

**Minutes of the TXSSAR Board of Managers Meeting**  
**Saturday July 30, 2011**  
**Crowne Plaza Houston North Greenspoint Hotel, Houston, Texas**

**General Session – 3:45 PM**

The meeting was called to order by President William M. Marrs at 3:50 PM.

**Invocation.** President Marrs asked the TXSSAR Chaplain, Reverend James Taylor to give the Invocation.

**Advance the Colors.** President Marrs asked the Color Guard to advance the Colors.

**Pledges.** President Marrs asked President Elect Robert to lead the pledges. Clark President Elect Robert Clark led the pledges to the United States Flag, the Texas Flag, and the SAR Flag.

**Invocation.** Reverend James Taylor gave the opening prayer and invocation.

**Opening Remarks.** President Marrs welcomed attendees to the Summer Board of Managers meeting.

**Recognized NSSAR Officers and Guests.** President Marrs recognized President General Ed Butler (2009-2010), Treasurer General Joe Dooley (2011-2012), and Chaplain General James Taylor (2011-2012). He recognized other guests and thanked them for attending the meeting.

**Rules of Order.** President Marrs asked Chancellor Henry Voegtle to present the Rules of Order. Chancellor Voegtle presented the Rules of Order, announced the members of the BOM (who could vote), and confirmed that a quorum was present.

**Unfinished Business:** Bill Marrs took care of unfinished business by presenting the certificates and awards to members and Chapters that had not been presented during the State Convention in March 2011 and or awards presented during the 2011 National Congress. Awardees included Charles Luna, James Alderman, George West, Mrs. George West, Mrs. Stephen Lee; and Texas Chapters including McKinney, Athens, and Dallas. Also, bill Marrs presented the World War II certificates to Chapters for members who fought in WWII and recognized by NSSAR for their service. Eighteen veterans in TXSSAR Chapters were recognized.

**Minutes of the State Convention, March 25-26 and BOM March 27, 2011.** Compatriot Larry Stevens made a motion to accept the minutes of the State Convention and BOM meeting as presented. Reverend James Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Officer Reports.**

- A. President. Bill Marrs said his report was on file with the Staff Secretary, but made comments about his worthwhile trip to North Texas State University to visit the TXSSAR Archives Library. He encouraged attendees to visit the TXSSAR Archives and see the work they have done to maintain and display the donations made to the library. He mentioned that he presented certificates to Mrs. Mears Mr. Hoyenski and Dr. Sheehan for their excellent work for our TXSSAR Archives. He mentioned his pending trip to the National Congress and his planned travels to Rutherford County along the way. He announced the candidates for national office and the committee reports providing lessons learned. He was reappointed to the Genealogy Committee.
- B. President Elect. Robert Clark reported that he was chairman of two committees including the Long Range Planning committee and Council of District Vice-Presidents. He urged members to

attend the upcoming National Congress. The informal meetings and information provided at the Congress is fun and worthwhile.

- C. Secretary Report. The report is on file with the Staff Secretary. Nothing more to add.
- D. Staff Secretary. Stephen Rohrbough outlined his primary responsibility of providing the minutes of the BOM and Executive Committee meetings. He also mentioned that he was responsible for gathering and editing the Officer Reports prior to the BOM and the Committee Reports after the BOM meetings.
- E. Treasurer. John Beard reported that the Audit Committee met last week and said there were no material findings in the TXSSAR account. The 990 Form was filed for TXSSAR and he prompted Chapters to complete their Chapter 990 Forms. He mailed Chapter rebates from dues collected in February and March and will do so again in August and November. There is a problem in getting checks cashed by some of the Chapters. The idea of electronic deposits to Chapter bank accounts is being reviewed as discussed in the Executive Committee meeting. A motion was made and seconded to use direct deposit procedures to transfer money to Chapters. The motion carried.
- F. Chaplain Report. Reverend Taylor said his report was on file with the Staff Secretary.
- G. Historian Report. Larry Stevens said his report was on file with the Staff Secretary.
- H. Inland and Coastal Registrar Reports. Mike Radcliff and Gerald Irion said their reports were on file with the Staff Secretary.
- I. Vice President Americanism, Contests, Medals and Awards. Russell Dart reported that his report was on file with the Staff secretary.
- J. Webmaster. Ray Cox said his report was on file with the Staff Secretary.
- K. Chairman council of Chapter Presidents. Art Mumford reported that the report for COCP's was on file with the Staff Secretary.
- L. District Vice Presidents Reports for all Districts were on file with the Staff Secretary.

