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Next Meeting DATE: Probably January 15,2022. Watch for an email for date, place and time.

President's Message

November is on us now with winter weather slowly taking hold of north Texas. Keep in mind Veterans Day which is celebrated on November 11th. Look around for a place to gather and honor those that have served.

In that regard, be sure and let me know of any veteran funeral or hospital visitation you have attended this past year. This is reported on the "STARK report", an SAR report that gathers all the visits, funerals attended or other service activity each chapter member has done in the past year in regard to veterans. Make a note of this information and I will remind you around mid-December to report this to me.

Also, the chapter now has a Facebook page. Texas SAR along with many chapters around the State utilize Facebook to reach out to persons interested in becoming members. For those active on this social media platform; search "Denton TX SAR" – this should take you to the page. Hopefully, the Facebook page will be a source of potential new members.

At this time of year, the chapter is most likely to be contacted by middle school or high school age kids as they search out college scholarship programs and competitions. As you know, the winners at the State level receive significant award money for the Texas SAR. Don't forget; your own children or grandchildren can also enter these contests.

Our chapter is too small to present any significant cash award at the chapter level BUT this opens the door to winning at the State level where significant money is awarded to the winners. At this point we know that last year's chapter winner is planning on reentering the Essay Contest along with the Oration Contest.

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President's Message, continued

Be sure and let me know if you want to assist the judging in these programs. I have done this for a number of years on many different SAR scholarship programs and it is a very rewarding experience. Doesn't take long and it is not difficult. The chapter will need 4-5 volunteers to judge entrants in the Essay and Oration contest. During the October ZOOM meeting, several members expressed interest in judging. Zap me an email if you would like to participate as a judge.

Keep in mind we will be electing a new slate of chapter officers for the two-year term beginning in April 2022. We are a small chapter so it is not like you have a "full time job" serving as a chapter officer. I have always enjoyed serving on the various committees and elected officer positions. Think about what you would like to do then let me know. It is always easier if the I know your level of interest in serving the chapter in an officer position.

Don't forget to get the National and State dues paid by the end of the year. It makes the bookkeeping a lot easier when the dues are promptly paid. Use the invoice that came in the mail or go to the website and follow the prompts to pay your dues via credit card.

We have several "new member" applications in process now and a number of inquiries over the past few months. All of this interest in our chapter points to continued growth for the future.

Chapter President: Mike Connelley

Editor's Note

There will not be a December Denton SAR Newsletter. The next one will be January, in anticipation of the January meeting.

The Chapter website is <https://www.txssar.org/Denton/>. On that site are the back copies of this newsletter, information about the Chapter, and links to the SAR State and National web sites.

We now have a Facebook page, www.facebook.com, search for **Denton TX SAR**. Please join and participate.

All of these communication devices take time to maintain. If you would like to help and/or take over one of these, please let me know.

Bill Surles, wsmerch@gmail.com

Minutes for Chapter Meeting
October 16, 2021 via ZOOM
Denton Chapter #23, Texas SAR

12:01PM

President Mike Connelley called the meeting to order at 12:01PM via ZOOM. The opening prayer was led by President Mike Connelley in the absence of the chapter chaplain. Present during today's meeting is Matthew Giddings, retired U S Army E-7 and the speaker for today's meeting.

An Ancestor's roll call was conducted with presentations given by chapter officers on one of their own Patriot Ancestors.

Matthew Giddings, ROTC staff member, UNT, Denton gave a talk on the current ROTC programs at the University of North Texas. He pointed out that the ROTC enrollment at UNT is 24 female and 60 males. The UNT program works in conjunction with the ROTC program at the University of Texas Arlington.

Chapter Treasurer report: Treasurer Chris Strauss stated the only business was a small deposit from the Texas SAR treasurer. The current balance is \$2567.34.

Chapter Secretary report: Minutes from the previous meeting are on file and can be viewed on the chapter website. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as posted; the vote was unanimous.

Old Business: none

New Business: President Connelley stated that current Vice President Jim Hobdy does not feel he can assume the role of chapter president in April 2022. He wishes to be replaced in that role. Hobdy does want to continue serving in a publicity / public relations capacity for the chapter. President Connelley stated he can be appointed to a non-election position of publicity and public relations.

Jim Akers has consented to accept the role of vice president and to step up to president in April 2022. Jim Hobdy made a motion to this affect which passed with no dissenting votes. Hobdy is to be appointed the chapter publicity / public relations chairman; this appointment does not require the vote of the membership.

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Chapter Meeting Minutes, continued

President Connelley mentioned that with new officers needed by April 2022, attendees were asked to communicate to the chapter president about their wishes / desires to serve in some capacity. President Connelley mentioned that volunteers are needed to judge any entrants the chapter might receive for the SAR youth contests. Mike Fry, Jim Hobdy and Tom Richards volunteered.

Report was given on the recent Board of Managers meeting in Houston. Mentioned the Texas SAR now has 3100 members. Chapters are to now purchase the ROTC medals, submit the paid invoice to the State treasurer and the State will reimburse the chapters for their costs. Texas SAR still studying the idea of becoming its own National SAR District. The Texas SAR annual Convention will be in Plano in April 2022.

District VP Ted Wilson stated that Texas SAR is going to schedule a ZOOM training session for all chapter officers. VP Wilson wants each chapter officer to tell him of their options / wishes for the date and time of this training session. It is expected to be in December or January time frame.

There was no other discussion. The Meeting was adjourned after the SAR Recessional was recited. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25PM with the attendance being 18 total: 15 members and 3 guests. The guests were regional VP Ted Wilson, acting regional VP Gary Barker and speaker Matthew Giddings, E-7 (retired), on staff with UNT ROTC detachment.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be in January 2022 and "hopefully" we will be back in the Denton library.

L. Michael Connelley, chapter secretary, Denton Chapter #23, Denton, TX;
minutes typed on 10/17-18/2021



Left to right, Junior member Steven C. Tisdale, Ms. Lane Tisdale, Wilda Tisdale and Mike Connelley.

On Saturday morning, October 16th, Chapter President Mike Connelley attended the DAR meeting for the Cross Timbers chapter, Flower Mound, Texas for the purpose of presenting Wilda Tisdale with the new SAR Patriot Ancestor certificates for the members of her family, some of whom are members of our Denton SAR chapter. Sadly, we recall than over the past year or so, Wilda's husband, William D. Tisdale, and son, Rodrick L. Tisdale, both passed away.