



# **Committee Reports**

Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution

## **TXSSAR Board of Managers Meeting**

**Hilton at the Seawall, Galveston, TX  
Oct 29-30, 2011**

**Americanism, Contests, Medals, and Awards (ACMA) Committee:**

**Chairman:** Russell Dart

**Archives and History Committee Report:**

**Chairman:** Larry Stevens

29 October 2011

Minutes and comments

An attendance sheet was prepared and those present were Don Stone, David Temple, Bob Bowen, Lindsey Brock, Ray Cox, Bob Clark, Mike Tomme, Mike Radcliff, Peter McClellan, T. L. Holden, Gerald Irion, Allen Greene, Bill Marrs, and Rev. James Taylor.

The need to meet with Dean Dr. Martin Halbert of UNT was stressed. Bob Clark indicated that he would arrange a meeting with the Dean prior to the 2012 Annual Meeting. Current President of TXSSAR Bill Marrs indicated that he would join Bob in the meeting. It was stressed that this is a crucial meeting and that TXSSAR may need to make a greater commitment in resources in the future.

Peter McClellan moved and seconded by Mike Radcliff that there be arranged with Treasurer John Beard a check for \$200 to be given to UNT. John will need to have notification (email or letter) from committee chairman Larry Stevens regarding the amount, how the check should be made out and the destination of the check.

It was recommended that communication be made to chapter presidents that a gift from each chapter be for \$25 to TXSSAR in the name of the Archives Committee so as to accumulate funds for future needs. The check must be clearly marked "TXSSAR Archives Committee." Treasurer John Beard will post the amount to a reserve account for the Archives Committee. It was additionally recommended that the financial needs of the committee should be determined prior to the sending of the gift request from the chapters. (Comment: for that matter, any gifts for the Archives Committee should be clearly designated "TXSSAR Archives Committee" so that the funds may be properly posted and the original intent of the donor is preserved.)

One of the concerns of digitizing our records at UNT is what will happen to the original records. Will they be stored or destroyed? If they are to be destroyed how can they be preserved?

David Temple moved, seconded by Mike Radcliff, that up to \$1,000 be invested in a second display case to be used for artifact viewing at UNT. Chairman Larry Stevens should arrange for a check from Treasurer John Beard and the destination of the funds. (Comment: Tom Whitelock will need to be contacted and involved regarding this action). The funds for the display case will reduce the current balance of the Archives Committee Reserve Account which now has a balance of \$1,696.74.

Another question was raised regarding who retains ownership of the display cases. That will need to be studied. At this point all matters are turned over to Chairman Larry Stevens.

Respectfully, Don Stone

## **Audit Committee**

**Chairman:** Marvin Morgan, Chairman; Tom Jackson, Vice Chairman. There was nothing to report.

## **Bylaws Committee**

Bylaws Committee. Hank Voegtle said that his committee met and considered 7 items for BOM vote. Since the items to be voted on are brought forward by a committee, there is no requirement for a second.

1. Deletion of the Youth registrant “membership” option. This item was presented to conform to the action voted on at the last Congress. The committee recommends elimination of Article III, paragraph 3 (3) of the TXSSAR Constitution. He will provide notice in accordance with the TXSSAR Constitution and By Laws at the State Annual Meeting. The committee moves to approve this change. President Marris asked for a vote of the BOM. It passed unanimously.
2. Expansion of the Executive Committee. A proposal was made to add two TXSSAR registrars and an “at large” appointee to the committee. The committee recommends this change and will provide notice in accordance with the TXSSAR Constitution and Bylaws at the Annual Meeting. The committee moves to adopt this motion. President Marris asked for a vote of the BOM. It passed unanimously.
3. Creation of the office of Communications Secretary. This item affects the Constitution and by Laws. The Committee recommends this change and is endeavoring to draft language for this position. The committee will provide notice in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws at the Annual Meeting. The committee moves to approve this change.

There was a question about the duties of the position. President Marris provided a background of why the position was being considered and the complexities that have grown over the years to communicate with our members. With the costs to mail out of the Compatriot Newsletter and the decision to go digital to reduce costs, many members no longer feel they do not get information or know what is going on with the State Society. Many have left and it is a result of not having a good communication with the Society membership. This position would correct this communication gap. A job description needs to be written to incorporate all the facets of the job.

