

Meeting Minutes for TXSSAR Arlington Chapter #7

First Dixie Café, 2400 West Pioneer Parkway, Suite 105, Pantego, Texas 76013

October 10, 2015

I. Call to Order

President **David Friels** called the meeting to order at approximately **9:30** 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 **Kevin Jorrey**. The SAR pledge was led by **Kevin Jorrey**.

IV. Guest Introductions & Announcements

There were **two** guests in attendance: SAR applicant **Mike Hutchins Sr.** and son **Michael Hutchins, Jr.** – reporter for the *Herald Democrat* of Sherman, Texas.

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

A motion was made to **approve the minutes** of the previous meeting by **Kevin Jorrey**. This motion was seconded by **Bill Covington**, and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

VI. Officer and Committee Reports

A. Treasurer's Report

Due to the absence of **Ron Carter**, **Kevin Jorrey** presented the **Treasurer's Report**:

It was noted that many of the officer reports can be accessed using the chapter's Dropbox.

B. State Activities Report

Due to the absence of **Ron Carter**, **Kevin Jorrey** also presented the **State Activities Report**:

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C. Registrar's Report

Due to the absence of **John Anderson**, **Kevin Jorrey** also presented the **State Activities Report**:

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1. There has been one change in membership since last month. The approval of new compatriot **Jack Davis** makes our chapter **34** active compatriots, including **6** junior chapter members. Jack's induction will be on November 14th. As his family needs to depart early, Jack requests that his induction be scheduled as early in the meeting process as possible. He will be available to stay through the entire meeting.
2. **John Anderson** will assist **Bill Covington** at the Genealogy Lock-In at Waco, Texas on Friday October 16th.
3. Current applications in progress are:
 - a. **Corey Walker**, father, two sons, three grandsons, and two nephews (**9** total family members) have applications which have been sent to our Texas Inland Registrar.
 - b. **Mike Hutchins**, son, brother, uncle, nephew (**5** total family members) have applications which are in progress.
 - c. **James Gibson's** co-member transfer with the California SAR in progress.
4. **John Anderson** requests that any addition candidates for SAR membership contact him to get started.

D. Webmaster's Report

Due to the absence of **John Anderson**, **Kevin Jorrey** also presented the **Webmaster Report**:

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1. Our chapter homepage is at www.txssar.org/Arlington or www.texassar.org/Arlington
2. Since inception in June 2011, we now have had 2,867+ total hits (accesses) to this website. Most of these are by our membership, but occasionally by candidates and other chapters.
3. Please click on your Compatriot Profile at <http://www.txssar.org/Arlington/roster.php> and contact **John Anderson** if the profile needs revision.
4. Also, contact **John Anderson** if you wish to be added to the "Speakers Bureau" at <http://www.txssar.org/Arlington/speakers.php>
5. Recent pictures are posted at www.txssar.org/Arlington/photos2015.php
6. Scrapbook videos are posted at www.txssar.org/Arlington/video2014scrapbook.php
7. Also, included is the link to the "TX SAR and You" by Bob Cohen.
8. **John Anderson** thanked everyone for providing pictures and videos for our website.

9. Once enrolled, the online **private** chapter **Dropbox** can be accessed at <https://www.dropbox.com>
10. Contact **John Anderson** if you need a new login or have access questions.

E. Grave Marking Committee Report

Due to the absence of **John Anderson**, **David Friels** presented the **Grave Marking Committee Report**:

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1. The Arlington chapter has two Texas Society SAR Past Presidents both buried in the Arlington Cemetery at 801 Mary Street. They are cousins and are: **Benton Carter Collins**, 1893-1972, TX SAR President 1942, unmarked. **Dr. Valin Ridge Woodward**, 1890-1969, TX SAR President 1938, previously marked.
2. Both descend through maternal lines to their common ancestor Patriot **William Terrell Lewis** of Surry Co, NC. He was active in the organization of troops in Hanover County, VA and the suppression of Tories in Surry County, VA.
3. The grave marking is not yet scheduled, but due to other conflicts will probably be scheduled by the North Texas SAR Color Guard to be in the **February-April 2016** timeframe.
4. Suggested invitees are the Collins & Woodward families, Arlington Historical Association, Arlington Genealogical Society, local city government, local DAR chapters and BSA scouts, N. TX SAR Color Guard, and local area SAR chapters.

David Friels noted that the expense involved to the chapter will be the cost of obtaining the grave markers.

F. Historian's Report

Historian **Kevin Jorrey** presented the **Historian's Report**:

As noted previously, the chapter continues to work on the grave markings of the two past state society SAR presidents who are buried in Arlington, Texas: **Benton Carter Collins**, 1893-1972, TX SAR President 1942, and **Dr. Valin Ridge Woodward**, 1890-1969, TX SAR President 1938. It was also noted that a photograph of the Woodward home may be available.

G. Eagle Scouts & Awards Report

Secretary **Roger Wehr** presented the **Eagle Scouts and Awards Report**:

Roger Wehr noted that the local Troop 68 will have at least four more Eagle Scout presentations in the months ahead. The Arlington Genealogical Society has an interest in coordinating awards presentations to Eagle Scouts with our chapter. Efforts will be made in the months ahead to invite the Boy Scouts of Troop 68 to at least one chapter meeting.

H. Heart of Texas Event Report

Sergeant-at-arms **Bill Covington** presented the **Heart of Texas Event Report**:

1. **Bill Covington** and **John Anderson** will be attending the Genealogy Lock-In at Waco, Texas on Friday October 16th.
2. Anyone who is interested in attending this event should contact Bill Covington.
3. In the past, this event ran from 6 PM until midnight, but the new hours for this event are **noon until 10 PM**.
4. In the past, the Heart of Texas SAR chapter has not participated in this event. Consequently, Bill Covington will be make an appearance on behalf of SAR.
5. The Genealogy Librarian has suggested moving Bill Covington –representing the Arlington chapter- from the Archive section of the Library to a more prominent location with the Genealogy Groups during this event.

David Friels thanked **Bill Covington** for his efforts on behalf of the chapter.

VII. Unfinished Business

A. SAR Chapter Dues

According to **David Friels**, chapter dues will remain unchanged at the present level. He noted that anyone who would like to donate additional sums to the chapter may feel free to do that as well. On the SAR dues payment form, members may choose to target additional sums to the national, state, and/or chapter levels. **Kevin Jorrey** noted that the national website was not ready to accept dues payments.

B. Kroger's Support of Non-Profit Organizations

David Friels stated that he would attempt to ask for more information on this program in which a percentage of the grocery bill is donated to a non-profit organization.

VIII. New Business

A. Massing of the Colors on November 8th

On Sunday November 8th at 2:30 PM, there will be a "Massing of the Colors" event at the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth. There will be patriotic music played by the Dallas Frontier Brigade Band. According to David Friels, "Ron Carter highly recommends this event."

B. November Meeting Plans

John Anderson will be arranging the next guest presentation. Also, it is anticipated that **Jack Davis**, husband of DAR member **Nancy Davis**, will be inducted into the chapter at the next meeting. **David Friels** noted that our chapter membership continues to grow and thanked all members for making this growth possible.

IX. Guest Lecture

Roger Wehr presented a lecture on the “**Salaries of Soldiers over Time**” – a historical overview of the issues and problems involved with paying soldiers throughout history. Key topics included: the debasement of coinage in England under the Norman kings, the monetary problems faced by soldiers under Napoleon Bonaparte during the Italian invasion, the problem with hyperinflation during the American Revolution, and the American use of military scrip during more recent world conflicts.

X. Meeting Adjournment, SAR Closing Admonition & Benediction

At approximately 10:30 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.

XI. Attendance Summary & Next Meeting Information

Attendance for the August meeting included **two** guests and **six** chapter members: Bill Covington, David Friels, James Gibson, Kevin Jorrey, Dick Lee, & Roger Wehr.

Our **next chapter meeting** is scheduled for **November 14, 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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