

**Minutes for Chapter Meeting**  
**April 18, 2015**  
**Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR**

**9:06 a.m.**

**President** Russell Leavens called the meeting to order.

- **Chaplain** Roger Tate led the invocation at the conclusion the Colors were posted by chapter Color Guard Members.
- **Vice President** Connelley led the pledge to the flag of the United States of America, the pledge to the flag of the State of Texas, and the pledge to the SAR flag.
- **President** Leavens led the chapter in a member's roll call of ancestors; Leavens also requested the previous month's minutes be considered as posted on the Chapter Web page. The minutes were approved as posted.
- The chapter recognized the 2015 winner of the Knight Essay contest, Elizabeth Larson, a senior at Aledo High School, Aledo, TX. Elizabeth is a senior and will be attending Baylor University next year. Her essay topic was on the life of James Madison.
- **President** Leavens introduced new members Stephen Smith and David Davidson who were given the induction oath in the Sons of the American Revolution. Both new members gave a short talk on their Patriot ancestor.

**Reports from the Officers**

- **President** Leavens reported on the recent State convention in Galveston, TX and the awards / recognition earned by the chapter. Compatriot James Alderman mentioned the new regional vice president is Ron Carter with the Arlington chapter. Alderman added that the winner of the Eagle Scout award at the national level now receives \$10,000.00. Alderman pointed out that the annual ROTC/JROTC awards are now in the process of being handled. Alderman made reference to a coming commemoration of the Cross-Country "Bankhead Highway" recognition program in October 2015; Patriotic organizations are asked to participate in the event. A reminder was made of the DAR "Welcome Home" event on May 9, 2015 at JRB Carswell for Vietnam Veterans. The Color Guard is posting the colors today at a DAR event in Fort Worth, TX. Alderman also mentioned that he and Compatriot Gieger were in the North Texas Color Guard ceremony at the internment of past TXSSAR President Col. Graham at National Cemetery this past week.
- **Vice President** Mike Connelley had no separate report.
- **Treasurer** Vaughn Oliver was absent today and the report was made by Vice President Connelley. The operating fund had a balance of \$8,670.30; the Pray TCU Fund has a balance of \$2,288.97 and the Goodman Youth Fund has a balance of \$1,905.76. The total of all three funds is \$12,865.03. Last month the chapter collected \$268.00 from member contributions to boost the balance in the youth funds.

**Old and New Business** There was no old or new business taken up at today's meeting since the color guard members had to leave by 10:30A for a DAR event.

- **President** Leavens called for a motion to adjourn.
- **President** Leavens led the recessional.

- **Chaplain** Roger Tate gave the benediction and the meeting was concluded at 10:15 AM. In attendance, per the sign-in sheet and observation, were 15 members and 7 guests for a total of 22 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence M. Connelley, Vice President and Acting, Secretary, Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter