

Minutes for TXSSAR Chapter #7 Arlington Meeting Division Street Diner, Nov. 12, 2011

Approximately 9:10 am, President Ron Carter called the meeting to order and led the pledge to the flag of the United States of America, the pledge to the Texas flag and the pledge to the SAR flag. Ray Bommer gave the Invocation.

Program:

Victor Smith of the Brazos Valley Chapter #45 in Granbury, TX gave a wonderful presentation on the history of our U.S. Flag, and how it evolved from the Revolutionary Era to present day. Several examples of other flags were presented with their stories. He reinforced what we already knew and gave interesting information on the original Flag Day of June 14, 1777 when the design was accepted, the Flag Acts that altered the design, and some insight on the frequency of actual flag revisions.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- President & Secretary Ron Carter requested the Oct 8, 2011 minutes be considered. They were approved as emailed.
- Treasurer Ray Bommer reported the operating fund is reconciled with a balance of \$355.38 and the Treasury Bill value is \$1600.00, subject to interest. Ray stated the annual filing of Federal Form 990N is complete.

Unfinished and New business:

- President Ron Carter inducted new member Gary Faletti to our chapter. His wife Pam and son Andrew were in attendance. Compatriot Gary Faletti stated his Patriot ancestor is William Copeland of Virginia and gave a short biography. He was with George Washington at Valley Forge, later at Cowpens, SC and had several other Revolutionary roles in between.
- Ron Carter motioned new Compatriot Gary Faletti be appointed as BSA Scout Committee chairman and was approved.
- President Ron Carter presented a "Certificate of Distinguished Service" to current Vice President Emeritus Robert "Bob" Harris for his dedicated and never lapsing service.
- John Anderson sought and obtained agreement of the short phone survey. He will contact others to quickly split the phone calls to other members in attendance. Hopefully, the survey will be conducted in time to announce a **group picture gathering at our December meeting.**

Announcements & Discussions:

- John Anderson alerted all that now is time to pay the annual dues. Postal renewal and online options are available.
- Several discussed the available BSA Eagle Scout Scholarship. Gary Faletti agreed to prepare a flyer alerting Eagle Scouts of the SAR Scholarship availability with eligibility and schedule requirements.

President Ron Carter called for a motion to adjourn and led the SAR Closing Admonition & Benediction. Approximately 10:10 am the meeting was closed.

In attendance per the signup sheet were 6 members, 1 candidate and 5 guests.
All members should advise the secretary of revisions to phone, mail, and email addresses.

Ron Carter
Secretary

See you at our next meeting, Dec 10th, 2011
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