



*Texas SAR Arlington Chapter
Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2021*

The August 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 approximately 9:00 a.m.
- II. Compatriot Roger Wehr gave the invocation in the absence of Chaplain Bob Wehr.
- 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 our guest.
- V. Compatriot Dick Lee gave a lighthearted “Comment of the Day”.
- VI. Historian Bill Covington presented a very informative report on the James Bridge battle, which is also called the Stockbridge Massacre which occurred on August 30, 1766. Compatriot Covington also gave us background information on the Stockbridge Indian Tribe and the Dutch settlers in New York.
- VII. Officer and Committee Reports
 - A. Treasure Richard Coffee reported that there was only one check for the month and little change in our bottom line balance. Compatriot Coffee also noted that he had instruction sheets for signing up to the Kroger Community Rewards Program.
 - B. Secretary Friels reminded the Chapter that the minutes from the July meeting have been posted on the chapter website. The floor was opened for comments on the minutes. There being no comments, he moved that the minutes be accepted as posted and the motion was seconded and approved.
 - C. TXSSAR/NSSAR Information from the annual State meeting (held via ZOOM in July) reported by State Historian John Anderson:
 - Compatriot Bob Fish is the new Registrar General.
 - Fees for new applications have been increased from \$195 to \$215.
 - Fees for supplementals have been increased from \$98 to \$138.
 - Data entry into the NSSAR Patriot Research System, PRS, has continued. That system is improving and similar to the existing DAR system. We should verify our Patriot information.
 - Supplementals are now required to be submitted through the chapter registrars; whereas, before it has been up to local chapter policy. *Arlington has been following this policy all along.*
 - Although not a stated requirement, most chapters now require new member applicants to attend at least one chapter meeting before induction.
 - ROTC & JROTC medals are being paid by TXSSAR out of the Patriot Fund. In previous years the TXSSAR committee chairman ordered medals for all chapters and distributed; however, a motion which will be submitted at the October BOM meeting will change the procedure so individual chapters will order their own medals and TXSSAR will reimburse the chapter.
 - A sign-up for serving half days at the SAR information table during the State Fair is now available.
 - The topic for the C.A.R. Essay for this year is “Molly Pitcher”.
 - Compatriot Jim Kuykendall, TXSSAR President Elect will ask all new chapter officers to attend a ZOOM training meeting by next spring.

- New State officers will be voted on in Nov. 2021 take office in April 2022.
- All Compatriots should keep their contact information up to date at both Chapter and State levels. Compatriot Dick Lee has recently moved, and Compatriot Anderson will submit the address change to TXSSAR.
- Each chapter must file their IRS report 990-N to receive their share of the Chapter's fall dues payment from the State.
- All members, especially officers, should subscribe to the DADA emails (TXSSAR email).
- NSSAR has a 15-min video on "Youth Protection" and any compatriots who work with youth (e.g., C.A.R., Scouts, JROTC, etc.) are encouraged to take the video training. The main theme, which all of us must remember, is to never be alone (1 on 1) with a youth (*for our protection as much as theirs*).
- Compatriot Anderson is available to assist our members needing assistance with any of the above.

President Pope expressed his main take-away from the meeting was that individual chapters should work to expand their membership.

D. Registrar John Anderson reported:

- To date 11 new members have been approved. Our newest approved members are Bradlyn Cole and his three Jr. Member sons.
- James Gibson's supplemental has been approved, which makes three supplementals approved year to date.
- Bill Goodman's application is now at NSSAR awaiting review.
- Compatriot Joe Kohn is working on supplementals,
- Two new applications are in works and David Lockwood's application is delayed due to need for some additional research.

E. Chaplain's Report: No report

F. Historian's Report: Bill Covington had no additional report.

G. Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton had no additional report.

H. Chapter Color Guard Commander Dan Hamilton reported the following:

- The Color Guard served at Compatriot Jerry Cope's memorial service in Grand Prairie on July 30. The Color Guard was represented by 12 members from North Texas and included Compatriots Hamilton and Covington from our Arlington Chapter. The service was managed by our Chaplain Bob Wehr, who gave a very appropriate message; and Dan Hamilton, who planned and directed the Color Guard activities. President Pope gave an opening to commence the service. State President Drake Peddie and several Arlington Chapter members were also present. Through individual donations, the family was presented with an SAR grave marker for later use. *Compatriot Cope was not only a good friend to all of us, but he was a tireless supporter of the Color Guard, the Chapter, and the Society.*
- Attended the Arlington 4th of July Parade, held July 5th, where he passed out 50 copies of the Declaration of Independence.
- The North Texas Color Guard Commander Bob Kubin is in process of organizing a special unit to honor SAR Compatriots at their funeral service.

Compatriot Anderson commended Compatriots Hamilton, Wehr and Pope for their outstanding service to the Cope Family and to SAR.

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 Report: Chairman Bill Covington had no presentations for July, but has presentations scheduled for September through January.

- L. ROTC/JROTC Report: Chapter Liaison David Friels had attended the State ROTC/JROTC Committee meeting (on ZOOM) and reported the following:
- Chapters and JROTC Commanders are encouraged to promote the Enhanced JROTC award for juniors.
 - As reported above by Compatriot Anderson, TXSSAR will soon allow individual chapters to order, rather than the State JROTC Committee Chairman, their own medals. Chapters will be reimbursed by the State for the expense.
This is a good policy for Arlington and we should support the upcoming motion.
- VIII. Ongoing Chapter Business – Past, Present and Future
- A. Recognition of Mary Wallace (Wally) Funk for her flight on the Blue Origin, July 20 space launch is tabled for later action.
- B. See Dan Hamilton for Chapter Lapel Pins (\$5), Challenge Coins (\$10), and coffee mugs (\$15).
- C. Revisions to Chapter Bylaws: Committee Chairman Roger Wehr reported that on July 14 a copy was transmitted to the TXSSAR Chancellor for review and approval at State level. We have no response yet. Copies of the Chapter Final Draft and changes are available by request from Compatriot Roger Wehr.
- IX. New Business
- A. Our September 11 meeting will be on the anniversary of 911 and the floor will be open for sharing of thoughts and experiences from that day.
- B. Compatriot Anderson noted that our October 9 meeting will be on the same day as the State BOM in Lake City, TX. We should decide next month whether or not our chapter meeting should be held, since some of our members will want to attend the BOM.
- X. The program for September 11 will be presented by Compatriot Bill Hurst from the Edmund Terrell Chapter in Denison. Compatriot Hurst will speak on the service of one of his many Patriots.
- XII. The meeting was adjourned after a motion by President Pope, 2nd by Compatriot Friels, and approval by the members present.
- XIII. Compatriot Roger Wehr gave the Closing Benediction.
- XIV. Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton led the SAR Closing Admonition.
- XV. Next Chapter meeting – September 11, 2021, at Southern Recipes Grill, 2715 N. Collins St., Arlington, TX. Meet for breakfast from the menu at 8:30 a.m. with the Chapter meeting commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance: 12 Chapter members and 1 guest were present

Respectfully Submitted, David Friels, Secretary

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