



*Texas SAR Arlington Chapter  
Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2022*

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The May 14, 2022 meeting was held at Southern Recipes Grill, 2715 N. Collins Street, Arlington, Texas. Members and guests gathered at 08:30 am for fellowship and breakfast.

- I. President Dan Hamilton welcomed attendees and opened the meeting for Chapter business at approximately 9:00 am.
- II. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the invocation.
- III. Sergeant-At-Arms Richard Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag, the Texas Flag, and the Sons of the American Revolution Flag.
- IV. President Dan Hamilton recognized Past Chapter Presidents and greeted our guests.
- V. LTC. John Loranger, USAF, Timberview H.S. JROTC Senior Instructor gave the Chapter a good description of their JROTC program activities and objectives.
- VI. Compatriot Michael Fairchild updated the Chapter on plans for a Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution float in the Arlington 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Our Chapter has invited the Lucretia Council Cochran Chapter, NSDAR, to join us. Compatriot Fairchild has constructed the good ship Independence (on wheels) represent General Washington crossing the Delaware River. The float will require a crew of six plus General Washington and volunteers are needed.
- VII. Members of the Lucretia Council Cochran Chapter, NSDAR Cyndy Fairchild, Meg Anderson, and Nancy Bergvall discussed the commitment of the Lucretia Council Cochran Chapter, NSDAR to participate in Wreaths Across America event planned for December 17, 2022. Blank forms were provided along with information on recruiting businesses and individuals to participate with donations for purchase of wreaths. Although the program is national, their DAR Chapter has committed to the Arlington and Parkdale Cemeteries located near S. Mary St. and W. Mitchell St. in Arlington. On December 17 wreaths will be placed on the approximately 800 veterans graves in the two cemeteries. The veterans graves have been mapped, but assistance is needed in sponsoring (funding) the wreaths, loading the wreaths on trailers the week before wreath placements, and placing of the wreaths on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Offerings were taken for individuals present to help fund the parade float and the Wreaths Across America efforts. Our Chapter will address full Chapter participation later.
- VIII. New Compatriots: Jacob Alexander, Steve Alexander, and Michael Fairchild were inducted by President Dan Hamilton.
- IX. Officer and Committee Reports
  - A. Treasurer Richard Coffey provided an update on the Chapter bank account. He noted that the check for reimbursement to the Chapter for purchase of the ROTC/JROTC medals was received.
  - B. In the absence of Secretary Bill Goodman, President Hamilton noted that the minutes for the April meeting were attached to the meeting notice and also have been posted on the Chapter website. The floor was opened for comments on the minutes. There being no comments, the president requested a motion of acceptance. Compatriot Friels moved that the minutes be accepted, Compatriot Ron Carter seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by the Chapter.