#### Committee Reports.

- A. Information Technology. Nothing new to report. Ray Cox encouraged All Youth Contest Chairman to update their information on respective contests to be ready for the upcoming contest year.
- B. Long Range Planning. The committee had two items to report.
  - a. First, was to allow the two Registrars as voting members of the BOM. This item will be referred to By-laws Committee for review and evaluation.
  - b. Second, the creation of a new position (Secretary for Communications, for example) to aid and assist the Secretary with issue and conduct of TXSSAR business and communications within the Society and at Chapter level. This item will be referred to the By-Laws Committee for review and evaluation.
  - c. Other issues discussed.
    - i. Participate in a breakfast on Tuesday during the National Congress to meet with the Texas caucus.
    - ii. Use Face Book option to use technology to help contact new potential members. Refer this to Information Technology to study and assess use of Face Book for this purpose.
    - iii. Determine if Webinar Technology is feasible for Communication enhancements within the Society.
- C. State Meetings. The Committee met at 11:00 AM with 13 participants and 5 members attending. The Committee reported five items for BOM approval.

- a. The motion was approved by the Committee allowing for only 2 BOM meeting annually – one during the State Convention and one in October 9six month after the Convention. After little discussion, the motion was approved by majority vote.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. 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.
- e. 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.

The first Session was recessed at 5:15 PM to begin again on Sunday at 9:00 AM.

## **Second General**

### **Second Call to Order of the BOM**

The meeting was called to order by President William M. Marrs at 9:13 AM on Sunday, Oct 31, 2011.

**Invocation.** President Marrs asked the TXSSAR Chaplain, Reverend James Taylor to give the Invocation.

**Pledges.** President Marrs asked President Elect Robert to lead the pledges. Clark President Elect Robert Clark led the pledges to the United States Flag, the Texas Flag, and the SAR Flag.

### **Presentation of Awards**

President Marrs presented awards received at the National Congress to include The Partners in Patriotism certificates to the Plano Chapter, McKinney Chapter, Denton Chapter, Heart of Texas Chapter, Hill Country Chapter, Ambassador Fletcher Warren Chapter, and San Antonio Chapter. The numerous Individual Certificates for chapter members were presented to these chapters to present to the award winners in their respective chapters.

President Marrs presented the Plano Chapter, the President General’s Award for First Place in the national competition for best chapter for their size category. Plano Chapter also received the Liberty Bell Award for first place in their seize category.

### **NSSAR Officers and Guests Recognized.**

President Marrs recognized NSSAR Officers and Guests attending the BOM.

### **Committee Reports – continued.**

- A. Newsletter Editor. Charles Baker reported that he had some issues for the committee to review; however, there were no attendees to his meeting. Therefore, he will take up the issue regarding the changes to the TXSSAR Newsletter by e-mail to determine course of direction the changes he plans to make in the format of the TXSSAR Newsletter.
- B. Americanism, Contest, Medals and Awards. Russell Dart reported that 15 members attended the meeting and that the committee’s report was on file with the Staff Secretary.
  - a. Further, he reported that the Poster Contest topic for next year was Battle of Gilford Court House.

