

**Meeting Minutes for TXSSAR Arlington Chapter #7**  
**Division Street Diner, 1800 Division Street, Arlington, TX 76012**  
**November 09, 2013**

- President Ron Carter called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
- Vice President & Chaplain David Friels led the invocation.
- President Ron Carter led the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag.
- President Ron Carter also led the pledge of allegiance to the Texas flag.
- Vice President David Friels led the pledge of allegiance to the SAR flag.
- Guest Introductions:
  - The Chapter was honored by the presence of the Rankin Family for the induction of Bill Rankin and junior sons David and Kyle to membership.
  - Included as guest was Mrs. Lorna Rankin, well known to the Chapter for her activities of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the assistance they have rendered to our Chapter.
  - Regrettably the oldest son, Kyle, was unable to attend.
- Chapter Member Inductions:
  - Registrar John Anderson administered the Oath to Bill and David Rankin, and presented the NSSAR Rosette to them.
  - Bill and David made brief remarks in regard to their membership.
- Minutes from the previous meeting were approved, following a motion by Vice President David Friels and a second by Compatriot Claude Hicks.
- Officer and Committee Reports:
  - Chapter Treasurer Roger Wehr presented the treasurer report:
    - Treasurer Wehr provided an overview of the September financial transactions, ending with the current checking account balance.
    - A statement was also made regarding the amount of petty cash on hand which was consistent with the previous months balance.
  - Chapter Registrar John Anderson presented the Chapter membership activities:
    - No changes in membership have occurred since last month. The new Rankin memberships last month and inducted today increased our count of active compatriots to 30, including 4 junior members.

- Registrar Anderson reminded the Chapter that SAR annual dues are due in early December. Historically in late November, fee cards are mailed to the individual residences. Online payment is available from <http://www.txssar.org/dues14.htm/>. Sorry for the holiday timing, but it is very important that dues are paid timely before the yearend. Please contact the Registrar if you encounter a problem.
- Dennis Walton's application has been completed and sent to TX Inland Registrar David Temple.
- Registrar Anderson continues with email contacts to new candidates, interested in the application process.
- Chapter Webmaster John Anderson provided a report on our web activities:
  - [www.txssar.org/Arlington](http://www.txssar.org/Arlington) is our chapter homepage.
  - Nothing of significance to report this month other than our "Compatriot Profiles" and "Patriot Index" webpages are continually growing as more members share their information.
- Poster Award Committee Chairman Ron Carter provided a brief overview of the upcoming activities:
  - The Arlington ISD has made a final dissemination of information regarding the poster contest. The contest is for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students and will end on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2014.
  - Each school is to pick the top 3 posters from those submitted.
  - Chapter recognition will be made for the top 3 posters from each school.
  - The topic for this year's contest is the Swamp Fox, Patriot Francis Marion.
  - Last year 183 posters were received.
- New Business
  - November 17<sup>th</sup>: Visit to President George W. Bush Library – need to call for reservations.
  - Card received from Priscilla Bommer, expressing appreciation for the SAR Plaque for her late husband Ray's tombstone.
  - The Granbury Chapter is raffling an American Revolutionary Musket. Tickets are \$10.00. They are limiting the raffle's total tickets.
  - December Activities: An Officer nominations committee will be formed for next year's Chapter Officers. Open nominations may be presented in February.
  - March TXSSAR Meeting will recognize Compatriots that have passed away.

- Chapter Distinguished Medal:
  - This medal may be awarded within the Chapter to honor significant or extraordinary service. The cost of the medal is \$55.00.
  - Motion was made to fund the acquisition of the medal for Chapter use, and unanimously approved by the members present.

➤ Program:

- Vice President David Friels introduced the guest speaker, Drake Piddie, who is a District Vice President, and as past President of Denton Chapter 8.
- Compatriot Piddie is quite accomplished in researching the maritime aspects of the American Revolution.
- For the presentation he appeared as Jonathan Haraden, a Salem privateer, one of many unsung heroes of the American Revolution.
- His excellent program included explanations of the roles fulfilled by the contemporary Privateers, and vital and significant outcomes of their high seas combat.

➤ Meeting Adjournment:

At 10:48 am, President Ron Carter motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Vice president David Friels provided the Benediction.

Compatriot attendance included 10 members, and 2 junior member. There were also these guests:

- Drake Piddie
- Mike Smith
- Dennis Walton
- Jean Hicks
- Lorna Rankin
- Doris Boerio

Our next meeting will is scheduled for December 14th at 9:00 AM

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