



***Texas SAR Arlington Chapter
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2021***

The February 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. Neighboring Chapters represented by our Compatriot guests included: Plano, Granbury, Sherman, McKinney, and Denton.
- VI. Program: The V.P. of Operations of the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation Mrs. Jeanne Deakyne, Past Quanah Parker DAR Chapter Regent and member of the Board of Directors for the Museum presented a very informative program regarding the Museum which will be constructed in Arlington with ground breaking later this year and a projected opening in 2024. The Museum will be located near the Ball Park at Arlington, on approximately 5 acres in the area of the existing Dr. Pepper youth baseball park. TXSSAR Color Guard will be available for support at any honor ceremonies in addition to other means of support as needed. Arlington SAR as well as TXSSAR will provide support as opportunities arise.
Upon conclusion of the presentation and questions, Mrs. Deakyne was presented the SAR Martha Washington Medal (virtually) for outstanding service to SAR in enlisting four new members for our Chapter (to qualify at least three new members are required).
- VII. Historian Report: Due to time constraints, no report was given; however, the report has been posted on the Chapter website under the “Docs” tab.
- VIII. Inductions and Awards: President Pope inducted (virtually) Compatriots ~~William~~ Deakyne and Don Pantan.
A special induction was conducted for Compatriot Bob Pitts at his home on Saturday, February 6, 2021. President Pope presided, and Compatriot Drake Peddie, TXSSAR President, conducted the induction. Sadly, Compatriot Pitts passed two days later so our Chapter will miss his fellowship.
Following our January 9 meeting Compatriots William J. McCoy and Douglas S. Steward were inducted during a special called meeting at the Southern Recipes Grill.
- IX. Officer and Committee Reports
 - A. Treasure Ned Myers reported the current bottom line balance.
 - B. Secretary Friels reminded the Chapter that the minutes from the January meeting were posted on the chapter website. The floor was opened for comments on the minutes, and there being no comments, Compatriot Ron Carter moved that the minutes be accepted as posted. The motion was seconded by Compatriot Dan Hamilton and approved.

The annual NSSAR, TXSSAR Supplement, and CAR Reports were submitted to the appropriate State Officer with a copy to our District 5 Vice President on January 14. The USS Stark Memorial Report (regarding service to veterans) was submitted on January 25. Additionally, a report of new members between the ages of 18 and 50 was submitted on January 22.

Thank you notes were sent to Compatriots Drake Peddie, Jerry Brown, Bill Hurst, and Bob Kubin for their efforts in participating in and/or making possible the expedited induction of Compatriot Bob Pitts.

Sympathy cards will be sent to the families of Compatriots Ron Wright and Bob Pitts.

- C. TXSSAR/NSSAR information reported by Compatriots Drake Peddie and John Anderson:
- Youth contests are active and ongoing at this time. Compatriot Ron Carter has submitted the Essays to the appropriate State Representative.
 - The TXSSAR Convention will be held via ZOOM on April 17 and committee meetings will be held the prior week. Compatriots should register as soon as practicable to attend, and the Chapters should submit their list of delegates to President Peddie.
 - Dues for 2021 are past due and the State has commenced work of member reinstatements. It is important that any compatriots that have not paid 2021 dues make payment as soon as possible so they may be reinstated.
- D. Acting Registrar John Anderson reported the following:
- Six new member applications have been approved by State and are at National. National has reported that approvals should be caught up by April.
 - As reported above Compatriot Bob Pitts' application was expedited through National and approved so he could be inducted on February 6.
 - Three supplemental applications have been approved by State and are at National.
 - Six new applicants are making progress on their applications.
 - We have had four inquiries regarding an application with no further contact.
- 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 Dan Hamilton notified the Chapter of several virtual - National events coming up at the end of February and reported on Compatriot Cope's medical status.
- H. DAR Liaison John Anderson reported that both the Arlington and Mansfield DAR Chapters hope to start meeting in person soon. Applicant Will Deakyne has volunteered to provide assistance in coordination with the local DAR and C.A.R. Chapters. Compatriot Anderson proposed to divide the coordination duties with Will taking the Mansfield Chapter, while John could concentrate on coordination with Arlington DAR Chapter.
- I. Speaker's Bureau Chairman Bill Covington reported:
- A ZOOM presentation for the Mesquite Geological and Historical Society on January 14, and
 - a ZOOM presentation for the Michael Stoner Ch. NSDAR, Dallas on February 5, "Bad Girls of the American Revolution"
- 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 March and will be revisited for April during the March business meeting.
 - B. During the Chapter BOM on January 16 it was recommended that a committee be formed to address revisions and updates to our Constitution and By-Laws. Compatriot Roger Wehr has agreed to chair the committee. The first meeting is scheduled for 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 16. John Anderson and David Friels will assist.
- XI. New Business
 - A. The Chapter BOM formulated a policy to give awards to Chapter winners of the Knight Essay and C.A.R. Essay contests, as well as chapter winners of four other youth contests (see February 16, 2021 BOM Minutes). C.A.R./SAR member Jeffery Meller submitted the only two essays to our Chapter and was, therefore, Chapter winner for both the SAR Knight Essay contest and the C.A.R. Essay Contest. Based on the new policy, the Chapter will present Compatriot Meller \$100, \$50 for winning each Essay contest. The Essays were submitted to State by Compatriot Carter; State winners will be announced later.
 - B. Compatriot Carter requested that the Chapter seek a new Youth Awards Chairman, but will continue serving in that position until a replacement is selected.
- 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 – March 13, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. via conference call/ZOOM

Attendance: 14 Chapter members, 1 applicant, and 13 guests were present on the call

Respectfully Submitted,

David Friels, Secretary

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