



## **Chapter Minutes: 18 February 2023**

- **CALL TO ORDER**

By Chapter President Bobby Gresham at 9:30 A.M. Meeting.

- **INVOCATION**

By Chapter Chaplain Ralph Smith

- **PLEDGES**

- **US Flag**
- **Texas Flag**
- **S.A.R.**

The pledges were led by Color Guard Commander James Cunningham.

- **WELCOME GUESTS / VISITORS**

Chapter President Gresham welcomed everyone. This included the police officers; Joseph Spragins, Percy Holland, and his wife Dorothy.

- **PRESENTATIONS**

- **New Member Induction**

There were no new members inducted at this meeting.

- **Awards**

- **Life Saving Award**

Chapter President Gresham introduced Past President Mike Connelley, who told us about how Officer Percy Holland saved a teacher's life by intervening in her suicide attempt, in front of her class! We were also told about how Officer Holland took care of

the students, consoling them and showing them that things would be alright.

- **Law Enforcement Officer of the Year**

Past President Connelley then continued with the presentation of the Law Enforcement Commendation Award to Joseph Spragins. Officer Spragins had several contacts with a homeless veteran. Each time, he found the homeless man to be fully compliant with the officer's requests. The more that he came into contact with the homeless veteran, the more he learned about him and his situation. He was trying not to be homeless, the veteran was having trouble getting the Veterans Administration to authorize his disability status. Upon hearing this and verifying his story, Officer Spragins contacted "Operation Texas Strong" to see if they could provide him with a refurbished Recreational Vehicle. They were able to locate one that needed a lot of repairs. Officer Spragins was able to get it towed to Denton, where the veteran had intended to live, and repaired it, so the veteran would no longer be homeless. Then Officer Spragins was able to help push through the red tape at the VA and get the veteran his disability pension. Officer Joseph Spragins' dedication to his fellow man makes him truly worthy of this award.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Officers Reports**

- **Vice Presidents Report**

Vice President Kevin Shellman reported that he had lined up several speakers for the upcoming months. Past President James Alderman suggested that the "Medal of Honor Museum" group would be happy to come and speak to the chapter. Past President Connelly reminded us about the oration winners that we'll hear from at next month's meeting.

➤ **Secretary's Minutes**

January's Meeting Minutes were not available and will be accepted at the March Chapter Meeting.

➤ **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Anthony Walker presented his Treasurer's Report; Operating Funds – Beginning Balance of \$12,869.04 /Expenses of \$640.00 / Deposits of \$220.50 leaving us a Balance of \$12,449.54. Pray TCU Awards Fund – Beginning Balance of \$3,319.66 / No Expenses / Deposits of \$177.50 leaving us a Balance of \$3,497.16. Goodman Youth Fund – Beginning Balance of \$1,297.95 / No Expenses / Deposits of \$177.50 / leaving us with \$1,475.45 Giving the Chapter a Grand Total of \$17,422.15. Moved/Second/Passed

➤ **Registrars Report**

Registrar Gerry Gieger and Assistant Registrar Ron Turner updated us on the status of New Member applications and Supplemental applications for the S.A.R.

➤ **Color Guard Report**

Color Guard Commander Cunningham had to leave early, so Past President Alderman reported on the Mount Gilead Memorial Day event as it pertains to the Color Guard that is coming up.

President Gresham reported on the War of 1812 event coming up on March 11. Color Guard members who wish to attend need to dress in Militia Uniforms.

➤ **ROTC / JROTC / Sea Cadet Report**

Past President James reported that he had presented the Good Citizenship Medal to a Lone Star Squadron Sea Cadet on Saturday, February 11. The Fort Worth ISD will be scheduling their events soon and President Grisham is going to do the presentation of the medals. He is looking for volunteers to help

with the presentation of medals. The T.C.U. ROTC (Army and Air Force) are going along as scheduled.

➤ **Historians Report**

Chapter Historian John Anderson reported that the annual trip to the University of North Texas to digitize our records would be delayed. This is to allow for some of the chapters that are further away to get him their records at state convention. The trip should be made in April.

• **NEW BUSINESS**

➤ **Operation Texas Strong**

Vice President District 5 Ron Turner made a motion that the chapter support Operation Texas Strong with a \$500 donation  
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• **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

➤ **Chapter Meeting**

The next chapter meeting will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

➤ **Grave Marker Dedication**

The marking / rededication of a Revolutionary War veteran James Lemmon, in the Edgewood cemetery in Lancaster, Texas, is a public event, open to all. It will be held on Sunday, March 19, at 2:00 pm.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

- **Recessional**

- President Gresham led the recessional.

- **Benediction**

- Chapter Chaplain Smith led the benediction. With the Benediction being concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

- **FINAL NOTES**

- A total of 18 individuals attended the meeting, of which, 15 were chapter members and 3 were guests.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Shellman

Acting Secretary in the absence of Secretary Mark Parkison