

TXSSAR Arlington Chapter No. 7
Southern Recipes Grill, Arlington, TX
Meeting Minutes for August 13, 2016

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

- I. Call to Order** – By Chapter President John Anderson at approximately 9:30 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, David Friels – 2014, John Anderson – 2016; Chapter was reorganized in 1994 and Bob Harris served as President until Ron Carter took office in 2011.
- V. Guest Introductions by President Anderson** – Dwayne Garrison, Robert Pope, Wally Penny, and Dan Hamilton.
- VI. Comment of the Day** – Presented by Compatriot Dick Lee
- VII. This Month during the American Revolution** – Historian Kevin Jorrey:
 - August 13, 1775 – Lord Sandwich has engaged 6,000 tons of shipping to transport British Regiments from Ireland to America.
 - August 14, 1775 – Americans raid Bermuda storage magazines, carrying off at least 100 barrels of gunpowder.
 - August 11, 1776 – Declaration of Independence read to all Boston Churches.
 - August 13, 1776 – Provincial Convention empowered Washington to convert 12 private residences into a general hospital. Expecting Howe to attack in near future, Washington packed his important papers and sent them to Philadelphia.
 - August 6, 1777 – 800 of General Nicholas Herkimer’s militiamen are ambushed as they attempt to relieve Fort Stanwix, and Herkimer is mortally wounded. (*9 Snell’s which were Kevin’s ancestors participated in this engagement.*)
 - August 14, 1779 – The Continental Congress approves peace plan calling for American independence, British to evacuate North America, and free navigation of the Mississippi River.
 - August 15, 1780 – Port’s Ferry, South Carolina, General Francis Marion, the “Swamp Fox” and his irregular cavalry force of 250 men rout a party of Loyalists commanded by Major Micajah Gainey.
 - August 13, 1781 – Parker’s Ferry, South Carolina, 450 Loyalists commence an uprising and are reinforced by 200 dragoons commanded by Major Thomas Fraser. The dragoons are ambushed by Patriots and lose half their ranks.
- VIII. TX SAR Dist. 5 Vice President Ron Carter**
 - TX SAR Board of Managers (BOM) meeting, which is listed on the back of the agenda, will be October 14 – 16 in Austin.
 - State announcements and information are made available, generally quarterly, through the DADA emails. Members should sign up on the State web site to receive DADA emails.

- A CAR state workshop was conducted in Arlington on August 6. Their fundraiser is planting trees for a \$15 donation per tree, with \$6 of each \$15 going to the State CAR program. The national CAR meeting will be in Kentucky.
- IX. New Member Recognition** – Richard Martin’s transfer from Iowa is complete and we have received a check from State for our part of his dues. Richard’s Patriot is Harmon White, who fought for Col. Ethan Allen with the Green Mountain Boys.
- X. New Member Induction** - Art Brucks was escorted to the flags by Sergeant At Arms Bill Covington and inducted by President Anderson. Art’s Patriot is Sarah Boone Wilcoxson, who provided supplies to the Colonial Army. She was Daniel Boone’s sister.
- XI. Chapter President’s Message, President Anderson**
- North Texas CONFAB was attended by Kevin Jorrey and Jerry Cope. Kevin and Jerry reported: Any essay contest writers should be encouraged to present an oration on their essay; we should report any events we attend that generate points as soon as practical after attending; we should review the “Dropped Member Lists” periodically to see if we can encourage inactive members to become active again; VA activity in Bonham on November 10 will yield points for attendance; Fort Worth VA hospital needs volunteers and our Chapter will receive \$24 per hour that we serve; VA is in constant need of toiletries and magazine’s.
 - Members are encouraged to sign up on the TXSSAR web site to receive DADA emails.
 - Members should log on to National web site to verify and update personal data. We should also submit a short narrative on our Patriot.
 - Name tags are being prepared for new members.
 - TXSSAR is searching for an editor for the News Letter.
 - Compatriots with birthdays this month were recognized.
 - Compatriots with SAR anniversary’s are: Richard Martin – 10-year and Gary Faletti – 5-year.
 - BOM is scheduled for October 14 – 16 (see back of agenda) and is open to all members. Most activities are on Saturday and for sure we should attend the youth luncheon.
 - Dennis Walton has located the tax exempt form, and it can be used with large chapter purchases to save the sales tax. It can be found in our Dropbox.
- XII. Chapter Business** – President Anderson presiding:
- **Approval of last meeting minutes:** The minutes as posted on the web and passed out during the meeting were approved by the Chapter after a motion for approval by James Gibson.
 - **Officer and Committee Reports:**
 - **Vice President Roger Wehr** – Reminder the Poster Contest is approaching.
 - **Secretary David Friels** – Arlington Chapter has been approved for both the Kroger Community Rewards program and Randalls/Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program. Members that have not already signed up should do so. Instructions and forms are available after the meeting for members desiring them. The Kroger number is 48874 and the Tom Thumb number is 13649.
 - **Treasurer Report by President Anderson for Treasurer Dennis Walton** – The August 6 total bottom line balance was \$2,504.20, same as last month.

