

**Minutes for Chapter Meeting**  
**October 19, 2019**  
**Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR**



**8:30 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.
- **Commander Bobby Gresham** introduced Fort Worth Fire Department Battalion Chief Sherri Haight, our Fire Safety Commendation Medal awardee for 2019. **Commander Gresham** read her biography and presented her with the Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate. Chief Haight spoke briefly about the Fort Worth Fire Department and her career.
- **President Gieger** remarked that we have the Texas SAR flag and the Bunker Hill flag posted today, thanks to **Commander Gresham**.
- **President Gieger** administered the new member oath to **Compatriot Edward Standley** and **Compatriot Joseph DeWoody**. **Secretary/Acting Registrar Ron Turner** pinned the SAR Rosette on each new member. Each new member spoke briefly about their Patriot Ancestor.
- **Compatriot Mike Connelley** presented Certificates of Appreciation to all chapter members who volunteered at the Fall Board of Managers Meeting. **Compatriot Connelley** provided a recap of the meeting – attendance, income, expenses, etc. Expected profit is in the area of \$5,000 which will be split between the Fort Worth Chapter and the Arlington Chapter. **Compatriot Connelley** presented \$93 as the chapter's share of the 50-50 Cash Raffle. **Compatriot John Anderson** announced that **Chaplain Roger Tate** was voted an Assistant Chaplain to the Texas Society Chaplain.
- **Secretary Turner** presented the July minutes as posted on the website and emailed to the membership. **Compatriot James Alderman** moved that the minutes be accepted as published. Motion passed.
- **Treasurer Vaughn Oliver** presented the treasurer's report; Operating fund balance is \$8,314.20; Pray TCU fund is \$1,129.70; Goodman Youth Fund is \$1,676.86. Total of all funds is \$11,120.76.
- **President Gieger** mentioned chapter contests. **Compatriot Connelley** updated the chapter that several people are in the process of applying.
- **President Gieger** announced the next meeting is November 16<sup>th</sup> and is the last meeting of the year.

- **President Gieger** requested a report from the nominating committee. **Compatriot Connelley** announced the slate as **President – Ron Turner; Vice President Bobby Gresham; Secretary/Historian – Kevin Shellman; Treasurer – Vaughn Oliver; Chaplain – Roger Tate; Color Guard Commander – Bobby Gresham** and the only open position is Registrar. **President Gieger** stated that the application process will be handled by a committee. **Secretary Turner** stated that he will continue to be the point person for new applications. **Compatriot Connelley** entertained a motion to accept nominations from the floor. There were none. Voting will occur at the November meeting.
- **Secretary Turner** announced a project to support Wreaths Across America. For each sponsored wreath of \$15, the chapter will receive \$5 from Wreaths Across America. The chapter program is supporting the Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery. He encouraged all members to support this project. Members can also sign up to place wreaths on graves on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. **Commander Gresham** is also supporting Oakwood Cemetery.
- **Compatriot Connelley** reminded everyone that November is when we recognize all our veterans. **President Gieger** will award Vietnam commemorative pins at the November meeting to any who have not previously received it.
- **Commander Gresham** commented on upcoming events that all members can participate in: Military Order of World Wars' Massing of the Colors on November 10<sup>th</sup> at Trimble Tech High School at 1:30 p.m., Veteran's Day Parade on November 11<sup>th</sup> (with or without a uniform) and **Compatriot Alderman** commented that the Frontier Band will play before and during the Massing of the Colors ceremony. **Secretary Turner** will pull the chapter trailer for the Captain Nathaniel Mills Chapter DAR in the City of Hurst/Northeast Mall parade on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.
- **Compatriot Alderman** stated the color guard will post colors at Captain Molly Corbin DAR Chapter luncheon on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **President Gieger** announced that the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl is on January 4<sup>th</sup> at TCU Amon Carter Stadium. The DAR Tent which we share with them will be in the tailgating area.
- **Compatriot Anderson** commented about the proposed Texas Society state store. The store should be up and running on the Texas Society private website around the end of November. This will afford us the opportunity to purchase Texas Society and chapter branded items.
- **Compatriot Anderson** announced the University of Scouting will be on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.
- **Compatriot Anderson** announced the Boy Scout Camporee at Texas Motor Speedway will be on November 9<sup>th</sup>. An SAR booth for recruiting will be set up.
- **Secretary Turner** thanked **District 5 Vice President Bob Mearns** for visiting the chapter and announced that **Texas Society President David Temple** will visit the chapter in January.
- **President Gieger** entertained a motion to adjourn which was seconded and approved.

- **Color Guard Commander Gresham** led the closing admonition, followed by **Chaplain Tate's** benediction.
- The meeting was concluded at 10:15AM
- In attendance, per the sign-in sheet and observation, were 19 members and 6 guests for a total of 25 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

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