

Minutes for Chapter Meeting
July 21, 2018
Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR



9:00 a.m.

President Gerry Gieger called the meeting to order.

- **Chaplain Roger Tate** led the invocation.
- **Color Guard Commander Bobby Gresham** led the pledge to the flag of the United States, the pledge to the flag of the State of Texas, and the pledge to the SAR flag.
- **President Gieger** welcomed our guest speaker, **Judge Joe Spurlock**, and wives **Lila Davidson** and **Dean Hawkins**. **Duel Compatriot Rick Neeley** (of Colorado) was welcomed and provided a few remarks.
- **Vice President Chase Sanger** introduced **Judge Joe Spurlock**. He provided some very humorous and interesting remarks on growing up in Fort Worth in a political family. As a senior at Poly Senior High School, he was a recipient of an SAR award. He is a life-long Boy Scout and related stories about growing up as a scout. Congress chartered SAR in 1906 and the Boy Scouts in 1910. Judge Spurlock spoke on how we as Americans have lost our way. He spoke on how to return to the first and second Ten Commandments. He spoke on the history of Mongolia and their move into Democracy. He has worked with the country for the last 20 years assisting the country in establishing an independent judicial system based on democratic principles. Micah 6:8 is the basis for the preamble to the Charter of the SAR and the Boy Scouts' Oath. The work with the Mongolians is working successfully.

Compatriot Mike Connelley presented **Judge Spurlock** with the Vietnam 50th Anniversary Pin for his military service in Vietnam. **President Gieger** then presented the Judge with a SAR Certificate of Appreciation for today's presentation. **Vice President Sanger** presented him with a SAR Challenge Coin.

- **Compatriot Mike Connelley** made remarks on the recent SAR National Congress held in Houston. He announced that our chapter received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Department of Defense Vietnam War Commemoration committee for our participation in the program.

Compatriot Connelley announced that the proposed change in lineage requirement was overwhelmingly voted down. Proposed changes to the term of the national president was also voted down. **Compatriot Neeley** added his remarks and complimented the Texas Society for a great Congress.

Compatriot Connelley remarked on the new separate website (www.sarfoundation.org) for donating money. It is safe and secure. Separately, the Oration Contest has also set up a donation fund.

Compatriot Connelley addressed the fact that our chapter was not mentioned as a participant in the Fire/Police/EMT programs in a Congress brochure. He will contact each committee chair on the correct reporting process to ensure this does not occur again.

- **President Gieger** presented **Secretary Ron Turner** with an approved supplemental application for his 5th great-grandfather, Richard Willis, who served as a Private in Roebuck's Regiment, South Carolina Militia.
- **SAR President General Larry Guzy** presented **Vice President Sanger** with a SAR Southwest Asia Veteran Corps certificate.
- Nine members and two wives participated in the July 4th parade in White Lake Hills, Fort Worth. Compatriots included **Don Goodman, Chuck Hield, Gerry Gieger, Kevin Shellman, Bobby Gresham, James Alderman, Paul Valentine, David Davidson, & Ron Turner**. **Lila Davidson** and **Jan Turner** (DAR) also participated.
- **President Gieger** presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Molly Corbin Chapter last Saturday, July 14th, at their celebration of their 15th Anniversary in Grapevine, Texas.
- **Compatriot Paul Valentine** has 14 SAR clocks that he will bring in for possible distribution as thank you gifts to speakers.
- **Vice President Sanger** asked on behalf on **Compatriot John Anderson** for a show of hands on those planning to attend the August 11th dedication service in Corsicana. Five members plan to attend.
- All members can send pictures and articles to **Secretary Turner** for inclusion in the chapter's newsletter. A good show of hands indicated that a majority are reading the newsletter.
- **Treasurer Vaughn Oliver** presented the treasurer's report. Expenditures were \$240.00 and income was \$268.00. Operating fund balance is \$9,447.14; Pray TCU Award fund is \$1,529.17; Goodman Youth Fund is \$2,253.10; balance is \$13,229.41. The financial report was accepted as presented. Motion passed.
- **President Gieger** presented the June minutes as posted on the website. Motion to approve was made and passed.
- There was no other old or new business.
- Motion to adjourn was made and approved.
- **Color Guard Commander Gresham** led the closing.
- **Chaplain Tate** gave the benediction.
- The meeting was concluded at 10:30 a.m.
- In attendance, per the sign-in sheet and observation, were 22 members and 3 guests for a total of 25 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald J. Turner, Secretary, Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR