

Minutes for Chapter Meeting

June 20, 2026

Major K. M. VanZandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR



9:30 a.m., **President Steve Hole** called the June 20, 2026 meeting to order. There were 21 members in attendance and 8 prospective members.

- **Chaplain Ralph Smith** provided the opening prayer.
- **Compatriot David Fleming** led the chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
- **Compatriot Billy Thompson** led the chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.
- **Compatriot Jeff Andre** led the chapter in the Pledge to the SAR.
- **Compatriot Wayne Heide** led the chapter in the SAR Mission Statement.

Recognition and Awards:

- **President Hole** recognized Billy Martin with the Haltom City Fire Department and presented him with the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal. Also in attendance were several members of the Haltom City Fire Department in support of Mr. Martin.
- **President Hole** recognized **Secretary Bruce Morgan** for his service in preparing the chapter trailer for the Gainesville Medal of Honor Parade. **President Hole** also presented **Secretary Morgan** with the SAR State Silver Service Medal which **Texas State President Mel Oller** awarded in April during the Texas SAR State Meeting in Austin.
- **President Hole** presented **Compatriot Bob Jacobs** with his SAR 5 year anniversary certificate.
- **President Hole** presented **Registrar Ron Turner** with his SAR 10 year anniversary certificate.
- **President Hole** presented **Compatriot Kim Brimer** with his SAR 15 year anniversary certificate.
- **Registrar Turner** presented **Compatriot Kim Brimer** with 3 Supplemental Certificates.

New Member Induction:

- **President Hole** and **Registrar Turner** performed the new member induction ceremony for **Compatriot Clarence (CB) Kloppe** and he was welcomed as a new member.

Program:

- **Vice President Sparks** gave a presentation on The Committee of Five for the monthly program. The committee consisted of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, and Robert Livingston. This group was appointed by the Second Continental Congress on Jun11, 1776 and their sole task was to draft the Declaration of Independence.

New Business:

- There was no new business recorded for the June meeting.

Continuing Business:

- **President Hole** called on **Secretary Morgan** to give an update on the chapter parade trailer.

Secretary Morgan informed the chapter that the safety concerns for the trailer (registration, tires, and bench securement) had been addressed. He then informed the chapter that he had gotten two quotes on refurbishing the trailer. It was then decided that a task force would be formed lead by **President Hole** and this task force would be charged with identifying the best path forward for the trailer. Once this was completed their recommendations would be presented to the chapter for approval.

President Hole then called for Officer Reports:

- **Vice President Jeff Sparks** gave an update on the program for the July meeting and informed the members that it will be on Colonial Coinage. He also informed the chapter that he we will have four more SAR Life Saving Awards that will be presented to the Haltom City Fire Department. Two will be awarded during the July meeting and the remaining two will be awarded during the August meeting. Lastly, he updated the chapter on the wonderful luncheon hosted by the Arlington Chapter celebrating the 250th Anniversary.
- **Chaplain Ralph Smith** informed the chapter that **Past President Gerry Gieger's** son had deceased and asked that the chapter hold the Gieger family close in their prayers.
- Minutes for the May meeting was presented by **Vice President Sparks** via email to the Chapter members:
 - **Past President Gieger** made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected.
 - **Compatriot Jacobs** seconded the motion.
 - The motion was adopted.
- The Treasurer's Report was presented by **Treasurer Greg Riffel**.
- The Registrar's Report was presented by **Registrar Turner**:
 - The Chapter currently has 4 supplemental applications approved at National.
 - The Chapter currently has 4 new member applications approved at National.
 - The Chapter currently has 6 supplemental applications at National.
 - The Chapter currently has 2 new member applications at State.
 - The Chapter currently has 3 supplementals at State.
 - The Chapter has 5 prospective members and 3 supplemental applications in the pipeline.
- The Color Guard report was presented by **President Hole**:
 - There were no new color guard events noted for the June meeting.

- **President Hole** made an announcement urging everyone to enjoy and celebrate the 4th of July. He also reminded everyone of the Fall BOM Planning kickoff meeting to be held on July 22nd.

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

The Benediction was given by **Chaplain Smith**.

At 11:05 a.m. the motion to adjourn was submitted by **Compatriot Brimer** and seconded by **Past President Gresham**.

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