

Minutes for Chapter Meeting

July 18, 2026

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



9:31 a.m., **President Steve Hole** called the July 18, 2026 meeting to order. There were 20 members in attendance, 7 prospective members, and 1 guest.

- **Past President James Alderman** provided the opening prayer.
- **Compatriot Scott Stoddard** led the chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
- **Compatriot Joe Wade** led the chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.
- **Past President Bobby Gresham** led the chapter in the Pledge to the SAR.
- **Treasurer Greg Riffel** led the chapter in the SAR Mission Statement.

Recognition and Awards:

- **President Hole** recognized attending prospective members: Andrew Bush, Dean Chesney, Steven Christensen, Robert Gurney, William Ray, Charles Richard, and Monte Fite.
- **President Hole** recognized family members of **Vice President Jeff Sparks** that were present. His father **Compatriot Joe Sparks**, a member of the Arlington Chapter, and his mother Phyllis Sparks.
- **President Hole** recognized Battalion Chief Chaise Hudson of the Haltom City Fire Department and presented him with the SAR Life Saving Award.
- **President Hole** recognized Firefighter Clint Ferguson of the Haltom City Fire Department and presented him with the SAR Life Saving Award. Other members of the Haltom City Fire Department were in attendance supporting both Battalion Chief Hudson and Fireman Ferguson.
- **President Hole** recognized Isabel Waltz of the Diamond Oaks Country Club and presented her with the SAR Martha Washington Medal for her service to the Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter monthly meetings.

New Member Induction:

- **President Hole** and **Registrar Ron Turner** performed the new member induction ceremony for **Compatriot Robert Morris** and he was welcomed as a new member.

Program:

- **Vice President Sparks** gave a presentation on Colonial Coinage Through the Semi quincennial. He provided examples of original as well as replica coins minted during and after the Revolutionary Period. He also discussed the evolution of commemorative coins from the Centennial year of 1876 thru the 250th celebration of 2026.
- **Vice President Sparks** conducted an Independence Day Remembrance. This included participating members reading select passages from the Declaration which were the Preamble, the List of Grievances, and the Vow of the Signors. This exercise was an honor to the Patriots who penned the document.

New Business:

- **Registrar Turner** announced that the SAR Dallas Chapter will be hosting the SAR South Central District annual meeting on August 21 & 22nd.

- **President Hole** announced that the SAR State BOM will be hosted by the NTX SAR Chapters in October.
- **Compatriot Art Munford** announced that one of the National Eagle Scout Award Finalist will be recognized during the August meeting.
- **Past President Gresham** took up a collection for Isabel Waltz as a thank you for her service to the chapter.
- **Compatriot Joe Wade** showed the chapter a 250th commemorative drink tumbler and offered the chapter the option of purchasing one if desired.

Continuing Business:

- **President Hole** announced the chapter trailer steering committee will have an update for the chapter during the August meeting.
- **President Hole** announced the Fall State SAR BOM steering committee will have its kickoff meeting on Wednesday July 22nd.

President Hole then called for Officer Reports:

- **Vice President Sparks** gave an update on the program for the August meeting and informed the members that it will be on The Battle of Long Island and the Maryland 400. He also informed the chapter that he we will have two more SAR Life Saving Awards that will be presented to the Haltom City Fire Department in August. He updated the chapter that he had provided the meeting presentation for the SAR Arlington chapter this month. Lastly, **Vice President Sparks** recognized **Compatriot Stoddard** and informed the chapter that **Compatriot Stoddard** will be leaving the chapter and moving to South Carolina to be with family.
- **Chaplain Ralph Smith** was not present but it was noted that he did not provide any updates.
- Minutes for the June meeting was presented by **Secretary Bruce Morgan** via email to the Chapter members:
 - **Past President Gresham** made a motion to accept the minutes..
 - **Compatriot Alderman** 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**:
 - YTD the chapter has had 4 new applications and 5 supplemental applications approved by National.
 - The Chapter currently has 6 supplemental applications approved at National.
 - The Chapter currently has 13 new member applications at State.
 - The Chapter currently has 2 supplementals at State.
 - The Chapter currently has 3 new applications completed and awaiting signatures.
 - The Chapter currently has 1 supplemental application completed and awaiting signature.
 - The chapter currently has 9 new member and 7 supplemental applications in the pipeline.
- The Color Guard report was presented by **President Hole**:
 - **President Hole** attended the Denton Yankee Doodle Parade in celebration of the 4th of July.
 - **President Hole** attended a granite bench dedication in Waxahachie.

President Hole made an announcement reminding everyone of the August Chapter meeting on August 15th and the SAR SCD meeting to be held in Richardson on August 21 & 22nd.

Closing Admonition was rendered by **Registrar Turner**.

The Benediction was given by **Past President Alderman**.

At 10:47 a.m. the motion to adjourn was submitted by **Past President Alderman** and seconded by **Registrar Turner**.

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