Minutes of the TXSSAR Board of Managers Meeting  
October 25, 2008  
Hilton Garden Inn, Temple, Texas

Saturday, October 25, 4:15 pm. FIRST GENERAL SESSION

The meeting was called to order by President Harry Fife at 4:15 pm in Salon C & D in the Hilton Garden Inn in Temple, Texas. The colors were advanced and posted by the TXSSAR Color Guard. President Elect Tom Lawrence led the pledges to United States Flag, the Texas Flag and the SAR. Chaplain Dr. Wendell Edwards gave the invocation.

President Fife introduced Heart of Texas Chapter President Robert Berry who delivered a welcome from his chapter and the Temple Chamber of Commerce. President Fife then introduced Past President General Nathan White and Secretary-General Edward Butler.

Chancellor Robert M. Clark, Jr., presented the Rules of Order for Meeting.

Past President Tom Green moved that the minutes of the Board of Managers meeting in Tyler in August be approved as printed in the Compatriot. Past President George West seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

President Fife’s remarks included his report of his visitations thus far of 13 chapters, the Long Range Planning Meeting in Houston, the National Congress in Sacramento, the State Society of Oklahoma Convention, 2 South Central District meetings, and one Leadership Meeting in Louisville. In addition he discussed the new SAR-DAR Membership program which awards a $500 grant to the DAR chapter in the National Society that recommends prospective members to the SAR. He warned that there is a form to be filled out to accompany the SAR application. Tom Green reported on the search for a Patriot’s grave in Bellville and the DAR program to rededicate the Patriot’s graves in Texas followed by a ceremony in Austin at the State Cemetery in March of 2009. Tom Whitelock reported that during the State Fair of Texas we were given the opportunity to acquire over 100 prospective members of the TXSSAR by using the DAR house with their gracious permission. He moved that we honor the regent of the Dallas Chapter, Mary Marshall, by presenting her a SAR Medal of Appreciation. It was seconded by Mark Hansen. Dr. Charles Baker moved that we honor the regent with the medal and in addition award the Dallas Jane Douglas Chapter a framed Certificate of Appreciation with a SAR Medal of Appreciation attached. The motion passed unanimously.

President Fife announced that since the Officer Reports were printed and distributed as well as residing on the Website there would be no oral Officer Reports.

He then called for the Reports from Committees. These reports will not be included in these minutes unless there are actionable items. The committee reports will be published and distributed to the State Officers, Committee Chairmen, Committee Members, and Chapter Presidents and also published on the Web at a later time.
The Patriot Medal Selection Committee Chairman Past President George West reported that there were two nominations in hand for the Patriot Medal and there were five additional to be received once that the paperwork was completed. The committee reported that they would consider all seven nominations and award up to five medals to be announced at the March Convention.

The Nominating Committee Chairman Past President George West reported that the committee met with representatives from only seven chapters and wished to report the following slate of officers to be considered at the March meeting subject to nominations from the floor. The slate included:

President     Tom Lawrence
President Elect    James T. Jones, Jr.
Secretary      W. M. "Bill" Marrs
Staff Secretary Dr. Donald Pugh
Treasurer      Peter McLellan
Registrar (Coastal)  Arthur H. Hall
Registrar (Inland)  Michael J. Radcliff
Chancellor    Robert M. Clark, Jr.
Chaplain      Dr. Wendell Edwards
Historian     Peter Baron
Vice President CM&A    Bud Schwart
District 1 Vice President Dr. Ron Livermore
District 2 Vice President William G. Harper
District 3 Vice President George W. Harcourt
District 4 Vice President John W. Knox
District 5 Vice President James Alderman
District 6 Vice President J. Mark Hansen
District 7 Vice President Allan M. Henshaw
District 8 Vice President Ray Cox
District 9 Vice President Joe Bruce Barrett
District 10 Vice President Michael J. Everheart
District 11 Vice President William K. Walker
Trustee        Harry Fife
Alternate Trustee    W. M. "Bill" Marrs

Contest Medals and Awards Committee Chairman Stephen Rohrbaugh reported that the Youth Contest Brochures have been prepared and placed in the mailboxes. He recognized Russell Dart for his work in preparing the brochures.

