



**Minutes for Chapter Meeting**  
**April 15, 2023**  
**Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR**

9:30 a.m.

**President Bobby Gresham** called the meeting to order.

- **Past President Ron Turner** offered the invocation.
- **President 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.
- **Past President Turner** welcomed our guests, which included JaAnn Alderman, Joy Leftwich, Vicki Wheat and applicants Joe Wade, Steve Wilson, Caleb Carpenter and Wayne Wheat. Special guests were SAR members from the Dallas and Denton chapters: Jim Akers, Jerry Pinkerton, Tom Van Fossen and Mark Harrison.
- **President Gresham** turned the podium over to TCU Professor of History Alan Gallay who spoke about Warfare in Colonial America. Alan holds the Lyndon B. Johnson Chair of US History. The colonial powers of Spain and France were first in conflict in the 1500's beginning with travels in 1542 by the Spanish explorers DeSoto and Coronado from Georgia to California. Native Americans were involved in battles as they were needed by the colonial powers due to lack of settlers available to fight. Alan spoke about how Florida was most important to the Spanish as a colony and built several forts. The English had an advantage because large numbers of settlers came to their colonies.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **President Gresham** called for the Treasurer's Report which was presented by **Past President Turner** and approved by the chapter.
- **Registrar Gerry Gieger** and **Assistant Registrar Ron Turner** provided the Registrar's Report.
- **Vice President Kevin Shellman** will attend the SAR state convention in Spring, TX. A flag presentation award will be given to the chapter. SAR polo shirts were shown and are available for purchase. Bronze Quill Award will go to Compatriot Bob Jacobs.
- **President Gresham** called for the Treasurer's Report, which was presented by **Past President Turner** and adopted by the chapter. It was noted that 28 chapter members did not renew for 2023.
- **Gerry Gieger** encouraged the chapter to keep working on flag certificates for presentation to offices, schools and businesses. Gerry asked for chapter members to consider applying for membership in the 1812 Society.

- **Historian John Anderson** will visit the UNT Archives on April 19 to deposit chapter materials.
- **Past President James Alderman** reported JROTC awards will start next week with Army awards for high school cadets. Two high schools will need presenters.
- **Past President James Alderman** requested color guard support for the Medal of Honor parade in Gainesville, TX on April 22 and Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in Keller, TX for Memorial Day on May 29.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Past President Mike Connelly** briefed the Chapter on Member Questionnaires that were distributed during the meeting. The four past chapter presidents are seeking inputs to improve the chapter and increase attendance at chapter meetings. **Past Presidents Ron Turner, James Alderman, Gerry Gieger and Mike Connelly** picked up the responses from the chapter.
- **Past President Turner** announced the officer elections process will start. The chapter enjoyed the Diamond Oaks Country Club facilities and breakfast. Challenge coins and lapel pins are for sale at chapter meetings. The Denton SAR chapter has SAR shirts for sale.
- There was no other old or new business.
- **President Gresham** asked for a motion to adjourn which was made and approved.
- **Past President Turner** led the closing.
- **Past President Turner** offered the benediction.
- The meeting was concluded at 11:00 a.m.
- In attendance, per the sign-in sheet and observation, were 20 members and 12 guests for a total of 32 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mark Parkison**, Chapter Secretary.