President Marris asked for a vote of the BOM. It passed unanimously.

4. Creation of the elected office of Color Guard Commander. This would affect the Constitution and Bylaws. The committee does not recommend this change.

Hank Voegtle was agreeable for any other motion or arrangement for the Color Guard Commander rather than being an elected position.

Marvin Morgan moved that the Color Guard as a standing committee to provide status to the Society to reach out to the public. There was a second to the motion. During discussion, Bob Clark suggested that the motion be written so as to know the exact wording for purpose and establishment of the Color Guard standing committee. Marvin Morgan agreed to do this.

Having a motion on the floor and a second, President Marrs asked for a vote. The motion was approved by unanimous consent. (President Marrs said that upon receipt of the written motion, he would send it out on the internet in order to allow the chapters to review it before the Annual Meeting).

5. Changing the qualifications and duties of the position of Treasurer. This will affect the TXSSAR Bylaws but not the Constitution. The committee recommends this change and is endeavoring to draft language for this position. There is a need to further define accounting skills, computer software skills, and expertise need to perform the duties in this position; however, the Chancellor did not happen to have the document available at this time. The Committee will provide notice in accordance with the TXSSAR Constitution and Bylaws at the Annual Meeting. President Marrs asked for a vote of the BOM. It passed unanimously.
6. Changing the method of nominating and electing district vice presidents. This affects the TXSSAR Constitution and Bylaws. Although the committee does acknowledge that issues have arisen with the current method of nominating and electing district vice presidents and those matters may need to be brought to the attention of the membership of the society. The committee does not recommend this change.

There was considerable discussion on this topic regarding whether or not rotation between chapters in a district or picking the best person with credentials to support his nomination was best. However, just rotating the position between chapters may not be in the best interest of the society when a chapter does not have a qualified candidate, but still choose to take its turn over the good of the society.

The change that was offered to the committee was to have the District nominate and vote on the candidate without having the vote to be voted on by the BOM during the Annual Meeting.

There was no vote on this item.

7. Technical changes to the Bylaws. This change is intended to eliminate outmoded provisions and to reduce unnecessary specificity in the Bylaws. An example is the current language reads "this position requires high level computer skills to include a basic understanding of databases, spreadsheets and various work processors. The current system operates using Microsoft Office XP." A suggested change is "This position requires high level computer skill, including an understanding of database, spreadsheet and work processing software." The committee recommends these types of changes. The Committee will provide notice in accordance with the TXSSAR Constitution and Bylaws at the Annual Meeting. President Marrs asked for a vote of the BOM. It passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Henry Voegtle

**CAR Essay Contest Committee:**

Although the committee did not meet during the BOM, Chairman Stephen Rohrbough reported that he updated the TXSAR CAR Essay Contest application and sent it to Senior President Deidre Grawl for inclusion in the TSCAR 2011-2012 Annual Yearbook. Also, in July 2011, he submitted an article for

publication in the July 2011 issue of the TSCAR Roundup newsletter inviting eligible CAR members to participate in the 2011 Contest.

The TXSSAR CAR Essay Contest application and information was updated on the TXSSAR website.

Respectfully Submitted  
Stephen Rohrbough, Chairman

### **Color Guard Committee**

October 29, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Commander Marvin Morgan

Introductions: Members, Guests and Other Visitors - signup sheet attached – National Color Guard Commander Mike Tomme and immediate past National Color Guard Commander Joe Dooley was present.

Approval of the Minutes (July BOM)

#### Old Business

- a. Commander Morgan discussed the progress with the TXSSAR Color Guard Handbook.
- b. The request for the Color Guard Commander to be a state officer was sent to the Bylaws committee.

