SAR Regular Meeting

November 11, 2021

Call to Order -  8:00 pm

Invocation - Jason Gray

Pledge to the American Flag - Dennis Vierling

Pledge to the Texas Flag - Jeff Witt

SAR Affirmation - Stuart O’Connor

Greet Members and Guests - Michael Goode

Special recognition of State Representative Justin Holland in attendance

Justin Holland Texas House of Representatives speaking on Legislative issues of the State

Today is Veterans Day.  He got to go to the Cowboys game to honor MOH recipients and GW Bush and 8 recipients were in attendance.  MOH center to be constructed in Arlington across from AT&T Stadium.

There is no better way…Patriotism is the key

His service in Austin.  6 generation in Rockwall… from Cullins family.  Owns real estate company.  Served 3 regular and 4 special sessions.  He has 2 girls 7 and 9.  His goal is to give them the best opportunity ever.

Session this year.  Optimistically.  The goal was to hold out and hold the line.  We got what we wanted in the end.

This session lasted 10 months instead of the regular 5 months.  In 89 they went all the way to Christmas.  Redistricting Maps were passed.  We are in congressional district 4 rep Fallon.  Holland’s district changed to represent the part of Colin County closer to home.

Property tax went from 25k to 40k for homestead exemption.

18 billion from feds for COVID recovery.

Tuition revenue bonds passed to support higher education.

1.8  and 1 billion to border security. Total 3 billion.  1200 miles of border with Mexico.  Sheriffs are asking for help from south Texas.  Try to give the tools to make them more successful.  We are putting 700 million towards border walls.

Texas heartbeat act saves 150 babies a day.

2nd amendment.  Believe that Texans are smart and should not be restricted in terms of the 2nd amendment.

Religious liberties churches cannot be shut down.

Electric grid fixes… the legislative part has been implemented.  PUC cleaned house and Ercot has to live in Texas.

State and municipal police are backed by the stated there will be no issues.  You don’t mess with police fire or puppies…. If you take state money from police budget you can’t give it away.

13th check for retired educators.  COLA is a goal.

Bail reform package passed to keep the right people in jail and the right people on the streets.

Telehealth is being invested in by the state because it is recognized as the future.

Electric grid reform. In 99 energy was deregulated.  Power generation, lines wires and poles, and retail are the 3 segments of power production.  We believe in a free market economy.  We are the 9th largest economy in the world.

Protection of monuments and holidays.  Historical markers are now protected.  Jan 19 example of holiday.

High speed rail.  Against taking land and any fed or state money.

During the next legislative session currently 84 republicans and 66 democrats.  Possible pass docking of budgets and per diems to encourage legislators to stay.  You make it painful for them disappear.  This has to be done at the beginning of the session during rule making.  Everything was able to be completed because of being patient.

Keystone pipeline question.  Where does Texas stand on oil production?  Were very big on the oil production…this will be solved but it will be 3 more years till that can change.

Casino gambling… over next 8 to 10 years it will probably pass.  They would be restricted and resort style things.

A Challenge Coin was presented as a token of thanks for the presentation.

Acknowledge the Veterans that are present and presentation of a token of thanks from the President of the Chapter.  There were 6 veterans present.  Among the 6 are Bob Vickers, Leslie Anderson, Walt Thomas and David Powell.

Approval of October Minutes

1st - Leslie Anderson

2nd - David Jackson

New Business

Meetings continue at Soulman’s for 22.

Christmas Party Gifts $20 limit.  Men will by a gift for another man and Ladies will buy a gift for another Lady

Nomination of Slate of Officers for 2022

Pres. Michael Goode

VP Ben Roper

Secretary Randall van Heyst

Color guard Randall van Heyst appointed position

Treasurer Michael Philippi

Historian Leslie Anderson

Chaplain Jason Gray

Registrar David Powell

Treasurers Report - Michael Goode

Will be sent out with minutes

Color Guard Report - Bob Kubin

2 events this month.

1. Lifesaving Medals were awarded to 6 firemen.   It seemed from the response to an August 14th Yellowjacket attack.
2. Rockwall DAR National Defense Luncheon presentation of the colors.

Future Activities

1. Wreaths across America on Dec 18th
2. Rockwall Christmas Parade.  December 4th Muster at 815 at the Rockwall courthouse.

Bronze Galvez Award Ceremony

Presented to Reagan van Heyst who is East Fork Trinity Chapter’s youngest member at 11 years old.

One time participation in a National Event allows a participant to receive the Bronze Galvez Medal. North Texas SAR Consists of 21 chapters.  The Bronze Galvez Color Guard medal was presented tonight on behalf of Blair Rudy State Color Guard Commander by Bob Kubin North Texas Color Guard Commander.

Registrar’s Report - David Powell

10 new members this year

5 at national

4 member family that Walt and Barbara are sponsoring

1 new prospect

5 supplemental thus far and 2 currently at national.  1 at state and 1 working on.

Ladies Auxiliary

Will have a Raffle for stained glass that will go from the BOM meeting through the annual meeting in 2023.  Funds will be used to donate 1 or more household items to the national SAR museum.  Tickets are 1 for 5 or 5 for 20.

New Member Induction

Matthew Whalin - Patriot Abraham bolt.  Father immigrated in 1736 from Ireland.  At 16 Matthew enlisted in South Carolina in 1780.  He participated in the Battle of Blackstock and the Battle of Cow Pens.   He Re-enlisted in 81.  Then moved to South Carolina and served various short tours.  Dies in 1839 at age of 85 in Hickory Town, South Carolina.

Tom van Fossen.

Special award for service

115 hot leads that were interested in membership.  A current new member who just signed application is here from a lead at the State Fair

As of this Saturday will have served the SAR for 60 years our very own Bob Vickers.  Certificate  f appreciation Give from district and State.

Birthdays - Leslie Anderson, Clyde Frith, Brandon Nelson, David Powell,

Door Prize Drawing - drawn by Reagan

SAR Closing - David Routh

Benediction - Jason Gray