



Texas SAR Arlington Chapter
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2021

The April meeting was held at Southern Recipes Grill, 2715 N. Collins Street, Arlington, Texas. The meeting was also available via ZOOM.com, and a link was provided along with our meeting announcement. Members and guests gathered at 8:30 a.m. for fellowship and breakfast.

- I. President Pope welcomed attendees and opened the meeting for Chapter business at 9:00 a.m.
- II. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the invocation.
- III. Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton was attending a Color Guard Rally, and in his absence President Pope led the pledges to the U.S. Flag, Texas Flag and the Sons of the American Revolution.
- IV. President Pope recognized Past Chapter Presidents and greeted new members and guests.
- V. Compatriot Ron Carter inducted Chapter Officers for the 2021/2022 term.
 - A. President – Bob Pope
 - B. Vice President – Bill Covington
 - C. Secretary – David Friels
 - D. Treasurer – Richard Coffey
 - E. Chaplain – Bob Wehr
 - F. Registrar – John Anderson
 - G. Historian – Bill Covington
 - H. Dan Hamilton - Sergeant-At-Arms will be inducted at a later date.
- VI. C.A.R./Jr. SAR Member Jeff Meller read his essay which was submitted for both the Knight Essay and C.A.R. Essay Contests. The essay which addressed the battles of Concord and Lexington placed first in both categories at our Chapter level and was forwarded to State. Jeff will receive two awards of \$50 each for his chapter first places.
- VII. BSA Liaison Compatriot Gary Faletti introduced a fellow Scout Leader Wess Cloud; representing Troop 517 (a special needs troop). He showed a video and spoke about their Savers Guide fund raiser which will raise money for the troop and also benefit the Arlington Fire Fighters. (Refer to New Business, Item D in March minutes for details.) At close of the meeting, those present had an opportunity to support the activity by purchasing a Savers Guide Coupon book for \$10 each. Those present whole heartily supported the activity. Purchases or donations may also be made by emailing boyscouts.troop517@gmail.com.
- VIII. Chapter Service Awards were given by President Pope and included:
 - A. 5 -year pins to Ned Myers and Jerry Cope (to be presented later), 10-yr pins to John Anderson, James Gibson (virtual), and Gary Faletti, 15-yr pin to Richard Martin, and 30-yr pin to Joe Sogan.
 - B. Certificates of Appreciation to David Friels and Ned Myers for assisting the Registrar; Dan Hamilton for leadership of the Chapter Color Guard; Bob Wehr for leading our prayers, providing other uplifting guidance, and also for participating in Compatriot Pitts induction; Roger Wehr for setting up the ZOOM meeting when Compatriot Anderson was attending a State meeting, giving our prayers the times Bob was absent, and his leadership and efforts in updating our Chapter Bylaws.
 - C. The Roger Sherman Award to John Anderson for his outstanding service to the Chapter for the past year, including but not limited to: setting up our ZOOM meetings, serving as acting Registrar, teaching mentors the procedures to process applications, and fast tracking Compatriot Bob Pitts application and induction due to his sever illness.
- IX. Officer and Committee Reports
 - A. **Treasure Richard Coffey** reported no change in the bottom line balance, but pending deposits of \$35.49.