#### New Business

- a. Flag duty for the BOM was discussed
- b. A discussion of ordering Texas Society parade flags was postponed and will be conducted via e-mail
- c. A motion was made and seconded to recommend Tom Green to the National Color Guard Commander as Color Guardsman of the Year.
- d. Motion was made by Don Stone and seconded by Stephen Tanner that a line item of \$1,000 be provided in the budget each year and that any residual not spent be carried over to subsequent years in a reserve account. Motion passed.
- e. Reports of the commanders.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Marvin Morgan

### **Council of Chapter Presidents**

Call to Order by Art Munford

Invocation by James Taylor

Pledge of Allegiance by Peter Baron

Attendees: Harmon Adair, George Dersheimer, Larry Stevens, David Temple, Russell Dart, Stephen Lee, James Taylor, Wendell Edwards, Stephen Tanner, Drake Peddie, Delbert Taylor, Mike Radcliff, Tom Green, Jim Heath, Ray Cox, Graham Martin, Charles Luna, Peter Baron, Bill Marris, Bob Cohen, Ed Butler,

Tom Jackson, Marvin Morgan, Bob Clark, Farrar Bentley, Charles Baker, Gerald Irion, John Gullard, and Art Munford.

The Minutes from the State Meeting were approved.

Drake Peddie was nominated and elected to be the Secretary.

Tom Greene made comments about member retention and getting new members and recommended Mike Everheart's program for new members.

Peter Baron talked about the new reporting for national and state.....

- State Report will mirror the national one.
- State Report will have extra pages for unique state awards.
- Color guard activities tend to get double points if in uniform.

Charles Luna talked about the Eagle Scout program....

- Robert Burt Award was discussed.
- We only had 18 entries in the state competition last year.
- We should promote at district level.
- Jim Mitchell described the patches and brochures.

Jim Mitchell talked about Patriot Grave Registration and dedication

- Huntsville event/SAR Magazine recognition
- Washington Wilkes event in Georgia
- August 6 – Longview grave dedication.
- Boyles Parish, LA has 36 patriots buried – October 2011.

Bill Marrs, State President talked.....

- Joe Dooley was elected Treasurer-General at national
- James Taylor was elected Chaplain General at national
- New goal for Genealogist General is to get applications processed in 6 weeks.
- Changes are how trustees were selected at national.
- Increase to the executive committee at the state level.
- Working on program to educate and train Registrars at the Chapter level.

Stephen Rohrbough described his role as Stall Secretary and the need to get all committee reports to him as soon as possible.

Bob Cohen described his role as Secretary and the new yellow form for new members to get the Texas Compatriot and to get email addresses.

Robert Clark talked about the Challenge Coin for \$10 to help raise funds for the Perpetual Fund.

Art Munford talked about Flag certificates and Public services Awards.

- flag Certificates need names and dates presented.
- Robert Rankin gives flag certificates to all the schools.
- Public Service Awards should be done electronically using the national website and sent to national and Art Munford at the state.

Ray Cox discussed website updates and data email system and the need to keep your email address current.

Motion to adjourn was seconded and approved.

Submitted respectfully,  
Drake Peddie, Secretary

**Credentials Committee** – Did not meet.

**DAR and CAR Liaison Committee:** There was no report.

**District Vice-Presidents Committee:** Robert Clark reported that the District VP's provided good reports on their District activities including status of their Chapters. They continue to meet with the President Elect; attend Council of Chapter Presidents meetings; have a healthy dialogue with each other, and provide ideas and techniques to improve the order of the Society.

**Eagle Scout Committee:** Did not meet. However, during the Council of Chapter Presidents meeting, Charles Luna talked about the Eagle Scout program....

- Robert Burt Award was discussed.
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#### **Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee met at 7:00 AM on October 30, 2011 at the BOM meeting at the Hilton Galveston on the Seawall, Galveston, TX.

Minutes TXSSAR Executive Committee Meeting. President Bill Marris opened the meeting at 7:07 AM.

Attendees: President Bill Marris, President Elect Robert Clark, Secretary Bob Cohen, Treasurer John Beard, Staff Secretary Stephen Rohrbough, Past President Jim Jones, Chancellor Henry Voetgle, Audit Committee Chairman Marvin Morgan, Coastal Registrar Gerald Irion, Inland Registrar Mike Radcliff, and Jim Mitchell.

