Minutes of the Meeting of the Dallas S.A.R. Chapter

July 14, 2012

The meeting of the Dallas S.A.R. Chapter was called to order at 8:30 a.m. at the Presbyterian Village North by Chapter President Bob Northcraft. There was no sick call report from Frank Pounders who gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag, and the Salute to the S.A.R. flag was led respectively by George Ramphrey, Allen Peterson, and Bob Warren. Tracy Pounders led the Chapter in singing the first stanza of "America." Chief greeter, Ralph McDowell, introduced greeters Jim Templin and Glenn Toal.

Chapter President Bob Northcraft recognized State President Bob Clark, State Chancellor Hank Voegtle, and Vice President District 6 Harmon Adair. Bob Clark, having attended the National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, gave a report on the National S.A.R. Convention at the request of Bob Northcraft.

First VP Nick Harper gave the both the Americanism and the Guest Speaker presentation, the latter based on the book "The Sinking of the Scorpion," which involved a spy mission for the KGB by an American naval Chief Warrant Officer John Walker and family for three years which would not be discovered for seventeen years. In the process a nuclear submarine was sunk by the Soviets in 1968 and covered up by the U.S. Navy. All in all, it was an interesting tale of intrigue and espionage.

Color Guard Commander Charles Baker reviewed the July 4 parades both at Lake Highlands and Highland Park attended by the Color Guard. He brought up the need for S.A.R. volunteers for the Jane Douglas DAR House during the State Fair and the Veterans Day parade in Dallas which will be on a Monday.

Second VP Robert Kittrell gave Certificates of Appreciation to those members who devoted their time and effort to present Medals and Certificates to outstanding cadets and students at schools. There were a total of 53 medals and certificates awarded with 35 cadets given the Bronze R.O.T.C. Medals/Certificates and 18 students given the Bronze Good Citizenship Medals/Certificates.

The Minutes of the June meeting were posted per Charles Baker. Ralph McDowell advised members to register with Kroger so the Chapter would be funded such as the \$171 received from Kroger.

Treasurer David Temple reported that there were 29 members and 6 guests present. In the checking account was \$3,975.79, the Minuteman Fund \$10,410.04, and the Ritchie Fund \$4,300.77.

Registrar John Guittard remarked that there were 279 members and three duals. He inducted two new members who were George Ramphrey and Tom Dipprey.

Treasurer David Temple conducted the door prize drawing followed by Chaplin Frank Pounders giving the Benediction, and President Bob Northcraft the S.A.R. Recessional. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Second Vice President, Robert Kittrell