



*Texas SAR Arlington Chapter  
Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2023*

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The September 9, 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 members and guests.
- V. The “Keyhole to History” from the NSSAR website was skipped this month.
- VI. Officer and Committee Reports
  - A. Treasurer Richard Coffey reported a receipt of \$28.76 from Kroger Rewards and an expense of \$54.52 resulting in a slight decrease to our bottom line balance.
  - B. President Hamilton stated that the minutes from last month have not been posted, but will be posted along with the minutes for this month and they will be addressed during the October meeting.
  - C. Compatriot John Anderson provided the following reports:

TXSSAR State Announcements

- Texas State 2023 Fall Conference will be in-person in College Station on Fri.-Sun Oct 22-22;  
registration is open & hotel reservation is open.
- Texas State Fair will run 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 5 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. The reason for 1-week delay is the eclipse April 8<sup>th</sup>.

TXSSAR Historian Report

- Texas SAR Archives/History/Yearbook committee will next meet via zoom on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>. Discussions will be steered towards “Archives” discussions and next “History Volume” discussions. We have two members, Jason Bourgeois & Eric Christensen, whose professions are “Archivist” for small universities. They 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”.
- Roger Wehr is Editor of Texas SAR History Vol III.

Arlington Chapter Membership Chair

- The Arlington Chapter New Member Manual is available on our chapter website and printed here today. It will be included with New Member Inductions.
- Membership:  
80 is the 2022 ending Arlington Chapter roster, including 15 Juniors.  
-8 Not paid from last year,

New Members this year

- +1 Bryan Ehrler was previously inducted.
- +2 Windel Black & Kirby Anderson, will be inducted today.
- +1 Richard Vaughn
- +1 Nick Nichols

- +2 Charles & Chase Blumenfeld
- +1 Damon Fehler is a transfer this year to us from Heart of Texas Chapter
- New Junior Members this year
  - +2 Damon Fehler's sons are Andrew & John Fehler. They are busy with BSA and Civil Air Patrol. Father 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 Lloyd Huber is reinstated/transfer from Miss.

89 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 American and America 250.
- Congratulations to Joe Kohn as his wife and daughters were inducted last Wed. to the DAR.
- I have no contact with the Quanah Parker DAR chapter.
- Will Deakyne of the Three Forks of Trinity C.A.R. chapter was with us last month.

#### Web Admin

- Normal website maintenance; minutes, photos, new members, etc.
- New (and older) members are encouraged to complete the "Compatriot Questionnaire".

#### Past/Present/Future

- Mark your calendar Dec. 16 for WAA.
  - America 250 – what can we do to celebrate?
  - Invite Pres. Massey to a chapter meeting!
- D. Compatriot Joe Kohn reported that new member packets have arrived for Allen Vaughn and Chase and Charles Blumenfeld. Compatriots Nick Nichols and Allen Vaughn are present and ready for induction.
- E. Chaplain Bob Wehr had no report.
- F. Sergeant-at-Arms Richard Martin stated that he would not be at the October meeting and ask for a volunteer to take custody of the flags and other materials until the October meeting. Compatriot Brent Houser volunteered.
- G. Veteran Committee Report: Compatriot Bill Goodman was not present and will provide his report during the October meeting.
- H. Color Guard: Compatriot Hamilton reported that activities this month will include: posting colors at a DAR meeting in Waxahachie on September 11, and providing an honor guard on September 15 for a Korean War Veteran's services at the DFW National Cemetery.
- I. Speakers Bureau: Compatriot Bill Covington was not present and will provide his report later.
- J. ROTC/JROTC Liaison Compatriot David Friels had no report.
- K. News Letter Editor Compatriot Chuck Andrews reported that the second edition of our Chapter News Letter will go out via group email in the near future.

- VII. Business Old and New
  - A. President Dan Hamilton reminded us that we need SAR volunteers for various 4 hour shifts at the SAR information desk during the State Fair of Texas which commences in October. If interested, we should go online to sign-up.
  - B. Members should be receiving a post card requesting that we call to update our information for NSSAR. Members are requested to call the phone number on the card and verify or update our personal information.
  - C. Members should have received an email advising of a trip to France sponsored by NSSAR. Compatriot Friels stated he had attended such a trip several years ago to London and Scotland and the trip was well organized and planned.
- VIII. Inductions: President Hamilton inducted Compatriots Nick Nichols and Allen Vaughn.
- IX. President Hamilton gave us a preview of the presentation he typically gives to three of the Mansfield, TX ISD Jerry Knight STEM Academy American History classes. He attends in his colonial uniform and addresses several topics; including Declaration of Independence, Constitution, the Colors, uniforms, and the varied ethnic background of Patriots.
- X. President Hamilton moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded and passed.
- XII. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the closing benediction.
- XIII. Sergeant-at-Arms Richard Martin led the Chapter members in the closing admonition.

The next Chapter Meeting will be held on October 14, 2023, at Skillet & Grill, 1801 West Division Street, Arlington, Texas. Members meet for breakfast 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: 17 Chapter Members

Respectfully Submitted, David Friels, Assistant Secretary