



Texas SAR Arlington Chapter
Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2021

The December 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.
- 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 told of very interesting experiences and observations regarding WWII and his service in the USN. He commented on how our country came together with sacrifices to save the world from two major military powers. He concluded by stating how proud he was to be an American and to have served his Country.
- VI. Historian Bill Covington provided a very informative presentation on historical events in December during the Revolutionary War. He talked about the Battle of Trenton in detail. General George Washington and his Colonial Troops crossed the Delaware River the night of December 25, 1776 and executed a successful surprise attack on the Hessian garrison during the early morning of December 26. The Colonial victory was a turning point in the morale of not only the troops but all Colonials, just as the Battle of Saratoga was the turning point in the war.
- VII. President Pope recognized the passing of Senator Bob Doyle and his distinguished service to our country. Compatriot Ron Carter told of his extended stay of 39 months in a military hospital because of the injury to his hand. President Pope also commented on the beginning of WWII and he told us of his grandparents who were living in the Philippines at the time and were captured by the Japanese. They were able to send his father back to the United States prior to the Japanese invasion, but his Grandmother died as a result of the terrible conditions in the prison camp.
- VIII. Officer and Committee Reports
 - A. Treasure Richard Coffee gave us an update on our back account bottom line balance (BLB). As of December 11 our BLB had decreased by \$92 since the November meeting.
 - B. Secretary Friels reminded the Chapter that the minutes from the November meeting have been posted on the chapter website. The floor was opened for comments on the minutes. There being no comments, President Pope moved that the minutes be accepted as posted and the motion was seconded and approved by the Chapter.

Reports for Flag Certificate and Public Service Awards Certificates were submitted to State on September 7. Annual reports will be due at State in early February. To facilitate report preparation, all members are requested to submit informal activity reports to the Secretary to document their SAR activities outside of our Chapter meetings. Specifically, members should note services or activities related to C.A.R., DAR, Boy Scouts, Public Service, and any presentations.
 - C. TXSSAR/NSSAR Information reported by Compatriot Ron Carter:
 - On Saturday, December 18, 11:00 A.M. the Brazos Valley SAR and DAR will meet at the Action Cemetery to honor Elizabeth Crocket, wife of Davy Crocket.

- The Texas Compatriot news letter has been posted on the Texas SAR public website under the “about us” tab. President Pope noted that both Dan Hamilton and James Gibson had very good articles in the Compatriot.
- D. Registrar Report: No report since Compatriot Anderson is on vacation.
- Compatriot Friels told how we can find the official chapter roll on the TXSSAR private site. He reported that the November 28, 2021, roll shows Arlington to have 67 active members plus 8 paid junior members. The revised bylaws define a quorum for the chapter meetings to be 15 percent of the active (i.e., paid) members. Therefore, based on the latest roll we require 10 active members to be present to have a quorum to conduct chapter members.
 - Compatriot Kevin Jorrey reported that he had several new applications for submittal.
- E. Chaplain’s Report: Chaplin Bob Wehr wished everyone a Merry Christmas and commented on the earlier remark that General Washington had declared our victory at Trenton was due to Provincial Guidance.
- F. Historian’s Report: No report.
- G. Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton distributed copies of the Declaration of Independence to those present. The copies are suitable for framing and extra copies were available to for members to use as gifts. Donations were requested that donations be given to the Treasure to help cover the cost of printing.
- H. Chapter Color Guard Commander Dan Hamilton reported the following:
- Wreaths Across America will take place on Saturday, December 18. All members are encouraged to participate, but should find out in advance which cemeteries are participating in the National Event.
 - November served as a pallbearer for Compatriot Dick Arnolds funeral in Rockwall
- I. DAR Liaison Report: No Report
- J. C.A.R. Activity: No Report
- K. Speakers Bureau Report: Chairman Bill Covington had reported the following:
- November 18, 2021, Richardson, TX, Col. Cole Digges Chapter, Colonial Dames XVII Century, “Bad Girls of the American Revolution.”
 - December 10, 2021, Dallas, TX, Michael Stoner Chapter, NSDAR, “Churches and Religion During the American Revolution.”
 - Presentations are scheduled for January 11 to the Duncan, OK DAR and April 22 in Fredericksburg.
- L. ROTC/JROTC Report: Chapter Liaison David Friels ask that Compatriots volunteer to represent one of the eight units that yet do not have a representative. If the Compatriot has a conflict with the date and time of the unit’s Awards Program, the Chapter Liaison will find a replacement. A letter promoting the JROTC Enhanced Program will be mailed to each of the JROTC Senior Commanders early in 2022.
- It is planned to award Flag Certificates to some or all of the schools at the Awards Program. Compatriot Kevin Jorrey has volunteered to print the certificates to facilitate this program.
- IX. Ongoing Chapter Business – Past, Present and Future
- A. An approved copy of the Chapter Bylaws was circulated for membership signatures.
 - B. The National Medal of Honor Museum ground breaking is scheduled for early 2022.
 - C. Compatriot Richard Coffey has forms for members to use for enrollment in the Kroger Rewards Program. The Chapter receives a rebate for purchases made by participating members.

XI. New Business

- A. Officer Election will be conducted during the February meeting. President Pope will appoint a committee for officer nominations. The chairman shall present the proposed slate of officers to the Chapter during the January meeting and at that time the nominations may also be made from floor.
- B. President Pope queried officers regarding their willingness to serve another term. President Pope will be completing his second term as president; therefore, a new president will need to be elected. Secretary Friels indicated he will not serve another term. All other officers are willing to serve another year.

XII. The meeting was adjourned after a motion by President Pope, 2nd by Compatriot Joe Kohn, 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 next Chapter Meeting will be held on January 8, 2022, 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: 15 Chapter members and no guests

Respectfully Submitted, David Friels, Secretary

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