The topics discussed are as follows:

1. Texas Challenge Coins. President Marris said that we have 333 challenge coins left from the original purchase of 500 coins. He wants Chapters to buy coins and pay for them up front.
2. TXSSAR Officers for 2012-2013. Jim Jones handed out a listing for all TXSSAR Officer positions. All positions were filled with exception of five District VP positions and the TXSSAR Alternate Trustee. Districts that need to be filled include District 3, 6,7,10, and 11. Stephen Rohrbough said that the San Antonio Chapter would nominate Frank Rohrbough to fill the District 3 VP position. Jim Jones said he would fill the Alternate Trustee position if no one else volunteered. President Marris said he had a name to fill the Communication Secretary when the position was approved by the BOM during this meeting. (Sam Massey said he would fill the position).
3. Silver Good Citizenship Medal. Jim Mitchell discussed the nomination of FBI Agent William Borneman for the Silver Good Citizenship Medal.
4. Bylaws change to add Registrars to the Executive Committee. The Chancellor said that this request would affect only the Bylaws and that the Bylaws Committee recommends this change. Hank Voetgle said he will provide notice in accordance with the TXSSAR Constitution and Bylaws

for approval at the Annual State Convention in March 2012. The Chancellor will bring this item up during the proceedings of the BOM.

Marvin Morgan made a recommendation to add the Commander of the Color Guard to the Executive Committee. He said that the color Guard was the face of the SAR and that it was important to be included as a member of the committee. President Marris asked the Chancellor to refer this request to the Bylaws committee for review.

5. Bylaws change to bring TXSSAR Society in line with National Classes of Membership. The Chancellor will bring this item up during the proceedings of the BOM.
6. Bylaws change to add a Secretary for Communications. The Chancellor will bring this item up during the proceedings of the BOM.
7. Bylaws change in the method of nominating and electing District Vice Presidents. President Marris said that Past DVP District 3, Gerald Irion, brought up this item for consideration. This item was referred to the Bylaws Committee for action.
8. Bylaws change to change the job description of the State Treasurer. President Marris discussed the need for this change because of the ever growing need for accounting background and familiarity with using computer software spreadsheets and data bases. He also mentioned that qualifications for this position need to be clarified. The Chancellor will bring this item up during the proceedings of the BOM.
9. Budget. John Beard provided budget and reports including:
  - a. TXSSAR Balance Sheet reflecting Assets and Liabilities of \$677,683.40.
  - b. TXSSAR Profit & Loss by Class for the period January – September 2011 for Income and Expenses by category (Operations, Patriot fund, Perpetual Fund, and Ritchie Fund). It was suggested that the contributions in line item 4010 be moved to line item 4030. Total income was \$144,856.24 against expenses of \$146,551.37 and Net Income loss of \$3,695.13.
  - c. The 2011 Budget & Variance Report shows same information in a slightly different format in order to see as of September 30, 2011.
  - d. Unrealized Gains & Losses for the year ending September 30, 2011 showing transactions by month.
  - e. TXSSAR Investment Accounts 2011. Yield to Date (YTD) for the year was -6.9%. Investments were up as of October 22, 2011 showing unrealized gains of \$27,800.86 since September 30<sup>th</sup> report.

There is no need to go to the BOM for any action.

Comments - Marvin Morgan recommended refunding chapters who have not cashed or lost checks that were previously sent to them for National and State dues. This is an accounting procedure to clear up old outstanding checks on the books.

John Beard commented that Fees for Applications are considered income to the State, but asked about fees being held for Applications that are still “pending” approval. (This was not for action, but for information only).

10. University of North Texas Library Changes. President Marris said that UNT Library is combining another unit with the Archives unit to make one unit. He said that a lot of material donated over the years by TXSSAR would be digitized to save storage space. The material would be available by screening the new system. Impact would not affect TXSSAR.
11. Support of Candidates running for National office next year. President Marris said we have a number of candidates running for office that are attending the BOM. He want let each talk for 5 minutes on Friday evening and asked Jim Jones to hand out ballots during the BOM and let attendees vote so the TXSSAR Society would have a decision on who to support for each position in the next Notional Congress in 2012.



