



*Texas SAR Arlington Chapter*  
*Meeting Minutes*  
**June 12, 2021**

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*The June meeting was held at Southern Recipes Grill, 2715 N. Collins Street, Arlington, Texas. 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 Flag.
- IV. President Pope recognized Past Chapter Presidents and greeted new members and guests.
- V. Compatriot Dick Lee gave lighthearted “Comments of the Day”.
- VI. President Pope inducted new Compatriots Joseph Kohn and Compatriot Kevin Ramsey with the assistance of Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton.
- VII. Chapter Awards:
  - A. President Pope presented Compatriot John Anderson with the following TXSSAR awards which were initially awarded virtually at the State Convention: Certificates of Appreciation for serving as Chairman of the Archives History Committee and Chairman of the IT Committee and the Texas Silver Service Medal.
  - B. President Pope presented Compatriot Bill Covington with a Certificate of Appreciation which had been awarded by Past President Roger Wehr for representing our Chapter with numerous presentations to various other organizations during 2019. Compatriot Covington was also awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for filling in as Chapter Historian during 2020 when Compatriot James Gibson resigned due to medical conditions.
- VIII. Historical recap from the Revolutionary War - Historian Bill Covington presented a very informative historical recap of the Battle of Bunker Hill in Charlestown which was fought in June of 1775. Boston was under British siege, and the Patriots built an earthen rampart on top of Breed’s Hill which was a little closer to the British cannons than Bunker Hill, forcing the battle. Although the Colonial militia had to give up the Charleston peninsula, it proved to be a very costly battle for the British who suffered over 1,000 killed or wounded. Colonel William Prescott, the Patriot commander, was credited the quote, “Don’t fire until you see the whites of their eyes”.
- IX. Officer and Committee Reports
  - A. Treasurer Richard Coffee reported expenses of \$400.29 and deposits of \$90.00 for the past bank statement month. There were no questions from the floor.
  - B. Secretary Friels reminded the Chapter that the minutes from the May meeting 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 President Pope:
    - Medals commemorating the 125<sup>th</sup> year of the TXSSAR are available for members to purchase through State for \$30 while the supply lasts.
  - D. Registrar John Anderson reported:
    - New Member Packets have been received for our six new members including Compatriots Ramsey and Kohn who were inducted today. Compatriots Stafford Juneau III, William J. Oliver, William L. Oliver, and Steven Lushbaugh will be inducted at a future date.

- Approval from NSSAR has been received for two Supplementals for Compatriot Rod Ashford. Compatriot Gibson has one Supplemental at National which should be approved by our next meeting.
  - Applications for Bill Goodman and Bradlyn Cole (including Bradlyn's three sons) have been submitted to TXSSAR.
  - Six new applications are in works.
  - Our Chapter has 56 active/current members, 6 active/new members, 1 reinstatement, and 1 transfer in; resulting in 64 current members plus 5 current junior members. Compatriot Mike Pennington has been reinstated. Compatriot Robin D. Teagarden, Jr. has transferred in. To correct a TXSSAR clerical error, Compatriot Kevin J. Shellman has been dropped from our Active roll.
  - A question regarding obtaining reinstatement was asked from floor. John responded that in general it amounted to applying and paying dues.
- E. Chaplain Bob Wehr mentioned that our Country will celebrate Flag Day on Monday, June 14 and he purposely included thanks and praise to our Lord for our great country and our flag in honor of Flag Day. During the invocation Chaplain Wehr requested the Lord's help that we never diminish our flag, and as descendent patriots we teach and admonish our families and children to always respect and honor our flag.
- F. Historian Bill Covington commented further on Flag Day and our blessing to live in such a great Country and his desire that everyone in our Country honor our flag appropriately. Compatriot Covington noted that over Memorial Day they visited their son, an Army Captain commanding an engineering company at Fort Riley, Kansas. He remarked on what an uplifting experience it is to be on a military installation during a holiday that honors our military or our country.
- G. Sergeant-at-Arms and Chapter Color Guard Commander Dan Hamilton reported:
- Participation (virtually) in the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Almanace, Almanace, NC. 16-May-2021
- Compatriot Hamilton recited portions of the Preamble to our Declaration of Independence and emphasized the ending sentence: *And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.* He went on to further state that the 56 signers representing the 13 Colonies did exactly what they pledged. Many signors give there lives, while others lost their property, and others were imprisoned. When we dishonor our flag or our country we should remember how these great Patriots and others sacrificed for our freedoms.
- H. DAR Liaison Reports, Compatriot John Anderson reported that neither the Arlington nor Mansfield Chapters had any scheduled summer meetings that would involve SAR.
- I. C.A.R. Activity – No report at this time
- J. Speakers Bureau Chairman Bill Covington reported that requests for presentations have been increasing, and during his Kentucky/Ohio trip he plans to give 2 to 4 presentations. Additionally, he has three presentations for DAR Chapters scheduled in September, November, and October.
- K. ROTC/JROTC Liaison David Friels reported that the activities are completed for the year. Our Chapter provided awards (medals and certificates) to five of the ten units we would normally present awards. Awards were presented to UTA ROTC, South Grand Prairie H.S. JROTC, and Lake Ridge H.S. JROTC. Mansfield H.S. JROTC did not have an open Awards program, but made the presentation virtually. Legacy H.S. JROTC had an awards banquet at Grandview and Maj. Johnson made the presentation on our behalf. Compatriots, Gary Faletti, Roger Wehr, Will Deakyne,

- Steve Lushbaugh, and John Anderson all participated in our efforts. The remaining five schools did not have award programs because of Covid 19 restrictions.
- X. Ongoing Chapter Business – Past, Present and Future
- A. Public Service Awards – Scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Monday, June 21 at the Arlington Main Police Station on Division at Cooper. Fire Department awards will be scheduled later.
- B. Compatriot John Anderson noted that he had passed around a copy of the Spring Edition of *The Texas Compatriot* which is available on line. The TXSSAR news letter had a photo taken during the April 10 meeting where our Chapter donated approximately \$300 to BSA Troop 517. Funds were raised from our members purchasing the BSA Camp Cards (SaversGuide coupons). Additionally, 20 of the cards were donated back to the Troop for them to present to Fire Fighters. Compatriot Anderson also passed out a flyer with directions on how compatriots may submit their biography information for Texas SAR historical purposes.
- C. Special Recognition of the Arlington Fire Department for their outstanding community service in management and administration of the Covid-19 vaccinations is pending scheduling.
- D. Chapter Coffee Mugs – will be addressed in the July meeting.
- E. Revisions to Chapter Bylaws: Committee Chairman Roger Wehr reported that he is in process of making final edits to cover the changes regarding a meeting quorum.
- XI. New Business
- A. President Pope opened the floor for comments regarding Independence Day which we will celebrate prior to our next Chapter meeting. Compatriot Pope continued stating that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July was especially meaningful for him since Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklyn were his cousins. Additionally, he has a Patriot that was on a British prison ship. Compatriot Pope’s son-in-law is of Polish descent from an immigrant who defected from the Red Army. Their daughter and the son-in-law now live in England and frequently travel to Poland to visit. Compatriot Pope suggested that as a country we could take some lessons from both countries: The English children seem to know more about the United States history during the Revolutionary War period than our children. Both the English and Polish people (as a group) appear to really admire the United States way of government and life and the English are especially proud to have had a part in the founding of our Country.
- B. Compatriot Ron Carter commented that Steven Hawkins, an ancestor, was baptized in 1578 in an English church which is still in existence today and over 400 years old. He thought it was interesting the degree to which the English people care for and regard their heritage.
- XI. The meeting was adjourned after a motion by President Pope and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Compatriot James Gibson.
- XII. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the Closing Benediction.
- XIII. Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton led the SAR Closing Admonition.
- XIV. Next Chapter meeting – July 10, 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.

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Attendance: 18 Chapter members and 1 guest were present

Respectfully Submitted, David Friels, Secretary

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