

Meeting Minutes for TXSSAR Arlington Chapter #7

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

September 14, 2013

- President Ron Carter called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 AM.
- Chaplain David Friels led the invocation.
- Compatriot William Covington, Jr. led the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag.
- Vice President David Friels led the pledge of allegiance to the Texas flag.
- President Ron Carter led the pledge of allegiance to the SAR flag.
- Compatriot Kevin Jorrey became the newest SAR chapter member with President Ron Carter and Registrar John Anderson officiating at the new member installation.
- Chapter Treasurer Roger Wehr presented the Treasurer's report. A statement was also made regarding the amount of petty cash which had remained constant from the previous report.
- Chapter Registrar John Anderson presented the Registrar's report. Updates were made regarding the status of prospective members and the possible October or November induction of the Bill Rankin family members. Two other prospective chapter members –Larry Johnson and Dennis Walton- were noted for their attendance. The official chapter roster currently lists 21 official members. Following pending inductions, the chapter membership is projected to be 28 official members not including 4 junior members. It was also noted that former chapter Secretary Don Billings hopes to become an active member of the chapter again at some time in 2014. Regarding national and state membership, it was reported that there are approximately 23,000 active members of SAR, and that Texas – “the biggest and best state”- represents roughly 10% of active national membership.
- Chapter Web Administrator John Anderson presented the Web Administrator's report. It was noted that certain sections of the website showed more activity than other sections. A new Google calendar has been added to the chapter activities webpage. Those members with an interest in posting events were encouraged to contact John Anderson. President Ron Carter asked whether a link could be made to the Children of the American Revolution (CAR) website, and this suggestion was noted as a possibility. It was also noted that the local CAR group is moving to Arlington.

- Chapter Historian John Anderson presented the Historian's report. University of North Texas (UNT) Librarian Ms. Morgan Davis Gieringer has been contacted and chapter materials are being prepared for archival. Materials to be archived include: the new Chapter Constitution, past chapter minutes, photographs, last year's video scrapbook, *et al.*
- Chapter President Ron Carter presented the Awards Report.
 - It was suggested that information for the upcoming Poster Contest should be given to non-AISD schools in addition to the AISD school system. It was noted that the Mansfield ISD website allows announcements to last for only 6 weeks. Roger Wehr will put the Poster Contest rules in Word format and create a submission form to improve the legibility of the names of contest entrants. "Homeschool" participation was also encouraged, and it was noted that the two years ago, the Texas state winner had been a "homeschool" student. The contest due date was announced to be January 24, 2014.
 - A new SAR Brochure Contest will be opened up to secondary students in sixth through tenth grade. The theme of the brochure will be the same as the theme for the Poster Contest. At the request of Ron Carter, compatriot William Covington, Jr. agreed to do a trial run of this brochure contest.
- Regarding unfinished business,
 - Signatures were obtained from Chapter members on the new Chapter Constitution and Bylaws for archival purposes.
 - Chaplain David Friels presented updated information of the brass grave marker to be presented to the widow of compatriot Ray Bommer. A motion was made to take up a collection for the purposes of funding the grave marker (estimated price of \$95) with donations from those interested chapter members and with any remaining balance to be funded through the Chapter's Petty Cash / Chapter Funds. \$46 additional dollars were collected at this time from four chapter members and added to the petty cash fund held by Treasurer Roger Wehr. Ray Bommer's death has been reported at the state level of SAR.
 - Chaplain David Friels noted the illness and prayer request for the daughter of one of our chapter compatriots. It was suggested that David Friels be contacted in the event that one of our chapter members becomes ill.
 - Treasurer Roger Wehr suggested a DVD series entitled "Drive Thru History" for those members who had an interest in a particular location of the American Revolution.
- Compatriot and lecturer William Covington led an informative lecture and presentation of colonial money and artifacts from the American Revolution.

Some of the many artifacts and replica items presented included: a man's wallet, a book printed from materials typical of this time period, a pencil, a halfpenny, the Massachusetts Pine Tree penny, a stick razor, and various coins which were in circulation during the American Revolution. Historical figures mentioned in this interactive lecture included: Paul Revere, Ira Allen – brother of Ethan Allen, Daniel Boone, Robert Morris, George Washington, and Benedict Arnold.

- Before the meeting came to an end, a motion was made by compatriot William Covington to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. This motion was seconded by compatriot Gary Faletti, and the motion passed by the entire group without objection.

Eleven chapter members attended the meeting: Ron Carter, John Anderson, William Covington, Jr., Tom Waldrop, Richard Coffey, Kevin Jorrey, David Friels, Gary Faletti, Roger Wehr, Joshua Wehr, and Daniel Wehr. Three prospective members also attended the meeting: Dennis Walton, Larry B. Johnson, and Andrew Faletti.

Our next meeting is scheduled at 9:00 AM Oct 12, 2013 at the same location.

Roger Wehr in behalf of Bob Wehr
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