

Minutes for Chapter Meeting  
November 15, 2025  
Major K M VanZandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR



**9:04 a.m., President Ron Turner** announced Breakfast was ready.

**9:35 a.m., President Turner** called the meeting to order.

**Chaplain Ralph Smith** gave the Invocation.

**Immediate Past President Bobby Gresham** led the pledges to the American Flag, the Texas Flag and the SAR Flag, along with the SAR Mission Statement.

**President Turner** introduced and welcomed guests: John Cook, Mary Ann Manning, and Jared Thompson.

**Vice President Steve Hole** introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Jared Thompson, to speak on Veteran Benefits. He is currently the Tarrant County Veterans Service Officer.

**Vice President Hole** invited all Veterans in attendance to please come forward for a group picture.

**President Turner** presented Mr. Thompson with a Certificate of Appreciation.

**Vice President Hole** then called on **Compatriots Joe Wade** and **Scott Stoddard** to come up and give a review of their Honor Flight experience.

**President Turner** then called for Officer Reports:

- **Vice President Hole** gave a recap of color guard events.
- **Treasurer Anthony Walker** – not present; but report was presented by **President Turner**.
- **Secretary Mark Parkison** – not present; report completed and emailed out this week by **President Turner**; minor date change. Motion to adopt by **Gerry Gieger** and second by **Bobby Gresham**.
- **Chaplain Smith** reported he sent a sympathy card to **Compatriot David Peet's** wife, Teresa Peet.
- **Historian John Anderson** reminded everyone about the SAR monument dedication at the state meeting next year.
- **Color Guard Commander Vann Cunningham** – not present but report given previously by **Vice President Hole**.
- **District 5 Vice President Art Munford** gave a status of chapter visits.
- **Acting Registrar Ron Turner** gave a rundown of applications both locally and nationally.

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**President Turner** called for Officer Nominations and vote:

**James Alderman** indicated we have a possible vacancy with the Secretary position from previous recommendations. Decision to vote on the current slate as proposed. Motion to elect by acclamation by **Gerry Gieger**; seconded by **Joe Wade**. Motion was adopted. Slate was approved.

### **Awards and Recognition**

**President Turner** made the following awards.

- Liberty Medals – **Gerry Gieger** and **Ron Turner**
- Certificate of Appreciation – Isabelle Waltz
- Supplementals – (2) for **Ron Turner**
- Certificate of Commendation – **Steve Hole, Anthony Walker, John Anderson, Ralph Smith,** and **Vann Cunningham**
- SAR University “Diplomas” – **Steve Hole** and **Ron Turner**
- Texas SAR Chapter Service Medals – **James Alderman, Bobby Gresham, Mike Connelley,** and **Gerry Gieger**
- Bronze Roger Sherman Medal – **Ralph Smith**
- Silver 250<sup>th</sup> Participation Medals – **Bobby Gresham** and **Joe Wade**

**President Turner** asked if there was any further business:

Possible meeting move to accommodate the state meeting and monument dedication in Austin. Decision to not move for now.

Proposal to update our Podium Banner with new logo. General consensus was yes.

**James Alderman** to investigate further.

Closing Admonition: rendered by **Vice President-elect Jeff Sparks**.

Benediction by **Chaplain Smith**

Reminder of next meeting date: January 17, 2026

**Motion to Adjourn: 11:15 a.m.** – **Bobby Gresham**; seconded by **Gerry Gieger**

There were 21 members in attendance, with 3 guests – total of 24.

Respectively submitted by:

**Past President James Alderman**, Major K M Van Zandt Chapter, Texas SAR