



Minutes for Chapter Meeting
Feb 17, 2024
Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR

9:30 a.m.

President Ron Turner called the meeting to order.

- **Gerry Gieger** offered the invocation.
- **Sergeant-at-Arms / Color Guard Commander Vann Cunningham** led the pledge to the flag of the United States, the pledge to the flag of the State of Texas, and the pledge to the SAR.
- **President Ron Turner** welcomed guests and members.
- **President Ron Turner** recognized three members who achieved milestone anniversaries during the month of February with Membership Award certificates.
- **President Ron Turner** turned the podium over to Vice President Steve Hole who introduced Chapter Historian John Anderson. A slide show was presented highlighting those chapter members who passed during 2023. The Chapter lost two members: Joe Francis Turner and Fred Arlis Vansant. Next, Vice President Hole introduced Dede and Todd Samuelson who gave a presentation about their book Searcy County, The Civil War's Secret Heroes.

OLD BUSINESS

- **President Ron Turner** called for the Secretary, and Treasurer Reports which were approved by the chapter. Operation fund balance is \$11,102.79. Pray TCU Award balance is \$3,362.16. Goodman Youth Fund balance is \$1,750.45.
- **Bob Jacobs** gave the registrar report.
- **John Anderson** gave the Historian Report. The state Archives Committee met and The University of North Texas will no longer accept records. Ray Cox is the web administrator. John also reported a plan is in work to mark two patriot graves in Northeast Texas. At the state level, the SAR is planning to install a monument in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin.
- **Color Guard Commander Vann Cunningham** reported chapter color guard support is needed for the Molly Corbin DAR chapter for a 7 PM dinner in Grapevine on April 11. The Medal of Honor parade in Gainesville will be April 27.
- **Ron Turner** reported the Henry rifle raffle tickets are available now.

NEW BUSINESS

- **President Ron Turner** and **Registrar Bob Jacobs** inducted new chapter member Richard Vandever who joined the SAR on the service of his Patriot ancestor Peter Dozier/Dosher.
- **President Ron Turner** presented Bob Jacobs with his fourth Supplemental Certificate for his Patriot ancestor Noah Wiswall.
- **Bob Jacobs** proposed a program to sponsor Prospective Members. It was recommended the chapter pay the breakfast cost for a first-time visit by a Prospective Member. A motion to adopt was approved by the members.
- **President Ron Turner** proposed the Presenter Rules of Engagement and a motion to adopt was approved by the members.
- **President Ron Turner** spoke about the new Member Retention Committee and their plan to contact all members who have failed to renew their SAR membership for last year, and possibly the previous two years, and encourage the member to renew their SAR membership.
- **President Ron Turner** announced the next chapter meeting will be on Saturday, March 16th. Color Guard Commander Vann Cunningham led the recitation of the Closing Admonition and Gerry Gieger offered the Benediction. The meeting ended at 10:30 AM.
- In attendance, per the sign-in sheet and observation, were 21 members and four guests for a total of 25 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Parkison, Chapter Secretary.