



Texas SAR Arlington Chapter
B.O.M Meeting Minutes
August 31, 2021

The Arlington Chapter held a Board of Managers (BOM) meeting at Southern Recipes Grill, 2715 N. Collins Street, Arlington, Texas, on August 31, 2021. The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:15 p.m. by President Robert "Bob" Pope. Six members were present.

- I. ROTC/JROTC Liaison Compatriot David Friels commented on the Enhanced JROTC Award and the proposed change for Chapters to obtain medals (to be voted on in October during the TXSSAR B.O.M.). Commencing for spring of 2022 it would be desirable for as many members as willing to "adopt" one Unit for purposes of direct contacts and presentations. Additionally, it is planned to prepare a letter to each JROTC Unit Commander notifying them of the Enhanced Award. If the proposed motion passes at the B.O.M., Chapters will order their own medals directly from national and will subsequently be reimbursed by the TXSSAR. This ordering procedure should simplify chapters obtaining the necessary medals in a timely manner.
- II. Astronaut Wally Funk: President Pope will prepare a letter inviting Ms. Funk to an SAR recognition/presentation for her space flight on the Blue Origin. It is anticipated that the presentation will be at the City of Grapevine Library (or another suitable location) on a satisfactory time and date. We will invite the Grapevine DAR and TXSSAR President Drake Peddie. It is planned to present Ms. Funk with the Texas Silver Service Medal.
- III. September 11 meeting: President Pope will request that Chaplain Wehr deliver a special prayer for all Americans who gave their lives as a result of the 911 attacks. Compatriot Bill Hurst from Denison will present his program. The Chapter will buy his breakfast and present him with a Chapter mug or challenge coin. As a rule the Chapter will buy breakfast for all guests that present programs. Presenting Chapter challenge coins, lapel pins, or mugs will be at the Presidents discretion.
- IV. TXSAR Ladies Aux. will sell tickets for stained glass raffle. The tickets will be \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20 with proceeds going to the Patriot Fund. Meg Anderson is the State President and will attend the September meeting with tickets available for purchase.
- V. Compatriot Carter encouraged all individual compatriots to become a George Washington Fellow by donating \$1000 to the National Patriot Fund. The Patriot Fund at both State and National levels is used to provide medals, certificates, scholarships, and cash awards as well as other worthwhile causes.
- VI. Compatriot Anderson noted that any Board member or other members as designated can access the Chapter email lists for purpose of sending our group emails. There are three separate lists: members, candidates, and friends.
- VII. Library Display: Meg Anderson is setting up a library display on behalf of the Arlington DAR and SAR Chapters. The display will be in a show case at the Arlington S.E. Library and will be there for one month. She has and will include items representing both the DAR and SAR.
- VIII. 911 Flag Display: Compatriot Hamilton informed us that the Arlington Rotary Club plans to place 911 American flags by September 11. Individuals and groups may contribute to the effort. The Board decided that the Chapter would take no action.
- IX. Flag Certificates: Compatriot Carter received a flag certificate from the Chapter for displaying the American flag on his property last March 24. Plans were to include the

Flag certificate in the Annual Report; however, Compatriot Carter clarified that the TXSSAR Public Service & Heroism committee chairman needed the information well before the submittal of the Annual Report. Compatriot Friels will make the appropriate notification, as well as including the certificate in the Annual Report. Additionally, notification of the previously awarded public safety certificates will also be reported to the same TXSSAR committed chairman and again in the Annual report is submitted.

- X. Chapter Committee Chairmen: The Chapter needs a Membership Committee Chairman. Other committees need active members too.
- XI. State Fair SAR information desk: All North Texas SAR members are encouraged to sign-up for half day shifts to man the SAR information desk which is in the Continental Hospitality House owned by the Jane Douglas DAR Chapter and located on the on the Fair Grounds. The DAR sponsored website for signing up is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c49a5aa2aabf85-texas3>.
- XII. SAR participation for Compatriot's funerals: Compatriot Hamilton is submitting a report to the North Texas Color Guard Commander regarding SAR participation in Compatriot Copes' memorial service. He suggested that we should consider a questionnaire or some other good way for a member (or his family) to make known their desires for SAR participation in their funeral or memorial. The idea was discussed and considered worthwhile. Compatriots Hamilton and Anderson will give the subject more consideration.
- XIII. New Member Inductions: The Chapter presently purchases breakfast for new inductees and a limited number of their family. Compatriot Friels suggested we consider presenting the new inductee with a Chapter challenge coin and discontinue paying for their breakfast(s). The challenge coin would be more meaningful, simpler to manage, and less cost. The suggested change was briefly discussed with no objections from those present. A motion was not presented to the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Friels, Secretary

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