

Minutes for Chapter Meeting
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9:15 a.m.

President Russell Leavens called the meeting to order.

- **Compatriot** Gerry Gieger 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 thanks all chapter members and color guard members who attended the joint DAR / SAR new member induction ceremony for Kenneth Blake Pearce and Thomas Eric Samuelson at the Stayton Retirement Center, Fort Worth on 2/14/15.
- **President** Leavens introduced member Donald Goodman who then introduced and made the award to the EMT employee of the year. This years' recipient was Sandra Curry, a three-year employee with Med Star.
- **President** Leaven requested the previous month's minutes be considered as posted on the Chapter Web page. The minutes were approved as posted.

Reports from the Officers

- **President** Leavens called for reports from the chapter officers and committees:
- **Vice President** Mike Connelley urged all members to sign in on roster and put on a name tag to assist all members in becoming acquainted. Compatriot Paul Valentine observed on the Veterans data collection form that the new form seemed to limit the number of items to be counted on any one occasion. (Further review of the form does not appear to limit the items, the limit number was shown only as an example)
- **Treasurer** Vaughn Oliver reported the chapter is doing OK as far as finances. The current balance in the operating fund is \$8,406.62; Pray TCU fund is \$2,288.78 and the Goodman Youth Fund is \$1,837.61 for a total fund balance of \$12,365.31. Oliver mentioned the chapter operates on a tight budget and attendees are urged to remember to pay the \$10.00 meeting fee which does include the breakfast.
- **Genealogist** Gerry Gieger reminded the membership to look for worthy recipients of Flag Certificates in recognition of the proper flying of the American Flag then get this information to either James Alderman, Ray Leftwich or Gerry Gieger.
- **Old and New Business:** Mention was made of the TXSSAR annual meeting to be held in Houston, TX in March 2015; members and chapter officers are urged to attend. Also discussed was the death of Compatriot Peter Rowley, Plano, TX the former State color guard commander. The North Texas color guard will appear at the memorial service on 2/27/15 in Plano, TX.
- **President** Russell Leavens opened floor for nominations to the post of chapter secretary as result of resignation of Ralph Smith. No nominations were forthcoming and Compatriot Gerry Gieger

made a motion that the role of vice president and secretary be combined under vice president Mike Connelley until a suitable nominee is found; the motion passed.

It was mentioned that the box of ROTC medals designated for the chapter went missing from the State BOM meeting this past year. Compatriot Connelley recalls seeing them at the BOM meeting room but Compatriot John Anderson said he never saw them there. Anyone with knowledge of the medals should get hold of James Alderman.

President Leavens mentioned the By-Laws need to be modified to address the issue of a chapter officer suddenly resigning. Vaughn Oliver agreed to look at the current By-Laws. Gieger made a motion to look into the matter.

Members were reminded of the Vietnam Veteran's recognition event sponsored by DAR / SAR at Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth, TX on May 9, 2015. A motion was made by Ken Cox and passed for the chapter to donate \$100.00 to assist with this event. Members are urged to volunteer to assist in the event. Vaughn Oliver mentioned that Parker County will also do a similar event the same day at the Vietnam War Memorial near Mineral Wells, TX.

Compatriot Donald Goodman stated he is willing to mail out the patriotic DVDs to radio stations if someone would assist by preparing the mailing labels; member Mike Howe volunteered to assist with mailing labels.

- **President** Russell Leavens called for a motion to adjourn.
- **President** Leavens led the recessional.
- **Compatriot** Gerry Gieger gave the benediction and the meeting was concluded at 10:15 AM. In attendance, per the sign-in sheet and observation, were 20 members and 5 guests for a total of 25 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence M. Connelley, Vice President and Acting, Secretary, Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter