

Texas SAR Arlington Chapter Meeting Minutes May 11, 2024

The May 11, 2024, meeting was held at Skillet & Grill, 1801 W Division Street, Arlington, Texas. Members and guests gathered at 09:00 am for fellowship and breakfast.

- I. President Joe Kohn welcomed attendees and opened the meeting for Chapter business at approximately 9:30am. He also gave the invocation.
- II. Sergeant-at-arms Richard Martin led the pledges to the U.S. Flag, the Texas Flag, and the Sons of the American Revolution Flag.
- III. President Kohn recognized Past Chapter Presidents and greeted Chapter Members.
- IV. Compatriot David Hubler gave a humorous Comment of the Day.
- V. Compatriot Bill Covington presented a Historical Recap about the Battle of Ticonderoga.
- VI. Compatriot John Anderson, State Historian, presented a program on the Texas SAR Archives/History/Yearbook committee and presented the Texas SAR Historian Honar Award to Compatriot Dr. Charles Andrews, MD for his reinstating the chapter newsletter the "Arlington Chapter #7 Bulletin."
- VII. Officer and Committee Reports
 - A. Treasurer Richard Coffey reported the Chapter bank account bottom line balance decreased by \$538.09 as a result of three approved checks to reimburse members for mailing applications and purchase of medals and certificates.
 - B. In the absence of Secretary Bill Goodman, President Kohn reminded the Chapter that the minutes from the April meeting have been posted on the Chapter website and opened the floor for comments. There being no comments, Compatriot David Friels moved that the minutes be accepted as posted, the motion was seconded by Compatriot John Anderson, and approved by the Chapter.
 - C. Compatriot John Anderson provided the following reports:

TXSSAR State Announcements

• Texas State 2024 Summer ZOOM BOM July 27; details will be released later.

TXSSAR Historian Report

- The Texas SAR Archives/History/Yearbook committee will have a ZOOM meeting May 21.
- Compatriot Chuck Andrews was recognized for his diligent work on the Chapter History Record Volumes.

Arlington Chapter Membership Chair

- 87 members including juniors at end of 2023,
- 5 new members and 5 reinstated members have been added this year,
- Current Arlington Chapter membership is 86, including 14 Juniors.
- Public Service awards will be presented to City of Arlington on April 14 at Fire Station No. 14.
- D. Registrar Joe Kohn reported the following:
 - Five new member membership packets received, and three new supplements submitted to State
- E. Color Guard: Compatriot Hamilton reported no April activity, planned for May 21
- F. Speakers Bureau: Compatriot Bill Covington reported presentations for May 1 and May 18 to Colonial Dames Chapters and a scheduled presentation on June 11 to the Duncan, Ok. DAR. In July during a trip to upstate New York he has three presentations scheduled.

- G. ROTC/JROTC: Committee Chairman David Friels reported the following:
 - Arlington Chapter supports 1 ROTC and 9 JROTC units.
 - Compatriot Roger Wehr has maintained contact with the UTA ROTC and our silver medal and certificate will be presented during the commissioning May 11.
 - Bronze medals and certificates were presented to 7 high school JROTC Cadets.
 - The Senior Instructors for the Grand Prairie and Timberview JROTC units never responded to emails or phone calls; therefore, were not included.
 - This year the committee of presenters included: Roger Wehr, Dan Hamilton, Joe Kohn, Brent Houser, Richard Martin, Richard Coffee, and John Anderson. John also printed certificates for units that requested we complete their certificates.
 - As Chairman I will submit the final report along with the invoice for the medals to the State Committee Chairman and Treasurer.
- H. Newsletter Chairman Chuck Andrews reported the next edition will be available in the next months.

VIII. Old Business

- A. June 1 grave markings at Maud and Clarksville, Tx.
- B. June 19 grave cleaning with Arlington DAR at Johnson Station, Arlington.

IX. New Business

- A. Compatriot David Hubler will host a chapter social on June 22.
- X. President Joe Kohn moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded and passed.
- XI. The Closing Benediction was given by President Joe Kohn.
- XII. Sergeant-at-Arms Richard Martin led the Chapter members in the closing admonition.

The next Chapter Meeting will be held on June 8, 2024, at Skillet & Grill, 1801 West Division Street, Arlington, Texas. Members meet for breakfast from the menu at 9:00 a.m. with the Chapter meeting commencing at 9:30 a.m.

Attendance: 16 Chapter Members

Respectfully Submitted, David Friels, Assistant Secretary