

January 2013 minutes

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January 12, 2013 minutes

Meeting was called to order by president Ray DeVries.

Pledges led by Lane Redwine.

Prayer was given by Mike Nichols.

We were reminded of meeting opportunities for February in Austin and Temple.

Minutes from December meeting approved.

Treasurer reported that we are solvent with \$2285 in our account.

Mike Nichols was sworn in as Chaplain by past president Harlan Green.

Harlan Green also reminded members who were absent last month to pick up their service awards.

Harlan Green introduced Scott Hamric, Director of the 3rd Army Cavalry Museum at Fort Hood, and Colonel (ret) Larry Phelps. Col. Phelps gave a presentation about the National Mounted Warfare Foundation, to be built at Ft. Hood.

President DeVries announced that James Hastings will be assisting Harlan Green with JROTC.

Past President Green present our speaker with an award.

The recessional was lead by Lane Redwine.

Prayer was offered by Mike Nichols

Meeting was adjourned.

February 2013 minutes

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There is no posting of minutes for February 2013.

The February meeting will be the joint meeting, observing George Washington's birthday, with the Daughters of The American Revolution, in Austin. Alexander Hamilton is in charge of the meeting.

In addition, Temple SAR and DAR will be observing Washington's birthday on February 9, and an invitation has been extended to our chapter.

March 2013 minutes

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March 9, 2013 minutes

Pledges to the United States flag, the Texas state flag and Sons Of The American Revolution were led by Russell Fontenot

Opening prayer led by Mike Nichols

David Kirkland was sworn in as Seargent At Arms by Jim Scott and Ray DeVries

SAR and military service awards were presented by Harlan Green, to those who had not been present at previous meetings:

Wesley Wilson - 10 years SAR, Korean Era Service, Vietnam Era Service

David Kirkland - Vietnam Era Service

ROTC program highlights wer given by Harlan Green.

New member Gordon Sanders was initiated by Roger Gore - Historian, Dan Stauffer - Registrar and Ray DeVries - President.

Gordon's sons, Jared Sanders and Tanner Sanders were initiated as Junior SAR members.

Supplemental patriot certificate was given to Don Witherspoon.

After breaking for lunch, our six guests were introduced.

Jim Scott then introduced our speaker, Lt. Todd Turbush, from Georgetown Police Department. Lt. Turbush spoke to us about trends in crime in Georgetown and Williamson County, and answered questions from the group.

After prayer and recessional, the meeting was dismissed.

April 2013 minutes

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April 13, 2013 minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Ray DeVries. He then read a poem called "Tri Corner Hat" by Ralph Pryor. He then pointed out that section 6 of the US Constitution invalidates the appointment of Senator Kerry as Secretary of State as being unconstitutional because he did not fulfill his full term of elected office.

Pledges to the United States flag, the Texas Flag and to the Flag of the Sons of the American Revolution were led by James Hastings.

Prayer was led by Mike Nichols.

Guests were introduced.

January and March 2013 minutes were approved. Treasurer's report was unavailable because of illness of the treasurer. ROTC Report given by James Hastings. He stated that GHS will be presenting a medal to a ROTC student.

New members John Ingle and Nicholas Kelley were inducted into the Society. Induction performed by associate registrar Henry Walden, historian Roger Gore and President Ray DeVries. Supplement compatriot certificates were presented to Henry Walden, Don Witherspoon and James Scott. President noted that our chapter was presented an award for most number of supplementals.

TXSSAR District 4 Vice President Ron Walcik provided us with information about updates from the state convention.

After breaking for lunch, James Scott introduced our speaker, Glen Watkins - Rocket Scientist, who told us numerous stories about unknown tidbits of the Apollo moon missions. SAR Recessional by James Hastings.

Closing Prayer was led by Mike Nichols

Meeting dismissed.

May 2013 minutes

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May 11, 2013 minutes

Alexander Hamilton #66

After a few lighthearted stories and words of inspiration, the meeting was called to order by President Ray DeVries.

Pledges to the United States flag, the Texas flag and the flag of the Sons of The American Revolution were led by Henry Walden.

Prayer was led by Mike Nichols.

Guests were introduced.

April minutes were approved.

President gave the treasurers report in the absence of Bill Freeman. We have \$2413 in our account.

James Hastings reported regarding the ROTC Medal awarded to Tyler Soberanes.

