



Texas SAR Arlington Chapter
Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2021

The September 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. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the invocation which included prayerful remarks to commemorate the 9/11 Attack of 20 years ago.
- 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 guests.
- V. Compatriot Dick Lee gave a lighthearted “Comment of the Day” reminiscing on a 9-11 NYC trip he and his wife enjoyed that included dinner at one of the “twin towers, and he sported his Fifth Avenue hat. On a more serious note, Dick encouraged all of us to focus on the good things and not the bad (as he led by example).
- VI. Awards: President Pope presented Compatriot James Gibson with a 10-year Service Pin.
- VII. Meg Anderson, President TXSSAR Ladies Auxiliary presented information on a raffle ticket sale for two stained glass decorative pieces to raise money to purchase one or more artifacts for the SAR Museum. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and the raffle will be ongoing until spring of 2023 when her term as president ends.
- VIII. Program: Compatriot Bill Hurst of the Edmund Terrill Chapter presented a very informative program about his Patriot Line to Charles C. Beatty. Compatriot Hurst has Supplemental Patriot Stars numbering 23 and 27 on his Mother’s side and Father’s side, respectively.
- IX. Officer and Committee Reports
 - A. Treasure Richard Coffee reported on the debits and credits and revised bottom line balance (BLB) to our account. The BLB increased \$34 for the period of Aug. 6 to Sep. 7. Compatriot Coffee also advised the Chapter that Chase Bank has converted our account to a business account, and we know have to maintain a minimum balance to avoid a monthly fee.
 - 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, Compatriot Anderson moved that the minutes be accepted as posted and the motion was seconded and approved.

Compatriot Friels advised the Chapter of a free online course on design and purpose of the Constitution provided by Hillsdale College. The course title is “Constitution 101: The Meaning and History of the Constitution” and will include 12 lectures. The link for enrollment is: hillsdale.edu/con101course.

- C. TXSSAR/NSSAR Information reported by Compatriot John Anderson:
 - Texas State Fair: 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>.

- The summer issue of the SAR Magazine is out and it includes a brief article regarding our Chapter's support of the Boy Scout Troop 517 and the Arlington Firefighters by purchase and subsequent donation of camp cards.
 - An announcement email about the availability of the latest Texas Compatriot newsletter was sent to all Texas Compatriots that are on the Texas SAR DADA mailing list. Find The Texas Compatriot option in the Texas SAR public website under the About Texas SAR tab. Compatriot Anderson will assist any of us that need help getting on the mailing list. The Summer Issue includes a nice article submitted by Compatriot Anderson about the importance of Chapter Historians.
- D. Registrar John Anderson reported:
- Bill Goodman has been approved by National. Once his application reached National, it was approved in record time.
 - At the beginning of the year our Chapter had 77 active paid members and 17 members who had not paid. We now have 76 active paid members counting Compatriot Goodman and 16 adult members who have not paid.
 - There are three new applications in works so it is very likely we will exceed our beginning of year membership before year end.
- E. Chaplain's Report: No report
- F. Historian's Report: No report.
- G. Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton
- Presented Compatriot Hurst with a Chapter coffee mug.
 - Reminded the Chapter that he has Chapter coffee mugs, challenge coins, and lapel pins for sale.
- H. Chapter Color Guard Commander Dan Hamilton reported the following:
- No activity to report so far this month.
 - Color Guard will march in the State Fair Parade on September 24, and The Medal of Honor Parade at Gainesville on September 25.
- I. DAR Liaison Reports: The Arlington DAR Chapter has a combination DAR-SAR display this month at the Arlington S.E. Library. Both area DAR Chapters are resuming normal meetings commencing this month.
- J. C.A.R. Activity: Compatriot Joe Sogan reported that the deadline for C.A.R. Essays to be submitted to chapters is December 31. Compatriot Carter added that any essays for our Chapter should go to him, and that our Chapter appreciates all the work Compatriot Sogan does at State Level with the C.A.R. Compatriot Hurst noted that often C.A.R. applications may be used for SAR membership applications.
- K. Speakers Bureau Report: Chairman Bill Covington had reported the following presentations for August and September:
- September 3 – Lone Star Treasure Hunters Club, Irving, TX – “Fort Laurens: The History and Archaeology”.
 - September 4 - Betty Martin Ch., NSDAR, Temple, TX – “The Constitutional Convention and It's Delegates”.
- L. ROTC/JROTC Report: Chapter Liaison David Friels had no activity to report.
- X. Ongoing Chapter Business – Past, Present and Future
- A. Revisions to Chapter Bylaws: Committee Chairman Roger Wehr reported that on July 14 a copy of the proposed Bylaws was transmitted to the TXSSAR Chancellor for review and approval at State level. He has followed up but thus far has not had a response.

XI. New Business

- A. Compatriot Carter encouraged all compatriots to become a George Washington Fellow by donating \$1000 (either lump sum or five annual payments of \$200) 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 help fund committee shortfalls.
- B. Compatriot Roger Wehr said that UTA Students had a goal to place 3,000 flags to commemorate the 9/11 tragedy. The potential of awarding a Flag Certificate was discussed and will be explored by Secretary Friels.
- C. Compatriot Anderson reminded the Chapter that we have three open committees. The greatest need is for a Membership Committee Chairman, but we also need a Newsletter Chairman. Any Compatriots with an interest in serving on a committee should contact President Pope.

XII. The meeting was adjourned after a motion by President Pope, 2nd by Compatriot Gibson, and approval by the members present.

XIII. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the Closing Benediction.

XIV. Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton led the SAR Closing Admonition.

XV. The October Chapter Meeting conflicts with the State B.O.M., and due the surge of Covid illnesses, our Chapter will not meet in October. Plans are to resume normal meetings on November 13, 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: 14 Chapter members and 5 guests

Respectfully Submitted, David Friels, Secretary

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