



Texas SAR Arlington Chapter
Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2021

The May meeting was held at Southern Recipes Grill, 2715 N. Collins Street, Arlington, Texas. The meeting was also available via ZOOM. 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 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. Special Chapter Memorial Service
Chaplain Wehr narrated a slide show to honor the five Compatriots *who left the camp* (passed) during the past year. Those Compatriots are: Allan Husch, Carl Sparks, Ron Wright, Robert Pitts, and Thomas Waldrop.
- VI. Chapter Awards:
 - A. President Pope and several other members met at Compatriot Jerry Cope's home on April 20 where President Pope presented Jerry with his 5-yr membership pin and Bronze Texas Service Medal.
 - B. Veterans Committee Chairman Compatriot Dan Hamilton recognized Compatriot Bob Wehr with a Military Service Certificate for his career as an officer in the Coast Guard. Compatriot Wehr graduated from the Coast Guard Academy and served for 20 years flying both fixed and rotary wing aircraft. He served as Chief of Aviator Electronics.
- VII. Officer and Committee Reports
 - A. Treasure Richard Coffee reported a nice increase in the bottom line balance predominantly due to receipt of the Chapter's part of 2021 dues.
 - B. Secretary Friels reminded the Chapter that the minutes from the April Chapter meeting along with the April 24 BOM meetings have been posted on the chapter website. The floor was opened for comments on the minutes. There being no comments, Compatriot John Anderson moved that the minutes be accepted as posted, the motion was seconded by Compatriot Ron Carter, and approved.
 - C. TXSSAR/NSSAR Information reported by Compatriot John Anderson:
 - Compatriot Ron Turner from Fort Worth is the new Editor for the TXSSAR newsletter, *The Texas Compatriot*.
 - As of noon today, May 8, the password for the TXSSAR Private Website will change. Ask John for the new password if you did not receive the email with the new password.
 - D. Registrar John Anderson:
 - New Member Packets for our six new members are due from National to State and we should receive them within a month.
 - Three Supplements have been approved by State and we are awaiting National approval – Rod Ashford 2 and James Gibson 1.
 - Applications for Bill Goodman and Glenn Foster's grandson Corry are in progress and should be ready to submit shortly. Bradlyn Cole's application along with applications for his three sons is ready to submit.

- Compatriot Mike Pennington is transferring from Fort Worth, and John has been contacted by another potential transfer from Florida.
- E. Chapter Color Guard Commander Dan Hamilton:
- The Color Guard is forming a fife and drums corps and requested any members with musical ability to join. C.A.R. and DAR members are also welcome.
 - Dan is custodian of the Color Guard Foot Locker which has various uniform parts available for loan.
 - Dan participated in the State Color Guard Rally at Wimberley, TX on April 10.
- F. DAR Liaison Reports, Compatriot John Anderson:
- Arlington Lucretia Council Cochran DAR Chapter has no activities planned and will not meet again until September.
 - Mansfield Quanah Parker DAR Chapter meets four times per year with next meetings scheduled for August and September.
- G. C.A.R. Activity – Compatriot Friels noted that during the State Convention it was announced that the Arlington Chapter received a streamer for having 8 of 10 items checked on annual report.
- H. ROTC/JROTC Liaison David Friels:
- Compatriot Gary Faletti presented the Silver ROTC Medal and Certificate to Cadet Hunter Harton on 29 April at 2:30 p.m. at Veterans Park. Compatriot Roger Wehr was also present.
 - Bronze ROTC Medals and Certificates were presented to Cadet MSgt. Rodrigo Mendoza, South Grand Prairie H.S. JROTC by Compatriot Will Deakyne on 21 May, Compatriots Friels and Steve Lushbaugh were also present.
Cadet Maj. Asher J. Wells, Mansfield H.S. JROTC, 29 April – Virtual.
Cadet Sgt Major Rodrigo Mendoza, Lake Ridge H.S. JROTC, by Compatriot John Anderson on 6 May.
Cadet Blake Accipter, Legacy H.S. JROTC will be recognized 29 May.
 - The five other High School Corps apparently are not having awards programs
- VIII. Ongoing Chapter Business – Past, Present and Future
- A. Public Service Awards – Delayed at until June or later at request of Arlington PD.
- B. Special Recognition: Recognition of the Arlington Fire Department for their outstanding community service in management and administration of the Covid-19 vaccinations – we need a contact person and scheduling.
- XI. New Business
- A. Chapter Coffee Mugs - Compatriot Dan Hamilton had two prototype mugs from Walgreens for illustration. The actual mugs will be made by a Grand Prairie High School at a cost of \$3 each, but the order can not be placed until June. Members present liked the mug design, but voting to authorize funding was tabled until the June meeting.
- IX. The meeting was adjourned after a motion by President Pope and 2nd by Compatriot Hamilton.
- X. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the Closing Benediction.
- XI. Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton led the SAR Closing Admonition.
- XII. Next Chapter meeting – June 12, 2021, at Southern Recipes Grill, 2715 N. Collins Street, Arlington, Texas. Meet for breakfast from the menu at 8:30 a.m. with the Chapter meeting commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance: 15 Chapter members and 5 guests were present

Respectfully Submitted, David Friels, Secretary

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