Tom Northen gave a report about presenting medals at Stony Point High School ROTC.

David Kirkland reported about McNeil and Vista Ridge High Schools presentations.

President DeVries read the names of the officers of the original charter for Alexander Hamilton #66 and expressed his appreciation for their commitment to the organization of the chapter.

He also reminded us that Patrick Henry chapter will be celebrating their 75th anniversary with a dinner on May 18th.

After breaking for lunch, James Scott introduced our speaker, Precinct 3 County Commissioner Valerie Covey. Ms. Covey reported about statistics, services, issues and information about Williamson County.

James Scott presented Ms. Covey with a memento of her visit.

President DeVries announced that our next meeting will be June 8, again at Mel's Bowling Alley, with David Alan Smith as our speaker, with the topic of "Women In The Revolution".

Henry Walden led our recessional.

Mike Nichols closed in prayer.

Meeting dismissed.

June 2013 minutes

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June 8, 2013 minutes

President Ray DeVries called the meeting to order.

The pledges to the United States Flag, The Texas Flag and the SAR flag were led by David Kirkland.

Opening prayer was led by Mike Nichols.

In read an inspirational piece entitled "Thirteen Hands" about the Iwo Jima Memorial, in Washington D.C.

He then read a humorous piece entitled "You Could've Heard A Pin Drop".

Minutes from the May meeting were approved.

Treasurer Bill Freeman gave the treasury report.

David Kirkland reported that we can purchase replica firearms for non-firing events.

Motion by Rick Malley, seconded by James Scott to purchase these firearms. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

President DeVries mentioned that more members were needed for July 3rd events at the Veteran's Memorial at Sun City.

At this time, formal proceedings were suspended for lunch.

After lunch, President Elect James Scott introduced our speaker, David Allan Smith. Following his talk about "Women In The Revolution", Mr. Scott presented Mr. Smith with a miniature cannon as a token of our appreciation for his speech.

President DeVries gave us an update about compatriots Harlon Green, Don Bunnell, and Harry Walden whose wife has had a stroke.

Next month's meeting will be a DAR girls theater reading. The meeting will be held at Mel's Lonestar Lanes, 1010 N. Austin Ave, Georgetown Texas

We were reminded of September's joint meeting with the DAR in Austin.

Recessional was led by David Kirkland.

Closing prayer by Mike Nichols.

July 2013 minutes

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July 13, 2013 minutes

President Ray DeVries called the meeting to order. He then read articles entitled "I Am Your Flag" and "Five Things You Can Never Recall". He then read a humorous piece called "The Pastor's Cat".

The pledges to the United States flag, the Texas flag, and the SAR flag were led by Jim Toungate.

Opening prayer was led by Russell Fontenot.

Guests were introduced by Rick Malley.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report was given by President DeVries in the absence of our treasurer, Bill Freeman.

President-elect Jim Scott gave a report regarding the Color Guard's July 3 presentation at Sun City.

He mentioned that many folks were interested in the history of the uniforms. Tom Northen reported that the Color Guard will be attending and participating in a naturalization ceremony in Austin on Tuesday, July 16. They will participate in another ceremony in September.

President DeVries gave health updates about some of our compatriots.

Secretary Rick Malley told the group about the Alexander Hamilton Facebook page that was newly created yesterday.

At this point, lunch was served and the group recessed.

After lunch, President-elect Jim Scott introduced the Reading Theater of the Robert Livingston Chapter of the Daughters Of The American Revolution. The ladies did a presentation entitled "Patriots in Petticoats".

Each of the seven ladies depicted or told about brave women of the Revolution who provided support, supplies or in some cases who performed physical acts of heroism.

After the program, Mr. Scott presented the ladies with a certificate of appreciation for their fine performance.

President DeVries reminded us of the joint DAR/SAR meeting, in honor of the Constitution Of The United States, to be held on September 21.

Before closing Mr. DeVries left us with a bit of humor "Four Worms In A Jar".

Recessional was led by Jim Toungate
Closing prayer was led by Russell Fontenot

August 2013 minutes

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August 10, 2013 minutes

The meeting was held at Mel's All Star Lanes.

President Ray DeVries gave the gavel and read several inspirational words.

Mike Nichols led allegiances to the United States, Texas and SAR flags and worded our opening prayer.

