



**Minutes for Chapter Meeting**  
**April 20, 2024**  
**Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR**

9:30 a.m.

**President Ron Turner** called the meeting to order.

- **Chaplain Ralph Smith** offered the invocation.
- **Seargent at Arms Vann Cunningham** led the pledge to the flag of the United States, the pledge to the flag of the State of Texas, the pledge to the SAR, and SAR mission statement.
- **President Ron Turner** welcomed guests and members including prospective member Tom Bransford.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

- **President Ron Turner** called for the Secretary, and Treasurer Reports which were approved by the chapter. Operation fund balance is \$12,706.40. Pray TCU Award balance is \$3,412.15. Goodman Youth Fund balance is \$1,500.45. The treasurer report showed deposits of \$1,420.00 for sale of the raffle tickets on the commemorative gun along with chapter dues receipts of \$1599.60.
- **Registrar Bob Jacobs** reported that numerous supplemental applications are in the process of being approved with 15 prospective new chapter members also being examined and approved along with around 24 inquiries from potential new chapter members. Reference was made to the recent death of a chapter member, Harold Evetts, 97 years of age.
- **Color Guard Commander Vann Cunningham** made notice of upcoming Color Guard events with the Medal of Honor parade in Gainesville, TX on April 27, 2024.

**MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

- **James Alderman** noted that all ROTC and JROTC medal awards for 2024 are scheduled and covered by chapter members. James also gave a brief Power Point presentation on the 250<sup>th</sup> Bench Project that has been resurrected.
- **Chapter President Ron Turner** noted that the sales of raffle tickets for the Commemorative rifle auction has totaled approximately \$2,700.00 to date, with \$450.00 in ticket sales coming in at today's meeting. The drawing is set for May 18<sup>th</sup>.

A discussion was held on the activities at the recently concluded Texas SAR State Convention; members in attendance were Ron Turner, John Anderson, Art Munford and James Alderman. The plan for a 250<sup>th</sup> Independence Anniversary is still being discussed at the convention. Munford noted that the Texas SAR Eagle Scout winner is also the winner at the National Convention and that the Eagle Scout program in Texas has been very successful in recent years. President Turner commented that the chapter was not recognized for participation in the Public Service Awards program which includes lifesaving, heroism and police and fire department recognitions. Turner urges the chapter to be more proactive in these awards, especially in the area of fire department officer of the year and / or police officer of the year awards.

## **PROGRAM**

- **President Ron Turner** discussed events from the Texas SAR convention in San Antonio held April 11-14, 2024. Mention was made of the chapter receiving award for its STARK report preparation and for Flag certificates presented this past year. The chapter was also acknowledged for having the highest percentage of approved supplemental applications within its size category.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **President Turner** stated the chapter inventory of challenge coins was getting low and Compatriot Gerry Gieger made a motion to purchase additional challenge coins for the chapter. The motion was approved. President Turner stated the next chapter meeting would be on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **President Turner** made a presentation on changes to the STARK report, a report that should be prepared annually by all SAR chapters. The form collects and categorizes the various activities as they apply to military veterans including visits, attending funerals, visits in hospitals and working with the many varied veterans care and services organizations. Turner hopes to see an increase of activity by the chapter in veterans' activities.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- None
  - In attendance, per sign-in sheet and observation were 24 members and 1 guest for a total of 25 in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mark Parkison**, Chapter Secretary.