

**Minutes for TXSSAR Chapter #7 Arlington Meeting
Division Street Diner, Mar. 10, 2012**

Approximately 9:15 AM, President Ron Carter called the meeting to order and led the pledge to the flag of the United States of America, John Anderson led the pledge to the Texas flag and Ron Carter led the pledge to the SAR flag. He welcomed our visiting guests.

Officer and Committee Reports:

- President & Secretary Ron Carter requested the Feb. 11, 2012 minutes be considered. They were approved as posted to the Chapter website.
- Treasurer Ray Bommer reported the operating fund is reconciled with a balance of \$362.88. He alerted future discussions may include alternatives to the Treasury bill. Its balance is unchanged from past reports.
- John Anderson reported candidates Roger and Bob Wehr with 3 other family members are in progress with their applications. Also, Richard Lee from Lewisville is in progress with his application. And Carroll Brooks' application has problems with investigation and correction in progress.

Unfinished and New business:

- Ron Carter reported he is personally going to San Antonio for the Poster Contest in two weeks. Posters will be judged while he is there.
- Ray Bommer reported all local schools have been contacted for the JROTC / ROTC awards. They all have his contact information and exchanged schedules.
- Officer Nominations Committee Chair, John Anderson, presented the 2012 Chapter Nominations. They were seconded, approved and effective immediately. Congratulations to:

President, Ron Carter	Registrar, John Anderson
Vice President, John Anderson	Historian, Don Billings
Secretary, Don Billings	Chaplain, David Friels
Treasurer, Ray Bommer	

Program:

David Friels brought his 1968 reproduction of a revolutionary rifle and briefly discussed how he acquired it as a souvenir while stationed in Viet Nam.

Ray Bommer read selected paragraphs from an article titled "56 Men" about the signers of the Declaration of Independence. It recaps things that happened to them after their signing and tallies by categories; 5 captured, 9 died from wounds or injuries during the revolution, 24 were lawyers, 11 were merchants, etc.

Ray then presented on his laptop the first portion of a podcast from iTunes U > Yale University where Professor Joanne B. Freeman presents a video titled "The American Revolution: Independence (11 of 25)" (available from various links, <http://academicearth.org/lectures/independence>). In this lecture, Professor Freeman discusses the Declaration of Independence and sets the document in its historical context. The Declaration was not the main focus of the Second Continental Congress, which was largely concerned with organizing the defensive war effort. She bridges the period from the publishing of "Common Sense" through the early Continental Congresses.

Approximately 10:35 AM, President Ron Carter called for a motion to adjourn and lead the SAR Closing Admonition.

In attendance per the signup sheet were 8 members and 3 candidates.

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

Ron Carter
Secretary

See you at our next meeting, Saturday April 14th, 2012.
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