



*Texas SAR Arlington Chapter
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2024*

The January 13, 2024, meeting was held at the Skillet and Grill, 1801 W Division Street, Arlington, Texas. Members and guests gathered at 08:30 am for fellowship and breakfast. President Dan Hamilton welcomed attendees and opened the meeting for Chapter business at approximately 9:00 am

- I. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the invocation.
- II. Sergeant-at-arms Richard Martin led the pledges to the U.S. Flag, the Texas Flag, and the Sons of the American Revolution Flag.
- III. President Dan Hamilton recognized Past Chapter Presidents and greeted our guests, Gordon Foster, and Cheryl Litke.
- IV. 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 December 9, 2023, meeting have been posted on the Chapter website. The floor was opened for comments on the minutes. There being no comments, Compatriot Ron Carter moved that the minutes be accepted as posted, the motion was seconded by Compatriot John Anderson and approved by the Chapter.
 - C. Secretary Bill Goodman gave a short presentation about the need for current Veteran information to facilitate updating our Veteran Records and to arrange an honor for all members that qualify. Bill asked that all Veterans email their info to him.
 - D. Compatriot John Anderson thanked the DAR for facilitating the Wreaths Across America event at Arlington Cemetery. There were 880 wreaths placed, of which 65 were in Dan Hamilton's group. John Anderson suggested that our Chapter purchase 10 wreaths through the DAR Chapter while they are on sale for half price. Compatriot David Friels made the motion and Compatriot Joe Kohn seconded the motion. Compatriot John Anderson will complete the purchase.
 - E. Compatriot John Anderson provided the following reports:
 - a. There is not much to report that would be different from the December report. SAR National has their yearend break and Texas SAR has only a few Color Guard related activities, but little else has progressed from last month. Hopefully, most of us had great holidays.
 - b. TXSSAR State Announcements
Nothing to report.
 - c. TXSSAR Historian Report
 - d. Arlington Chapter Membership Chair
 - e. To my knowledge, our membership has not changed. For 2023 we have a net gain of 8 members. We ended the year with **88** paid members including 14 junior members. We'll soon see how the 2024 renewals stand.
 - f. 1Death of Compatriot Michael Wayne Fairchild Dec. 23, 2023. Funeral arrangements are private, and a Celebration of Life will be announced later.
 - F. DAR/C.A.R. Liaisons
The Lucretia Council Cochran chapter had their chapter meeting Wed. Jan. 3rd. We had a great turnout for Wreaths Across American on Sat. Dec. 16th. Several pictures are posted on our chapter website. Thanks again to Mike Hutchins for taking those photos.

- Their next activity is for Washington's birthday, Feb. 18. We'll get more information after their Feb. 7 DAR chapter meeting.
- Long range, we'll be needed in their America 250 planning.
- 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. He will report whenever there is news to share.

Web Admin

- Nothing to report.

Past/Present/Future

- Nothing to report.

V. ROTC. Compatriot David Friels stated that he has purchased 6 medals.

VI. CAR. Compatriot Will Deakyne stated the need to support the Mission Arlington.

VII. New Business

A. Compatriot Brent Houser stated that our Chapter's advertisement in the National SAR magazine states our old meeting address and needs to be updated. Secretary Bill Goodman volunteered to get that correction completed.

B. President Dan Hamilton stated that the 2024 Officers will be voted on in the February Meeting.

VIII. Compatriot John Anderson motioned to Adjourn the meeting. Compatriot James Gibson seconded the motion and the Chapter voted approval.

X. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the closing benediction.

XI. Sargent at Arms Richard Martin led the Chapter members in the SAR Closing Admonition.

The next Chapter Meeting will be held on February 9, 2023, at Skillet and Grill, 1801 W Division Street, Arlington, Texas. Members meet for breakfast from the menu at 8:30 a.m. with the Chapter meeting commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance: 18 Chapter Members and 2 guests.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Goodman, Secretary