

**TX SAR Arlington Chapter No. 7  
Southern Recipes Grill, Arlington, TX  
Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2017**

**Location:** Southern Recipes Grill, 2715 North Collins St., Arlington, TX 76006

- I. Call to Order and Posting of Colors** – Following fellowship and breakfast, President John Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 9:10 a.m.
- II. Invocation** – By Chaplain Bob Wehr
- III. Pledges** – **Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Covington** led the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag, the pledge to the Texas flag, and the SAR pledge.
- IV. Introductions of Past Chapter Presidents by President Anderson:** Ron Carter – 2011 and David Friels – 2014.
- V. Introduction of Guests by President Anderson:** Will Graham (new applicant), Bill Goodman (applicant), and Ronald Capps (potential applicant).
- VI. Comment of the Day** – **Compatriot Dick Lee** gave a short but very informative presentation, including a hand-out, on the Treaty of Paris which was signed September 3, 1783. Among other things, the Treaty provided that the British would recognize our independence and established demarcation of boundaries that paved the way for our western expansion. *Dick expressed dismay, and many present agreed, that the anniversary of the Treaty was not mentioned either on TV or in news papers, at least so far as those in attendance knew.*
- VII. This Month during the American Revolution presented by Historian Mike Hutchins** – Compatriot Hutchins reminded us of several very important Revolutionary War events that occurred during the month of September.
- VIII. TX SAR District 5 Vice President Ron Carter Remarks:**
  - The TX SAR annual BOM (Board of Managers Meeting) will be held in Galveston on October 13-15, and the Hilton Hotel has reported that they are ready for the meeting.
  - Texas will host the National SAR Congress in Houston at the Weston Hotel in 2018. There will be a room discount for members that volunteer to assist in hosting the meeting.
- IX. New Member Induction:** President Anderson assisted by Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Covington inducted Compatriot **Frank Dawson**. Frank stated that his Patriot is Orin Day from Vermont.
- X. Patriot Roll Call:** Each attendee was asked to provide a short identification of his Patriot.
- XI. Chapter President's Message**
  - NSSAR has prepared a letter, copy in meeting handouts, which goes in each new member packet. The letter congratulates the new compatriot and asks that he submit a 200 to 500 word biographical sketch of his Patriot ancestor in word format via email to [patriotbios@sar.org](mailto:patriotbios@sar.org). Current members are also invited to submit information for their Patriot.
  - President Anderson is preparing a display which will be rotated monthly among four of the Arlington City Libraries that have display cases to accommodate the exhibit. A proposed set-up was on the front table for those in attendance to review and comment. The membership concurred with the display.

- President Anderson, with the assistance of Compatriots Ron Carter, Ned Myers, Art Brucks, and David Friels, presented Lorna Rankin, TX DAR Quannah Parker Chapter Regent, with the NS SAR Martha Washington Medal & Certificate during their meeting on August 29.
- TX SAR President John Beard is promoting that each chapter buy challenge coins at \$10 each to give to new members as a state fund raiser. The membership discussed following options: Chapter promotes but each member buy their own, Chapter give to candidates as a challenge to join SAR, Chapter present to new members, Chapter give to new members on their 1<sup>st</sup> year anniversary, or the Chapter does not participate. Topic was shelved for a later Chapter BOM discussion.
- In the latest issue of “The SAR Magazine” President General Larry T. Guzy proposed a goal of 64,000 members by 2026, the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. He listed nine items for growth, and the top item is presenting recognition awards at a meeting of the honoree’s organization so his peers are exposed to SAR and learn more about the SAR.
- State Fair - Area SAR Chapters will man a table in the Jane Douglas Chapter Continental DAR House in the fairgrounds. Compatriots are asked to volunteer for a half day shift (10:30 to 2:00 or 2:00 to 5:30). Volunteers will receive a free pass and free parking. To sign up, see: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C49A5AA2AABF85-texas/55919094> and coordinate with John Anderson, 817-483-2214 or janders981@sbcglobal.net.
- DFW Metropolis TX SAR-DAR-C.A.R. Fall Gala – will be held Sunday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **XII. Chapter Business – President John Anderson Presiding:**

- **October Meeting** – The Texas BOM will conflict with our regular October meeting. After a brief discussion, the compatriots in attendance voted 7 to 6 in favor of canceling the October Chapter Meeting. President Anderson will notify the restaurant that we will not meet in October, but will resume meeting in November.
- **Approval of last meeting’s minutes:** The minutes as posted on the website and passed out during the meeting for review were approved.
- **Officer and Committee Reports:**
  - **Treasurer Dennis Walton** – The total bottom line balance as of today is \$2,577.59 and our income is slightly exceeding our expenses.
  - **Registrar Kevin Jorrey** – Compatriot Jorrey was absent, but President Anderson conveyed his report to the Chapter. Compatriots Robert Pope and Jonathan Husch are approved. Compatriot Husch is a marine serving in the Persian Gulf and will be inducted after he returns to the States. Will Graham signed his application today. It is complete and ready to submit. Our Chapter Roll shows 68 current members, including 10 juniors.
  - **Web-Administration** – Compatriot Anderson reported that the web page has been updated to add some past presidents.
  - **Youth Awards Programs** – Brochures were distributed to the Arlington ISD high schools and grade schools. President Anderson thanks Compatriots Richard Coffey, John Pinkerton and Roger Wehr for their assistance with the distribution.

- **Old Business**
  - The **joint presentation** of a recognition award to one or more members of the Mansfield Public Safety Department has been delayed indefinitely since Mansfield Quannah Parker TX DAR chapter determined that for DAR it would be a National Award requiring NS DAR approval. The Arlington SAR members discussed tabling the presentation until the NS DAR could approve the award, or proceeding with our Chapter making the award on our own. It was decided that Arlington No. 7 would make the award(s) at the place and time selected by the Mansfield Public Safety Department.
- **September Birthdays** – Compatriots James Gibson, James Newland, John Pinkerton, Corey Walker, and Steven Anderson.

**XIII. Speakers Bureau, Bill Covington Chair** – No presentations for August.

**XIV. North Texas Color Guard Activities - Color Guard Adjutant, Lieutenant Jerry Cope reporting.** Other Chapter Members – William Covington and Marshall Cope.

- **July 8** – Presentation and Awards for Arlington Firefighter and EMS Officers of the year. *In uniform, Arlington SAR event. (Date Corrected)*
- **July 24** – Presenting/Retrieval of Colors for the Naturalization Ceremony at the Dallas Field Office. Amos L. Mazzant U.S. District Judge presiding. *In uniform, TX SAR event. (Date Corrected)*
- **August 19** – TX SAR District 6 BOM Meeting at Outback Steakhouse, Plano, TX, By District VP Gary Lovell. *(Not in uniform)*

**XV. Announcements**

- Various announcements and upcoming events were provided on reverse side of the agenda.

**XVI. Motion to Adjourn** – approved

**XVII. Chaplain Bob Wehr** gave the benediction.

**XVIII. SAR Recessional/ Closing Admonition** led by Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Covington.

**XIX.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 am.

**XX. Attendance Summary:**

16 members and 3 guests were present for the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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