

Meeting Minutes for TXSSAR Arlington Chapter #7
First Dixie Café, 2400 West Pioneer Parkway, Suite 105, Pantego, Texas 76013

April 11, 2015

I. Call to Order

President **David Friels** called the meeting to order at approximately **9:20** a.m.

II. Invocation

Chaplain **Bill Covington** led the invocation.

III. Pledges

The pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag was led by **Kevin Jorrey**. The pledge of allegiance to the Texas flag was led by **Kyle Rankin**. The SAR pledge was also led by **Kevin Jorrey**.

IV. Guest Introductions

There were **three** guests in attendance: **Khaqan Ahmad** – 2nd Place Winner of the 2015 Knight Essay Contest, **Muhammad Khaliq**, **Janice Cohen**, and DAR member **Lorna Rankin**.

V. A Message from the Texas Society CAR President

The Texas Society of the CAR (TSCAR) President and SAR compatriot **Kyle Rankin** discussed the **Lorraine Bacone Learning Work Community Program** at Bacone College. The members of TSCAR have taken the opportunity to support young adults learning and working to become active citizens in their community. Quite often, young adults who have turned 18 and have aged-out of the foster care system do not have strong and meaningful family relationships. The Lorraine Bacone Learning Work Community Program at Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma, is a mission project that seeks to assist custody and tribal custody youth who are interested in obtaining a college education from an institution of higher education. This program is for students who want to attend college but lack the resources. Yearly residence is also provided. This Program provides scholarships for room, board, tuition, and all other items such as clothing and toiletries. The Texas Society of the CAR has raised \$10,000 for this Project. Chapter President **David Friels** thanked compatriot **Kyle Rankin** for all of his efforts.

VI. Guest Lecture by Roger Wehr: Adam Smith, George Washington, & the American Revolution

The following points were made during his lecture:

1. The expression “invisible hand” -popularized by Adam Smith in the Wealth of Nations- was also used by George Washington in his first inaugural address.
2. 1776 is the year of publication of the Declaration of Independence –a statement of political independence- and the Adam Smith’s magnum opus The Wealth of Nations –a statement of economic independence.
3. The lives of Adam Smith and George Washington overlapped by 85% and the lives of the two historical figures shared many similar characteristics.
4. Adam Smith and George Washington were both influenced by international travel. Adam Smith had been influenced by the physiocrats while travelling in France, which would shape some of Smith’s views in the writing of the Wealth of Nations. George Washington had been affected by smallpox while on the island of Barbados – an experience which would prove useful later during the American Revolution.
5. Adam Smith is considered to be the “Father of Economics,” whereas George Washington is considered to be the “Father of the United States.”
6. Adam Smith wrote favorably about the American colonies in the Wealth of Nations and was supportive of the notion of American representation in the British Parliament. He was, however, quite pessimistic that England would willingly give up its colonies.
7. George Washington warned lawmakers in 1793 of the problem of maintaining a national debt. “No pecuniary consideration is more urgent, than the regular redemption and discharge of the public debt: on none can delay be more injurious, or an economy of time more valuable.”

VII. Awards

Treasurer **Ron Carter** recognized guest **Khaqan Ahmad** as the 2nd Place Winner of the 2015 Knight Essay Contest which has a \$500 scholarship prize. **Ron Carter** also attended the CAR Kick-Off Event and noted the scholarships available through the CAR in the amounts of \$2,500 for first place, \$500 for second place, and \$400 for third place. **Ron Carter** noted that our chapter’s submission

for the 2015 poster contest had once again won first place. The poster contest at the national level will take place at the end of June in Louisville, Kentucky. Registrar **John Anderson** noted the awards won by our chapter. These awards included but were not limited to: the Patriot Fund Award, the George & Stella McKnight Scholarship Award, the James M. Looney Poster Contest Award, *et cetera*. **John Anderson** was also the recipient of the "SAR Silver Certificate of Appreciation," which President David Friels noted was well deserved. Compatriot **Dick Lee** also voiced a "special thank-you for having John Anderson" as a member of our chapter.

VI. Approval of the Minutes for Previous Month's Meeting

A motion was made to **approve the minutes** of the previous meeting by **Dennis Walton**. This motion was seconded by **Dick Lee**, and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

VIII. Officer and Committee Reports

A. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer **Ron Carter** presented the **Treasurer's Report**:

It was reported that checks had been written for the poster contest winners in the amounts of \$35, \$25, and \$15. Dues had been received in the amount of \$313.50. The balance for the chapter account and the petty cash totals were announced.

B. Registrar's Report

Registrar **John Anderson** presented the **Registrar's Report**:

1. According to the TXSSAR 2015 Roster of Members with Dues Paid as of 10 April 2015, the Arlington chapter now has **32** active compatriots, including **5** junior chapter members.
2. As previously reported, Junior chapter applicant **Mark Howard**, grandson of Peni Andrews of Arlington's Lucretia Council Cochran DAR Chapter, was approved earlier this month. Therefore, we will have **33** active compatriots and **6** junior chapter members.
3. No current applications are pending, unless guests are present today.

