

**TXSSAR Arlington Chapter No. 7
Southern Recipes Grill, Arlington, TX
Meeting Minutes for May 13, 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** – Compatriot Gary Falette 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.
- V. Guest Introductions by President Anderson** – Applicants: Frank Dawson, Dan Hamilton, and Robert Pope. CAR Guests Andrew Walker and Anthony Walker.
- VI. Comment of the Day** – Compatriot Dick Lee talked about the importance of “goal setting” and concluded with the thought that we should keep our eye on the donut and not the hole.
- VII. Special Recognitions by Chapter President John Anderson:**
 - **New Member Induction for Compatriot Allan Husch** – President Anderson presided and was assisted by Compatriot Jorrey. Allan’s Patriot is Adam Wise who served as a Ranger on the Frontier in the Washington County, Pennsylvania Militia.
 - **New Member Dwayne Garrison** was scheduled for induction but could not attend due to health problems. Sadly we must report that Compatriot Garrison passed later Saturday afternoon. His Celebration of Life was held on May 17 and was attended by Compatriots Richard Martin, John Anderson, and Jerry Cope from our chapter.
 - **Compatriot Ned Myers** was awarded a Star for a Supplemental Patriot.
 - **Compatriot Gary Faletti** will be awarded the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer award at the next State meeting for his work with Boy Scouts.
- VIII. TX SAR District 5 Vice President Ron Carter Remarks:**
 - All Texas Compatriots owe Compatriot Drake Petty a vote of thanks for his excellent work as State Secretary.
 - TXSSAR is now 2806 members strong.
 - The BOM is scheduled for Galveston on October 13 – 15, 2017.
 - The next TXSSAR Annual Conference will be held at the North Dallas Hyatt Regency in 2018.
 - The 128th National SAR Congress will be held July 13 – 18 in Houston. TX CAR is designing a logo for the meeting and all chapters are encouraged to assist in hosting the meeting.
 - NSSAR has published guidelines for wearing of uniforms, insignias, and ribbons.
 - Ron presented chapter past president, Chloe Snell of the 3 Forks Trinity TSCAR Chapter with the Bronze Service Medal on May 6.

IX. Chapter President – John Anderson:

- President Anderson requested other past state meeting attendees, Compatriots Jerry Cope and David Friels, to assist with the presentation to Region 5 V.P. Carter with TXSSAR Certificates of Achievement for serving as Region 5 Vice President and serving as chairman of the Americanism CAR Essay Subcommittee.

X. North Texas Color Guard Activities - Color Guard Corporal Jerry Cope

- April 8 – Medal of Honor Parade, Gainesville, TX. Junior Member Marshal Cope also marched in uniform.
- April 13 – Present the Colors at Capt. Molly Corbin DAR awards Ceremony at Cowboys Golf Club, Grapevine, TX.
- April 14 – Present/Retrieve Colors for Naturalization Ceremony, Dallas Field Office, Amos L. Mazzant U.S. District Judge Presiding. Compatriot Friels also in attendance in uniform.
- April 15 – Present Firearms of the American Revolutionary War along with Compatriot Dan Reed to Maj. K.M. Van Zandt SAR Chapter #6, Fort Worth, TX.
- April 21 - Pass in Review for JROTC Outstanding Cadets of Fort Worth ISD, Farrington Field, Fort Worth, TX.
- April 27 - Present SAR Medal and Certificate to JROTC Outstanding Cadet for Mansfield Summit High School, Arlington, TX. Compatriot John Anderson also in attendance.
- April 29 - Rededication Ceremony for headstone for Dr. L. Washington and his wife Martha. Oakwood Cemetery, Denison, TX. Compatriot William Covington also participated in uniform and Compatriot John Anderson was present.
- April 30 - Presentation of Vietnam Veterans Lapel Pins at First United Methodist Church, 521 West Pipeline Rd., Hurst, TX.

