

Minutes for Chapter Meeting
September 20, 2025
Major K M VanZandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR



9:24AM **Chapter President Ronald Turner** called the September 20, 2025 meeting to order. There were 14 members present.

- **Color Guard Commander Vann Cunningham** led the chapter members in the pledges to the American Flag, the Texas Flag and the SAR Organization. This was followed by an opening prayer led by **Chaplain Ralph Smith**.

Officer Reports

- **President Ronald Turner**, in the absence of the chapter treasurer and the chapter secretary being present at today's meeting, stated there will be no oral or written report from either position.
- **Ronald Turner, Acting Registrar**, stated that the chapter had 7 new member applications approved since the August meeting, along with 8 supplemental applications. President Turner added that it is currently taking about 16 weeks for an application to flow through the membership vetting process.
- **Vann Cunningham, Chapter Color Guard Commander**, reported on his recent visit to Mt. Vernon / George Washington's burial site. He noted that the area around the burial site is undergoing extensive maintenance and facilities improvement work. He also alerted all members that the Veteran's Day Parade planning will begin in the next month or so. **President Ronald Turner** added that the Fort Worth MOWW Massing of the Colors event must acquire a new location. The Church that has hosted the event in the past will no longer be available. A search is underway for a replacement location in or very near the City of Fort Worth.

New Business

- **Chaplain Ralph Smith** gave a short discussion on the impact of the War of 1812 and the creation of the "Star Spangled Banner" during that particular military campaign. In addition, **John Anderson, Historian**, played a short video narrated by former Dallas Chapter member Bill Watts (deceased) on the impact of Benjamin Franklin to the freedom of the Country.

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- **Past President Mike Connelley** mentioned that over the next month or two, chapter members should be alert to youth applications coming in for academic college scholarships offered by the SAR organization. A reminder was made that our members children and / or grandchildren can apply for these various scholarships.
- **President Ronald Turner** mentioned that nomination of a new slate of chapter officers will be announced at the October 2025 meeting so that they can be voted into office at the November 2025 meeting. No discussion and no additional topics of business were introduced.
- **Chapter President Ronald Turner** recognized Chaplain Ralph Smith who made a closing admonition for the meeting which was adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Respectively submitted,

Past President L. Michael Connelley, Major K M VanZandt Chapter, Texas SAR

ADDENDUM

The Treasurer's Report was received on Monday, September 20, and is as follows:

The Operating Fund beginning balance as of September 16 was \$13,252.15. Following deposits of \$874.00 and expenses of \$962.82, the balance was \$13,163.33. The Pray TCU Award Fund had no changes and remains a balance of \$3,684.29. The Goodman Youth Fund had no changes and remains a balance of \$3,372.58. The total account balance is \$20,220.20.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Walker, Treasurer, Major K M Van Zandt Chapter, Texas SAR