12. Dues letter and web systems in place. Bob Cohen reported that the dues notices are being printed and will be mailed to TXSSAR membership. For those members dropped for 2 years can use the TXSSAR website to pay their dues and become current. We have about 200 compatriots who have been dropped pay their dues each year.
13. TXSSAR Parade Flag Committee. Dan Reed, Plano Chapter, had flags made for use by the chapter in parades in Dallas area. The flags are available at a cost of \$169. He wanted to know how many chapters would be interested in buying a flag for parades.
14. Conflict of Interest Statements. All Officers are required to sign "Conflict of Interest Statements" each year. John Beard has the file. He will contact officers who not signed this statement.

President Marrs asked to approve the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting on July 30, 2011. Jim Jones moved that the Minutes be approved. Bob Cohen seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Adjournment – President Marrs seeing that there was no other business adjourned the meeting at 8:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen Rohrbough, Staff Secretary

**Expansion & Membership Committee:** Did not meet.

**Fees and dues Committee:** Did not meet.

**Finance Committee:** The committee met at 11:00 AM. John Beard reported on the following items.

- A. The financial documents through September 2011 looked good, but that investments suffered unrealized losses of \$60,000.
- B. The Annual 990 report for 2010 was due in a week and he would send the report to the responsible Officers to review and sign before submitting it to the IRS. He prompted Chapters to complete their Chapter 990 Forms as well.
- C. He mailed Chapter rebates from dues collected in February and March and again in August and November. There is a problem in getting checks cashed by some of the Chapters. As approved at the Summer BOM, he contacting Chapters to set up bank accounts so electronic deposits can go directly to Chapter bank accounts.
- D. Conflict of Interest Forms need to be signed by some Officers to complete the file of record. He is contacting those officers that have not signed the form.

Respectfully Submitted  
John Beard

**Former State Presidents Committee:** Did not meet.

**Genealogy Committee:** Mike Radcliff and Gerald Irion said the committee met at 11:00 AM. Mike Radcliff, inland Registrar said he had submitted 97 membership applications and 19 supplemental applications. Gerald Irion Coastal Registrar reported that he had processed 183 membership applications.

**Long Range Planning Committee:** Long Range Planning Committee. The committee discussed several items:

- A. Reconfirmed support for the two Registrars being voting members of the BOM. This item has been referred to By-laws Committee for review and evaluation.
- B. Reconfirmed the creation of a new position, Secretary for Communications, to aid and assist the Secretary with issue and conduct of TXSSAR business and communications within the Society and at Chapter level. This item was referred to the By-Laws Committee for review and evaluation.
- C. Reconfirm the location of the BOM in 2012 and pick a central Texas location for attendees, or perhaps the Houston area.
- D. Determine if Webinar Technology is feasible for Communication enhancements within the Society.

Respectfully Submitted  
Robert Clark

**Newsletter Committee:** Did not meet.

**Nominating:** Chairman Jim Jones reported that all Officer Positions for 2012 were filled with the exception of five District VP positions and the TXSSAR Alternate Trustee. Districts that need to be filled include District 3, 6,7,10, and 11.

Stephen Rohrbough said that the San Antonio Chapter would be nominating someone to fill the District 3 VP position.

Jim Jones said he would fill the Alternate Trustee position if no one else volunteered.

Jin Jones reported that President Marrs had a volunteer to fill the Communication Secretary position when the position is approved by the BOM during this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted  
James Jones

**Patriots Fund Trustees Committee:**

George West reported that the committee met and reviewed the status of the Patriot Fund. There is a loss of \$6,975 in Income mainly due to unrealized losses for the period January – September 2011. There were expenses of \$16,567 with distribution of approved scholarships of \$13,200 and the balance for ROTC/JROTC Medals and other Medal and Awards.

There is a balance of \$366,168 in the Patriot Fund as of the end of September 2011. There are no actions required at this time.

Respectfully Submitted  
George West

**Patriot Fund Fundraising Committee:** Did not meet.

**Patriot Graves & Markers Committee:** See Archives and History committee report above.

**Patriot Projects Committee**

Although this committee did not meet, Arnold Seidule, Chairman of the Patriot Funds Project Committee, requested an increase in the Patriot Funds Project budget to \$16,308.00 for the 2011-2012 year. This was approved by the Finance Committee based upon expected cash-flow. No further consideration was given to moving any portion of the Patriot Funds Projects to TXSSAR General Fund.

