson gave an informative report of “Significant Events of the American Revolution Occurring in the Month of January.” The report has been posted on the Chapter website under the “Docs” tab. One of the most significant American victories during the war occurred on January 17, 1781, with General Morgan’s militia overwhelmingly defeating British Col. Tarleton at Cowpens, S.C.
- VIII. Due to the nature of the meeting there were no inductions or awards presented at this time; however, President Pope announced that after the meeting adjourned, we would reconvene at the Southern Recipes Grill at 1:30 pm for new member inductions and presentation of certificates for approved supplemental(s).
- IX. Officer and Committee Reports
 - A. Treasurer Ned Myers reported that for the last statement period the bottom line balance decreased by \$312.40, which was payment for pins and medals to be awarded to membership this next year consistent with Item X.A. New Business of the December 12, 2020 minutes. The materials were purchased from the NSSAR Store at a significant discount from the regular price.
 - B. Secretary Friels reminded the Chapter that the minutes from the December 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 Dan Hamilton and approved. Compatriot Friels reported that work was completed on our annual reports, including the NSSAR Report, Texas Supplement, and CAR Report, and they will be submitted early next week after the inclusion of information reported during this meeting. Compatriot Ron Carter noted that report copies should also be submitted to our District 5 Vice President.
 - C. TXSSAR/NSSAR information reported by Compatriot John Anderson:
 - Youth contests are active and ongoing at this time. CAR/SAR member Jeffery Meller has submitted his essay for the SAR Knight Essay contest and the CAR Essay Contest. Compatriot Ron Carter will submit the Essays to the appropriate State Representative.

- Discussions are presently ongoing regarding if the March TXSSAR Convention will be held in person or on ZOOM.
 - Many chapters are revising committee alignment to include a “Membership Committee.” Compatriot Anderson recommended that during the next Chapter BOM we address revisions to committees and also updates to our Constitution.
- D. Acting Registrar John Anderson reported the following:
- Six new member applications have been approved by State and are at National. They include: Steve Lushbaugh, Stafford Juneau, Joe Kohn, William Oliver and son John Oliver, and Kevin Ramsey.
 - Three supplemental applications have been approved by State and are at National. They include: 2 for Rod Ashford and 1 for James Gibson.
 - Six new members and one Jr. Member were approved during 2020. As noted in Item VIII above, a special meeting will be held at 1:30 today for the purpose of inducting those new members whose new member packets have been received from NSSAR and can attend the meeting.
- E. Chaplain Bob Wehr had no additional information to report.
- F. Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton had no additional information to report.
- G. Chapter Color Guard Commander Jerry Cope announced Color Guard participation in the Laying of Wreaths at the Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth on December 19 as part of the Wreaths Across America program. The event was attended by Compatriots Dan Hamilton and Ned Myers who elaborated on the service. The event was sponsored by the Fort Worth DAR Chapter, but our donations through the local DAR Chapters help support the event. Compatriot Myers reported that six North Texas Color Guard members along with a large number of others were in attendance. Additionally, Compatriot Hamilton participated in posting Colors to honor Darrell Dunlap at DFW National Cemetery on December 17.
- H. DAR Liaison John Anderson reported that the Arlington Lucretia Council Cochran DAR Chapter typically will invite our Chapter to attend a Tea each February, but it may not be held this year due to Covid. Applicant Will Deakyne expressed that he would like to provide assistance in coordination with the local DAR Chapters once his application is approved at NSSAR which was welcomed by Compatriot Anderson.
- I. Speaker’s Bureau Chairman Bill Covington reported that he had no presentations in December, but currently had a ZOOM presentation scheduled for the Mesquite. Geological and Historical Society on January 14.
- J. ROTC/JROTC Liaison David Friels had no new information to report.
- X. Ongoing Chapter Business – Past, Present and Future
- A. Our meeting venue via ZOOM will continue for February.
 - B. Plans are for Jeanne Deakyne, Quanah Parker Past DAR 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. Mrs. Deakyne was very instrumental in the Museum locating in Arlington, and is also serving on the Board of Directors for the Museum.
- XI. New Business
- A. The Chapter will hold a BOM within the next few weeks on a date and time satisfactory to as many officers and committee chairmen as practicable. Among other business the BOM will address: filling vacant officer positions, revisions to committees including

the need for a membership committee, and a youth awards policy. *Subsequent to the meeting, the BOM was scheduled for Saturday, January 16 at 1:00 P.M.*

- XII. The meeting was adjourned after a motion by President Pope and 2nd by Compatriot Dan Hamilton
 - XIII. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the Closing Benediction.
 - XIV. Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton led the SAR Closing Admonition.
 - XV. Next chapter meeting – February 13, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. via conference call/ZOOM
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Attendance: 16 Chapter members and 4 applicants were present on the call

- XVI. Special Meeting for the Purpose of Inducting New Members and Presentation of Certificates held at Southern Recipes Grill on January 9, 2021, at 1:30 P.M.
 - A. Compatriots Bill McCoy and Douglas S. Steward were inducted.
 - B. Certificates for an approved Supplemental were presented to Compatriot Richard Martin.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Friels, Secretary

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