

Texas SAR Arlington Chapter – Meeting Minutes Southern Recipes Grill; April 11, 2020

The April meeting was held via freeConferenceCall.com commencing at 9:00 AM. Call-in instructions were provided along with our meeting announcement by Web Master, John Anderson. The meeting followed our typical agenda as closely as practicable.

- I. Attendees called in and were welcomed by President Robert “Bob” Pope. During the call-in Secretary David Friels took the roll and President Pope opened the meeting for Chapter business.
- II. Due to the nature of the meeting colors were not posted.
- III. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the invocation which he took from 2 Corinthians 1: 8 -11.
- IV. Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton led the pledges to the U.S. Flag, Texas Flag and the Sons of the American Revolution.
- V. President Pope recognized Past Chapter Presidents and greeted our guest - prospective member William J. McCoy.
- VI. Due to the nature of the meeting there were no inductions or awards presented.
- VII. Officer and Committee Reports
 - A. Treasure Ned Myers reported no debts and only a minor change to our bottom line balance.
 - B. Secretary David Friels reminded the Chapter that the minutes from the March meeting were posted on the website and they were accepted with no comments.
 - C. TXSSAR/ NSSAR Activities: TXSSAR State Convention and BOM has been rescheduled for the last weekend in July. We should not expect any approvals out of NSSAR for the near future since all genealogist have been sent home.
 - D. Registrar Allan Husch reported that William J. McCoy’s application will be ready to submit today. Paul Garrison’s and Doug Stewart’s applications are at State, and Rod Ashford’s supplement needs one DAR application record copy.
 - E. Historian James Gibson has posted his report on events during the American Revolution occurring during the month of March.
 - F. Chaplain Bob Wehr had no additional information to report, but he wished all of us a happy Easter and encouraged us to find an online or televised worship service as part of our at-home Easter celebration.
 - G. Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton had no additional information to report.
 - H. Chapter Color Guard Commander Jerry Cope reported that the Color Guard was “standing down” and there were no activities since the March meeting. Compatriot Hamilton reported that he attended a presentation of Vietnam Service Pins to Surviving Spouses Mrs. James J. Thompson & James Greenall on March 11 (not in uniform).
 - I. DAR Liaison John Anderson reported that Arlington and Mansfield DAR chapters did not meet, but are considering conference call meetings for next month. The Grand Prairie DAR Chapter has merged with the Arlington Chapter.
 - J. Speaker’s Bureau Chairman Bill Covington reported the following presentation: Temple, TX combined SAR, DAR and CAR Chapters 32nd Annual George Washington’s Birthday Celebration, “Pint-sized Patriots of the American Revolution.”
 - K. ROTC/JROTC Committee Chairman David Friels reported that all ten unit commanders were contacted via email on March 26 or 27 to obtain an update on their plans. Seven of the 10 commanders have confirmed that the originally planned award ceremonies have been canceled, but they plan to have some form of recommendation

for their cadets. It is anticipated that the remaining three schools will also present. Two medal/certificate award sets were mailed to the appropriate school by John Anderson, Roger Wehr has the ROTC set for UTA, and the remaining 7 sets will be either delivered or mailed to the other schools. Prior to the meeting an updated presentation status report was emailed to officers and participating compatriots.

VIII. Ongoing Chapter Business – Past, Present and Future

A. No ongoing business was discussed.

IX. New Business

A. Proposed Chapter Logo and Challenge Coin

Last month Compatriot Dan Hamilton presented a proposed Chapter Logo and several options for a chapter challenge coin. After some discussion and comments, Dan was requested to make some design revisions to the logo and challenge coin which would make the coin unique for the Arlington Chapter. Dan had emailed an illustration of the revised coin design to the membership and he received 10 positive comments and no negative comments (except for correcting the Chapter “Reorganized” to January 11, 1994, rather than February 25, 1994). Compatriot Bob Wehr opened discussion by thanking Dan for his efforts and complementing him for his excellent work in designing the logo and coin (which was echoed by the others present). The revised logo design and challenge coin design were unanimously approved by voice vote during this meeting.

Discussion was then opened for potential uses of the logo; e.g., lapel pins, challenge coins, coffee mugs, letterhead, and patches for apparel. The discussion lead to a conclusion that most interest at this time was for lapel pins and challenge coins. After a discussion of quantity and cost, Compatriot Anderson proposed that Dan be authorized to place an order with Signature Coins for 200 lapel pins of ¾ inch dia. and 100 challenge coins with an estimated cost of approximately \$815 plus handling, postage, and taxes (if our tax free status is not accepted) with a total cost not to exceed \$900. If the total cost exceeds \$900, Compatriot Hamilton will email those members voting today. If there are no objections conveyed back to the President, the Chapter President may authorize Dan to proceed at the new cost. If there are objections to the additional costs, the President and Treasurer will address the new cost consistent with the constitution.

The disposition of the lapel pins and challenge coins, and the cost to individual chapter members for purchase was discussed in general terms. However, more specific guidelines were to be determined later.

B. Recognitions for Outstanding Service during the Covid-19 Pandemic:

It was suggested that the Arlington Chapter consider some form of recognition and thank you to all the first responders and health care providers. The Chapter was in unanimous agreement. Given the large number of personnel that deserve recognition; e.g., hospital staff, medical professionals, EMT, fire, and police, it was apparent that more thought and discussion would be required. Mention was given to certificates, plaques, or a proclamation. The topic was tabled to be addressed further during the next meeting.

X. The meeting was adjourned after a motion by President Pope and 2nd by Compatriot Walton.

XI. Chaplain Bob Wehr gave the closing Benediction taken from 2 Thessalonians 3:16.

XII. Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Hamilton led the SAR Closing Admonition.

XIII. Next chapter meeting – May 11, 2020 at the usual time with venue yet to be determined.

Attendance: Fifteen Chapter members and one guest were present

Respectfully Submitted,
David Friels, Secretary

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