

Texas SAR Arlington Chapter Meeting Minutes October 14, 2023

The October 14, 2023 meeting was held at Skillet & Grill, 1801 W Division Street, Arlington, Texas. Members and guests gathered at 08:30 am for fellowship and breakfast.

- I. President Dan Hamilton welcomed attendees and open the meeting for Chapter business at approximately 9:00 am.
- II. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the invocation.
- III. Compatriot Brent Houser led the pledges to the U.S. Flag, the Texas Flag, and the Sons of the American Revolution Flag.
- IV. President Dan Hamilton recognized Past Chapter Presidents and greeted our applicants and other guests.
- V. Compatriot Mike Fairchild discussed the Wreaths Across America details and passed the donation box to buy wreaths in the Chapter's name. Mike discussed the need for additional volunteers to lay the wreaths.
- VI. Compatriot John Anderson provided two short videos illustrating the American Revolution.
- VII. Officer and Committee Reports:
 - Treasurer Richard Coffey provided an update on the Chapter bank account bottom line balance (BLB).
 - President Dan Hamilton presented the details of Compatriot Dick Lee's funeral. He read his statement from that funeral. There were three Color Guard members at that funeral. There were five Color Guard members at the burial service at the Dallas National Cemetery, as well as two Compatriots.
 - President Dan Hamilton led the Chapter in a discussion concerning the details of the Chapter's responsibilities for the Wreaths Across America at the Arlington cemetery on December 16, 2023.
 - Compatriot John Anderson provided information concerning the SAR monument to be located at the Texas State cemetery.
 - Compatriot John Anderson provided the following reports:
 - Volunteers are needed for the Texas State Fair.
 - Compatriot John Anderson led a discussion concerning the need for a new location for the storage of our State and chapter historical data. The University of North Texas at Denton will no longer support this activity.
 - The Arlington Chapter New Member Manual is available.
 - Year End Arlington Chapter Membership was 2022, including 15 Juniors.
 - To date the Arlington Chapter has added 12 new members.
 - Three of our members have died this year, Rod Ashford, Burton Watkins, and Dick Lee.
 - The Arlington Chapter now has 87 members, including 14 Juniors.
- VIII. President Dan Hamilton led a discussion concerning the Wreaths Across America. Volunteers are needed for the December 16, 2023, event.
 - Volunteers are also needed to place flags on the 64 Veteran graves in honor of Veterans Day.
- IX. Compatriot John Anderson led a discussion concerning the SAR monument to be placed in the Texas State Cemetery.
- X. Compatriot Ron Carter led a discussion concerning the celebration of the Boston Tea Party event slated for December 16, 2023. The celebration will be held in the Boston Harbor.
- XI. President Dan Hamilton performed the Induction of Wendell Black.

- XII. Compatriot John Anderson led a discussion listing the need for all members to verify they have completed the Patriot Questionnaire. This can be located on the Chapter website.
- XIII. Compatriot Bill Goodman led a discussion concerning the Stark and Americanism reports.
- XIV. President Dan Hamilton motion for adjournment. Seconded by several members.
- XV. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the closing benediction.
- XVI. Compatriot Brent Houser led the Chapter Members in the closing admonition.

The next Chapter Meeting will be held on November 11, 2023, at Skillet & Grill, 1801 West Division Street, Arlington, Texas. Members meet for breakfast at 8:30 am, or when the meeting room is available, and the Chapter meeting will commence at 9:00 am or as soon as practicable after members and guests are seated and have ordered their meal.

Attendance: 19 Members and 1 Guest

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Goodman, Secretary