TXSSAR Arlington Chapter No. 7 Southern Recipes Grill, Arlington, TX Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2018

Location: Southern Recipes Grill, 2715 North Collins St., Arlington, TX 76006

- **I.** Call to Order and Posting of Colors Following fellowship and breakfast, President John Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 9:20 a.m.
- II. Invocation By Chaplain Bob Wehr
- **III. Pledges Color Guard Commander Jerry Cope** led the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag, the pledge to the Texas flag, and the SAR pledge.
- **IV. Introductions of Past Chapter Presidents by President Anderson:** Ron Carter 2011 and David Friels 2014.
- V. Introduction of Guests by President Anderson: Applicants Bill Goodman and Alan Benoit. Speaker Andre Miller.

VI. TX SAR District 5 Vice President Ron Carter Remarks:

- The TXSSAR Annual Meeting will be held during the first weekend in April (April 5 8) in Richardson. More information is available on the State web site.
- Our Annual Reports are complete and they indicate an excellent year for the Chapter. All Compatriots are to be commended.
- VII. Program: André Miller presented a very interesting program on "Evolution of Handguns."

VIII. Chapter President's Message

- Our Chapter BOM was held on December 28 and will be addressed further during old business.
- Compatriot Robert Browning's packet has arrived. But his induction is unscheduled. We should receive the packet for Compatriot Will Graham shortly. His induction will be in February or March.
- Thursday January 11 was TXSSAR Arlington Chapter's 24th Re-charter Anniversary. Individual and group photos will be taken upon this meeting adjournment.
- We should have received an email from National noting problems with the web site, especially the new member data base. All members should enter their personal information on the web site. Three chapter members already have access Kevin Jorrey, John Anderson, and Dennis Walton. Others are invited to login and adjust their data too.

IX. Chapter Business – President John Anderson Presiding:

- **Approval of last meeting's minutes**: The minutes from the December Chapter Meeting and the BOM were approved as posted and as made available for review at the meeting.
- Officer and Committee Reports:
 - Vice President Roger Wehr Compatriot Wehr will present one Eagle Scout Award tonight.
 - Secretary David Friels The Annual Reports (NSSAR Annual Report, TXSSAR Chapter Supplement, and TXSSAR CAR Reports) are complete and ready to submit after one minor correction. From 2015 to 2017 end of year membership increased 67% from 40 to 67, new members have remained relatively steady between 11 and 12, and total Americanism points increased 38 percent from 2485 to 3435. All Chapter Compatriots deserve hearty congratulations.

- o **Treasurer Dennis Walton** Compatriot Walton reported that our income exceeded our expenses, and our total bottom line balance as of today is \$2,796.45.
- o **Registrar Kevin Jorrey** Compatriot Jorrey reported that we have had five supplementals approved recently. Two membership applications have been forwarded to National from State, and two applications are at State. Compatriot Will Graham's application has been approved and we are awaiting the new member packet for his induction. Applications for Bill Goodman and Alan Benoit are either complete or near complete for submittal to State.
 - President Anderson noted our Chapter roll shows 67 members total, including 10 junior members. Three Compatriots transferred out. We only have 47 members currently paid for 2018 dues. Compatriots that have not paid their 2018 dues should do so as soon as practicable.
- Historian President Anderson reported that he will move new member information from Google Docs to the UNT archive. He will burn a DVD shortly and mail it to UNT Library unless a Compatriot wants to personally go there for research.
- DAR Liaison John Anderson President Anderson reported that he received excellent DAR feedback for the program Compatriot Covington presented to the Lucretia Council Cochran Chapter, Arlington NSDAR last November.
- Youth Awards Posters are due the last Friday in January and judging is planned for the February meeting. We will not know the participation until the actual due date. We have no CAR essay or oration applications so far, and the enhanced ROTC/JROTC applications are due in February.

Old Business

- o President Anderson has cleared out our library display at the Lake Arlington Branch Library.
- Annual Report President Anderson noted that the annual report is complete and as far as he is concerned, ready to submit. Secretary Friels reported that it will be submitted this date. The reports were emailed to Compatriot Blackburn on 1/13/2018 and a confirmation email received on 1/15/2018.
- Compatriots Anderson and Jerry Cope visited the Corsicana Oakland Cem. to check for an SAR marker for Compatriot George Jester, Compatriot Cope's great uncle who was the 4th TXSSAR President in 1906 & 1907.
- O BOM The Chapter BOM was held Thursday December 28 at 11:00 am at the Southern Recipes Grill. Nine Compatriots were in attendance at the BOM which was open to all Compatriots. President Anderson went through the BOM recommendations for each item of discussion. The BOM minutes were available for review at today's meeting and also posted on the Chapter's website.

o The Chapter Nominating Committee, comprised of Compatriot Robert Pope and Vice President Roger Wehr, met prior to this meeting and propose the following slate of officers for 2018:

President – Roger Wehr

Vice President – Kevin Jorrey

Secretary – John Anderson

Treasurer – David Friels

Registrar – Kevin Jorrey

Chaplain – Robert (Bob) Wehr

Historian – Alan Husch

Sergeant-of-Arms – Jerald (Jerry) Cope

Donations were accepted for support of the Bernardo de Galvez Memorial Project. Consistent
with recommendations from the BOM, donations will again be accepted during the February
meeting and the Chapter will match membership donations for distribution to the Galveston
Chapter thereafter.

• New Business

A discount of 15% and fee shipping is available for on-line orders to NSSAR for merchandise and supplies. President Anderson will make an order in early February, and he will include Compatriot's items if he is supplied all the relevant information prior to the end of January.

X. Speakers Bureau, Bill Covington Chair

 January 9, 2017, The Literary Club of Cedar Creek Lake, Seven Points, TX, "The Role of Texas in the American Revolution"

XI. North Texas Color Guard Activities - Color Guard Adjutant, Lieutenant Jerry Cope reporting.

Other Chapter Members – William Covington and Marshall Cope. Compatriot Cope had no new activities to report.

XII. Announcements

- TXSSAR President John Beard will attend our February meeting.
- Don Graves, a WW II Iwo Jima survivor, will present our February program.
- Compatriots should consider attending the TXSSAR Annual Conference in Richardson April 5 8.
- Saturday, April 7 is the Medal of Honor Patriot Parade in Gainesville. Compatriot and Color Guard Adjutant can provide more information.
- Announcements and information on upcoming events were provided on reverse side of the agenda.
- XIII. Motion to Adjourn approved
- XIV. SAR Recessional/ Closing Admonition
- **XV.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:10 am.
- **XVI.** Attendance Summary:

14 members and 3 guests were present for the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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