

TX SAR Arlington Chapter No. 7 Meeting Minutes for April 9, 2016

Location: Fielder House Museum, 1616 West Abram St., Arlington, TX 76013

- I. **Call to Order** – By President, John Anderson at approximately 9:00 a.m.
- II. **Invocation** – By Chaplain, Bob Wehr
- III. **Pledges** – Bill Covington, Sergeant-at-Arms let the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag, and to the Texas flag, and also the SAR pledge.
- IV. **Guest Introductions** – The guests in attendance were Jerry Cope, SAR applicant and Robert Pope, new SAR applicant
- V. **Recognitions**

John Anderson thanked all the membership for making the March grave marking so successful. The membership voiced thank you to Meg Anderson for the buffet lunch following the March meeting, and to John Anderson for his efforts in planning and leading the grave marking efforts.

State Meeting Recognitions for Arlington No. 7 included the following:

 - Karl E. Lawrence Award for chapter with greatest increase in membership,
 - Our CAR Essay entry from Ryan Michael Jones' placed 4th in the state competition.
 - Our Elementary Poster entry from Jamie Vargas placed 3rd in the state competition.
 - Our chapter was awarded a "Gold Star" for our flag streamer for last year's awarding of at least one flag certificate.
- VI. **Program provided by Compatriot Bill Covington**
 - Bill was awarded the Bernardo de Galvez Medal by the Dallas Chapter during his presentation to that chapter last month.
 - Stamp Act - Three weeks ago today was the 251st anniversary of the Stamp Act (3/22/1765) which was one of the principal causes of the rebellion against British rule and the founding of the Sons of Liberty.
 - Hessian Prisoners of War – After surrender of General Burgoyne at Saratoga, a large contingent of the Hessians were marched to Reading Pennsylvania where they were kept as prisoners of war. Some of the prisoners worked for local farmers while others were recruited to serve on the Frigate South Carolina. Christian Muller, a Patriot to the Wehr family, was one of the Hessians that served our navy honorably, and made a home in America after the war.
- VII. **On this Day/Month during the American Revolution** – Kevin Jorrey, Historian
 - April 9, 1776 – South Carolina Assembly established a Court of Admiralty to hear cases involving British ships captured by American vessels.
 - April 7, 1779 – First capture of a British warship when Capt. John Berry and the Lexington captured the HMS Edward.
 - April 8, 1778 – John Adams went to Paris to represent American interest in France. He replaced Deane who was suspect of mismanagement of funds and later found to be passing secrets to the British.

VIII. **District Vice President, Ron Carter** – Ron thanked the chapter for nominating him for the Patriot Medal, and John Anderson emphasized that that the state may only present five Patriot medals per year and only to a nominee meets all of the criteria. Ron recommended we participate in a District meeting of chapter presidents and other interested officers and members. Mike Radcliff is our new state President. Drake Peddie from Plano will replace Henry Voegtle as TX SAR State Secretary.

IX. **Business** – President John Anderson Presiding

- John expressed a desire that we have a **New Member Orientation Committee**. He asked Kevin Jorrey if he would be the chairman and Kevin accepted.
- After a motion by Ron Carter, the **minutes for March were approved**.
- **Treasurer's Report by Dennis Walton** – Our income and expenses are consistent with our anticipated budget. There were no unusual or large expenses, and our total bottom line balance is \$1,996.20.
- **Registrar's Report by Kevin Jorrey** – We have 50 active compatriots with dues paid for 2016 (including 9 junior members since Kyle Rankin is now a full member). Ned Myers's application has been approved and he is now a compatriot member. Jerry Cope's application was received by National on 7 March 2016 and is under review. Candidates James Benton, his father and son are in progress. Kevin Hurley's applications was received by National on 28 March 2016. Candidate Art Brooks' application is ready for signature and submittal. Robert Pope attended this meeting and is commencing his application. Kevin was contacted by Cecil Rick Rasor who expressed interest in submitting an application. Pastor James Harris' transfer / reinstatement is in progress.
- **Chaplain Bob Wehr** thanked Bill Covington for his efforts at Chaplin over the past two years and for the gift of the SAR prayer book.
- **Meeting location** – David Friels reported that based on input from membership, the general criteria for selecting prospective meeting locations is: private room, availability for our normal meeting date and time, nominal or no cost, serving breakfast, location, and are we welcome. No location was found to meet all criteria, but the most likely potential meeting locations appear to be: **Fielder House Museum** (meets all but breakfast), **Southern Recipes Grill** (meets all except possibly location), **Golden Corral** (several of us will visit this month), Jay Jay (an excellent restaurant but unlikely that we could count on having a private area during their busy Saturday mornings, therefore is dropped from consideration), First Dixie Café (still not open and therefore not considered at this time). Comments noted that regardless where we meet, we should maintain contact and good will with the Fielder House Museum, which has proved very satisfactory based on the last two meetings. **The membership voted to have a trial meeting at Southern Recipes Grill for our 14 May meeting**. David Friels will confirm our reservation. During the May meeting we will decide on the meeting location for June.
- **Youth Awards** - John Anderson stated that we need a chairman to coordinate and oversee general youth awards. Youth awards include Poster Contest, Brochure Contest, BSA Eagle Scout, Essay contest, oration Contest, and JROTC & ROTC.
- Ron Carter said we needed a **CAR Liaison** and after some discussion Ron agreed to serve in that position along with being the State CAR liaison.

- **Independence Day Parade** – Bob Wehr stated that Ray Wehr would not be able to be the chairman this year, and after some discussion it was concluded that John would ask Jack Davis take over the position. John Anderson will coordinate the use of the trailer from Fort Worth Chapter.
 - **Poster Contest Winners** – The poster winners for our Chapter were: 1st Jamie Valgas, 2nd Edy Duran, and 3rd Abraham Orr. Jamie Valgas’s poster placed 3rd in the State competition and will receive an award from TX SAR. Dennis Walton will send checks to the three winners for our Chapter.
 - **ROTC Awards** – The Arlington Chapter will present SAR awards at seven high schools at their Honors Ceremony. The cadets to receive the awards will be selected by the respective schools. Roger Wehr is chairman and will schedule the presenters. We would like to have a team of two chapter members to go to each school for the presentation. Volunteers so far include: David Friels, Bob Wehr, Ron Carter, Dick Lee, and John Anderson.
- X. **Announcements** – Various announcements were provided on reverse side of the agenda
- XI. **Motion to Adjourn** was made by Dennis Walton, duly seconded, and approved.
- XII. The SAR Closing Admonition** was let by John Anderson
- XIII. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the benediction**
- XIV. Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 am
- XV. **Attendance Summary:**
10 members and 2 guests were present for the meeting.
- XVI. **May chapter meeting** will be held at
Southern Recipes Grill,
2715 North Collins St.
and the program will be on the use of the chapter, state, and national web sites and the chapter drop box.

Respectfully Submitted by:
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