- **Registrar Kevin Jorrey:** The Benton's applications (3 generations) are at National and should be approved soon. Charles Wolf, Dwayne Garrison, Robert Pope, Dan Hamilton, and Wally Penny are working on their applications with Kevin's assistance. Arlington #7 presently has 60 active members including 10 juniors.
- **History – Historian Kevin Jorrey** had nothing new to report
- **Chaplain – Chaplain Bob Wehr** commented that our country has been blessed with a strong name and during this difficult and trying election period we should lean on the promise that the Lord gave Solomon in 2nd Chronicles (2 Chronicles 7:13) that says: *and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*
- **Sergeant At Arms, Bill Covington** – Bill has cleaned and pressed the ribbons (flag streamers), and ask if anyone knew of any additional past award ribbons that may be added to the flags. No one knew of any new ribbons.
- **Speakers Bureau, Bill Covington Chair** – Bill reported three presentations for July and August and said he did not expect more presentations in the near future since school is commencing. The presentations were:
 - July 11, 2016, Clarksville, TX, **Red River County Genealogical Society** "The Continental Soldier of the American Revolution"
 - July 16, 2016, Galveston, TX, **Bernardo de Galvez Chapter** of the NSSAR "Bernardo de Galvez and the American Revolution"
 - August 8, 2016, **Philanthropic Educational Organization** - Chapter HC Temple, TX, "Bad Girls of the American Revolution"

John Anderson encouraged Bill to apply for the National History Teacher Award. Bill said he has had other groups offer to help him also, and he is considering applying.
- **Youth Awards, President Anderson**
Brochures have been printed and membership is requested to assist in delivery to Arlington ISD high schools and 5th grades.
- SAR Oration Contest now has a chapter deadline of mid-September. The chapter winner will compete in TX SAR Region 3, and the final will be at the Austin BOM in October. Other awards with/chapter deadlines include: SAR Essay/Dec 31, SAR CAR Essay/Dec 31, SAR Poster & Brochure/mid-January, SAR JROTC & ROTC/Mar 15 regular contest & Jan 15 enhanced contest, SAR Eagle Scout/mid-Dec. More information is available at www.txssar.org.
- **DAR Liaison** – John Anderson will replace Jack Davis as our DAR Liaison. John is currently pursuing a joint meeting with the Lucretia Chapter. The meeting will likely be next year and include public service awards for Arlington police and fire departments.
- **Web Master, John Anderson** – All documents for the current year should be available in the chapter drop box. Older documents will be archived.
- **North Texas Color Guard** – Jerry Cope has joined the NTCG and will be Arlington's chapter representative.

- **Old Business**
 - Community Awards were discussed during the Secretary's report.
 - David Friels made 3 attempts to contact the Pantego Fire Chief or his Assistant. Each time he was told he had to leave a message which he did. The calls were not returned.
- **New Business**
 - Ron Carter moved that we renew our advertisement in the National SAR Magazine which will be published quarterly and the cost for the ad will be approximately \$20 for the year. The motion was approved.

XIII. Announcements

- Our monthly meetings will continue to be at this location the rest of the year. He anticipates that meeting location will be one of the topics addressed at the chapter BOM in December. John stressed that the December BOM is the time we will nominate officers for the next year, and all current officers and any interested members are encouraged to attend.
- Kevin Jorrey stated that during the CONFAB it was announced that the dues reminders will be out early this year.
- All members that have not signed up for community rewards are requested to do so. If we all participate, it is estimated that the rewards could be on the order of \$100 to \$200 per year.
- Various other announcements were provided on reverse side of the agenda.
- The October speaker is planned to be a DAR member and mother of one of our new members.

XIV. Program – Compatriot David Friels presented a program on the history of our Constitution and handed out pocket copies of the Constitution that were provided by Hillsdale College.

XV. Motion to Adjourn was made by Kevin Jorrey and approved.

XVI. Sergeant At Arms, Bill Covington led the SAR Recessional / Closing Admonition.

XVII. Chaplain, Bob Wehr gave the benediction.

XVIII. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 am.

XIX. Attendance Summary:

17 members and 4 guests were present for the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:
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