Compatriot Newsletter Committee Chairman Dr. Charles Baker announced that Larry Stevens has been appointed as Editor of the newsletter.

Information Technology Committee Chairman Dr. Charles Baker recommended that we move to a new web server which will require a $30 per year fee to allow us to accomplish several new tasks for TXSSAR. W. M. “Bill” Marrs moved that we approve the recommendation, Allan Henshaw seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee Chairman James T. Jones, Jr. reported a suggestion that the contingent liability of the unclaimed scholarship funds be shown as a note on the balance sheet. J. Mark Hansen moved that
the contingent liability of the scholarship funds be shown on the balance sheet. The motion passed unanimously.

It was announced by Past President General Nathan White that a member of the McKinney Chapter has been elected as National President of the American Dental Association. He further announced that Chuck Bragg has recently resigned as Treasurer General and President General Appelby has appointed Jack London to fill out the remainder of the term.

The meeting recessed by order of the President at 5:30 pm.

Sunday, October 26, 2008, 9:00 am. SECOND GENERAL SESSION

The Board of Managers reconvened. The meeting was called to order by President Harry Fife. The Color Guard presented the colors. The invocation was offered by Chaplain Dr. Wendell Edwards.

President Elect Tom Lawrence announced that he would be preparing the list of committees to be ready at the State Convention and asked that anyone who had an interest in serving on a committee to let him know as soon as possible.

Other Committees that reported will appear in the printed Committee Reports later:

Patriot Fund Projects Committee
Long Range Planning Committee
Patriot Fund Endowment Committee
Color Guard
State Meetings Committee
Patriot’s Fund Trustees Committee
Archives, Publicity Committee
Veteran’s Committee

The District Vice President Committee, the Registrars and the Membership and Expansion Committee conducted a Registrar’s Workshop on Friday afternoon led by Arthur Hall and Michael Radcliff.

Host Bill Marrs reported that the attendance at the BOM was 56 Compatriots and the attendance at the dinner was 98.

Tom Green announced that he had some rooms reserved for the Laredo George Washington Birthday Parade. Dates are February 21-22, 2009.

J. Mark Hansen moved that the reading of the order of business by the Chancellor be waived. It was passed.
Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

1. J. Mark Hansen moved that we consider amending the By-Laws to accommodate a person in the military that exceeds the five-year rule for the use of the scholarship funds. Don Pugh moved that it be referred to the Contest Medals and Awards Committee. It was seconded by Chancellor Clark and passed.

2. President Fife announced that the Leon Valley Chapter has decided to close the chapter.

3. Some ideas for other chapters were discussed: Pearland, Weslaco, Brownwood, Azle, and Stephenville. The discussion was referred to the Membership and Expansion Committee for further study.

4. There was a motion by Peter Rowley, seconded by Tom Green to recommend a study to determine the feasibility of an “at large” membership. Motion carried. It was referred to the Membership and Expansion Committee. Past President General White asked if the Membership and Expansion Committee could have a one-day meeting to discuss this and other matters. President-Elect Tom Lawrence indicated he would poll the committee membership to determine that feasibility.

5. It was recommended by John Knox that Lt. Gen Dave Palmer be awarded the Silver Good Citizenship Medal, and invite him to speak. He was the commandant of West Point and the author a new book about George Washington and Benedict Arnold. The motion was seconded by J. Mark Hansen. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Dr. Charles Baker suggested that the SAR District organization be studied to recognize the relative size of Texas in the South Central District. There was discussion but no action.

7. Secretary General Edward F. Butler asked that anyone who wished to be considered for a position on a National Committee let him know.

There was a motion to adjourn.

President Harry Fife ordered the Color Guard to retire the colors.

President Elect Tom Lawrence led in the SAR Recessional. Chaplain Dr. Wendell Edwards gave the benediction

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Submitted by Don Pugh, D. Mus. Arts
TXSSAR Staff Secretary 2008-2009