



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

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The December 9, 2023, meeting was held at Skillet & Grill, 1801 W Division 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 9:30 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 guest, Cyndy Fairchild.
- V. Compatriot David Hubler presented the Comment of the Day.
- VI. President Dan Hamilton led a discussion on the standardization of the NSSAR Mission Statement.
- VII. Compatriot Mike Fairchild and his wife, Cyndy, led a discussion on the Wreaths Across America activities for December 16, 2023, at the Arlington Cemetery. There are 880 Veteran graves to be honored.
- VIII. Compatriot Bill Goodman gave a short discussion on the Spring Creek Cemetery activities for the 84 Veterans for Wreaths Across America.
- IX. Compatriot David Hubler invited the Chapter Members and wives to his home in Cedar Hill for a Potluck social event on January 6, 2024.
- X. President Dan Hamilton led a discussion of an invitation for a joint meeting with the Dallas SAR Chapter. After addressing several details, the Chapter voted not to accept the invitation.
- XI. Compatriot Bill Covington gave a presentation on John (Jack) Jouett, called "The Paul Revere of the South".
- XII. President Dan Hamilton announced the 2024 Officers: Joe Kohn as President, Bob Pope as Vice President, Bill Goodman Secretary, Richard Coffey Treasurer, Bob Wehr Chaplain, Seargeant at Arms, John Anderson Historian.
- XIII. Officer and Committee Reports
  - A. Treasurer Richard Coffey provided an update on the Chapter bank account bottom line balance (BLB).
  - B. Compatriot Bill Goodman 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, Compatriot David Friels moved that the minutes be accepted as posted, the motion was seconded by Compatriot John Anderson, and approved by the Chapter.
  - C. Registrar Joe Kohn provided information and discussion on Patriot Supplementals.

D. Compatriot John Anderson provided the following reports:

- **TXSSAR State Announcements**
- Texas SAR Pres. Sam Massey is asking we call the dropped list from this year and last year seeking reinstatements.
- He also asked compatriots to consider any of the donations, especially the Monuments.
- The 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 eclipse on April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- He asked all chapters to consider hosting 2024 Fall or any Convention.

#### **TXSSAR Historian Report**

- Texas SAR Archives committee met on Nov. 30. It resulted with belief we the Texas SAR can successfully archive our own documents if we go electronic only. We'll be meeting again in Jan.
- We are searching for an Editor of Texas SAR History Vol III.
- State event photos are shared in google photos. Let me know if you wish access.

#### **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,
    - +4 Reinstated: R. Cobb, W. Deakyne, J. Kennedy, J. Miller
    - + 12 New Members this year
      - +5 Bryan Ehrler, Windel Black, Kirby Anderson, Richard Vaughn, Nick Nichols
      - +1 Aleksander Stephenson, became an adult member.
      - +2 Charles & Chase Blumenfeld
      - +2 Andrew & Christen Fehler (Jr Mbrs)
      - +1 Kyle Stephenson (Jr Mbr)
      - +1 Grayson Freeman (Jr Mbr)
    - +2 transfers into the chapter
      - +1 Damon Fehler is a transfer this year to us from Heart of Texas Chapter, Tx
      - +1 Lloyd Hbler is a transfer this year from Mississippi.
    - -3 Deaths this year Rod Ashford, Burton G. Watkins, Dick Lee.
    - +1 Dual Member, Russ Godwin, joined from Lake Charles La., and cousin to Chuck Andrews,
    - +1 Dual Member of Ron Turner, VP Dist 5. He has joined all the chapters in his district.
  - **88** is the current Arlington Chapter roster, including 14 Juniors.
- Former member, Ivor Parks died Nov. 26, 2023

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

- The Lucretia Council Cochran chapter had their chapter meeting Wed. Dec. 6. They are looking ahead to Wreaths Across American on Sat. Dec. 16th and America 250.
- I have no contact with the Quanah Parker DAR chapter.
- Will Deakyne is our Liaison to the Three Forks of Trinity C.A.R. chapter. Jeanne Deakyne did send me their Fall 2023 edition of the T.S.C.A.R. "Texas Roundup". See me if you need more information on their 2023-2024 State Project "Liberty Lives in the Lone Star State".

## **Web Admin**

- Normal website maintenance; minutes, photos, new members, etc. Plus, I've created a "Chapter Eternal" webpage of the deceased compatriots.
- 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?

XIV. President Dan Hamilton motion for adjournment. Seconded by several members.

XV. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the closing benediction.

XVI. Seargent at Arms Richard Martin led the Chapter members in the SAR Closing Admonition.

The next Chapter Meeting will be held on December 13, 9, 2023, at Skillet & Grill, 1801 W Division Street, Arlington, Members may 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 1 guest.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Goodman, Secretary