C. Historian's Report

Historian **Kevin Jorrey** and **John Anderson** presented the **Historian's Report**:

John Anderson noted that two past Texas SAR Presidents are buried in cemeteries in Arlington. These past Texas SAR presidents are: Dr. Bob Woodward and Benton C. Collier. It was noted that John Green of the Texas SAR heads the committee in charge of grave markers. The goal of our chapter is to have these tombstones of past Texas SAR Presidents marked before the next state convention. A State Texas SAR Color Guard will show up at the marking event, if requested. The cemeteries involved will agree to allow it, provided that the families grant permission to do so. Verbal "okays" have been received from both families, and John Anderson is now working on receiving written permission. It was noted that Hollywood actor Morgan Woodward, a member of the Bob Woodward family, is a lifetime member of the Fort Worth chapter of the Texas SAR.

D. Webmaster's Report

Webmaster **John Anderson** presented the **Webmaster's Report**:

1. Our chapter homepage is at www.txssar.org/Arlington Since inception in June 2011, we now have had 2,474+ total hits (accesses) to this website. **Bill Covington** has recently provided some of his topics for our new "**Speaker's Bureau**" webpage.
2. Phase 1 of the website redesign to support "Responsive Web Access" is now complete. The effort is to provide the best user experience based upon his access device. Since mobile devices are getting more popular, I felt compelled to provide responsiveness to their screen widths.
3. Recent pictures are posted at www.txssar.org/Arlington/photos2014.php
4. Scrapbook videos are posted at www.txssar.org/Arlington/videos.php
5. John Anderson thanked everyone for providing pictures and videos for our website.
6. The online private chapter **Dropbox** can be accessed at <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/1izglvhvuhh9mzy/AAAXOVZ4zk-KaK3JcagRBQnHa?dl=0>
7. Contact John Anderson if you need a new login or have access questions to **Dropbox**.

IX. Unfinished Business

A. Arlington Independence Day Parade

Compatriot **Ray Wehr** presented preliminary information on the upcoming Independence Day Parade. President **David Friels** brought information regarding a possible trailer rental from Worth Trailer. **Ray Wehr** stated that if the Fort Worth

SAR trailer is made available, then two trailers would be best suited for the July 4th Parade; moreover, the tractor group will be contacted. Dennis Walton made a motion that our chapter begin the necessary steps to begin participation in the Arlington Independence Day Parade. This motion was seconded by Bob Wehr, and the motion was approved by those chapter members in attendance. In the closing remarks of the meeting, President **David Friels** noted that there are only two chapter meetings left prior to the parade; consequently there will be no guest speakers in May and June.

B. Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Viet Nam War

President **David Friels** discussed the 11:00 -11:30 time slot for the upcoming 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Viet Nam War in Fort Worth. The May Chapter meeting will be held as usual despite the schedule conflict. John Anderson suggested that the May meeting be kept short.

X. New Business

A. Galvez Memorial Statue Contributions by Texas SAR Chapters

Ron Carter noted that an e-mail is circulating requesting \$100 contributions from each of the chapters for the creation of a statue honoring the Revolutionary War hero Galvez – the namesake of Galveston, Texas. In 2017, the King and Queen of Spain will visit Texas in honor of this Revolutionary War hero from Spain. **Ron Carter** made a motion that the Arlington chapter donate \$50 and that each individual member could decide to make any additional donations to supplement the chapter donation. **John Anderson** noted that \$50 is a reasonable amount, since the Arlington chapter is one-ninth of the size of the Dallas SAR Chapter. **David Friels** added that the Galvez statue represented a good cause and that our chapter should be willing to support it. The motion was seconded by Bob Wehr, and the motion was approved by those chapter members in attendance.

B. JROTC/ROTC Awards Ceremonies

Roger Wehr noted that the JROTC/ROTC awards ceremonies are rapidly approaching and the volunteer presenters would be greatly appreciated. **Ron Carter** also noted that these ceremonies also offer an excellent opportunity for Flag Certificate presentations. It was noted that Legacy High School has already received a Flag Certificate. President **David Friels** also noted that businesses are also eligible to receive flag certificates.

C. “The SAR & You” Video Presentation / Texas Society SAR & National Society SAR

John Anderson presented a video created by Texas SAR President Bob Cohen entitled “The SAR & You.” A link is available on the Arlington Chapter website. Historian Kevin Jorrey also suggested that this video be added to the Chapter SAR Facebook page. Regarding changes within the Texas Society of the SAR, it was noted that **Ron Carter** is the District V Vice President, and former guest speaker **Drake Peddie** is the new color guard commander for North Texas. It was also noted that Judge Tom Lawrence will probably become the next President of the National Society of the SAR.

XI. Meeting Adjournment, SAR Closing Admonition & Benediction

At approximately 11:35 a.m. a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. President **David Friels** concluded the meeting with the SAR closing admonition and Chaplain **Bill Covington** gave the benediction.

XII. Attendance Summary & Next Meeting Information

Attendance for the April meeting included **three** guests and **sixteen** chapter members: John Anderson, Ron Carter, Richard Coffey, William Covington, David Friels, Kevin Jorrey, Dick Lee, Sonny Parks, Bill Rankin, David Rankin, Kyle Rankin, Dennis Walton, Bob Wehr, Joshua Wehr, Ray Wehr, & Roger Wehr.

Our **next chapter meeting** is scheduled for **May 9, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.** at the **First Dixie Café** located at **2400 West Pioneer Parkway, Suite 105, Pantego, Texas 76013.**

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