



Ark-La-Tex Chapter Sons of American Revolution

Date of Meeting: 6/13/23

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, Pat Tomberlain and Wendell Edward Van Hook.

Visitors Present: Carolyn Addington, and Ron Turner(Vice President of District 5 TSAR, Van Zant Chapter and Editor of State newsletter)

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. A motion to accept minutes was made by Compatriot Joe Reynolds and seconded by Chancellor Bill Sekel. Approval was unanimous.

Reading of the Treasurer's report:

Treasurer Danny Addington presented the treasurers report stating as of June 13, 2023 ending balance of \$1801.84. This included \$30.00 from Challenge coins, \$40 donation for Life saving medal, \$300.00 donation, \$418.50 Deposit, with no debit. Remaining coins 66 with a profit of \$326.60. A motion to approve treasurer's report by acclamation was made by Compatriot Shawn Tulley and seconded by Compatriot Richard Blackwood. Approval was unanimous. Compatriot Joe Reynolds donated \$167.50 for the medals that were presented to fireman, EMTs, and law enforcement members.

Registrar's Report: Registrar Dennis Beckham presented the Registrar's report. The report was approved by acclamation.

Chancellor Report: Chancellor Bill Sekel reported on the end of the year report. Chapter #69 received 2nd place in the yearbook category(lost 1st by one point), highest # of approved applications for supplemental for 2022, Marshall Hunter award for the highest percentage of members attending in 2023, won Carl Joe Hale Patriot Fund Award for contributions in 2022, received a Certificate of Appreciation from State President for continued dedication to principles of National Society SAR for Chapter growth and retention, Flag Presentation Award recipient we got a streamer for our flag.

National dues are going up \$15. It will be voted upon at the National Congress.

Firefighter Award, Law Enforcement Award, Life Saving Award, Heroism Award away, we are one award away from giving the 5 Public Service Awards. We need to give the EMS medal away. If we do this we will get another award from State.

President Clarence Burns can present the Lydia Dauraugh medal for providing significant service to him.

New member sworn in: Registrar Dennis Beckham presented Pat Tomberlain with his sons John Patrick and Jackson Wiley their certificate, challenge coin and rosetts as new members, and swore in Edward Wendell Van Hook as new member and presented him with his roset.

Supplementals were presented to Dennis and Joshua Beckham for Judah Jefferson Farrar. Joshua was presented supplemental for Thomas Farrar.

Program: President Clarence Burns introduced the guest speaker, Compatriot Larry Joe Reynolds, who presented “The Battles of the Saratoga”.

Presentations: Vice-President Larry Joe Reynolds presented Chaplain Shawn Tulley with Silver Cross with a Star from Sons of Confederate Veterans for a job well done.

Business:

Several things were emphasized:

- *we needed individuals to sign up as backups for various officers.
- *we need to be thinking about officers for new year.
- *we need to encourage members to obtain supplementals. (Best source are DAR records)
- *we encourage members to seek supplemental for their family.
- *we should try to recruit new members.
- *we should be able to tell what SAR is about in 30 seconds.
- *we needed a genealogist.
- *we should keep our eye out for individuals or business that might meet the requirements for the Flag etiquette award. You can present certificate and take picture.
- *Chancellor Bill Sekel remaindered us about Veterans certificates. Their name and branch of service needs to be turned in by September. If you turn in a name you need to present certificate and take a picture.
- * go to TXSSAR.org and go to Chapter settings and go to Ark-La-Tex or go to google Ark-La-Tex Chapter
- *we need to look for businesses that might make a donation to the Chapter.
- *Dennis stated that he would not be doing the yearbook next year. We need a volunteer.
Discussion of what to do with scrapbook each year.
- *we should add deceased members along with founding members on back of program.
“GONE but NOT FORGOTTEN”

Upcoming Events and Announcements:

The next meeting will be November 14

Adjournment: President Clarence Burns entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Dennis Beckham and seconded by Edward Wendell Van Hook. The motion carried.

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

Benediction by: Chaplain Shawn Tully

Minutes submitted for approval by Secretary Rodney G. Love