

Meeting Minutes for TXSSAR Arlington Chapter #7

Division Street Diner, 1800 Division Street, Arlington, TX 76012

April 13, 2013

- President Ron Carter called the meeting to order at 9:10
- Chaplain David Friels let the invocation
- President Ron Carter led the pledges to the flags
- Distinguished guests of the Arlington Lucreita Council Cochran DAR Chapter, Nancy Davis, Regent and Lorna Rankin who assisted with his application, were present and assisted in the induction of Compatriot William (Bill) Covington. Lorna Rankin commended Compatriot Covington for his long term assistance and historic presentations provided to their organization. President Ron Carter presented the membership Certificate and Mrs. Rankin pinned the lapel rosette.

Following the presentations, Compatriot Covington presented a rose to Mrs. Rankin for her efforts and provided an historic description of the actions of his patriot soldier ancestors who were members of the Sedalia SC Militia. His wife, June Covington, was in attendance. His remarks highlighted the largest single surrender of British troops, numbering approximately 5000 in 1780.

- President Ron Carter assisted by Compatriot Roger Wehr presented the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Award to Officer Roseanne Sears of the Trophy Club Police Department. Officer Sears was participating in a community "Outreach Visit" to a local apartment complex when it was noticed that smoke and fire were billowing from a building within the complex. She immediately began alerting residents and guiding the evacuation of the building, checking to ensure no one was left in their apartments. Due to Officer Sears' swift action, the evacuation accomplished with no loss of life or injuries.

As Officer Roseanne Sears was a 2004 graduate and alumni of the University of Texas, Arlington Campus, members of the University Newspaper, "The Shorthorn" were present to cover the award.

- Nancy Davis, DAR Regent, provided additional information about the activities of their Chapter. In particular, she spoke of the "recruitment" effort and the assistance rendered to those seeking membership. That effort includes genealogy research and verification efforts. Compatriot Bill Covington is an example of that effort.

She introduced Jeff Stroup as an Arlington SAR Chapter Candidate.

- President Ron Carter provided a brief synopsis of the TXSSAR 118th Conference. Compatriots John Anderson and David Friels were also participants at the conference. Of special note was TXSSAR recognition of our Chapter for Outstanding Member Participation, which is based upon the consistent and overall percentage attendance over the past year. Also of significance is continuation for the past decade for recognition of Member Participation.
- Business Meeting Transactions:
 - The Business Meeting was opened with approval of the March Meeting Minutes.
 - Compatriot Roger Wehr presented the latest treasury information:
 - Change of signatures for the account has been accomplished.
 - Electronic funds transfer capability is in place.
 - Funds in the amount of \$75 have been received for the Chapter Historic CD, and have been placed in petty cash.
 - For purposes of security, information about the Treasury will be announced at the Monthly Meetings, but will not be published on line with the Minutes.
 - Compatriot John Anderson presented the Registrar's report:
 - There were 3 inquiries about the Chapter and about membership.
 - Current applications in process are Sonny Parks, Kevin Jorrey, Robert Wehr, Ray Wehr, William Taylor, Daniel Wehr, and Joshua Wehr at the National level. Sonny Parks' application was pended in Feb. and a resolution has not yet been found. It is anticipated that approvals will be received very soon for the others.
 - Compatriot John Anderson presented the Web Administration's report:
 - Website activity has over 100 hits per month, mostly from Texas and USA.
 - TXSSAR Compatriot Ray Cox recommended our chapter website be submitted for consideration at the National Website Contest.
 - President Ron Carter presented the Americanism Poster Contest report:
 - He provided a synopsis of activity for this year's poster award at the State level.
 - The winner from our Chapter area placed third in the State. This was the culmination of locally judging 183 posters from 7 elementary schools.
 - The theme-subject for next year's poster contest will be available after the National Conference to be held in Kansas City, Kansas.
- New Business:
 - The scheduling of Monthly Meetings for the summer months will be taken up during the May Chapter meeting.

President Ron Carter adjourned the meeting with the SAR Closing Admonition, and Chaplain David Friels gave the Benediction.

There were 6 members and 7 guests present.

Our next meeting is May 11, 2013, 9:00 AM

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