



**Minutes for Chapter Meeting**  
**August 17, 2024**

**Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR**

**President Ron Turner** called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

- **Gerry Gieger** gave the invocation.
- **Color Guard Commander Van Cunningham** 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 flag, and the SAR Mission Statement.
- **President Turner** welcomed members, guests (Linda Wade and grandson Jake Behringer), prospective members Tim Baker and Matt Parrott.
- **President Turner** recognized Compatriots with membership certificates. Kenneth Gerard Rigoulot III (15 yrs), Douglas Lynn Schwetke (10 yrs), Joseph Paul DeWoody (5 yrs), Larry Vaughn Mick (5 yrs), Thomas Erik Samuelson (10 yrs).

**Officer Reports:**

- **Secretary Mark Parkison** received chapter approval for the July chapter meeting minutes.
- **Treasurer Anthony Walker** was not in attendance. As of Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, the Operating Fund balance was \$15,082.05. The Pray TCU Award Fund balance was \$4,246.79. The Goodman Youth Fund balance was \$3,335.08. The total bank balance was \$22,663.92.
- **Vice President Steve Hole** reported the Texas State Fair in Dallas would be staffed starting Sept 27 by SAR members to support the DAR Chapter House and new member recruiting.
- **Registrar Bob Jacobs** was not in attendance. **President and Assistant Registrar Turner** reported the fees for supplemental applications will increase effective Sept 1, 2024. New member application fees will not change. New applications are taking 18 weeks for approval and supplementals are 54 weeks. Two applications for membership are ready to be signed. Four applications are in work by Ron Turner.
- **Historian and Quartermaster John Anderson** gave status for state SAR activities with the BOM to be held in Austin on Nov 1, 2024. The McKinney and Plano chapters will host the 2025 spring meeting in Richardson, Texas. John presented the Historian Moment which highlighted the August 3<sup>rd</sup> National SAR Congress in Lancaster, PA. When the Continental Congress fled Philadelphia to Lancaster, it became the US capitol for one day. The Texas SAR has the most members with 60 votes allocated to Texas for the congress. In 2017, Houston hosted the National Congress. San Antonio is planned to host the 2029 National Congress. The state of Connecticut will host the 2025 Congress and New Orleans will host in 2026. Chapter supplies including certificates are on order.

- **Color Guard Commander Vann Cunningham** requested color guard support for the State Fair and requested more chapter members join the chapter color guard. A costume regiment coat costs about \$75 for the color guard uniform.

### **Program**

**Joe Wade** and **Jake Behringer** gave a presentation with artifacts from their collection. The History of Gunpowder and the Development of Firearms was enjoyed by the chapter with examples of early weapons passed around to hold.

### **Old Business.**

- **Gerry Gieger** encouraged the chapter to continue the effort to award SAR Flag Certificates to deserving institutions including schools. **Cody Sheppard** has presented six flag certificates.
- **James Alderman** reported the monument company is creating a mock up plan for the bench commemorating the 250<sup>th</sup>. The Capt Molly Corbin DAR chapter has requested the SAR provide training for cleaning of headstones.
- **President Turner** reported chapter members **Ralph Smith, Greg Riffle, and Cody Sheppard** volunteered to represent the chapter on the Tarrant County Veterans Council.

### **New Business.**

- **John Anderson** discussed purchasing a canopy cover for the KM Van Zandt parade trailer. A committee will be led by **Kevin Shellman** to evaluate the proposal and cost estimate.

### **Announcements**

- **President Turner** requested chapter members promptly reply to the invitations sent through the Punchbowl app. A head count must be provided to the Diamond Oaks country club the Tuesday before the Saturday chapter meeting. Please check your email contacts and SPAM, junk folders to ensure you receive and respond to the meeting invitations.
- **John Anderson** announced Arlington, TX will host an evening Veteran's Day parade on Nov 11.
- **Vann Cunningham** led the closing admonition.
- **Gerry Gieger** offered the benediction.
- The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Per the sign-in sheet and observation, there were 21 members and four guests in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mark Parkison**, Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR