



## Ark-La-Tex Chapter Sons of American Revolution

**Date of Meeting:** 4/13/23

**Call to Order:** President Clarence Burns called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He stated that a quorum was present.

**Members Present:** Clarence Burns, Joe Reynolds, Rodney G. Love, Danny Addington, Dennis M. Beckham, Bill Sekel, Shawn Tully, Thomas R. "Butch" Owens, Richard Blackwood, Larry P. Chandler, Cody Howard and Jim Howard.

**Visitors Present:** Wendy Addington, Carolyn Addington, and Wendell Edward Van Hook

**Invocation by:** Chaplain Shawn Tully gave the invocation.

**Pledges to the flags:** The United States of America, State of Texas and SAR Pledge led by: President Clarence Burns

**Reading of minutes:**

The minutes of the previous meeting were emailed to all members. They were approved by acclamation.

**Reading of the Treasurer's report:**

Treasurer Danny Addington presented the treasurer's report stating as of March 14, 2023 ending balance of \$1013.34. Remaining coins 69 with a profit of \$296.00. It was approved by acclamation.

**Registrar's Report:** Registrar Dennis Beckham presented the Registrar's report. John Burns was added as a supplemental for Clarence Burns. The report was approved as corrected by acclamation.

**New member sworn in:** Registrar Dennis Beckham swore in Cody Lynn Howard and Jimmy Hilton Howard as new members.

**New officer sworn in:** Chancellor Bill Sekel swore in Shawn Tully as Chaplain

**Program:** President Clarence Burns introduced the guest speaker Joe Reynolds who was to present "The Battles of the Saratoga" Due to technical difficulties the program could not be presented and was postponed.

**Unfinished business:**

Medals for EMT, Policeman, and Fireman

The following names were presented:

Randy Jones-Volunteer fireman from Hughes Springs who was in firehouse when it collapsed on him due to tornado. When he got out he administered 1<sup>st</sup> aid, cut trees, helped others get to safety.

Eric White- Cass County Deputy who walked mile through down trees in dark after tornado to

trailer house to give assistance to family north of Queen City.

Britt Gunn- EMT who went into burning house to rescue person in Jefferson area.

Rhonda Craft- EMT who went into burning house to rescue person in Jefferson area.

Jason Blackwood- Policeman who gave CPR to gentleman until EMTs arrived.

A motion was made by Bill Sekel and seconded by Shawn Tully that the chapter present 5 medals (1 Fireman, 1 Policeman, 1 Life-saving, and 2 Heroism). The motion carried.

Joe Reynolds stated he would order the medals.

It was mentioned that possibly a picture of one of these might be sent to TXSAR Newsletter.

Certificates for Veterans would be presented before November. A list of names and branch of service should be sent to Bill Sekel. When certificate is presented a picture should be taken of Veteran receiving certificate. A picture might be sent to National SAR magazine and might get in the TX section.

Vice President Joe Reynolds stated that he would be attending the National SAR Congress in Orlando, FL. He has a resort available that several could stay in at no cost.

Elections will be in December with swearing in in January. It was noted that the President would receive a Past President medal.

Chancellor Bill Sekel stated that we need assistants for each office. This would allow some knowledge of office in the case of officer absent from meeting or vacancy in office before elections.

President of DAR Carolyn Addington stated that Trammel Trace would be involved with Wreaths Across America at the Old Liberty Cemetery. She asked if we might want to help.

It was also mentioned that we would have joint flag retirement again this year.

Wendell Edward Van Hook mentioned that American Legion 58 & 25 of Texarkana received old computers from Farmers Bank. The hard drives are removed by the bank. These might be available if someone needed one.

**Upcoming Events and Announcements:**

The next meeting will be June 13.

**Closing Admonition:** President Clarence Burns led members in the SAR Closing Admonition.

**Adjournment:** President Clarence Burns entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Richard Blackwood and seconded by Joe Reynolds. The motion carried.

**Benediction by:** Chaplain Shawn Tully

Minutes submitted for approval by Secretary Rodney G. Love