



Minutes for Chapter Meeting
May 20, 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 the guests, which included Compatriot Scott Davis who has transferred into the chapter from London, England. Other guests included Chester Hardy, his niece Heather Martin, David and Mark Werner who are renewing membership, Joy Leftwich, Jeff Sparks and his nephew Benjamin Bryan and prospective member Scott Stoddard.
- **President Gresham** recognized Compatriot David Fleming who was promoted to Captain in the Fort Worth Police Department. Captain Fleming is a 17-year Police Officer.
- **Past President Turner** asked for prayers for Sherrye Woodworth, wife of Chapter Genealogist Don Woodworth. She is in the hospital undergoing treatment for Stage 3 pancreatic cancer.
- **Past President Mike Connelly** reported the chapter would be presenting a lifesaving award to the nine-year-old girl who called 911 and notified the Fort Worth Fire Department who saved the family from carbon monoxide poisoning. President Gresham will present the young girl with the SAR Life Saving Medal and Certificate. Past President Connelley collected a sizeable cash award from chapter members for the family.
- **President Gresham** turned the podium over to Compatriot Kim Brimer who presented “Patriot Prisoner Atrocities During the Revolution.” 11,500 patriots died on the infamous British prison ships and in New York prisons. More than the 4,300 killed in the American armed forces during the entire Revolutionary War. Vice President Kevin Shellman and President Gresham presented Kim with a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation.

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.
- **President Gresham** called for a vote and Diamond Oaks Country Club was selected as the permanent location for chapter meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Vice President Kevin Shellman** briefed the Chapter on a project to revise the chapter bylaws and constitution. SAR polo shirts are available for \$25.
- **Past President Turner** announced the officer elections process has started. 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.
- **Registrar Gerry Geiger** reported Mark Nash will be inducted into the chapter in June. Application for Wayne Wheat is approved. Seven new members have been added in 2023. Five flag certificates were presented to Parker County fire stations. Eight military veterans received the Vietnam War Era Lapel Pin at Lakeview Camp in Maypearl, Texas on May 1. Chapter Registrar and Past President Gerry Gieger made the presentations.
- **Historian John Anderson** reported status of the SAR records at the UNT archives. John invited members to attend the Arlington, TX July 4th Parade. The chapter was invited to attend a Memorial Day event in Lake Charles, LA. The Louisiana and Texas regiment of the SAR Color Guard will be there to mark and remember two graves of Patriots.
- **Past President Ron Turner** presented Compatriot Richard Vandever with a SAR Vietnam War Veterans Corps Certificate for his military service in Vietnam. Past President Mike Connelley also presented Richard with the Vietnam Era Veterans Lapel Pin.
- **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 22 members and 8 guests for a total of 30 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Parkison, Chapter Secretary.