

## Texas SAR Arlington Chapter – Meeting Minutes Southern Recipes Grill; September 12, 2020

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*The September meeting was held via freeConferenceCall/Zoom.com commencing at 9:00 A.M. Call-in instructions as well as a link for ZOOM were provided along with our meeting announcement by Web Master, John Anderson. The meeting followed our typical agenda as closely as practicable.*

- I. Attendees called in and were welcomed by President Robert “Bob” Pope. A roll of those in attendance was recorded by Secretary David Friels.
- II. President Pope opened the meeting for Chapter business. Due to the nature of the meeting colors were not posted.
- III. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the invocation.
- IV. President Pope led the pledges to the U.S. Flag, Texas Flag and the Sons of the American Revolution.
- V. President Pope recognized Past Chapter Presidents and greeted applicant David Lockwood and newly approved Compatriot Doug Steward.
- VI. Historian James Gibson gave an informative report of “Significant Events Occurring in the Month of September During the American Revolution.”
- VII. Due to the nature of the meeting there were no inductions or awards presented.
- VIII. Officer and Committee Reports
  - A. Treasure Ned Myers reported checks in the amount of \$50 and \$35 were issued to CAR Member Jeff Meller for placing 1<sup>st</sup> in the CAR Essay contest and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Knight Essay contest at the State level (see August 5 minutes Item VIII.C). There was no income so the bottom line balance was reduced by \$85.
  - B. Secretary Friels reminded the Chapter that the minutes from the July meeting were posted on the chapter website. The floor was opened for comments on the minutes, and there being no comments, Compatriot Anderson moved that the minutes be accepted as posted. The motion was seconded by Compatriot Bob Wehr and approved.

Compatriot Friels also reported that he had received an email from Kroger Community Rewards stating for the period of May 27 to Aug 26 our Chapter had earned \$12.76 from qualifying purchases by seven house holds. Kroger will send a check to our chapter when a balance of at least \$25 is accumulated. Any members that shop at Kroger are encouraged to participate in the rewards program. Over the period of a year, the Chapter income from the rewards programs has been a significant part of our income. Sign-up information for all three programs is posted on the Chapter Website under the “about us” tab. Kroger requires annual renewal starting in Aug.

- C. TXSSAR/ NSSAR Activities reported by Compatriot John Anderson:
  - Bob Mearns our District 5 Vice President was invited to attend our meeting.
  - During the online State Convention last August, members had the opportunity to purchase 125<sup>th</sup> TXSSAR Anniversary Medals. Those members who purchased the medals should receive them from Compatriot Mearns when he can meet with our Chapter in person.
  - There will be an emergency ZOOM meeting for the NSSAR South Central District (comprised of 5 states including Texas) to address the payment of a hotel fee which occurred due to improper cancellation. Voting delegates for to each state is based on state membership, and Texas has approximately 60 votes. It is

important that Texas be adequately represented and members that can should attend. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 19 at 2:00 pm, and interested members were asked to contact Compatriot Anderson for the link to attend.

