

Minutes for Chapter Meeting
October 18, 2014
Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR

9:00 a.m.

President Russell Leavens called the meeting to order.

- **Chaplain** Roger Tate led the invocation.
- **President** Leavens led the pledge to the flag of the United States of America, the pledge to the flag of the State of Texas, and the pledge to the SAR flag.
- **President** Leavens recognized Compatriot Bobby Gresham who presented the 2014 Firefighter of the Year Award to Chief Bobby Woodard. Chief Woodard spoke graciously as he accepted the award.
- **President** Leavens requires the previous month's minutes be considered as posted on the Chapter Web page. The minutes were approved as posted.
- **President** Leavens recognized Registrar Gerry Gieger for induction of a new member, Jack Bentle of Fort Worth, descendant of Patriot Charles Thompson. Then Gerry introduced Compatriot bill Schwetke, chapter President of the Culpepper, Virginia chapter. Compatriot Schwetke then inducted his brother Doug Schwetke as a new member who will be dually registered in the Culpepper chapter and our Fort Worth chapter. The Schwetke brothers' ancestor was James Williams who fought at the Battle of Great Bridge, VA in December 1775.
- **The program** for the month was introduced by Compatriot Roger Tate. Our speaker was Compatriot Ralph Smith who presented on Yorktown – the siege and the surrender at the final battle of the American Revolution, October 19, 1781. This was the day America was victorious, the Declaration of Independence became reality, our freedom became real and the struggle of the American Revolution ended.

Reports from the Officers

- **President** Leavens called for reports from the chapter officers and committees.
- **District Vice President** Alderman mentioned that TXSSAR will be hosting the Board of Managers (BOM) meeting in Temple, TX over the weekend of November 7-9,2014 as a reminder to those who wish to attend. **Compatriot** Gerry Gieger also mentioned the chapter/color guard will be participating in the Fort Worth Veterans' Day parade on 11/11/2014 along with the Massing of the Colors ceremony at First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, TX on 11/9/2014.
- **Vice President** Mike Connelley was absent and will report next month. Also he will be our speaker and present a program on the FBI.
- **Treasurer** Vaughn Oliver reported that the balance in the three funds of the chapter are \$7,464.81 in the operating fund; \$2,288.40 in the Pray TCU Fund and \$1,777.24 in the Goodman Youth Fund for a total in all three accounts of \$11,530.53.
- **Genealogist** Gerry Gieger expressed his concern that the application for membership from Texas are low and asked members to be alert to all who are interested in membership.
- **District Vice President** Alderman pointed out he has served in his current position for five years and will not be running for reelection. He encouraged anyone interested to see him for more information and consider running for the office.

- **Compatriot** Chris Blair reported that past president Hubert Foster's wife died recently. He had spoken to Hubert and encouraged us to write or call Hubert also.
- **President** Russell Leavens mentioned he is preparing to call a meeting of the chapter Board of Managers soon. He then called for a motion to adjourn.
- **President** Leavens led the recessional.
- **Chaplain** Roger Tate gave the benediction and the meeting was concluded at 10:40AM. In attendance, per the sign-in sheet and observation, were 20 members and 16 guests for a total of 36 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Smith, Secretary, Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter