

Minutes for Chapter Meeting
July 20, 2019
Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR



8:30 a.m.

- **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.
- The Chapter enjoyed a plated breakfast.

President Gerry Gieger called the business meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

- **President Gieger** welcomed prospective members and guests. He welcomed special guests Chief Ed Crouse and Lt. Brandon O'Neil of the Fort Worth Police Department.
- **Compatriot Mike Connelley** introduced Jeff King and Jason Godber and provided a short synopsis of the event that resulted in our recognizing them. Chief Crouse spoke on his perspective of the event. President Gieger presented the SAR Living Saving Award to Jeff and Jason. Jeff spoke on their experience during the event.
- **President Gieger** administered the oath to new **Compatriots Larry Bannister** and **Steve Barnes**. **Secretary/Acting Registrar Ron Turner** pinned the SAR Rosette on Larry and Steve's collars.
- **President Gieger** introduced **Compatriot Bill Covington**, Arlington Chapter, as our guest speaker. Bill spoke about the soldier in the American Revolution.
- **Secretary Ron Turner** presented the June minutes as posted on the website and emailed to the membership. The minutes were accepted by voice vote as published.
- **Secretary Turner** presented the treasurer's report due to **Treasurer Vaughn Oliver's** absence. Expenditures were \$543.87, and income was \$254.00. Operating fund balance is \$8,839.20; Pray TCU Award fund is \$1,129.61; and Goodman Youth Fund is \$1,676.73; BOM account is \$735.53; total balance is \$12,381.07. The report was accepted as presented.
- **Secretary Turner** requested that all members complete the recent questionnaire sent to all members. **Compatriot James Alderman** asked about using member info from the last Texas SAR book. **Compatriot John Anderson** does not have access to any of that biographical data.
- Next month's program will consist of the EMT award, Andrew Walker's presentation on C.A.R. projects, and new member inductions. The next chapter meeting is Saturday, August 17th.
- **Compatriot Anderson** spoke on the Medal of Honor Museum possibly coming to Arlington. Arlington is one of two finalist cities for the honor. John requested everyone add their comments to the Medal of Honor Facebook page. **Compatriot Ken Cox** advised the MOH Society will have its annual convention in 2020 in the Metroplex. Plans are progressing for the Vietnam Veterans

Memorial in Veterans Memorial Park in Fort Worth. Plans for Veterans Day Parade are progressing.

- **President Gieger** mentioned that the Board of Managers (BOM) volunteer committee will meet in the country club grill immediately following the chapter meeting. **Compatriot Connelley** distributed raffle ticket packets and paper registration forms. All volunteers need to register for the meeting.
- **President Gieger** entertained a motion to adjourn. It was approved by voice vote.
- **Commander Gresham** led the closing admonition, followed by **Chaplain Tate's** benediction.
- The meeting was concluded at 10:40 a.m.
- In attendance, per the sign-in sheet and observation, were 20 members and 15 guests for a total of 35 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

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