



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

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*The March 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.
- VI. Compatriot Bill Covington gave an informative report of “Significant Events of the American Revolution Occurring in the Month of March.”
- VII. Officer and Committee Reports
  - A. **Treasure Ned Myers** reported that for the last statement period the bottom line balance increased by \$31.62 from two deposits.
  - B. **Secretary Friels** reminded the Chapter that the minutes from the February meeting have been 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. Compatriot Friels reported that sympathy cards were sent to families of deceased Compatriots Bob Pitts and Ron Wright. Secretary Friels encouraged all new members to signup for the three “rewards” programs where the Chapter receives a percent of purchases (e.g., the Amazon Smile program deposited \$11.62 to our bank account this month). Reward details can be found on our website under About Us / Reward Programs.
  - C. **TXSSAR/NSSAR information** reported by Compatriot John Anderson:
    - The 126<sup>th</sup> Annual TXSSAR Convention will be held via ZOOM on April 17 and committee meetings will be held the prior week. Registration is available on the TXSSAR Website for \$10 plus \$1 convenience fee.
    - Dues for 2021 are past due and the State encouraging member reinstatements. The State membership list indicates we have 1 Junior and 17 Members who have not paid their 2021 dues. It is important that any compatriots that have not paid 2021 dues make payment as soon as possible so they may be reinstated.
  - D. **Registrar John Anderson** reported the following:
    - New member applications recently approved by National: Stafford G. Juneau III, Joseph Kohn, William Laurence Oliver, William James Oliver, Kevin Ramsey, and Steven Lushbaugh.
    - David Lockwood’s application is complete and has been submitted to TXSSAR.

- Only 2 or 3 new applicants are making progress on their applications.
  - Active, Paid Membership is 61 (including 5 Jr. Members)
  - Any changes or additions to our personal data (e.g., phone, email, and address) should be given to Compatriot Anderson by Friday, March 19 so he may make updates to the chapter annual roster.
- E. **Web Administration activity:** Compatriot John Anderson requested that all new members complete their “Compatriot Questionnaire” so he can update the website.
- 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 Dan Hamilton** reported:
- 3 Jan 2021, Laying of a Wreath to honor Battle of Princeton, ZOOM, uniform
  - 30 Jan 2021, Pres. Battle of Cowan’s Ford, ZOOM, Mecklenburg Ch. Uniform
  - 24 Feb 2021, Present Viet Nam ERA Spouse’s Pin, Mrs. William Boyd, Arlington
  - 6 Feb 2021, Participate in Induction of Compatriot Bob Pitts, Arlington Ch.
  - 13 Mar 2021, Gilford Courthouse, ZOOM
  - Color Guard is planning to establish an appeal/equipment locker to facilitate lending out pieces of uniform.
  - Color Guard plans to establish a Fife and Drum Corps. and is looking for talented Compatriots to serve.
- I. **DAR Liaison John Anderson** reported the Arlington Lucretia Council Cochran DAR Chapter is meeting today via ZOOM and will not meet again until September.
- J. **Speaker’s Bureau Chairman Bill Covington** reported:  
There are three new requests for presentations this coming year, one in April, one this summer in Kentucky, and one in December.
- K. **ROTC/JROTC Liaison David Friels** reported that he has had no contacts from any of the schools as yet, but anticipates that we will be requested to present awards at all 10 schools: UTA ROTC, Arlington ISD Combined JROTC, Mansfield ISD 5 JROTC Units, Arlington/Grand Prairie Charter HS JROTC, and Grand Prairie 2 JROTC Units. Compatriots are encouraged to volunteer to present our award at one or more of the schools for a very rewarding evening. Compatriot Carter suggested taking someone with you to make a photo of the presentation. Compatriot Hamilton suggested that it may be possible to ask the awardees’ parents or guests to make some photos.

## VIII. Ongoing Chapter Business – Past, Present and Future

- A. Updates are planned to the Chapter Constitution and By-Laws which were last revised in 2013. The Committee Chaired by Compatriot Roger Wehr met at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 16 via ZOOM. The BOM had specifically requested that the committee update the duties and responsibilities of the Membership Chairman. Compatriot Wehr reported that a working draft of revisions has been submitted to the existing officers for review and comments. A committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 18 at 10:00 A.M. at the McDonalds on Pioneer Pkwy at Bowen Rd.

## XI. New Business

- A. Election of Chapter Officers – President Pope, chairman of the nominating committee presented the following proposed slate of officers for 2021. Chapter Officers are elected for a one year term, but are encouraged to serve a 2<sup>nd</sup> term if they desire and conditions permit. The officers presently serving were elected in 2020 and most have agreed to accept a nomination for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year. The 2021 slate is as follows:

- President – Bob Pope will accept a 2<sup>nd</sup> term
- Vice President – Bill Covington will accept nomination
- Secretary – David Friels will accept a 2<sup>nd</sup> term
- Treasurer – Richard Coffey will accept nomination
- Chaplain – Bob Wehr will accept a 2<sup>nd</sup> term
- Registrar – John Anderson, acting registrar and will accept the nomination
- Historian – Bill Covington will accept a nomination
- Sergeant-of-Arms – Dan Hamilton will accept a 2<sup>nd</sup> term

The floor was opened for additional nominations. There being no additional nominations, Compatriot Anderson moved that the slate of officers proposed by the Committee be accepted. The Chapter voted unanimously to elect the slate of officers as presented for the 2021-2022 term. The Officers will be inducted during the April meeting, and the term of office will be from March 2021 to March 2022 or until a replacement officer(s) is elected.

- C. Youth Activities: CAR/SAR Member Jeffery Meller’s essay did not win at State level, but plans are for him to attend our April meeting to receive his Chapter awards and present his essay. Compatriot Anderson stated that new members should consider volunteering to serve on a committee, or better yet Chair a Committee. Last month Compatriot Carter requested that the Chapter appoint a Youth Awards Chairman to take his place.
- D. BSA Liaison Compatriot Gary Faletti conveyed a request for Scout Troup 517 that our Chapter assists with their sales of Camp Cards. The cards are \$10 each with \$5 going to the Troop. Each card has discount coupons which will more than pay for the cost of the card, but the card can also be donated back to the Troop, and the Troop will in turn donate the card to Arlington Fire Fighters. The Chapter indicated a desire to assist the Scouts and plans are to take an offering next month and perhaps invite a Troop 517 representative(s) to attend to accept the funds. Compatriot Friels suggested that the Chapter consider recognizing the Arlington Fire Department for their outstanding efforts in planning, managing, and staffing the Covid-19 vaccination center. Compatriot Carter proposed that the Chapter award a Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate to the Fire Department
- E. Ron Carter reported CAR Senior Leader Joe Sogan is attending the C.A.R. State meeting in April. Compatriot Sogan is leader of the Sprit of ’76 Chapter. John Anderson reported Will Deakyne has volunteered to assist with the 3 Forks of the Trinity Chapter.

IX. The meeting was adjourned after a motion by President Pope and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Compatriot Faletti.

X. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the Closing Benediction.

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

XII. Next chapter meeting – April 10, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. at Southern Recipes Grill,  
2715 N. Collins Street, Arlington, Texas.

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Attendance: 15 Chapter members and 3 applicants were present on the call

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Friels, Secretary

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