

Minutes for Chapter Meeting
March 21, 2026
Major K. M. VanZandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR



9:29 a.m., **President Steve Hole** called the March 21, 2026 meeting to order. There were 18 members in attendance, 3 Guests, and 5 prospective members.

- **Compatriot Vann Cunningham** led the chapter in the pledges to the American Flag, the Texas Flag, and the SAR Flag, along with the SAR Mission Statement.
- **Past President Gerry Gieger** provided the opening prayer.
- **President Hole** recognized Spencer Morgenweck as our chapter High School Student Essay / Oration winner and his parents Glen & Coye Morgenweck.
- **President Hole** recognized Monte Fite, William Ray, Charles Richard, Brad Shaw, and Bob Templeton as prospective members.

Presentations:

- **President Hole** presented **Compatriot Eddie Scott** with the 250th Anniversary Bronze Medal and Certificate.
- **President Hole** presented **Past President Bobby Gresham** with the 250th Anniversary Gold Medal and Certificate.
- **Registrar Ron Turner** presented **President Hole** with a Supplemental Certificate.
- **Youth Program Chairman Mike Connelley** presented Spencer Morgenweck with the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest and the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest certificates and monetary awards, as well as a chapter Challenge Coin.
- **Youth Program Chairman Connelley** recognized Faith Hodges as the Children of The American Revolution Scholarship Essay Contest winner. She was not present to receive her award.

Program:

- Spencer Morgenweck gave his winning oration on the impact of Tadeusz Kosciuszko to the Battle of Saratoga and later as the leader of the Polish Revolution of 1794.
- **President Hole** gave a presentation on The Evacuation of Boston, March 17, 1776.

President Hole then called for Officer Reports:

- **Vice President Jeff Sparks** gave an update on the program for the April meeting and informed the members that it will continue the theme of the 250th Anniversary. The presentation will be on the 1st Naval Victory of the Revolution. He informed the chapter that he had attended the Arlington Chapter meeting earlier and lastly, mentioned that the presenter's schedule is still open for several dates this year if anyone wanted to participate.
- **Chaplain Ralph Smith** was not present.
- Minutes for the January meeting were presented by **Secretary Bruce Morgan** via email to the Chapter members, dated 02/27/26:
 - **Past President Gieger** made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected by acclimation.
 - **Past President Gresham** seconded the motion.
 - The motion was adopted.
- The Treasurer's Report was presented by **President Hole**.

- The Registrar's Report was presented by **Registrar Turner**:
 - The Chapter currently has 4 supplemental applications at National.
 - The Chapter currently has 4 new member applications at National.
 - The Chapter currently has 2 new member applications at State.
 - The Chapter currently has 3 supplementals at State.
 - The Chapter has 8 prospective members in the pipeline.
- The Color Guard report was presented by **Compatriot Cunningham**:
 - **Compatriot Cunningham** made the announcement of his resignation.
 - An update and report were given regarding the DAR Naturalization Ceremony on March 12th. **Past President Gresham, Registrar Turner, and Compatriot Bob Jacobs** were all in attendance.
 - **Compatriot Cunningham** urged all members of the chapter to consider joining the Color Guard.
- **Registrar Turner** made an announcement that all supplemental applications must be signed off on by the Chapter Registrar.
- **Past President James Alderman** updated the chapter on the schedule for the Chapter ROTC / JROTC Awards.

Continuing Business:

- **Registrar Turner** gave an update on the chapter SAR banner and informed the chapter that a new replacement banner would be \$120.

New Business:

- **Past President Gieger** gave the chapter an overview of the history and condition of the chapter owned parade trailer. He then made three motions involving the maintenance of the trailer:
 - Authorize perpetual license renewal without requiring vote of chapter members.
 - After discussion this motion was withdrawn by **Past President Gieger**.
 - Before trailer is used again tires need to be inspected and confirm the platform bench is secured to the trailer bed.
 - Motion was seconded by **Compatriot Cunningham**.
 - The motion was adopted.
 - Take trailer to a trailer repair shop and have it refurbished: including replace wiring, bed replaced, pipe railing be replaced with square tubing, and repaint as required.
 - After discussion this motion was withdrawn by **Past President Gieger** due to the fact of lack of information. **Secretary Morgan** offered to take the trailer and get a price quote for repairs and present to the chapter at a later meeting.
- **Compatriot John Anderson** made a proposal that the Wreaths Across America reimbursement funds from National be held in a separate account until December and then be used to buy new Wreaths at the discounted price.
 - The proposal was discussed and **Compatriot Anderson** yielded his proposal to the experience on the floor.
- **President Hole** announced that the Maj K.M. Van Zandt chapter had been asked to cohost the Fall Sate BOM meeting. **President Hole** had contacted the Arlington & Denton chapters and received positive feedback of their willingness to assist.

Announcements:

- **President Hole** reminded the present members of the next meeting on April 18th.
- **Compatriot Anderson** asked for members to join the Arlington chapter with their SAR-DAR America Luncheon on June 7th.

- **Compatriot Scott Stoddard** invited all members to attend the Hops and Props event at the Fort Worth Aviation Museum on April 25th.

Closing Admonition was rendered by **Past President Gieger**.

Closing Prayer and parting words were given by **Past President Gieger**.

At 11:29 a.m. the motion to adjourn was submitted by **Registrar Turner** and seconded by **Past President Gresham**.

Respectfully Submitted by Secretary Bruce Morgan, Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, Texas SAR