



*Texas SAR Arlington Chapter
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2024*

The February 10, 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 open 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.
- IV. Compatriot Gary Falleti gave a very informative presentation on the SAR and the Boy Scouts of America.
- V. Compatriot David Hubler presented the Thought of The Day.
- VI. Compatriot John Anderson gave a presentation on how to access the Texas SAR Patriots Buried in Texas website.
- VII. Officer and Committee Reports
 - A. Treasurer Richard Coffey provided an update on the Chapter bank account bottom line balance (BLB), as of January 31, 2024, was \$3,814.43.
 - B. Secretary Bill Goodman reminded the Chapter that the minutes from the January 2023 meeting have been posted on the Chapter website. The floor was opened for comments on the minutes. There being no comments, Compatriot Gary Falleti moved that the minutes be accepted as posted, the motion was seconded by Compatriot David Hubler 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. President Dan Hamilton provided Veteran Committee Challenge Coins for the attending Veterans.
 - D. Compatriot John Anderson provided the following reports:

Texas SAR State Announcements

- April 11-14 is Texas SAR Spring Convention in San Antonio. Committees are always looking for statewide member participation.

Texas SAR Historian Report

- Archives/History/Yearbook Committee met via zoom several times; latest was Feb. 8.
- The Prominent Texan Compatriots Committee has several initiatives needing volunteers.
- The Patriot Graves in Texas Committee is meeting with the Texas SAR Monument Committee to resolve the names on the monument.
- The Yearbook Committee is ramping up for the next convention judging.
- The Archives Committee is working towards a proof of concept for self-archiving.

Arlington Chapter Membership Chair

- 87 as 2023 Ending Membership not counting 4 Deceased in 2023; Ashford, Lee, Watkins, Fairchild
- Compatriot Michael Wayne Fairchild funeral will be March 16 at 10 am at Moore Funeral Home on North Davis St. His obit is online.
- 73 as 2024 beginning Membership.

- 61 Active/Current
- 12 Junior Members
- Not Paid from prior year
 - 12 Adult
 - 1 Adult former Junior
 - 1 Dual State
- The Chapter Member Roster draft is being circulated today. Please revise or mark with a check.
- Memorial slide show is planned for next month.

DAR/C.A.R. Liaisons

- Their next activity is for Washington's birthday, Feb. 18. We'll get more information after their Saturday Feb. 10 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 other than updated deaths.

- VIII. ROTC. Compatriot David Friels informed the Chapter members that The Arlington LDS will host a Genealogy Day on March 23, 2024.
- IX. New Business
- A. President Dan Hamilton announced that Compatriot Mike Fairchild's Celebration of Life Service will be held on March 16, 2024.
- B. President Dan Hamilton read the prospective Chapter Officer list. Compatriot Hubler made a motion that all Officers be elected. Compatriot Gary Falleti seconded the motion and the Chapter all voted in the affirmative.
- X. Compatriot John Anderson informed the Chapter that the Compatriot Mike Fairchild Fund purchased through the DAR, 20 wreaths which will be placed on Veteran graves on December 14, 2024.
- XI. Compatriot John Anderson made a motion that future meetings should commence at 9:30 am to avoid a conflict with the previous meeting in the same room as ours. Compatriot David Friels seconded the motion, and the Chapter voted its approval.
- XII. Compatriot John Anderson made a motion to Adjourn the meeting. Compatriot Richard Martin seconded the motion and the Chapter voted approval.
- XIII. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the closing benediction.
- XVI. Sergeant at Arms Richard Martin led the Chapter members in the SAR Closing Admonition.

The next Chapter Meeting will be held on March 9, 2024, 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 9:30 a.m.

Attendance: 17 Chapter Members and 1 guest.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Goodman, Secretary