- C. TXSSAR State Announcements by Compatriot Anderson:
- Compatriot Jim Kuykendall is the new State president.
  - Compatriots Ron Turner and John Anderson, both State Officers, attended the Dallas Chapter meeting last Saturday because President Kuykendall would be attending.
- D. TXSSAR Historian John Anderson reported that the next Historian Committee meeting will be held two weeks prior to the August Texas SAR meeting. Both the committee meeting and the State meeting will be held via ZOOM. There are several History related projects going on, and anyone interested in participating in a project or the committee meeting should contact Compatriot Anderson.
- E. Arlington Registrar Report was provided by John Anderson on behalf of Compatriot Joseph Kohn:
- We have seven new members approved year-to-date, including the three new members inducted today.
  - Wayne Saunders plus three family members are approved, but will be inducted at a later meeting after their packets have arrived.
  - Compatriot Kohn has two Supplementals approved this year, but packets have not arrived.
  - Three Supplementals have been submitted and are waiting TXSSAR approval; including two for Joe Kohn and one for Richard Martin.
  - Six new applications have been approved by TXSSAR and are pending NSSAR approval: including Brent Houser's and five for the Stan Kennedy family.
  - Several new applications are in early stages of work.
- F. Membership Committee Chairman John Anderson reported:
- A new member manual is in development.
  - Chapter rosters were distributed last month, and if you didn't receive one, then should contact President Hamilton.
  - 2021 ended with 67 paid members, including 8 juniors.
  - 2022 to-date we have 71 paid members including: 56 adults, 7 new adults, 3 reinstatements, 5 juniors. Twelve members were dropped from 2021 for non-payment of dues.
- G. Chaplain Bob Wehr had no additional information to report.
- H. Color Guard Commander Dan Hamilton reported:
- April 23 Medal of Honor Parade, Gainesville, TX.
  - May 21 will be a Color Guard Rally at Denison, TX.
- I. ROTC/JROTC Liaison David Friels reported:
- This year we ordered 1 Silver ROTC and 7 Bronze JROTC medals.
  - We presented the same number of medals, and Treasurer Coffey has received the State reimbursement.
  - Enhanced Award Program – a memo addressing the program was provided to each JROTC Senior Instructor in their packet along with their medal and certificate. Compatriot Anderson provided us with more detailed information which will be used next September when I contact each Instructor to promote the program for next year.
  - Two of the JROTC units we had presented to prior to Covid did not participate with our Chapter this year, and the Senior Instructors did not respond to calls or emails.

- Our Chapter provided good support for this program, and we had excellent representation at each of the events. Seven members participated (several attending more than one event) and we had more than one representative at several of the presentations. Additionally, at least two more members volunteered, but had schedule conflicts and could not attend a presentation.
  - Flag Display Certificates were presented to the Summit H.S., Timberview H.S, and Legacy H.S. JROTC instructors during their Awards Program. Compatriot Hamilton has presented two additional certificates to families.
  - The Flag Certificate Presentation Report is due to Compatriot Chris Courter, TXSSAR Committee Chair NLT December 31. The Public Service Awards report is due NLT June 30 and will also be submitted to Compatriot Courter.
  - The ROTC/JROTC report was submitted to TXSSAR on May 10 after our last presentation on May 6.
- J. Sergeant-At-Arms Richard Martin had no additional information to report, but he requested a back-up to deliver the flags to meetings if he could not attend. Compatriot Coffee volunteered to be Compatriot Martin's back-up.
- K. Speakers Bureau: Bill Covington reported the following presentations:
- March 12, Arlington Chapter, NSSAR - "Bad Girls of the American Revolution"
  - April 11, Richardson, Circle of Friends -50+ Senior's Group - "Catholics during the American Revolution"
  - April 13, Dallas, Providence Christian School - "The Continental Soldier of the American Revolution"
  - April 16, Granbury, Brazos River Valley Chapter, NSSAR - "Churches and Denominations during the American Revolution"
  - April 24, Nolanville, Priscilla Alden Society, NSCAR - "Pint-sized Patriots of the American Revolution"
  - May 14, Georgetown, Alexander Hamilton Chapter, NSSAR - "Vignettes on the Life of George Washington"
- X. Old Business
- A. President Dan Hamilton reported that the joint new member orientation meeting held on 30 April 2022 at Coker's BBQ in Arlington was well attended and very successful. He thanked those of our Chapter that attended.
- XI. New Business
- A. On 25 May at 9:00 a.m. our Chapter will present Public Service Medals to the Arlington Police Department at the North Station on Division St., East of Cooper St.
- XII. President Dan Hamilton concluded the meeting. Compatriot Martin moved we adjourn, Compatriot Cobb seconded the motion, and the Chapter approved the motion.
- XIII. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the closing benediction.
- XIV. Sergeant-At-Arms Richard Martin led the Chapter members in the SAR Closing Admonition.

The next Chapter Meeting will be held on June 11, 2022, at Southern Recipes Grill, 2715 N. Collins Street, Arlington, Texas. Meet for breakfast from the menu at 8:30 a.m. with the Chapter meeting commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance: 17 Chapter Members and 5 guests.

Respectfully Submitted, David Friels, Assistant Secretary