



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORTS

From the Board of Managers Meeting

New Braunfels, TX

October 12 – 14, 2018

Committee Reports are drafted after the meeting in which they took place. They are posted to the web site for the time period to which they relate. For example, these minutes were submitted to the staff secretary from October 12 – 14, 2018. They pertain to the meetings of committees held at the Board of Manages Meeting in New Braunfels, TX and as a result will be posted on the website.

John Hamlin – Chairman CM&E Committee

Chairman John Hamlin called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. He then made opening comments and discussed the agenda for the meeting.

Chairman made comments about the budget for the Committee.

Discussion on each category of contest.

- Would like to have five places for each contest with the exception of the Oration Contest.

Discussion on JROTC with John Anderson asking about enhanced cadet...

Discussion on the Gold Citizenship Medal and how the nominations for this medal is or should be handled.

- Committee decided that the nominations should go through the Medal/Awards Committee that is established by the State President. Motion for this made by John Greer, Second by Frank Rohrbough. Motion passed.
- Motion will be presented to BOM

Discussion on the 125th Texas Society Anniversary Medal. Comments regarding the planning design of medal. Much discussion held with comments from several members.

- Motion made to have a 125th commemorative medal designed, made, and sold. Establish a committee to seek information from chapters on the design.
- Motion made by Tom Whitlock, second by Tom Fanfossen. Motion carried.
- Motion will be presented to the BOM

Formation of a committee was handled. Committee to be made up of:

- Ted Wilson
- Frank Rohrbough
- Tom Fanfossil
- John Hamlin
- Tom Whitlock
- Representative from Chapters.

Discussion on the various contest and the need to get Chairmen for several contest. Interest in leading contest is lacking.

- Need Chairman to step up as soon as possible.
- Each Chapter needs someone to help with Education
- Jim Kuykendall asked for someone to work beside him in Oration Contest so they can learn process and take it over.
 - Looking at Regional Chairmen to help
 - Bill H
 - Joe Cox
 - John Anderson
 - John Hamlin
 - David McCloud

President Jackson spoke to the Committee.

- Directed group to come up with ideas on how Texas can reclaim the National Furlong Award.
- Discussion on the Gold Citizenship Medal
- Discussion on the State Website information regarding scholarships.

Discussion on brochures

Discussion on the lack of interest in contest and the possibility of letting some die a natural death due to lack of interest/involvement.

- Need National to help promote contest.

Chairman Hamlin adjourned meeting at 10:00 AM

KB Hallmark – Eagle Scout Sub-Committee

No Report

Brent Monteleone – History Teacher Sub-Committee

No Report

John Hamlin – Knight Essay Sub-Committee

No Report

Walt Thomas – Public Service / Flag Sub-Committee

No Report

John Thompson – ROTC Sub-Committee

No Report

Bill Whatley - Poster Contest Sub-Committee

No Report

Harmon Adair Jr – Archives / History / Yearbook Committee

Did Not Meet

Peter McLellan – Audit Committee

Did Not Meet

Tracy Pounders – By-laws and Resolution

Did Not Meet

Stu Hoyt – Color Guard Committee

Minutes of the TX SAR Color Guard Meeting
13 October 2018
Board of Managers New
Braunfels, TX.

The meeting called to order at 1:30 pm by Brigadier General Stu Hoyt, Commander TX SAR Color Guard.

1. Welcome from Commander Hoyt to New Braunfels and the Mid-Year (October) Board of Managers Meeting session of the TXSAR Color Guard.
2. Review of the TX SAR Voting Members. Ten each region plus Commanders and Adjutants.

Commander: Stu Hoyt - present
Adjutant: Robert Hites - absent

Northern Commander: Ted E. Wilson - present Adjutant:
Tom Whitelock - present

1. James Alderman - Maj. K M Van Zandt Chapter - absent
2. Gerald M. Cope - Arlington Chapter - present
3. Gerald I. Gieger - Maj. K M Van Zandt Chapter - absent
4. Robert G. Gresham - Maj. K M Van Zandt Chapter - absent
5. James J. Johnson Jr - Denton Chapter - present
6. Robert E. Kubin - East Fork Trinity Chapter - present
7. Drake M. Peddie - Plano Chapter - present
8. Walter E. Thomas - East Fork Trinity Chapter - present
9. Thomas F. Van Fossen - Dallas Chapter - present
10. William B. Watts - Dallas Chapter - absent

Southern Commander: Blair G. Rudy - present Adjutant:
H. Allen Green II - present

1. John K. Thompson - Freedom Chapter - absent
2. Larry Blackburn - Piny Woods Chapter - absent
3. Samuel P. Massey - Paul Carrington Chapter - present
4. Charles Bush - Bluebonnet Chapter - absent
5. Ronald J. Walcik - Heart of Texas Chapter - present
6. Frank Rohrbough - San Antonio Chapter - present
7. Thomas B. Green III - Alexander Hodges Chapter - present
8. Wayne Courreges - Patrick Henry Chapter - present
9. Arthur G. Munford - Victoria Chapter - absent
10. Larry Tidwell - Bernardo de Galvez Chapter - present

Voting Members Present: 17 of 26 (65%)

Members detached for a meeting photo by Tom Whitelock on the hotel steps. Reformed to the meeting room.

3. SAR Retractable Banner pull up now available.
Price from about \$90 - 120. Contact Jim Clements

Motion by Drake Peddie to request TX SAR State to acquire four pull ups with two for each re-

gion. Jim Clements on the 2nd. Brief discussion on cost ranging from \$90 - 120. Jim Clements to manage acquisition. The state budget carries \$600 line item for Color Guard budget. Motion carried at 14 yeas votes. This motion was brought out of committee to the general body and passed.

“TX SAR to acquire four pull up marketing posters for TX SAR Color Guard Use: Two for each region”.

4. TX SAR Color Guardsman of the Year.

Begin now to file qualified nominations to Commander Hoyt.

Discussion about a recently deceased Van Zandt Chapter member being eligible for the recognition. Yes, He was a dues paid member for the year and is eligible for nomination. Question was raised as to the location of the poster board of the Color Guard Wall of Honor. John Greer will connect with Tom Whitlock on its location.

5. Updating the TX SAR Color Guard Handbook.

James Clements distributed a challenge coin to all present to recognize and honor our absent Adjutant, Robert Hites who's National Guard unit was deployed to the middle east. HUZZAH!

Communication director Sam Massey noted that there is a Dada email list of Color Guard members who may be contacted by email (160 to date). He encouraged all in attendance to get the word out on how to sign up for this list. Also noted was that TXSAR events are also listed on the Color Guard page. And that anyone may register an event.

Handbook Corrections to update and mirror the ByLaws include: Progression to

the State Commander position

Procedures to acquire TXSAR medals

Precedence of wearing TXSAR medals on the National website Update

Change of Command Ceremony

Update National Events list

Update list with Color Guardsmen of the Year and Past Commanders

Hand Salute question

National SAR has established the “Tip Hat and Step Back” salute as the only acceptable salute. There being no period documentation of a hand salute. The question to the TXSAR Color Guard Committee is “Do we follow same or use hand salute?”

Following a rapid discussion Drake Peddie suggested that the handbook contain a statement to “Allow for the Color Guard Commander on the event site to direct Guardsmen of the preferred salute”, then made a motion to accept the recommended changes. 2nd Sam Massey. Motion passed 13 of 17.

6. TX SAR Color Guard Photo Album, by name and chapter

Guardsman Leslie Anderson has agreed to assemble a photo record album of Color Guardsmen. Please send uniformed Guardsmen photos wearing all medals along with a list all past and current TX SAR offices held to Commander Stu Hoyt.

7. Patriot and Compatriot grave dedication medal program

John Greer addressed the new Patriot and Compatriot grave dedication medal now available. Documentation of 15 markers and a Graves Dedication Medal will be issued. In addition to Color Guard participation any compatriot participating in the program including financial, research, organization, and family assistance is recognized.

8. Veterans Day Parade in Fredericksburg, TX

Blair Rudy, Parade coordinator reviewed the parade specifics and encouraged all to attend. Rally at 1pm at the Gillespie County Courthouses for a 2 pm step off.

9. Comments by Northern and Southern Commanders

Northern Commander Ted Wilson asked that as many Color Guardsmen as possible rally to the dedication of the most recent TX SAR Chapter in Vernon, TX on December 15, 2018.

Southern Commander Blair Rudy encouraged all present to promote the Color Guard email listing on dada. We need to be able to reach as many Guardsmen as we can.

10. Consideration to reimburse new Guardsmen for uniform in an effort to increase TXSAR Color Guard participation.

Wide ranging discussion of the issue concluded with Commander Hoyt forming a committee to provide recommendations to the Color Guard Committee prior to the 2019 April State meeting.

Chair: Bob Kubin
Member: John Greer
Member: Mel Oiler
Member: Ted Wilson
Member: Blair Rudy

Final Comments

Tom Green encouraged all Color Guard to attend the February Laredo, TX George Washington Parade.

Please send all Color Guard articles to Commander Stu Hoyt for submission to the national Color Guard magazine.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 to practice a run through of the Posting of the Colors for the 3pm General Session.

HUZZAH!
Blair Rudy
Acting Adjutant

Stu Hoyt, TX SAR CG Comm.

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_ /Smile!

Sam Massey - Communications

Report on File with I.T. Report

Bill Sekel – Council of Chapter Presidents

Need Report

Drake Peddie – Credentials

Nothing to Report

Tom Green – DAR Liaison

Did Not Meet

David Temple – District Vice Presidents

Nothing to Report

Al Gibson – Education

Nothing to Report.

Tom Jackson – Executive Committee

President Jackson called the meeting to order and welcome committee members. He called upon Staff Secretary Jim Kuykendall to give an invocation in place of Chaplin Frank Pounders. President Jackson made comments. He recognized Former President General Nathan White as our guest.

President Jackson called for Officer Reports:

- President Jackson stated that his report is on file.
- Past State President and Trustee John Beard to report on the Fall Leadership Conference Trustee Committee meeting. There was discussion regarding the National Organization is moving forward with the Museum project and stated the cost would be \$500,000.00. There was discussion on the new reporting and disclosure regulations regarding the perpetual fund. It should have a minor impact on Texas. President Jackson had questions of the Committee regarding donor restricted assets, liability, and suspects we may not be pleased with their answers on liquidity.
- President Elect David Temple reported that he had attended the annual meeting of the Daughters of the Texas Republic representing the Texas Society. He has made District meetings, and the National Society Fall Leadership Conference, as well as the National Congress held in Houston.

- State Secretary Drake Peddie – Dues Statements are at the printer and do not have definite date. Expected to be ready in next two weeks. Sending out some 3300 invoices which is 300 more than last year. There are less addresses to clean up this year.

The online payment system will be up and running and can be used this week. Email system will be sent only to those who have not sent in dues.

New Chapter is being formed in Vernon Texas. Quannah Parker Chapter. Paperwork has been submitted and signed off on. Will be on BOM Agenda. TL Holden recognized for setting up Chapter. Discussion on the New Chapter Kit that the George Washington Foundation sends out. Kit has been ordered.

- Staff Secretary Jim Kuykendall stated his report was on file. He thanked the group for their support in his new position and Tom Jackson, Drake Peddie and David Temple for their assistance in getting him up to speed.
- Corresponding Secretary Sam Massey – Report on file. He reported the new data base for the Color Guard has been populated and first messages sent out. Working with Ray Cox and John Anderson on the use of Google Drive. Committees will have the tool to use. It is a good, secure product with many companies using it.
- Reported he and his wife were in Philadelphia and attended the Museum of Natural History for the kick off / Presentation of the Blue Light system. Future of museums will be more modernized. Conversion is a huge multi-generational process. Discussion followed.
- Treasurer Russell Dart reported the bank balances to the committee. He reported that the Society had a surplus from the National Congress after designating funds for the past six years of approximately \$5,477.00. He reported the following balances:
 - Society bank account \$4555.00
 - Society Operating fund \$135,446.88
 - Patriot Fund \$49,983.32
 - Investment Patriot fund \$689,979.36
 - Perpetual Fund \$150,672.13
 - Ritchie Fund \$49,983.32

There was discussion regarding clarification/explanation of the fund balances and the numbers from the National Congress. He reported that the Society had a surplus from the National Congress after designating funds for the past six years of approximately \$5,477.00. Profit and Loss Statement for 2018 shows a loss for 2018 but this is due to monies being put aside for the event over the past 6 years.

Discussion on when to send out / receive invoices for dues.

President Jackson recognized Russell Dart for taking on the position upon the resignation of the current Treasurer.

- Chancellor Tracy Pounders – was not present. He requested that Former President General Nathan White be named as Parliamentarian in his absence. FPG Nathan White was asked to make comments. He discussed the parliamentary procedures. Other discussion ensued regarding delegate ribbons.
- Coastal Registrar Jack Muggli was recognized as the New Registrar for the Inland group and for his work on getting our two judges paperwork done. Although he has only recently taken over the position he submitted a report to file.

Jack stated that it is very important that the Society starts using the proper National applications. They will start sending them back if not on the proper application form. Discussion on the work of the state and national genealogist and time it takes. Drake Peddie had comments on the names on certificates. New application has space to ask them what name they want on certificate. This must be caught up front in the process along with insuring signatures are done to save time and delay. Discussion on Officer Report format.

- Inland Registrar Jerry Brown was not present.
- Internal Audit Committee Chairman Pete McClelland. He reported on the findings of the audit committee. He stated that the committee report is on file. He did have additional comments regarding the recent internal audit.
 - Focus was on disbursements needing to have secondary approval for payments in excess of \$1,000.00. Committee is encouraging that process to be emphasized.
 - Additionally reviewers did report on the Texas Society's expenses For the National Congress. The Texas Society accumulated \$30,000.00 over the past six years for the Congress event. The TXSSAR Congress Committee budgeted \$37,750.00 and had expenses of \$26,625.00. The event came in under budget with a net of \$17,490.00. Left over funds go into operating fund.

President Jackson told the group there was a flag raising ceremony that was going to start at 7:40 AM. He then asked Compatriot McClelland to give his report to the entire Board of Managers and to the Committee of Former State Presidents.

He reported that there were still some 14 chapters that have not signed up for the electronic transfer of funds. Their information is needed to be sent to the Treasurer. Those Chapters are:

- Alexander Hodge
- Edmund Terrell
- Laredo
- Boerne
- Denton
- Liberty

- Live Oak
- Lt. Nathan Gant
- Major White
- Panhandle Plains
- Permian Basin
- Red River Valley
- Texas Tech
- Waco

There are some chapters that have not completed their annual 2017 990N IRS filing. Forms need to be sent in or risk losing their tax exempt status. Compatriot Tom Green made a comment about the filing process.

President Jackson told the Committee that FSP John Beard would be presenting the concept of outsourcing part or all of the bookkeeping functions as it relates to the Treasurer. This will be done at the Committee of Former State Presidents. He then asked Russell Dart to sit in on that meeting, as well as Drake Peddie and Pete McClellen.

President Jackson then adjourned the Committee meeting to attend the flag raising ceremony.

David Temple – Expansion, Retention & Membership

	A	B	C	D
1	MEMBERSHIP REPORT as of 14 FEB 2019			
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3	SAR MEMEMBERSHIP LISTS - as of 9 Jan 2019	Quantity		
4	Active/Current Members	180		
5	Dual w/Other Primary State	2		
6	Active/New Member	2		
7	Not-Paid (Current Year)	52		
8	Not-Paid Dual State	3		
9	Junior SAR Members	10		
10	Not-Paid JR. Member (Current Year)	12		
11				
12	SAR MEMBERSHIP LISTS - as of 28 Jan 2019			
13	Active/Current Members	192		
14	Dual w/Other Primary State	1		
15	Not-Paid (Current Year)	37		
16	Not-Paid Dual State	3		
17	Junior SAR Members	13		
18	Not-Paid JR. Member (Current Year)	11		
19				
20	SAR MEMBERSHIP LISTS - as of 30 Jan 2019			
21	Active/Current Members	191		
22	Dual w/Other Primary State	1		
23	Not-Paid (Current Year)	36		
24	Not-Paid Dual State	3		
25	Junior SAR Members	15		
26	Not-Paid JR. Member (Current Year)	7		
27				
28	SAR MEMEMBERSHIP LISTS - as of 11 Feb 2019			
29	Active/Current Members	199		
30	Dual w/Other Primary State	1		
31	Not-Paid (Current Year)	24		
32	Not-Paid Dual State	3		
33	Junior SAR Members	15		
34	Not-Paid JR. Member (Current Year)	7		
35	NEW CATEGORY LISTED			
36	Inactive by Member Request			
37	(1 PARENT 2 JR MEMBERS)			
38				
39	Prepared by: Henry A. Garcia Jr,			
40	SARSAT Membership Chairman			
41	sarsat.membership@gmail.com			
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Drake Peddie – Fees and Dues Committee

Nothing to Report

Russell Dart – Finance Committee

Did Not Meet

Larry Stevens – Former State Presidents

Larry G. Stevens - Chairman

Attending Members: 1) Nathan White 2) Richard Robinett 3) Thomas B. Green III 4) Thomas Lawrence 5) James T. Jones 6) William Marris 7) Stephen Rohrbough 8) Robert Cohen 9) Michael Radcliff 10) John C. Beard.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM.

First Order of Business: Memorial Applications

At the 2018 Congress, the Memorial Application Fee was changed to \$115 which is the same as a Regular Application Fee: a great reduction. In the PineyWoods Chapter 51 August meeting the members voted to change PineyWoods Memorial Application Fee to \$6.00. The members voted to send a letter of recommendation from Jim Pinkerton to Texas President Tom Jackson in the form of a motion with the following proposal;

“The State Fee for Memorial Applications be reduced to \$6.00. The proposed change should take place on or before January 1, 2018.”

This proposal was presented to the members present in the Past Presidents Committee. Dick Robinett said the motion should be approved and William Marris seconded the motion. After discussion, the members approved the motion; the motion should be presented in the committee report in the General BOM Business Session at this BOM.

Second, John Beard was asked to discuss hiring a book keeper to assist the State Treasurer. He had previously prepared an RFP. John presented a motion and after Dick Robinett voted to accept this motion and it was seconded by Bill Marris; there was discussion on the type of companies that should be approached for costs, etc. The member voted to adopt this motion and that it should be presented in the General Session at this BOM.

Peter McClellan discuss the internal audit conducted and his report will be presented in the general session of the BOM.

The problem that arose concerning The US Air Force decision to not allow the Bronze JROTC Medal to be worn on Cadet uniforms. After discussion, a proposal from this committee for the

state president to write and letter requesting NSSAR PG Warren Alter to send a letter to the Depart of Defense or the appropriate person requesting and explanation of this decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 AM.

Jack Muggli – Genealogy Committee

Did Not Meet

John Anderson – Information Committee

Part 1

Sam Massey and I have communicated and agree the IT Committee and Communications Committee can be joined into one session – 30 minutes will do. If more time needed, then it will be taken up as action items later. If more committees are merged with us, then more time is needed.

I request to please schedule us to not conflict with the Historian nor State Meetings committees.

Sam requests to please schedule us to not conflict with the Publicity nor Newsletter committees.

Part 2

As I'm new and simply the IT Committee chair to conduct and report committee meeting activity while Ray Cox retains the IT Committee Web Admin, I'm not sure what to report other than announce Ray's recent **search tool addition** to both the public and private websites. Ray will report if there's more to add, and Sam will report for his committee.

David Temple – Long Range Planning Committee

Did Not Meet

Jim Dougherty – Newsletter

Did Not Meet

John Beard – Nominating Committee

Did Not Meet

Peter McLellan – Audit Committee

Did Not Meet

Mike Radcliff – Patriot Medal Selection

No Report

John Greer – Patriot Graves

Did Not Meet

David Temple – Patriot Fundraising Committee

Budget turned in for the Patriot Fund Projects.

March 18 Patriots Fund Projects Budget 2018-2019 - (Current Year and Next Year)

Contest	Chairman	Amounts	Expenses	Travel	Rqmt
Knigh Essay	Johm Hamlin				
1st Place		\$2,500	\$270	\$0	\$2,770
2nd place /		\$750	\$0	\$0	\$750
3rd place		\$500	\$G	\$0	\$500
Net		\$3,750	' \$270	\$a	\$4,020
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1st Place		\$300	\$0	\$0 /	\$300
2nd Place		\$200	\$0	\$0 I	\$200
3rd Place		\$150	\$0	\$0	\$150
4th Place		\$100	■\$0	\$0	\$100
5th Place		\$100	\$0	SO	\$100
Net		\$850	\$0	\$a	\$850
Brochure </					
1st Place		\$300	\$0	\$0	\$300 S
2nd Place		\$200	\$0	\$0	\$200
3rd Place		\$150	\$0	\$0	\$150
4th Place		\$100	\$0	\$0	\$100
5th Place		\$100	\$0	\$0	\$100
Net		\$850	\$0	\$s	\$850
Hlstry Teacher	K.B. Hallmark ill				
	Award or				
	Seminar	\$1,500	\$270	\$2,000	\$3,770
Net		\$1,500	\$270©	\$2,0SS	\$3,770
Eagle Scout sj					
1st Place		\$2,500	\$270	\$0	\$2,770
2nd Place		\$750	\$0	\$0	\$750
3rd Place		\$500	\$0	\$0	\$500
Net		\$3,750©	\$279	\$0	\$4,020

Oration <i>J</i>					
1st Place	\$1,000 -Richie Fd	\$2,500	\$270	\$2,500	\$5,270
2nd Place	\$500-War 1812	\$250	\$270	\$0	\$520
3rd Place		\$500	\$270	\$0	\$770
4th Place		\$300	\$270	\$0	\$570
5th Place		\$150	\$270	\$0	\$420
6th Place		\$150	\$270	\$0	\$420
Net		\$3,850	\$1,620	\$2,500	\$7,870@
ROIC	John Thompson			1	
Medals		\$4,200	\$0	\$0	\$4,200
Enhanced Cadet	/	\$2,500	\$270	\$0	\$2,770
2nd Place		\$750	\$0	\$0	\$750
3rd Place		\$500	\$0	\$0	\$500
Net		\$7,000	\$270	\$9	\$8,220
CAR Essay	Sea Carter 4				
1st Place		\$2,500	\$270	\$0	\$2,770
2nd Place		\$750	\$0	\$0	\$750
3rd Place		\$500	\$0	\$0	\$500
4th Place		\$300	\$0	\$0	\$300
5th Place		\$150	\$0	\$0	\$150
Nat		\$4,200	\$273	\$0	\$4,470
Travel for National					
Winner				\$2,500	\$2,500G
Total Budget		\$25,700	\$2,970	\$7,033	\$36,670
Total Requirement					\$36,670

David Temple – Patriot Fund

New Business

Two motions were referred from the ACMA Committee. One requesting an increase in the number of awards for the Knight Essay Contest failed to receive a second.

A second motion requested an increase in the expense allowance to \$2,500 to attend future Congresses and was approved and already included in the Budget for 2018-2019.

Respectfully submitted, David Temple, Chairman

Bob Cohen – Patriot Fund Trustees

Need Report

James Clements - Public Relations

Did not Meet

Drake Peddie – State Meetings

Did Not Meet

William Marrs – Training

Did not Meet

Frank Rohrbough – Veterans Committee

Minutes for TXSSAR Veterans Committee

Board of Mangers Meeting

New Braunfels, TX, (Courtyard River Village Hotel)

October 13, 2018, 10:30 A.M.

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** In the absence of Chairman Frank Rohrbough, Compatriot James Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. Attendance included **Texas SAR members** as noted below.

2 Attendance:

<u>Members Appointed:</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
James Taylor (Acting Chairman)	Present	San Antonio (#4)
Frank Rohrbough, Chairman	Absent	San Antonio (#4)
Robert Hites (Vice Chairman)	Absent	Patrick Henry (#11)
Sam Massey		Paul Carrington (#5)
Ron Carter		Arlington (#7)
Peter Baron (OAS Chair)		San Antonio (#4)
John Hamlin		Galvez (#1)
James Alderman		Maj Van Zandt (#6)
Jeff Gammon		Patrick Henry (#11)
Mike Everheart		Capt. Wm Barron (#25)
Delbert Taylor		Edmund Terrell (#34)
Drake Peddie		Plano (#37)
John Greer		Amb Fletcher Warren (#43)
Harmon Adair		East Fork Trinity (#47)

(Note: Because the meeting room was unavailable, Acting Chairman Taylor convened the meeting in the Hall adjacent to the Dining Room where lunch was being set up. There were approximately 15 to 20 members in the area, but attendance was not recorded.)

3. **Review of Minute:** The Minutes of the April 6, 2018 Veterans Committee Meeting in

Richardson, TX were handed out for review.

(Action Item: Without objection, the Minutes were approved as written.)

4. **Old Business:** Compatriot Taylor addressed the following Topics.
 - a. Committee Appointments for 2018-2019 – No changes. See paragraph 2 above.
 - b. Operation Ancestor Research Update - Compatriot Ray DeVries from Alexander Hamilton Chapter gave a brief update on the Program at Ft. Hood.
 - c. NSSAR Veterans Programs Guidelines for Chapter Presidents – A handout was provided for Chapter Presidents or their representative (Reference Chapter President’s Manual, Item #13)
 - d. Texas SAR 2018 USS Stark Report – Attendees were reminded that 2018 Reports Due NLT Feb 1, 2019)

Old Business (Continued)

- e. Status of TXSSAR's Proposed Revision to USS Stark Survey Form – Attendees were told that the Proposal was denied by the NSSAR Veterans Committee Meeting on September 28, 2018 during the Fall Leadership Meeting in Louisville. For more details, see **Attachment #1**.
- f. NSSAR Veterans Recognition Program for Military Service – A handout was provided to attendees. **See Attachment #2**.
- g. Partners-In-Patriotism – Attendees were reminded to submit their Reports to NSSAR for Events Occurring from May 2018 to May 2019. Certificates will be handed out at 129th Congress NSSAR in Orange County CA in July 2019.
- h. NSSAR Appointments to VA Volunteers Service (VAVS) Councils – Attendees were asked if they have any Recent NSSAR Appointments? If so, please advise Chairmen Rohrbough in writing.
- i. Presentation of Service to Veterans Awards – Attendee were reminded that candidates be identified and make such Awards at their Chapter Meeting.
- j. Items for Texas Compatriot Newsletter – Attendees were invited to provide Inputs to the Editor of the TXSSAR Newsletter.

5. Other Business:

- a. Attendees were asked if there were any other topics to be discussed. None were offered.
- b. Attendees were asked to seek more participation in local veteran's events.
- c. Attendees were reminded about Upcoming Observances - Veterans Day Events and/or Other Observances, etc.

6. Presentation of Awards: Service to Veterans Medal and Certificates – Acting Chairman Taylor asked if any Chapters present had Candidates to be recognized and presented a Service to Veterans Award by President Jackson at Banquet? None were offered.

7. Adjournment: A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10A.M.

Frank G. Rohrbough,
Chairman Texas SAR Veterans Committee

2. Attachments

- 1. Proposal to Modify the USS Stark Report
- 2. NSSAR Veterans Recognition Program for Military Service

Texas SAR Veterans Committee Meeting
October 14, 2017 (Galveston, TX)
Proposal to Modify NSSAR USS Stark Report in 2018

Resolution:

Whereas, the Veterans Committee of the Texas Society recognizes that SAR members provide services to American Veterans in ways not currently reportable in the USS Stark Reporting Form, Whereas, services in other Veterans organizations who serve American Veterans such as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and other such organizations, are not allowed credit in the Report,

Whereas, service to veterans to assist them in their personal needs, such as performing various tasks and assistance to them, raising money or being an advocate for Veterans' rights, are not be allowed to be reported in the USS Stark Report for mileage traveled, hours served and number of trips made.

Therefore, the Texas Society requests the National Society modify the USS Stark Report to:

- Allow credit for other organization service under "equivalent organization service". Accept volunteer service in veteran's service organizations such as American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, etc. For credit of 25 points, members must serve as an officer in the organization.
- Add the verbiage "or equivalent volunteer service for veterans" to allow credit for volunteer service to veterans in meeting their needs (performing chores around the house, manning tables at job fairs, assisting with events for servicemembers, volunteering to assist veterans filling out VA forms, advocating for veteran's rights, etc.).
- Allow credit for donations made directly to veteran's service organizations (Wounded Warrior Programs, Disabled American Veterans, American Veterans, etc.).
- Allow credit for fundraising for veterans with point credit only for organizing or raising of funds. Volunteering as a worker in a fundraiser would be credited under Category 2 as an hourly volunteer service.
- Allow credit for outings that are done directly for veterans (shopping, picking up groceries, laundry, delivering donated items, etc.)

NSSAR Veterans Committee Minutes (Extracted from Minutes, September 28, 2018)

The Veterans Committee addressed the Texas Society Proposal at the Fall Leadership Meeting held on September 28, 2018. The Minutes relative to our Proposal reads as follows:

"The discussion then turned to the proposal made by the Texas Society to change the reporting form for the USS Stark Memorial Award. Chairman Giltner (KY) inquired if there were any members from the Texas Society present who wished to represent the proposal. No response was received confirming there was a Texas Society representative present. Chairman Giltner (KY) reviewed the proposal, reminding everyone that it had initially been presented at the Spring Leadership meeting, but was tabled until the Fall Leadership meeting. Chairman Giltner (KY) then reviewed the general content of the Texas Society proposal.

B. Osborn (VA) expressed concern about the giving of monetary donations to government organizations. He explained that the VA has designated projects and if your monetary donation did not fit into one of the designated projects, the donation was put into a general fund which could be spent at the VA's discretion. B. Osborn (VA) further stated he feels there are other veterans organizations that did more outreach programs, particularly to homeless veterans. B. Osborn (VA) added that he believes that some of the intent of the Texas Society proposal is to allow monetary donations to other veterans organizations as options rather than only allowing monetary donations to the VA. B. Osborn (VA) further explained that the VA is becoming more restrictive on the donation items they will accept.

Scented soaps and used books were given as examples of items which are now being scrutinized by the VA. However, other organizations serving veterans continue to accept these same items.

Therefore it was explained that the Texas Society proposal was to open up donation opportunities, particularly in areas where VAVS programs do not exist.

G. Strunk (NC) mentioned that several meetings ago, the committee had approved changes to the wording on the Stark Form. He offered that Item #3 is too restrictive by limiting visits to VA hospitals and suggested that it should include civilian hospitals.

B. Osborn (VA) pointed out that the wording for

Item #3 had been changed to include nursing homes and visits to home bound veterans.

G. Thurmond (GA) expressed concern on the Texas Society proposals. He stated that the intent of the Stark Award was to promote veterans activities in the SAR, not other organizations. He further stated that it was important the activities reported for the USS Stark Memorial Award were performed as a representative of the SAR. To allow activities within other organizations would dilute the intent of the USS Stark Memorial Award.

G. Lucas (WA) agreed that the purpose of the USS Stark Memorial Award is to call attention to the SAR, so that as we are doing service to veterans activities, we are doing it on behalf of the SAR to bring attention to our organization.

G. Thurmond (GA) made a motion opposing the Texas Society proposal in its entirety. The motion was seconded by P. Callanan (MI). A hand vote was taken in which five (5) committee members voted in favor of the motion while two (2) committee members voted against the motion.

The motion in opposition to the Texas Society proposal was passed.

Attachment #1

NSSAR Veterans Corps Programs for Military Service

Veterans Corps Include:

- (1) World War II Veterans Corps;
- (2) Korean Service Veterans Corps;
- (3) Vietnam War Veterans Corps;
- (4) Southwest Asia Veterans Corps;
- (5) Special Ops Veterans Corps; and
- (6) Military Service Veterans Corps.*

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*** Although they are not eligible for one of the “War SAR Veterans Corps”, they answered the call** -- drafted or volunteered, when it was popular and when it was not. Clearly when America needed its guardians of freedom, members of the SAR Military Service Veterans Corps were there. Since the end of World War II, their members have served around the globe for more than 70 years. They complemented our Armed Forces, ensuring that the Constitution and freedoms established by our founding fathers would not die. They served at home and at times in locations most of us haven't heard of. They did it in the air, on land and at sea. They served with our active duty forces, our reserve forces and with the National Guard. They have served with conviction, honor and pride.

Attachment #2