



*Texas SAR Arlington Chapter
Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2023*

The July 8, 2023 meeting was held at Skillet & Grill, 1801 W Division Street, Arlington, Texas. Members and guests gathered at 09:30 am for fellowship and breakfast.

- I. President Dan Hamilton welcomed attendees and opened the meeting for Chapter business at approximately 10:15 am.
- II. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the invocation by reading George Washington's Prayer.
- III. Sergeant-at-arms Richard Martin led the pledges to the U.S. Flag, the Texas Flag, and the Sons of the American Revolution Flag.
- IV. Compatriot Ron Turner, District 5 Vice President presented Compatriot Hamilton, Arlington Color Guard Commander and President, with Silver Bernardo de Galvez medal for his color guard activities.
- V. President Dan Hamilton recognized Past Chapter Presidents and greeted our members and guests. Guests included applicant Nick Nichols, and Compatriot Ron Turner. Newly approved Compatriot Kirby Anderson was also recognized.
- VI. Comment of the Day: Compatriot John Anderson introduced us to the "Keyhole to History" by playing two one-minute segments from the NSSAR website.
- VII. Officer and Committee Reports
 - A. Treasurer Richard Coffey reported no bank account activity for the past month.
 - B. In the absence of Secretary Bill Goodman, President Hamilton ask if there were comments on the June minutes. Compatriot Ron Carter moved that the minutes be accepted and John Anderson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the Chapter.
 - C. Compatriot John Anderson provided the following reports:
 - TXSSAR State Announcements
 - Texas State 2023 Summer Conference will be via zoom on Sat. July 29; registration is open and details will be released as we get closer to the date.
 - Texas State 2023Fall Conference will be in-person on Fri.-Sun Oct. 20-22 in College Station; details will be released as we get closer to the date.
 - TXSSAR Historian Report
 - Texas SAR Archives/History/Yearbook committee met on July 6th and some very interesting discussions were held. Primarily about UNT and Google Groups. Roger Wehr attended as the Texas SAR History Vol 3 editor. Thanks to Roger.
 - Next Texas SAR Archives/History/Yearbook committee will be Thurs. Sept. 14 @ 6:30 pm. There are several active interesting projects.

Arlington Chapter Membership Chair

- The Arlington Chapter New Member Manual is now available on our chapter website and printed here today. Thanks to those who reviewed and provided feedback. It will be included with New Member Inductions.
- Membership, no change since last month.
- 85 is the current Arlington Chapter roster, including 15 Juniors.

DAR/C.A.R. Liaisons

- Members of The Lucretia Council Cochran (LCCC) DAR chapter (Arlington) rode on one of the two Arlington SAR Floats in the Arlington Independence Day parade. They are otherwise off for the summer, but they too are thinking about America 250 anniversary celebrations. Thanks to Mike Fairchild for chairing our committee. Have you seen the 1+ minute parade news from CBS11 evening news?
- LCCC DAR appreciates our contributions towards Wreaths Across America (WAA).
- John reported no contact with the Quanah Parker Mansfield DAR Chapter.

Web Admin

- Normal website maintenance: minutes, photos, new members, etc. Also, I've an In Memorial Index and a cookie acceptance process has been added.

Past/Present/Future

- Mark your calendar Sat. Dec. 16 for WAA.
- America 250 – what can we do to celebrate?

- D. Compatriot Joe Kohn reported that Kirby Anderson's application is approved, and Nick Nichols' application has been approved by State and forwarded to National. Compatriot Kohn has submitted several supplementals.
- E. Chaplain Bob Wehr read a very relevant scripture from the New Testament.
- F. Sergeant-at-Arms Richard Martin stated that he will keep control of the flags, but that it would be beneficial if the Chapter would decide on the disposition of the round medal signs which we no longer can use, nor do we need since we have the new free standing banner. The Chapter voted to give the signs to Compatriots Brent Houser and Dan Hamilton.
- G. Veteran Committee Report: No Report
- H. Color Guard: Compatriots Hamilton and Fairchild participated in Arlington 4th of July parade in uniform. Arlington Chapter Compatriots John Anderson, Chuck Andrews, and Will Deakyne also participated in the parade The North Texas Color Guard marched at a Frisco Roughriders Ball Game.
- I. Compatriot John Anderson showed a short video of segments of the Arlington 4th of July Parade. Arlington Chapter SAR was represented by the George Washington Float, designed and constructed by Compatriot Mike Fairchild. The LCC DAR chapter was also represented with members riding on the trailer float Arlington borrowed from the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Fort Worth SAR Chapter.
- J. Speakers Bureau: Compatriot Bill Covington could not attend since he was giving a presentation at another location. On June 13 Compatriot Covington was accompanied by Compatriot Friels to attend the Duncan, OK DAR Chapter where Bill presented "Bad Girls of the American Revolution II". He has tentatively scheduled 20 presentations over the next 10 months.

- K. ROTC/JROTC Liaison Compatriot David Friels reported that 2023 activities are concluded and the Chapter has been reimbursed by State for the medals we purchased. Future plans are to confirm the Senior Leadership for each unit and send an information email advising of the availability of our program.
 - L. News Letter Editor Compatriot Chuck Anderson reported that plans are to provide quarterly issues with possible monthly updates. He requested that chapter members provide him with articles for inclusion.
- VIII. Business Old and New
- A. President Dan Hamilton challenged all members to purchase at least one wreath for the Saturday December 16 WWA Project. He proposed a Chapter Goal to purchase a minimum of 69 wreaths at \$17 each to mark the veteran's graves in our assigned section.
 - B. Compatriot Robert Pope advised the Chapter that Compatriot Rod Ashford's son and grandson who live in Austin are joining SAR and wish to be inducted in our Chapter but hold membership in Austin. Compatriot Ashford was inducted in our Chapter and a loyal member until his passing earlier this year. Rod is a descendent of a Declaration of Independence Signatory, and with the induction of his son and grandson our Chapter will have inducted four members, including Compatriot Pope, to that very select group. The Chapter was in agreement, and Ron Turner suggested that President Hamilton contact the Austin Chapter President as a courtesy.
 - C. Compatriot John Anderson proposed a stipend to the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter for use of their trailer for the 4th of July parade. Based on a motion from Compatriot Roger Wehr the Chapter approved payment of \$75.
 - D. President Dan Hamilton awarded a flag certificate to Compatriot Kevin Jorrey.
 - E. President Hamilton advised that National will assign certain days throughout the year for Veteran Recognition.
- IX. President Dan Hamilton moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded and passed.
- X. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the closing benediction.
- XI. Sergeant-at-Arms Richard Martin led the Chapter members in the closing admonition.

The next Chapter Meeting will be held on August 12, 2023, at Skillet & Grill, 1801 West Division Street, Arlington, Texas. Members meet for breakfast from the menu at 9:30 am or when the meeting room is available, and the Chapter meeting will commence at 10:00 am or as soon as practicable after members and guests are seated and have ordered.

Attendance: 19 Chapter Members and 2 guests.

Respectfully Submitted, David Friels, Assistant Secretary