

**Minutes for Chapter Meeting**  
**September 21, 2019**  
**Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR**



9:00 a.m.

- **Chaplain Roger Tate** led the invocation.
- The Chapter enjoyed a plated breakfast.

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

- **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 prospective members and guests. Potential new member, **Mark Parkison**, was present at today's meeting.
- **President Gieger** awarded the Chapter Distinguished Service Award to **Past President Mike Connelley** for his devotion to the chapter and taking on multiple leadership roles in both the chapter and with the Texas SAR organization.
- **President Gieger** administered the oath to new **Compatriot Wayne Heide**.
- **Treasurer Vaughn Oliver** presented the treasurer's report; Operating fund balance is \$8380.20; Pray TCU fund is \$1,129.67; Goodman Youth Fund is \$1,676.82. The BOM fund which is contained in the chapter Chase Bank account is \$5,121.53. Total of all funds is \$5,121.53.
- **Compatriot John Anderson**, the Texas SAR Historian and chapter member, discussed the current effort at getting the various chapter records sent to the University of North Texas for digitalization of these records. Anderson also discussed the importance of chapters in having a chapter Historian; it was noted that this position is unfilled in the Van Zandt chapter.
- **Compatriot Ken Cox** commented on the annual Veteran's Day Parade on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The chapter will have a trailer in the parade. Also, a committee is working on a Vietnam Memorial for the City of Fort Worth in Veteran's Memorial Park. A contest is starting among school children for the design of the memorial. Donations will be greatly appreciated. Cost is projected to be \$15,000. Additional information on the Vietnam Memorial was mentioned by chapter member Damon Harvey concerning getting local youth to enter this contest; decision was made to notify our "home schooled youth" activities contact about getting these youth involved in the contest.
- **Color Guard Commander Gresham** commented on upcoming events that all members can participate in: Massing of the Colors, Veteran's Day Parade (with or without a uniform) and Wreaths Across America. Gresham also discussed the color guard program and how chapter members can join.
- **Compatriot Connelley** discussed the upcoming Board of Managers Meeting in greater detail. The sponsoring chapters get 100% of the profits but that is based upon the amount of money collected at the frontend. He explained the process for the Raffle and Silent Auction. He encouraged the

purchase of Raffle tickets, donation of items, and participation. Members were urged to volunteer and / or register for this event.

- **Compatriot Connelley** also discussed that the slate of new chapter officers will be presented at the October meeting and voting will occur at the November meeting with installation occurring at the January 2020 meeting.
- **President Gieger** entertained a motion to adjourn which was seconded and approved.
- **Commander Gresham** led the closing admonition, followed by **Chaplain Tate's** benediction.
- The meeting was concluded at 10:20AM
- In attendance, per the sign-in sheet and observation, were 16 members and 1 guest for a total of 17 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Michael Connelley, past president, due to absence of Secretary Ron Turner