- D. Registrar Allan Husch was unable to attend, and in his absence Compatriot Anderson, acting Registrar, reported the following:
- The NSSAR Website indicates the approved new members for Arlington are: Paul M. Garrison, Bradley Panton, Clarke Panton and Don Panton. William McCoy and Douglas Steward were also on the list and are present at our meeting.
  - Supplements were approved for Rod Ashford and Richard Martin earlier this year.
  - Our Chapter has approximately 10 new member applications and member supplements that are active and in progress.
  - Compatriot Anderson proposed a new Asst. Registrar mentoring program and will lead a zoom training session @ 3:00 pm on Monday, September 14. Interested members were asked to contact Compatriot Anderson for the link to join.
- E. Historian James Gibson has posted his report regarding events during the American Revolution occurring during the month of September on the chapter website under the "About Us" tab.
- F. Chaplain Bob Wehr shared a very inspirational letter he had written to his oldest grandson regarding discerning the truth. He did a wonderful job of tying in military code authentication protocol to an example from scripture. The message seemed especially appropriate now considering the volume of deceitful information that surrounds us. The authentication protocol was built around three questions:
- What was the source of the information?
  - Was the information trustworthy?
  - How could we determine the validity of the communication?
- G. Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton had no additional information to report.
- H. Chapter Color Guard Commander Jerry Cope had no Color Guard Activity to report; however, Color Guard Members had individual activity to report:
- CG/Lt. Dan Hamilton awarded a Viet Nam Era Spouse Pin.
  - CG/Lt. Ned Myers will participate in a NSSAR Color Guard Honor Vigil at George Washington's Tomb on September 19.
- I. DAR Liaison John Anderson reported that both local DAR chapters will hold online meetings this month. Later on when the Quanah Parker DAR Chapter meets in person, we will present a Martha Washington Medal to DAR member Jeanne Deakyne for submitting four SAR Applications (see August 5 minutes, Item VIII. D).
- J. Speaker's Bureau Chairman Bill Covington reported that he has a tentative presentation for a DAR meeting later this month, but the Allen DAR Chapter presentation he had scheduled for August 24 had been cancelled.
- K. ROTC/JROTC Liaison David Friels called on Compatriot Roger Wehr to report on his activities at UTA. Compatriot Wehr had the opportunity to recommend a cadet to receive our award; therefore, the SAR Silver Medal and Certificate were awarded to C/LTC Tanner Holman for 2020. Cadet Holman had given a speech at the 2019 TXSSAR Convention. Additionally, Compatriot Wehr was able to give a medal and blank certificate to Ms. Vasquez for 2021. Next year he will follow up with Ms. Vasquez to obtain the presentation schedule and name of the receiving cadet.

Compatriot Wehr commented that a student group he was sponsoring had planned to plant 3000 flags in honor of 9-11 victims, but when they arrived at the designated location, a second student group had same idea.

IX. Ongoing Chapter Business – Past, Present and Future

- A. Protection of our Heritage and National Monuments – President Pope continues to follow up with NSSAR and NSDAR officers. He reported that the Mayor of Washington D.C. had appointed a committee to study the value of keeping National Monuments located in the City, and the committee recommended removing the Monuments and renaming many of the parks and streets. However, when the recommendation reached the Secretary of the Interior, they were told there would be no changes. *This, however, indicates that this issue is a serious problem and will require ongoing attention at the National/Federal level.*
- B. President Pope contacted the NSDAR President General who said she was actively following the issue. President General VanBuren has written a very appropriate article that is posted on the NSDAR website under the “Blog” tab, dated July 28, 2020 and titled “Shine Forth Through Acts of Patriotism, Service and Kindness. In the article she comments on the importance of safeguarding the legacy of our ancestor’s remarkable sacrifice, vision and courage.

X. New Business

- A. Participation in Wreaths Across America – Compatriot Ron Carter proposed that we discuss Chapter participation in the program which is scheduled for December 12 this year. The Chapter indicated desire to participate, and it was noted that several color guard members actively participate in laying of the wreaths every year. Options discussed included:

- Being an Active Sponsor, which requires significant cash commitment or solicitation of donations, or
- Donating to the two local DAR Chapters who have been sponsors in past years (which is the option our Chapter has selected in past years).

After a discussion, Compatriot Jerry Cope moved that the Chapter donate \$100 to each of the two local DAR Chapters (Quanah Parker and Lucretia Council Cochran). The motion was seconded by Compatriot Dan Hamilton and unanimously approved by Chapter voice vote. Treasurer Ned Myers will provide checks to Compatriots Anderson and Cope for distribution to the respective DAR Chapters.

- B. President Pope noted that he had seen information regarding a book that was proposed to be entered in the Texas School Curriculum. Compatriot Bill Covington, who teaches high school history, was not aware of the book. We should be conscious of new books that may not be proven to provide correct historical information, or books that may exclude important facts about our American Heritage.

XI. The meeting was adjourned after a motion by President Pope and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Compatriot Dan Hamilton.

XII. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the closing Benediction.

XIII. Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton led the SAR Closing Admonition.

XIV. Next chapter meeting – October 10, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. via conference call/ZOOM.

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Attendance: 15 Chapter members and 2 guests were present on the call

Respectfully Submitted,

David Friels, Secretary

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