Pledges led by James Scott.

Rick Malley introduced the day's guests.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved with no corrections.

Bill Freeman gave the treasures report.

President DeVries gave a report about the color guard.

President DeVries also reported about an opportunity to stand guard at the tombs of George and Martha Washington. He will send us information about that opportunity at a future time.

President DeVries gave us preliminary information about the join SAR/DAR meeting in Austin in September.

President DeVries told us about the Outstanding History Teacher Award. He will create a committee to look at presenting a nominee.

President-Elect James Scott talked about the bust of George Washington at the Huntington Library.

President DeVries told us about applications that are currently being processed for membership.

At this time the meal was served.

After lunch, President-Elect James Scott introduced our speaker, Ann Evans who is the curator of the Williamson County Museum. She told us about various exhibits, tours, talks, and forums that the museum hosts.

President-Elect Scott presented Ms. Evans with a memento, in appreciation for coming to speak to us.

President DeVries gave a health update about past Presidents Harlan Green and Don Bunnell.

Secretary Rick Malley requested everyone to make certain that he has their email addresses. He also reminded the group of the Facebook page, and President DeVries reminded everyone of the Sun City site.

Chaplain Mike Nichols closed the meeting with the recessional and benediction

September 2013 minutes

There is no posting of minutes for a September 2013 Alex
Hamilton Chapter meeting

October 2013 minutes

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October 12, 2013 minutes

In the absence of Secretary Rick Malley, compatriot and new Sgt. At Arms Lane Redwine was gracious enough to record the minutes from the October 12, 2013 meeting. They are as follows:

Pres. Ray DeVries: Greetings and opening stories

Tom Northen: Pledge to flags

Chaplain Mike: Opening prayer

Lane: Announce guests

We were all excited to have Compatriot Harlan Green and his wife join us. Harlan explained the details of the medical condition he has been fighting. His wife warned us against letting your doctor make all the decisions and urged everyone to make use of the internet to research your own illness.

Pres. Ray DeVries announced Lane Redwine as the new Sgt at Arms

Suggested changes to the last Minutes: Chaplain Mike said that in the last Minutes he was erroneously credited with something other than offering the prayer.

Treasurer Freeman: We have \$2,073.63 in the bank.

Membership growth: Two applications are in the works

Color Guard activities:

9/12 Pres. Ray D and Jim Scott participated in an event in Sun City hosted by Livingston DAR. Speaker was State Rep. Marsha Varney

9/13 Alexander Hamilton and Patrick Henry combined color guard attended a citizenship ceremony where 770 persons received their citizenship

9/21 Members of the Alexander Hamilton and Patrick Henry color guards attended the Constitution Day Luncheon hosted by the DAR. Color Guard was led by Marvin Morgan of Patrick Henry.

Special Project: The President of the TXSSAR asked our chapter to be lookout for a place of business that regularly flies the American flag in according to regulations and then give them an award. This will be an ongoing project.

Pres. Ray recently attended a DAR event honoring a "Code Talker" from WWII.

November Meeting: Speaker will be Chaplain Mike Nichols. He will give us an interesting presentation on the Pilgrims. Mike is a member of The Mayflower Society.

December Meeting: Compatriot Marvin Morgan of Patrick Henry will speak on the topic of the uniforms that the Color Guard wears. There will be a buffet at Mel's and the cost will be \$16 per person. The deadline for confirming your attendance is Nov 22nd. The meal will include the following: chick breast, green beans, salad and Christmas cookies. Members will bring some of the items for the buffet. We must have at least 25 persons confirm in order to do this. Spouses are welcome.

--- Lunch was served ---

Guest speaker was Cindy Blankenship, President of the Williamson County "Blue Star Mothers" organization that supports our veterans. They participate in such programs as:

- Stand Down project to serve homeless vets
- Host "yellow ribbon" events for guard families both before deployments and upon return
- In conjunction with Round Rock High students, send care packages to troops abroad
- Works with "Heroes Night Out" at Twin Lakes Fellowship in Cedar Park, to provide vet to vet counseling, resume writing, job forums, help with VA loans, help getting VA benefits
- ***They are currently seeking donations for wreaths to lay on the graves of the soldiers at the Central Texas Veterans Cemetery. Only \$15 for a wreath. Can be reached at 254.289.7590 or at wreaths@wreathsforvets.org Make checks payable to Wilco Blue Star Mothers

November 2013 minutes

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November 19, 2013 minutes

At 11:00 a.m., President Ray DeVries lowered the gavel.