- B. **Secretary Friels** reminded the Chapter that the minutes from the March meeting have been posted on the chapter website. The floor was opened for comments on the minutes. There being no comments, Compatriot Anderson moved that the minutes be accepted as posted, the motion was seconded by Compatriot Faletti, and approved.
- C. **TXSSAR/NSSAR Information reported by Compatriot John Anderson:**
- The 126th 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. Compatriots Friels, Carter, Anderson, and Kohn names have been submitted as voting members. Compatriot Sogan will be attending and authorized by the Chapter to vote on our behalf.
 - Dues for 2021 are past due and the TXSSAR is encouraging member reinstatements. The State membership list indicates we have 66 active/paid members and 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. **Acting Registrar John Anderson** reported the following:
- His appreciation to Compatriots Pope, Myers, and Friels for assisting in the registration process.
 - He has qualified for the Liberty medal for being the First Sponsor on over 10 new applications. He will defer the First Sponsorship to our President or other members as appropriate on future applications.
 - Three supplementals, two for Rod Ashford and one for James Gibson are pending approval at National.
 - Six new applications are at various stages in the State/National Review.
 - Six new applications are in progress.
- E. **Web Administrator John Anderson** had no new information to report.
- F. **Chaplain Bob Wehr** commented on the sad news of the passing of five of our Compatriots during the past year. Those Compatriots included: Allan Husch, Carl Sparks, Ron Wright, Bob Pitts, and Tom Waldrop. Special recognitions will be planned for a future meeting.
- G. **Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton** – no report, attending Color Guard Rally.
- H. **Chapter Color Guard Commander Dan Hamilton** not present, but reported:
- 10 April 2021 Color Guard Rally at Wimberly, TX.
- I. **DAR Liaison John Anderson** reported the Arlington Lucretia Cochran Council DAR Chapter has no activities planned and will not meet in-person again until September. Compatriot Will Deakyne will be the liaison for the Mansfield Quanah Parker DAR Chapter, as well as liaison for the 3 Forks of the Trinity C.A.R. Chapter. Compatriot Joe Sogan will continue as liaison for the Spirit of '76 C.A.R. Chapter.
- J. **Speaker's Bureau Chairman Bill Covington** will give his report later.
- K. **ROTC/JROTC Liaison David Friels** reported that at the present time we have four schools planning on presenting awards.
- South Grand Prairie H.S. JROTC – 21 April at 6:00 p.m.
 - UTA ROTC – 29 April at 2:30 p.m. at Veterans Park
 - Mansfield H.S. JROTC – 29 April Virtual
 - Legacy H.S. JROTC – 29 May at 6:00 p.m. at Beaumont Ranch, Grandview
 - AISD Combined Corps H.S. JROTC will not have an Awards Ceremony due to District policy.
 - No information from the other five schools has been provided.

X. **Ongoing Chapter Business** – Past, Present and Future

- A. **Update the Chapter Constitution and By-Laws** - Compatriot Roger Wehr Chairman reported that the committee met February 16 via ZOOM and again in person on March 18. A rough draft was prepared from comments during the February 16 meeting and discussed in more detail during the March 18 meeting. Subsequently, a revised draft version is being prepared for review and approval by the Chapter.
- B. **Chapter Appointees:** Compatriot Will Deakyne is replacing Compatriot John Anderson as Liaison for the 3 Forks of the Trinity C.A.R. Chapter. Compatriot Joe Sogan will continue as liaison for the Spirit of '76 C.A.R. Chapter. Compatriot Deakyne will also be the liaison for the Mansfield Quannah Parker DAR Chapter, replacing Compatriot Anderson.

XI. **New Business**

- A. **Public Service Awards:** Compatriot John Anderson reported that he had a contact with an Arlington Police Dept. Lieutenant who said they would like for us to restart our awards for Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, and EMT of the year. He also asked if we could make up for the year 2019 which was missed due to Covid. Compatriot Anderson proposed we present the awards in June and invite the DAR to join us for their presentations as well. In addition to the three awards mentioned, we also can present awards for Heroism (act of bravery above normal duty) and Life Saving.
- B. **Special Recognition:** Compatriot Dennis Walton proposed the Chapter recognize the Arlington Fire Department for their outstanding community service in management and administration of the Covid vaccinations.

XI. The meeting was adjourned after a motion by President Pope and 2nd by Compatriot Faletti.

XII. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the Closing Benediction.

XIII. President Pope led the SAR Closing Admonition.

XIV. Next Chapter meeting – May 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at Southern Recipes Grill,
2715 N. Collins Street, Arlington, Texas 76006

Attendance: 16 Chapter members and 5 guests were present; plus 2 virtual members.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Friels, Secretary

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