Respectfully Submitted  
Arnold Seidule

**Patriots Medal Selection Committee:** Jim Jones filling in for Chairman Tom Lawrence reported that the committee met and reviewed the nominations of seven candidates. The Compatriots selected to be awarded the Patriot Medal at the State Annual Meeting in March 2012 in San Antonio, TX were Bob Northcraft, Drake Peddie, Frank Rohrbough, Gary Sessions, and John Thompson.

Respectfully Submitted  
James Jones

**Public Service Awards/Flag Certificates Committee:** This report was contained in the Chapter of Council Presidents Report.

**Publicity Committee:** Did not meet.

**JROTC/ROTC Committee:** John Thompson reported that he had the ROTC/JROTC Medals and certificates available for chapters to pick up. These awards were ordered during the Summer BOM. Each chapter pays for medals based on the size of membership and then receives a balance of medals at no cost.

Respectfully Submitted  
John Thompson

**State Meetings Committee:**

October 29, 2011

George Harcourt opened the meeting at 11:00 AM. There were five items for the committee to discuss and have BOM approval.

- E. The motion was approved by the Committee allowing for only 2 BOM meeting annually – one during the State Convention and one in October six months after the Convention. After little discussion, the motion was approved by majority vote.
- F. The goal, when setting dates for TXSSAR meeting is to de-conflict State and BOM meetings with other organizations including DAR, CAR, SRT, and others.
- G. The time line for approving contracts needs to be extended for signing contracts in order to get the best location and dates for TXSSAR meetings.
- H. Costs for President's Reception during State convention needs to be reviewed to shift cost from Host Chapter to Society so as not to place a burden on a host Chapter. This item was tabled for further review.
- I. There is a desire to allow an Outgoing State President of the Society to have right of first refusal to host the State Convention in the city in which he resides. There is no need for a vote at this time.
- J. Bill Marrs said that the Heart of Texas Chapter would be glad to host the Fall BOM in Temple, TX in October, 2012.

The committee had no further business and the meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

The Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 provided a report on the hosting the Fall BOM – See attachment

Respectfully Submitted,  
George Harcourt

**Veterans Committee:**

The Committee met at 9:30 AM on October 29, 2011.

1. Call Meeting to Order: Compatriot Harmon L. Adair, Jr., Vice Chairman of the Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Attendees included 6 members and 8 guests as noted.

2. Attendance:

Members Attending:	Status	Chapter
Harmon Adair, Vice Chair	Present	East Fork-Trinity (#47)
Mike Everheart, Member	Present	Capt. William Barron (#25)
Tom Copeland	Present	Capt. William Barron (#25)
Ron Carter, Member	Present	Arlington (#7)
James Taylor, Member	Present	San Antonio (#4)
Drake Peddie	Present	Plano (#37)

Visitors Attending:

Wendell Edwards	Present	Ambassador Fletcher Warren (#43)
Pete Lenex	Present	Bernardo de Galvez (#1)
George W. Williams	Present	Bernardo de Galvez (#1)
Bob Bowen	Present	Piney Woods (#51) VASSAR
T. L. Holden	Present	Edmund Terrill (#34)
Peter Rowley	Present	McKinney (#57)*
Allen Green	Present	Robert Rankin (#62)
Stephen Rohrbough	Present	San Antonio (#4)

\* Need to Be Added as New Member

3. Old Business:

- a. Review Committee Appointments: The vice chairman noted that there is a new committee membership letter dated October 18, 2011. He noted that the members needed to be approved by the TXSSSA President Bill Marrs and that membership changes will be updated on the Society Webpage.
- b. News Items for TXSSAR Compatriot Newsletter: The vice chairman reminded committee members that articles showing Chapter activities where we are supporting veterans in our local areas are needed. Articles should be sent directly to the Compatriot Editor Charles Baker.
- c. Service on VA Volunteers Advisory Committees: Vice Chairman Adair reminded Chapters to consider serving on local VAVS Advisory Committee at VA Hospitals as “appointed designees”, usually as a Primary and a Deputy. To be an official designee of

- SAR, please contact Chairman Rohrbough to get a letter of appointment mailed by NSSAR to the VAVS Office in the local area.
- d. Documenting Service for NSSAR Veterans Award: The vice chairman reminded Chapters document their “service to veterans” so that members can be awarded the NSSAR Service to Veterans Award.
  - e. Candidates for Westmoreland Award: The vice chairman reminded Chapters to nominate candidates for the Westmoreland Award.
  - f. Stark Award Update: The vice chairman reminded members that the NSSAR Veteran Committee has made some changes to the Stark Report for 2011. He asked chapter representative serving veterans to go on the NSSAR Webpage and pull down the revised version of this report. He noted he will try to post this new version on the TXSSAR Webpage as well in preparation of Chapter Annual Reports.
  - g. Reporting Veterans Events: The vice chairman reminded members that we need to better document our veteran activities and events. If you are doing something new, please let me hear about it and get some publicity in the Texas Compatriot Newsletter.
  - h. Coming Observances: Vice Chairman Adair reminded Chapters to celebrate Veterans Day on November 11<sup>th</sup> or other celebrations that are scheduled around that day.
4. New Business:
- a. Service members Funerals and Observations: Vice Chairman Adair reported Compatriot David Hall the owner of the “Traveling Liberty Bell” died during early October 2011.
  - b. Good Citizenship Award: Bob Bowen of the Piney Woods (#51) VASSAR reported that United States District Judge Lynn N. Hughes has directed the Director of the Houston National Cemetery to allow prayers at the services of veterans. He recommended that Judge Lynn N. Hughes be awarded a Bronze or Silver Good Citizenship Award. This recommendation was given to Alexander Hodge Chapter 49.
5. Adjourn: There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Harmon L. Adair, Jr., Vice Chairman

**Yearbook Committee:** Did not meet

Respectfully Submitted  
Stephen Rohrbough, Staff Secretary

## ATTACHMENTS

Bernardo de Galvez #1 Chapter Report:

TXSSAR FALL Board of Managers Summary Report  
November 19, 2011

The TXSSAR Fall Board of Managers meetings were held at the Galveston Hilton, October 28/30, 2011. The BOM was a Functional, Financial and Social success.

Social success: Friday Dutch treat dinner at Landry's exceeded reservations by 30 people.

Ladies Trolley Tour was well attended and reports indicate that the tour was enjoyed by all.

The Hospitality Room was very accommodating and the Gulf view was breathtaking. Ladies Auxiliary TXSSAR meeting went as scheduled.

Luncheon Buffet: Italian buffet was well done. Programs and presentation went as planned. Galveston Mayor Joe Jaworski presented a Proclamation from the City of Galveston and Fire Marshall Robinson gave a power point presentation on Fire Safety. Three Firefighters were presented medals and certificates for their services.

The President's reception was well received and musical entertainment was provided. Cheese and fruit were provided as appetizers.

Tom Green gave an inspiring presentation on the US Flag.

Functional success: Registration and retail were well handled by our chapter workers. Two or 3 minor glitches were solved on the spot. (Name tag problems) Retail (rifle raffle tickets) sales were good. All committee meetings and general sessions were completed as scheduled.

Financial success: All checks have cleared our separate BOM account and the account is closed. Funds available to the chapter equal \$1, 9053.88. This amount was achieved through greater participation than budgeted and deeper discounting based on room nights of occupancy. Bernardo de Galvez Chapter 1 donated \$1,000.00 to the TXSSAR Patriot Fund and the Chapter retained the balance.

Two refunds were made due to illness and family emergencies.

Statistics:

TXSSAR Members	63
Spouses	37
LATXSSAR Trolley Tour	21
Luncheon Buffet	86
Banquet Dinner	91
Meeting Room Charges	\$100.00**

\*\* Discounted from \$1,000.00 due to level of participation

Room nights                    108  
Guests                            9

\*\* 3 firefighters and spouses  
    Mayor Joe Jaworski  
    Fire Marshall Gilbert Robinson  
    Ed Butler's Granddaughter

Respectfully Submitted  
George Dersheimer