

Minutes for Chapter Meeting
January 17, 2015
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 Dr. Robert S. (Bob) Cohen, President of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution, and his wife Jane, visiting our chapter.

Dr. Cohen offered greetings and briefing on statewide SAR activities. His opening presentation was a Six Point Message on Building and Improving our SAR chapter. They were: 1 Emphasize the Brand, 2 Recruit Member, 3 Retain Members, 4 Reinstate dropped members, 5 Critical Mass, 6 Sharpen the Saw. He encouraged us to introduce ourselves as members of the TEXAS Sons of the American Revolution, because few people know what SAR is. More people know DAR, but have never heard of SAR. So say the title, not the initials. Dr Cohen and his wife Jane proceeded to hand out a newly designed state flag shaped SAR lapel pin. There were designed and donated by DAR State Regent Pamela Wright, of Pamela Wright Collections, Houston, TX.

Next Dr. Cohen presented the program for the day, a multimedia presentation titled "Spain and the American Revolution." The primary reference for his talk was the Dr. Thomas Chavez book, "Spain and the Independence of the United States."

- Following the program, President Leavens called for the annual Law Enforcement Award to be presented. Detective Maricelia Maldonado was recognized for exceptional service and performance of duty. Her award and certificate presentation were attended by Sgt. Thompson and Deputy Chief Krause of the Fort Worth Police Department. Also the chapter presented to Chief Jeffrey Halstead the Bronze Good Citizenship medal on the occasion of his retirement as Fort Worth Chief of Police. Deputy Chief Krause received the award in the absence of Chief Halsted.
- **President** Leavens recognized Registrar Gerry Gieger for induction of a new member, Dr. Eric Mitchell of Fort Worth. He was presented with membership certificate and rosette.
- **President** Leavens then presented the slate of officers and opened floor for discussion and nominations. There were no floor nominations and a vote was called on the original slate. Motion carried. Slate was approved.
- **President** Leavens called for reports from the chapter officers and committees.
- **President** Russell Leavens called for a motion to adjourn. Meeting ended.

Attendance was 24 members,12 guests.

Respectfully submitted,

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