



*Texas SAR Arlington Chapter*  
*Meeting Minutes*  
**July 10, 2021**

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*The July 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 shared the honor he experienced when carrying the Olympic Torch on January 11, 2002. He commented that “back then” the Olympics were about the world coming together and bigger than any individual. He closed his remarks by attributing his health to good nutrition first from his mother and than from his wife.
- VI. President Pope inducted Compatriot Steven Lushbaugh. Compatriot Lushbaugh’s Patriot is Henry Lushbaugh who served in the 12<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Regiment as a sharp shooter. President Pope presented Compatriot Rod Ashford with two Supplementals. One of Compatriot Ashford’s Patriots is John Hart, who was one of the 56 signers of our Declaration of Independence.
- VII. Historical recap from the Revolutionary War - Historian Bill Covington presented a very informative report on the Declaration of Independence: the 56 signers and their part in the American Revolution. Bill’s report was very complete, and a few highlights included: Congress declared freedom from Great Britain on July 2, 1776, by unanimous vote; Congress approved the Declaration of Independence on July 4, and the signers met on August 2, 1776, to commence signing the document. The last signature was added on November 4 of the same year.
- VIII. Officer and Committee Reports
  - A. Treasure Richard Coffee reported there was little change in the bottom line of our bank account. He also encouraged all of us to be sure to use the community rewards for purchases with Kroger. The information on signing up for the Chapter to receive credit for purchases is on the Chapter Website. We also have a program with Amazon Smile and the Good Neighbor Program with Randalls (Tom Thumb and Albertsons).
  - 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.

Compatriot Friels also read parts of a form letter sent to his father, dated December 22, 1945, signed by James Forrestal, Secretary of the Navy, and sent to personnel who had served in the Navy during World War II. The letter thanked him for his service and summarized a few of the Navy’s accomplishments; such as, “It crushed two enemy fleets at once”. The letter, although highlighting the Navy was a tribute to our great country and the united effort and sacrifices of not only all our military service personnel, but also the men and women who worked in the factories supporting the war effort.

- C. TXSSAR/NSSAR Information reported by Compatriot John Anderson:
  - The TXSSAR News Letter will no longer be mailed, but will be available on the Public Website.
- D. Registrar John Anderson reported:
  - Supplemental for James Gibson is still awaiting NSSAR review.
  - Bill Goodman's application is now at NSSAR awaiting review.
- E. Chaplain Bob Wehr thanked Compatriot Covington for his excellent presentation and also for all his teaching efforts.
- F. Historian Bill Covington had no additional report.
- G. Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton reported that he still has Chapter Lapel Pins and Challenge Coins for sale at \$5 and \$10, respectively. Additionally, he now has a case of the previously approved coffee mugs with our Chapter Logo for sale at \$15 each.
- H. Chapter Color Guard Commander Dan Hamilton reported the following:
  - Flag Day, June 14 - he presented a Flag Certificate to Council Woman Ruby Faye Woolridge who accepted it on behalf of the City of Arlington.
  - Attended the Arlington 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, held July 5<sup>th</sup>, where he passed out 50 copies of the Declaration of Independence.
  - Attended Honor Guard Organizational meeting held by North Texas Color Guard Commander Bob Kuban.
- I. DAR Liaison Reports, Compatriot John Anderson had no new information to report.
- J. C.A.R. Activity – No report at this time
- K. Speakers Bureau Chairman Bill Covington reported the following presentation:
 

June 15, 2021, Wesley Village Retirement Center, Wilmore, KY  
 "Hidden Figures: Contributions of African-Americans in the American Revolution"
- L. ROTC/JROTC Liaison David Friels reported that activities are complete for the year.
- IX. Ongoing Chapter Business – Past, Present and Future
  - A. Public Service Awards – Monday, June 21 President Pope presented Law Enforcement Commendation Certificates to the Officer of the Year(s) 2019 and 2020 for the Arlington Police Department. Compatriots Anderson and Friels were present. The presentation took place at the Arlington Main Police Station on Division at Cooper. Awards were presented to:
    - Detective Jacklyn Donalson for 2019
    - Detective Hayden Perdue for 2020
  - B. Fire Department awards will be scheduled later.
  - 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 are now available for purchase at a cost of \$15 each.
  - E. Revisions to Chapter Bylaws: Committee Chairman Roger Wehr reported that he and Compatriot Anderson have made final reviews and a copy will be transmitted to the TXSSAR Chancellor for review and approval at State level. Copies of the Chapter Final Draft and changes are available by request from Compatriot Roger Wehr.
- X. New Business
  - A. President Pope opened the floor for comments regarding how we celebrated Independence Day. Compatriot Kohn said he and family were in South Carolina and they visited Kings Mountain National Military Park and toured Cowpens Battle Ground (located in upstate South Carolina about 30 miles apart). Compatriot Dan Hamilton attended the City of Arlington parade as reported above VIII.H.
  - B. It was proposed that we consider recognizing Mary Wallace (Wally) Funk who is scheduled to be on the Blue Origin, July 20 space launch. She has a long and distinguished aviation career, and at age 82 will replace John Glenn as the oldest

- person to reach space. Wally Funk is an Oklahoma State Flying Aggie Alumni and a member of the “Mercury 13” women who trained as astronauts but were excluded from space launches due to not having been combat pilots. She presently resides in Roanoke, Texas. *The flight was successful and the crew “touched down” safely.*
- C. Compatriot Anderson proposed a program for September 11. The speaker would be Compatriot Bill Hurst from the Edmund Terrell Chapter in Denison. Compatriot Anderson will make the contacts. Compatriot Hurst has 49 Supplementals which is the present record for active TXSSAR members.
  - D. Compatriot Kohn suggested that a potential ZOOM program for later in the year could be a presentation regarding the battle of Kings Mountain and Arthur Broadway, a Revolutionary War Patriot of Compatriot Kohn. The contact phone to arrange a mutually acceptable date is (509) 948-6416.
- XI The meeting was adjourned after a motion by President Pope and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Compatriot Gary Faletti.
- XII. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the Closing Benediction.
- XIII. Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton led the SAR Closing Admonition.
- XIV. Next Chapter meeting – August 14, 2021, at Southern Recipes Grill, 2715 N. Collins St., 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: 20 Chapter members and 6 guests were present

Respectfully Submitted, David Friels, Secretary

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