



Minutes for Chapter Meeting
March 16, 2024
Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR

9:30 a.m.

President Ron Turner called the meeting to order.

- **Chaplain Ralph Smith** offered the invocation.
- **Vice President Steve Hole** led the pledge to the flag of the United States, the pledge to the flag of the State of Texas, the pledge to the SAR, and SAR mission statement.
- **President Ron Turner** welcomed guests and members.

OFFICER REPORTS

- **President Ron Turner** called for the Secretary, and Treasurer Reports which were approved by the chapter. Operation fund balance is \$12,706.40. Pray TCU Award balance is \$3,412.16. Goodman Youth Fund balance is \$1,800.45.
- **Bob Jacobs** gave the registrar report.
- **Steve Hole** gave the Vice President Report. The SAR Museum in Louisville, KY will host a live presentation of artifacts on April 17 at 11:30 AM CT.
- **Color Guard Commander Report** was given by Ron Turner who noted upcoming color guard activities in April. The Molly Corbin DAR chapter dinner will be in Grapevine on April 11 at 7 PM. The Medal of Honor parade in Gainesville is April 27.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

- **James Alderman** reported the scheduled award presentations for ROTC / JROTC and Naval Sea Cadets. Awards at the high schools and TCU will be in April and May with chapter members making the presentations.
- **Vice President Steve Hole** spoke about the effort to retain chapter members and plan to focus on members who did not renew in the last two years.
- **President Ron Turner** requested help with the sale of the raffle tickets for the Henry rifle. The drawing for the winner will be May 18. The .22 rifle commemorates the Boston Tea Party.

PROGRAM

Vice President Steve Hole introduced Prospective Member Jeff Andre who brought swords, knives and blades from his collection and gave a presentation Swords of the 1700s.

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **President Ron Turner** presented Billy Thompson with a flag certificate for properly displaying the United States flag.
- **Brooke Walker** was the winner of the C.A.R. essay contest and placed 4th at the Texas SAR level. Brooke recited the essay The Committee of Five which included John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, Robert Livingston, and Thomas Jefferson.
- **President Ron Turner** presented a certificate for the 25 year anniversary of chapter member Andrew Todd Hebert.

NEW BUSINESS

- **President Ron Turner** announced the Texas SAR is seeking chapters to sponsor the 2025 Texas SAR State Convention. After discussion, the chapter will not be a sponsor.
- **Mike Connelly** is planning a new member orientation via a Zoom meeting in May. An email will be sent to the chapter in a few weeks with details.
- **Gerry Gieger** requested flag certificates from the chapter for homes and businesses that properly display the United States flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **President Ron Turner** noted the SAR State Convention will be April 11-14 in San Antonio. The next chapter meeting is April 20. The Medal of Honor Parade will be in Gainesville on April 27.

Steve Hole gave the closing admonition, Ralph Smith offered the benediction and President Ron Turner adjourned the meeting at 11:15 AM. In attendance, per the sign-in sheet and observation, were 20 members and six guests for a total of 26 attendees.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Parkison, Chapter Secretary.