- b. He made a motion from the committee that placed the new TXXSAR medals in their correct place "in order of precedent" in the NSSAR list of medals. This action was taken to advise members where to place medals on their coats when wearing their TXSSAR and NSSAR Medals. The motion carried and was approved.
- C. Audit. Marvin Morgan reported that the job description for the TXSSAR State Treasurer was being sent to the By Laws committee for changes to the TXSSAR By-Laws.
- D. CAR and DAR Liaison. Tom Green asks members to participate and support DAR and CAR in Chapter and Society meetings; and man a booth at the upcoming DAR convention. This would be a great opportunity to have direct contact with the DAR and give SAR visibility while the DAR ladies were meeting. He also promoted the notion that everyone should consider participate in the George Washington Fellow and Center for Advancing American heritage Library at NSSAR.
- E. Chapter Annual Reports. Peter Baron reported that the Chapter Annual Reports are coming up for the calendar year 2011 and are due in January 2012. The BOM approved the change in format to use the NSSAR Americanism Report for all chapter reports effective this year. Peter Baron gave interactive on-line demonstration on how to use the NSSAR web site to download the Americanism report and prepare the Chapter Report for this year. A cover sheet to track the unique item not contained in the NSSAR report was being developed and would be available by the next BOM.
- F. District Vice Presidents. The committee met but did not make a report.
- G. Executive Committee. The committee met at 7:00 AM and 13 people attended the meeting. The proceedings of the meeting are on file with the Staff Secretary.
- H. Finance. Jon Beard provided a brief report showing the revenue and expenditures of the Society through July 2011. His report is on file with the Staff Secretary.
- I. Patriots Graves. Jim Mitchell reported that the committee met and had a lot of activity for Graves' dedications. He will be in Longview, TX on Aug 6 for a grave ceremony and dedication. His report is on file with the Staff Secretary.
- J. ROTC/JROTC. John Thompson reported that the committee met, but for a short time to meeting over runs, but they accomplished their main task at hand. He received the chapter medal requirement for 2012 and mentioned that the ROTC medals and certificates for 2012 would be available for pickup at the Fall BOM.

**Old Business.** President Marrs asked for items of old business that was pending.

- A. Veterans Program. Frank Rohrbough reported that the National Committee Chairman had received 475 surveys from members who served in World War II. Surveys received were 51 from California, 50 from Florida, 48 from Georgia, and 25 from Texas.
- B. State Meetings. George Harcourt reported that the Fall BOM would be held in Galveston and hosted by the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 on Oct 28-30, 2011 at the Hilton Hotel on the Seawall. There are a lot of historical celebrations and fun. Watch for BOM marketing information from George Dersheimer point of contact.
- C. Past President Ed Butler talked about SAR and the new millennium. He also talked about Acnестory.com has donated PC to Andrew AFB and Brook Army Military Hospitals for Wounded Warrior Support programs. These PCs are directed for the use of wounded warriors to do 5 generations of genealogy on their families with an effort to treat PTSD in patients. It gives SAR a visible support and exposure to SAR. The follow-on program is ready to be established at BAMC in the near future.
- D. Raffle and Silent Auction. John Thompson reported that Alan Green, Robert Rankin Chapter was setting up a Raffle for a Rifle and a Silent Auction to raise money for the TXSSAR Society and Patriots Fund. Look out for more information on this fund raising effort.

- E. Color Guard Handbook. Marvin Morgan reported that a Color Guard Handbook was being drafted to help members conduct Color Guard activities.
- F. Battle of Medina. Tom Green reminded attendees that the Battle of Medina was coming up in August and invited everyone to join him at the annual ceremony in Karnes County.

**Recess of Meeting.** President Marris announced that the meeting would be recessed at 9:55 AM for 15 minutes.

**Meeting Reconvened.** President Marris reconvened the meeting at 10:10 AM.

**Old Business – Continued.**

- G. Coin Medals. President Marris reported that he had sold 138 coins and received \$1,380 for the TXSSAR Coins Joe Dooley had donated to the Society to raise funds for the Patriot Fund. We have 500 coins to sell, so this is a good start. Chapters that have not come forward to participate in this effort are invited to join this effort.
- H. New Prayer book. Reverend James Taylor reported that a new prayer book was being developed to help establish the format for Grave Marking Ceremonies. It is available from the Merchandising Department at NSSAR.
- I. Educational information. The NSSAR Educator, Ms Wilson, has good information on Historical material and is a good source for educational information. Our Stat Historian, Larry Stevens, is also a good source for historical information and is a good point of contact to go through to reach Ms. Wilson.

**New Business**

President Marris asked for any new business. There was no business presented.

**Meeting Closed**

There no further business to discuss, President Marris closed the meeting.

**Color Guard Retires the Colors.** President Marris asked the Color Guard Commander to retire the Colors. The Color Guard retrieved the Colors.

**SAR Recessional Pledge**

President Marris asked President Elect, Robert Clark to lead the recessional pledge.

**Benediction.** President Marris asked the Chaplain to give the benediction. Reverend James Taylor gave the benediction.

**Meeting Adjourned.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Rohrbough,  
TXSSAR Staff Secretary