

Meeting Minutes for TXSSAR Arlington Chapter #7
Division Street Diner, 1800 Division Street, Arlington, TX 76012
December 14, 2013

- Vice President David Friels called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
- Vice President (Chaplain) David Friels provided the invocation.
- Compatriot Ray Wehr led the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag.
- Compatriot Ray Wehr also led the pledge of allegiance to the Texas flag.
- Compatriot Ray Wehr led the pledge of allegiance to the SAR flag.
- Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Officer and Committee Reports:
 - Chapter Treasurer Roger Wehr presented the treasurer report:
 - Treasurer Wehr provided an overview of the November 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 latest Rankin memberships gave us 30 active compatriots, including 4 junior members.
 - A reminder that SAR annual dues are due before yearend. You each should have received via US Postal Service your Annual Membership fee card and return envelope. Online payment is also available at <http://www.txssar.org/dues14.htm/>. Please contact the Registrar if assistance is needed. Submitting the annual dues prior to the end of the year avoids subsequent correspondence and difficulties.
 - Potential arrival of paperwork from National may permit the induction of Dennis Walton in January.
 - Registrar Anderson continues with email contacts to new candidates, interested in the application process. However the Holiday Season has slowed the number of applications.

- Chapter Historian John Anderson provided a list of activities in the month of November:
 - Roger Wehr and John Anderson traveled to the UNT Willis Library in Denton on Tuesday, November 26th to drop off the Chapter's current year activities.
 - While there, Roger was of great assistance with searching Arlington Archives for older members. They found several older year rosters (1972, 1994, 2003, 2005), and the website Former Member/Memorial pages are being updated from these rosters, 'found' grave sites, and 'found' obituaries.
 - A new Historian binder has copies of the above information plus other items found over the past year for safe keeping.
- Chapter Webmaster John Anderson provided a report on our web activities:
 - www.txssar.org/Arlington is our chapter homepage.
 - Nothing of significance to report this month other than our "Former Member / In Memoriam" and "Patriot Index" webpages are continually growing.

➤ Old Business

- On behalf of Award Committee Chairman Ron Carter, a brief overview of the upcoming awards activities was provided:
 - A final dissemination of information regarding the poster contest was made. The contest is for 5th Grade students and will end on the 29th of January 2014. Poster judging will take place in February.
- Preparation of the Annual Report for the Chapter
 - Compatriot John Anderson is assisting with capturing the required information and translating into spreadsheet report format.
 - A group, selected from the Chapter officers, will assist in generating the report in late December.
- 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. Until such time as an account fund is accumulated, any immediate requirements will be filled by sharing the expense among the Chapter membership.

➤ New Business

- December Activities: Open nominations for next year's Chapter Officers.
 - A committee will be formed to prepare nominations for officers to serve in 2014. The nominations committee leader will be selected from within the committee.
- The Texas State SAR organization has approved a new Constitution
 - It will be necessary to review the Constitution to detect and align potential conflicts within our newly approved Chapter Constitution.
- At the January meeting the Chapter's 20th Anniversary will be commemorated.
 - Group pictures will be taken for later video creation for use with the March Annual Chapter Meeting, website, and other potential submissions for State or National recognitions.

➤ Program:

- Vice President David Friels introduced the guest speaker, Compatriot Michael Radcliff of the Plano Chapter of the Texas Society and his wife Carol.
- Compatriot Radcliffe has served in several prestigious positions, quite recently as the Registrar for the Texas Inland region. He has held dual memberships in the States of Delaware, West Virginia, and Georgia.
- For the presentation, he assumed the appearance of John (George) Mason, most prominently known for his efforts to incorporate the "Bill of Rights" into the 'new' United States Constitution.
- Assuming the 'persona' of George Mason, Compatriot Radcliff created a realistic setting. He addressed our members, as if they were an actual delegation, tasked with the signing of the Constitution, while deliberating on the premise that no Constitution could be signed without the "Bill of Rights".
- The setting and manner of his delivery were authentic, riveting, and fascinating. Following the "address," Compatriot Radcliff spoke, answering questions and imparting information of current day relevance.

➤ Meeting Adjournment:

At 11:10 am, Vice President Friels motioned to adjourn the meeting, and then concluded the meeting by pronouncing the Benediction.

Compatriot attendance included 10 members, and 5 guests

- Michael Radcliff
- Carol Radcliff
- Brian Jorrey
- Grant Hamilton
- Nicolas Hamilton

Our next meeting will is scheduled for Saturday January 11, 2014 at 9:00 AM

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