



*Texas SAR Arlington Chapter
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2024*

The March 9, 2024, meeting was held at Skillet and 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 open the meeting for Chapter business at approximately 9:00 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 guests.
- V. Compatriot David Hubler provided the Compatriot Dick Lee Comment of the Day.
- VI. Texas SAR President – Elect Tracy Pounders Swore in the 2024 Chapter Officers.
- VII. President-elect Tracy Pounders presented information concerning the Texas State Meeting
- VIII. President Joe Kohn presented the following Awards:
Distinguished Service Award – Bill Goodman
Certificate of Appreciation –
David Friels
Roger Wehr
Brent Houser
Joe Kohn
Chuck Andrews
John Anderson
Chip Black
Richard Martin
Mike Hutchins
Bob Wehr
- IX. Officer and Committee Reports
 - A. Treasurer Richard Coffey provided the Ending Chapter Balance of 3,775.32.
 - B. Secretary Bill Goodman reminded the Chapter that the minutes from the February 2024 meeting have been posted on the Chapter website. The floor was opened for comments on the minutes. There being no comments, Compatriot John Anderson moved that the minutes be accepted as posted, the motion was seconded by Compatriot Dan Hamilton and approved by the Chapter.
 - C. Secretary Bill Goodman gave a short presentation about the need for current Service to Veterans 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 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. Some archive and review emails are going back and forth in preparation for the April convention.

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.

- A memorial slide show is planned for that day.
- 80 as current 2024 Membership.
- 62 Active/Current
- 13 Junior Members
- 1 New Member Bruce Cason, to be inducted in April
- 4 Reinstated
- Our Registrar will advise us of his new member activity.
- The Chapter Member Roster was drafted and circulated today.

DAR/C.A.R. Liaisons

- The LCCC DAR Regent has made progress on our Arlington Civic Awards presentations. Those emails were forwarded to our chapter President. April is the probable target presentation date.
- 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.

Rod Ashford – Feb 2, 2023 - Age 79 years

Burton Watkins – June 17, 2023

Dick Lee – Sep 28, 2023 – Age 96 years

Mike Fairchild – Dec 23, 2023 – Age 71 years.

- X. President Joe Kohn provided information about the Medal of Honor parade. Compatriot John Anderson offered for Compatriots to ride with him to the parade.
- XI. Compatriot John Anderson passed out the 2024 Membership booklets.
- XII. Compatriot David Friels provided the status of the ROTC and JROTC award presentations and asked for volunteers to present the awards.
- XIII. Old Business
President Joe Kohn announced Mike Fairchild Memorial Service March 16th, and a desk will be provided at the LDS Genealogy Fair on March 23rd.
- XIV. President Joe Kohn led a discussion concerning changing our meeting date to the first Saturday in the month of April and December. Compatriot John Anderson motioned that the date be changed. Compatriot Ron Carter seconded the motion and the Chapter approved.
- XV. Guest Speaker James Runzheimer provided a very informative and interesting presentation on the Veteran activities this year in Arlington. These will include a parade on Nov 11, 2024, and a ceremony in Veterans Park. He stated that the Medal Of Honor Museum will open in April 2025. Mr. Williams also discussed the UTA Veterans Business Center assists Veterans in opening a small business.
- XVI. Sergeant-at-arms Richard Martin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Compatriot James Gibson seconded the motion and the Chapter agreed.
- XVII. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the closing benediction.
- XVIII. Compatriot Richard Martin led the Chapter members in the SAR Closing Admonition.

The next Chapter Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 6, 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: 18 Chapter Members and 2 guests.
Respectfully Submitted, Bill Goodman, Secretary