

Ellis County Chapter 70 of Texas SAR Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 9:15 by President John Haughton

Invocation was offered by Ronald Finch
After ceremonial pledges to the American, Texas, and SAR Flags,
the attendees recited the SAR Mission Statement.

The Ellis County Chapter Color Guard presented Colors
(first official parade by the Chapter Guard)
Mark Gundert (acting commander) Phillip Taylor, Larry Kollie

Michael Goode, the new Chairman of Veterans Affairs for ECC,
spoke about the needs of the men and women in the area VA Hospitals, and
the many ways we can support and assist them.

Ron Finch presented another - "Minute in History".
"Jacob Meeks (1762 – 1861) of Navarro County, Unsung Patriot?"
There are 59 known Revolutionary Patriots buried in Texas and Ron is
presenting a brief sketch of those that made an impact on Ellis County.
We do not know all the details about these pioneers, and Ron is
continuing to share his research.

John Haughton took a brief moment to welcome two couples attending:
Robert and Betty Skinner of Oak Leaf, Tx, also Patrick and Patricia
Hernandez of Waxahachie. Patricia Hernandez is
Regent Elect of the Rebecca Boyce Chapter DAR.

Tom Van Fossen, District 6 VP of Texas SAR, gave follow up remarks on
Michael Goode's presentation by advising the Chapter members about
Committees that are forming. He addressed the concerns about
member knowledge and time availability to do justice to the work to be
done. He also briefly outlined a plan to provide workshops about
service needs to assist the members getting involved.

John Haughton spoke to encourage the members to step up and get
involved in the operation of the Chapter and Service Projects.
"If we don't get involved, the Chapter will die."

The meeting Recessional was led by President Haughton.
Colors were retired by Color Guard.
Ronald Finch offered the Benediction.
Haughton Adjourned the Meeting.

The next Chapter Meeting will be held on March 23, 2024 at the Sims
Library Lyceum at 9:00 am
515 W. Main St.
Waxahachie, Texas 75165

Meeting photographs provided by Paul Ridenour

Attending

John Haughton
Larry Kollie (A)
Mark Gundert (A)
Philip Taylor (A)
Mike Petridis
TomVan Fossen
Ron Finch (A)
Delfino Patrick Hernandez (A)
PatriciaHernandez– Guest
Paul Ridenour
Matt Gardner (A)
Robert Skinner
Betty Skinner – Guest
Michael Anderson
Adam Graves (first time visitor)

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