Before moving into official business, he shared a story called "The Back Nine".

President DeVries then led the pledges to the United States flag, the Texas flag, and the SAR flag.

Chaplain Mike Nichols voiced the invocation.

Secretary Rick Malley introduced our 12 guests and acknowledged that there were 17 members present.

At this time, the minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Treasurer Bill Freeman gave the treasurer's report.

New members Rick Denham and Greg Caswell were inducted by President Ray DeVries, Registrar Dan Stauffer, and Historian Roger Gore. The members were welcomed with the presentation of the rosette of the SAR.

Mike Hovatter with the Hocheim Group presented a check in the amount of \$500.00 to our chapter.

President DeVries stated that our Registrar, Dan Stauffer, has been selected as a recipient of the Outstanding Patriot Award.

President DeVries gave an updated regarding the flag certificate that our state president has endorsed.

He also stated that we know of three Eagle Scouts who will be presented with the SAR Eagle Scout Award.

We were reminded that our December meeting will be a buffet meal. Past President Harlan Green also reminded us that December was the month of Valley Forge and requested that all members who have uniforms should wear them.

Lunch was served at 11:35

At 12:10, President DeVries read another humorous story.

President-Elect Jim Scott reminded us of December's meeting and also that Marvin Morgan will give a presentation about uniforms.

President-Elect Scott introduced our speaker - current Chaplain and charter Alexander Hamilton #66 member, Mike Nichols, who is also a member of the Mayflower Society.

Mike gave a presentation about the Pilgrims, in which he verified some facts and dispelled some myths about the early settlers.

President-Elect Scott presented Mike with a token of appreciation for his presentation.

We were then reminded again of the December meeting and costs.

President DeVries led the SAR Recessional.

Chaplain Nichols led us in prayer.

Meeting adjourned.

December 2013 minutes

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December 14, 2013 minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Ray Devries. He then read information and facts about the Navajo and the "Code Talkers" of World War Two.

Assistant Registrar Harold Walden led the pledges to the Flags of the United States, The State of Texas, and the Sons of The American Revolution. Chaplain Mike Nichols led the opening prayer.

Frank Elrod was included in last month's minutes as having been sworn in as a member. Having noted this, the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer Bill Freeman was not present, having fallen and broken his arm. President DeVries reported that the chapter has in excess of \$2500.00 in the treasury.

New member Vaughan Gray was sworn in by President DeVries, assisted by Historian Roger Gore and Registrar Dan Stauffer. Frank Elrod was presented his certificate at this time.

Registrar Dan Stauffer was presented a certificate by John Knox, from Governor Rick Perry, bestowing upon him the office of Admiral Of The Texas Navy. He was also presented a flag that was flown over the Texas capitol on Texas Independence Day. He was heard to say, as he was being seated "I certainly wasn't expecting this." John also stated that Mrs. Georgean will be presented as a "Yellow Rose Of Texas" upon her next return to our meetings.

Secretary Rick Malley introduced guests. We had 16 guests and 17 members in attendance.

President DeVries reported about Eagle Scout certificates that will be presented to Scouts who will attain that rank within the next few days. He also spoke about flag certificates that will be presented to businesses or individuals who properly display the flag.

January's meeting will be January 11, and our guest presenter will be Patrick McCasland.

In February, we will join the DAR on February 22 at the Austin Women's Club for the annual celebration of George Washington's birthday. Guest speaker will be General Palmer.

Mr. Marvin Morgan announced that there will be a National Musket Association meeting in Laredo in February.

Lunch was served at 11:50 a.m.

After lunch, President DeVries read a letter of appreciation, thanking the Color Guard for participating in the Naturalization Ceremony in September.

President Elect James Scott introduced Marvin Morgan and Jeff Wise, who displayed and discussed many variations of Revolutionary uniforms and weaponry.

After their presentation, President Elect Scott presented each with a memento of their visit.

President DeVries read an inspirational poem entitled "Drinking From My Saucer."

Recessional was led by Henry Walden.
Mike Nichols led the closing prayer.

Grateful appreciation is given to Nancy DeVries and Charlene Scott for the cookies and planning the menu for the buffet.