

Minutes for Chapter Meeting
January 18, 2018
Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR



9:02 a.m.

President Mike Connelley called the meeting to order.

- **Chaplin Roger Tate** led the invocation.
- **Secretary-elect Ron Turner** led the pledge to the flag of the United States, the pledge to the flag of the State of Texas, and the pledge to the SAR flag.
- **President Connelley** introduced new members and guests:
 - Drake Peddie**, Texas SAR Secretary
 - Ron Carter**, SAR District VP
 - Erich Wisdom** (and wife Kristal), new member for induction
 - Mark Balliet**, new transfer member
 - Kevin Shellman**, new transfer member
 - David Smith** (wife Joanne), new transfer member
 - Gwen Boyd** (husband Kirby), Regent, Mary Isham Keith Chapter, DAR
 - Vicki Andrews**, Regent, Fort Worth Chapter, DAR
 - Dede Samuelson** (husband Todd), past Regent, Fort Worth Chapter, DAR
 - Sharon Katz**, Regent, Nathaniel Mills Chapter, DAR
 - Judy Ramos**, 1st Vice-Regent, Nathaniel Mills Chapter, DAR
 - Alice Stone**, 2nd Vice-Regent, Nathaniel Mills Chapter, DAR
 - Donna Moore**, Nathaniel Mills Chapter, DAR
 - Kathy Wright**, DAR, Beaumont
 - Assistant Chief Ed Kearns**, FWPD
 - Rene Kampen**, FWPD
 - Commander Joe Spero**, FWPD
 - Lieutenant Rick Demoi**, FWPD
 - Officer Andrew Johns & family**, FWPD
- **President Connelley** introduced the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, **FWPD Officer Andrew Johns** and his family. **President Connelley** then read the nomination letter for Officer Johns that commended him for his work with the homeless citizens of Fort Worth. **Assistant Chief Kearns** provided an update on the Fort Worth Police Department, followed by a Q&A session. **Officer Johns** is to confer with **President Connelly** on possible actions that the chapter can take to help the homeless of Fort Worth. **Alice Stone** added that Nathaniel Mills Chapter, NSDAR, will join this effort.
- **President Connelley** introduced **Erich Wisdom** and, with **Registrar-elect David Davidson** assisting, administered the new member oath to him. Erich's patriot is John Dobbins.
- **President Connelley** awarded a Meritorious Service Medal to **Compatriot Paul Valentine** for his long years at maintaining the chapter website, photography for the chapter, and for veteran assistance with **Past-President Don Goodman**.

President Connelley awarded the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal to **Compatriot James Alderman** for his many years of service to the chapter, especially during **Past-President Goodman's** term as chapter president.

- **Compatriot Bob Northcraft** discussed the traveling Liberty Bell project. He explained the static display at Hanger 5 at DFW Airport and his urgent call for color guard assistance. **Compatriot Northcraft** presented medals to **President-elect Gerry Gieger** and **Color Guard Commander Bobby Gresham**, honoring them for their answer to the urgent call for help.
- **President Connelley** noted that November 2017 minutes are on the website and that chapter finances are okay. All other business was suspended.
- **Secretary Drake Peddie** presented Certificates of Patriotism to **Compatriots Bill Hawkins, James Alderman, Ron Turner, and Roger Tate** for their military service and recognizing them as members of the National SAR Veteran Corps.
- **President Connelley** introduced the new slate of officers: **President Gerry Gieger, Vice-President Chase Sanger, Secretary Ron Turner, Treasurer Vaughn Oliver, Registrar David Davidson, Chaplain Roger Tate** and **Sergeant-at-Arms Bobby Gresham**.

President Connelley introduced **Texas SAR Secretary Drake Peddie** who conducted the swearing-in ceremony of the new officers. **Compatriot Peddie** presented **President Gieger** with the gavel and **Past-President Connelley** presented **President Gieger** with the chapter president medal and neck ribbon. Following photos, **Past-President Connelley** turned the meeting over to **President Gieger**.

- **President Gieger** presented **Past-President Mike Connelley** with a Distinguished Service Medal and the Past President's Pin. **Compatriot Peddie** presented **Compatriot Connelley** with a Past President Peddie's Past-President Pin.
- **President Gieger** put out a call for program presenters. Contact **Vice-President Chase Sanger**.
- **President Gieger** asked if any DAR visitors wished to make comments. **Gwen Kirby** offered her congratulations to **President Gieger**.

Compatriot Ken Cox offered his thanks to the DAR ladies for their participation in the Veteran's Day parade.

- **Compatriot Peddie** reminded the chapter that the state convention is April 5-8, 2018 in Richardson. **Compatriot Peddie** has raffle tickets for sale following the chapter meeting.
- **Compatriot Alderman** announced that February 3rd is the Sea Cadets Award Banquet at the Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base. **Secretary Ron Turner** and **Compatriot John Anderson** will attend, with **Compatriot Anderson** presenting the award to the Sea Cadet.
- **President Gieger** called for a motion to adjourn.
- **Secretary Turner** led the closing admonition.

- **Chaplain Roger Tate** gave the benediction and the meeting was concluded at 10:14 a.m.
- In attendance, per the sign-in sheet and observation, were 27 members and 25 guests for a total of 52 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald J. Turner, Secretary, Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR