

**Minutes for TXSSAR Chapter #7 Arlington meeting
Division Street Diner, Oct. 08, 2011**

Approximately 9:20 am, President Ron Carter called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

Ron Carter led the pledge to the flag of the United States of America, the pledge to the Texas flag. John Anderson led the pledge to the SAR flag.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- President & Secretary Ron Carter requested the Sept 10, 2011 minutes be considered as emailed. A brief discussion on the passing of Compatriot Jack Stewart followed with instruction to revise those minutes to include the announcement. He died 14 August 2011. Otherwise the September minutes were approved as emailed.
- Treasurer Ray Bommer reported the operating fund is reconciled with a balance of \$483.83. The Treasury Bill value, subject to interest, is \$1600.00.
- John Anderson reported Gary Faletti's application has been approved at National and is at State for processing. Also, Don Billings' new application has been forwarded by the Texas regional registrar to National, but not yet received by National.
- Ron Carter brought to today's meeting the annual Poster Contest announcement and instruction letter that was delivered to the Arlington ISD and Mansfield ISD for distribution to their American History Teachers. He is also seeking the best method to distribute it to both private and home school teachers. Anyone with knowledge about this should contact Ron Carter.
- Website Administrator John Anderson reported a flurry of website visits immediately following his email announcement of last month's picture postings. Otherwise, normal weekly visit activity is minimal. He moved, and was approved, to add the latest chapter meeting minutes to the website.

Unfinished and New business:

- No unfinished business discussed.
- John Anderson suggested we consider a brief compatriot member survey seeking to learn of all chapter members' interests to including "Are you willing to meet for a compatriot group picture?" Ron Carter moved, and approved, to continue this effort and advised those in attendance to bring drafted questions to next month's meeting for compilation and assignment for a phone survey.

Announcements & Discussions:

- Candidate Roger Cobb reported on the new website <http://mocavo.com> and advised it a great asset to genealogist.
- New Compatriot Claude Hicks introduced his guests and gave a short biography of his patriot Nicholas Ray with his militia activities in the Maryland Continental Line from 1776 to the end of the revolution. Claude included Nicholas Ray's acceptance of Kentucky land grants to where is now Raywick, Kentucky and that after awhile there, Nicholas and family joined a 20+ wagon train to what became Kentucky Town, southeast of Sherman, Texas.

Program:

Compatriot Ray Bommer presented on his laptop a very interesting podcast from iTunes U > Yale University where professor Joanne B. Freeman presents the lecture titled "02 – Being a British Colonist", released 2011. Professor Freeman discusses what it meant to be a British colonist in America in the 18th century pre-revolution era. This lecture is available at <http://academicearth.org/lectures/being-a-british-colonist>.

President Ron Carter called for a motion to adjourn and led the recessional.

Ray Bommer gave the Benediction.

Approximately 10:50 am the meeting was closed.

In attendance per the signup sheet were 4 members, 2 candidates and 5 guests.

All members should advise the secretary of revisions to mail, phone and email addresses.

Ron Carter
Secretary