XI. Chapter Business – President John Anderson presiding:

- **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:**
 - **Vice President Roger Wehr** – ROTC/JROTC Award presentations are ongoing. A current schedule is posted in drop box.
 - **Treasurer Dennis Walton** – Compatriot Walton reported the May 13, 2017 total bottom line balance was \$3,114.93. Deposits included \$59.17 from the community rewards programs.
 - **Registrar Kevin Jorrey**
Chapter membership: 65 with 2017 dues paid including 5 with unpaid dues
Status of Applications: John Pinkerton approved, Robert Browning at National, and Frank Dawson at State. Compatriot Jerry Cope has a supplemental applications at National. Applications for Dan Hamilton, Dan Jones, David Lafuze, Wade Tolman, John Miller, James (Ray) Wood, Stephen Lushbaugh, and Johnathan Husch are in progress. President Anderson commented that we will soon be receiving the DAR letter to include in our new member packets.
 - **Historian Mike Hutchins** – No report
 - **Chaplain Bob Wehr** – No report

- **Eagle Scout** – No report
- **Youth Awards Programs**
President Anderson commented that we will make a strong effort to generate more youth participation for next fall.
- **Web Administration John Anderson** - The Chapter will transition from Drop Box to Google Drive. An information sheet that included instructions for “Members Only Setup” was distributed. John will manage Google Drive as part of Web Administration duties.
- **Speakers Bureau, Bill Covington Chair** – Bill reported the following presentations for April:
 - April 11** – Lancaster Genealogical Society, “Overview: Personnel on Board the Frigate South Carolina.”
 - April 12** – Providence Christian School, Dallas, “The Continental Soldier of the American Revolution.”
 - April 17** – Elizabeth Crockett Chapter, NSDAR, Granbury, “Decidedly Not Ladies of Leisure: Contributions of the DAR to American Society.”
 - April 29** - participated in a Color Guard event at Dennison.
- **Old Business**
 - Details for the Arlington Firefighter of the Year are being worked out hopefully for our June meeting.
 - There appears to be no interest within the Mansfield Public Safety Department for SAR to recognize Police, Fireman, or EMT Serviceman with awards.
 - Chapter Video Scrapbook DVD sales continue.
 - Meeting Location – Membership continued discussion on meeting at the **Elks Lodge** or a special one time meeting at a **firing range**. The Elks Lodge would offer a large meeting room at no charge. The Elks want a three month trial, but afterwards we would not have an “every month” commitment. We could have a scout troop cater breakfast or bring in breakfast. The main negative is that Elks normally get \$1000 for renting the room and our reservation could be canceled if they had an opportunity to rent out the room. A month or more notice would be provided. Less than half of the members in attendance indicated an interest in meeting at either the firing range or the Elks Lodge. The general consensus was that the membership is happy meeting at our present location. Compatriot Jorrey proposed that we table exploration of alternate meeting locations and continue meeting at Southern Recipes Grill – membership concurred. After the meeting, President Anderson will confirm with the manager that we would like to continue meeting monthly at Southern Recipes Grill with the same schedule (i.e., 2nd Saturday at 8:30), and are discontinuing search for a larger meeting venue.
 - President Anderson presented the Southern Recipes Grill Manager and our server a certificate of appreciation and thanked them for their efforts. He also explained that we really enjoy meeting there, but occasionally have space problems which is why we were exploring other locations. They understand and welcome us as we need them.

- Youth Protection Training (YPT) – A National SAR requirement for when we work with or interact with youth. President Anderson and Compatriot Faletti have scheduled a group training immediately following our June meeting. We can also take the training individually online, see my.scouting.org.

- **New Business** - none

XII. Announcements

- Photographs – Membership is requested to complete and sign a photograph release form to cover posting of their photographs on our website or possibly sending to State for publication. If we take a picture of a youth, we should include their parent or school teacher/commander. We will not post photos of youth with their last names.
- Various announcements and upcoming events were provided on reverse side of the agenda.

XIII. Motion to Adjourn

XIV. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the benediction.

XV. John Anderson led the SAR Recessional/ Closing Admonition

XVI. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 am.

XVII. Attendance Summary:

15 members and 5 guests were present for the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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