



*Texas SAR Arlington Chapter  
Meeting Minutes  
August 12, 2023*

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The August 12, 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 10:00 am
- II. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the invocation.
- 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. President Dan Hamilton recognized Past Chapter Presidents and greeted our applicants and other guests.
- V. Compatriot Mike Fairchild discussed the details of the Wreaths Across America Chapter donations. Then passed the donation jar.
- VI. Compatriot Kevin Jorrey and John Anderson discussed the details of the Chapter banner. Compatriot Joe Kohn motioned to purchase the banner as shown for \$110.00. Compatriot Brian Erhler seconded the motion. All members in attendance voted approval.
- VII. Officer and Committee Reports
  - A. Treasurer Richard Coffey provided an update on the Chapter bank account bottom line balance (BLB).
  - B. Secretary Bill Goodman 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 John Anderson motioned that the minutes be accepted as posted, the motion was seconded by Compatriot Bob Pope, and approved by the Chapter.
  - C. John Anderson reminded the attendees of the Texas State Fall Conference will be in person in College Station on Fri – Sun Oct 20 – 22, 2023. Registration is near open, hotel reservations are open.

**TXSSAR State Announcements:**

- Texas State Fair will run from Sept. 30 – Oct 23; Free admission and free easy parking; ½ day sign up will be soon and I will partner with you if you like up to five times.
- Texas State 2024 Spring Conference will be in-person in San Antonio on Thurs.-Sun, April 11-14; details will be released as we get closer to the date.
- Your wives are eligible for the Texas SAR Ladies Auxiliary for \$5.00 per year. I went with my wife to their meeting at Catherine Massey Huntsville antebellum home last Tuesday. Us husbands went out for a long lunch.

**TXSSAR SAR Historian Report:**

- Texas SAR Archives/History/Yearbook committee will next meet via zoom on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. Discussions will be steered towards “Archives” discussions and net “History Volume”. We have a member inducted in 2016, Jason Bourgeois whose profession is an “Archivist” for a small university. He will lead the discussion. Those with interest should send me an email to be included in the zoom list.
- Texas SAR Archives/History/Yearbook committee will meet in-person on Fri. Oct 20<sup>th</sup>. Discussions will be steered towards the “Archives” and the impacts to Chapter “Yearbooks”.

**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.
- 80** is the 2022 ending Arlington Chapter roster, including 15 Juniors.
  - 8 Not paid from last year.
  - New Members
    - +1 Bryan Ehrler was previously inducted.
    - +2 Wendel Black and Kirby Anderson, will be inducted today.
    - +1 Richard Vaughn is ill and will be inducted later.
  - +1 Damon Fehler is a transfer this year to us from Heart of Texas Chapter.
  - New Junior Members
    - +2 Damon Fehler's sons are Andrew & John Fehler. They are busy with BSA and Civil Air Patrol. Father Fehler says lets' try for induction on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>.
    - +1 Joe Kohn's grandson is Grayson Freeman and his induction will be in Sept. at their DAR meeting as Joe's daughter and granddaughters will be inducted there.
    - +2 DAR Gin Jentsch has two out-of-town grandsons of Aleksander & Kyle Stephenson. She has the packets and will do the inductions.
  - +4 Reinstated (late payment).
  - -2 Deaths this year Rod Ashford and Burton G. Watkins (he was a life member).
  - +1 Russ Godwin is Dual member joined from Lake Charles La., and cousin to Chuck Andrews.
  - +1 Loyd Huber is reinstated/transfer from miss.
- 86** is the current Arlington Chapter roster, including 15 Juniors.

#### **DAR/C.A.R. Liaisons**

- The Lucretia Council Cochran chapter starts their meetings again in September. They are looking ahead to "Constitution Week", Wreaths Across America and America 250.
- I have no contact with the Quanah Parker DAR Chapter.
- I have no contact with the Three Forks of Trinity C.A.R. chapter.

#### **Web Admin**

- Normal website maintenance; minutes, photos, new members, etc.
- I've added and "In Memorial" Index and a cookie acceptance process.
- New (and older) members are encouraged to complete the "Compatriot Questionnaire".

#### **Past/Present/Future**

- Schedule ½ days at the Texas State Fair.
- Mark your calendar Dec. 16 for WAA.
- America 250 – what can we do to celebrate?
- Invite Pres. Massey to a chapter meeting!

VIII. Levita Kyne provided a very informative presentation on the activities of the C.A.R. membership.

IX. Veteran Committee Chairman Bill Goodman presented to Brenda Ashford a Vietnam War Survivor Spouse Lapel Pin. Bill has presented 66 Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin to date.

- X. Veteran Committee Chairman Bill Goodman provided a discussion on the Stark Report and the vital need for Compatriots to track their applicable activities and report to him monthly. Bill will send each member an Excel form to standardize the data to report. These activities are reported to the Texas State SAR. They are then combined with all State Chapters and reported to the National SAR.
  
- XI. New Business
  - A. President Dan Hamilton inducted Justin Ashford family members. Windel Black and Kirby Anderson were then inducted.
  
- XII. Compatriot Ron Carter motioned for adjournment. Seconded by several members.
  
- 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 September 9, 2023, Skillet & Grill, 1801 W Division Street, Arlington, Texas. Members and guests gathered at 09:30 am for fellowship and breakfast.

Attendance: 19 Chapter Members and 12 guests.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Goodman, Secretary