



Minutes of the Meeting
8 Sep 2016
William Hightower Sons of the American Revolution

President Stuart Hoyt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and welcomed the guests that we had for the evening.

Invocation was provided by Jerry Bullock.

Pledges to the U. S., Texas, and SAR flags were given.

Program: Awards, induction of three (3) new members, introduction of two (2) new associate members, and Special Guest speaker, Sandy Clauss, who will be presenting the topic, the Separation of Church and State: A Perspective based on written historical evidence.

Historical Perspective: President Hoyt reviewed the use of the first submarine, The Turtle, in combat during the Revolutionary War against the British.

Old Business: The Minutes for the May 2016 meeting were approved by acclamation. May meeting minutes were accepted.

No Treasurer report due to officer transition, however, Mr. Hardeman, outgoing Treasurer, gave an account balance. Operating account \$1466, collected \$75 in dues and \$776 in sale of uniforms for a total of \$2317. Paid out \$500 for scholarship, collected another \$60 in dues with a present balance of \$1060. Moved to accept by Jerry Bullock, Second by Dr. Hollis.

Pres. Hoyt introduced a special guest, CAR member Ms. Leah Salazar who was escorted by her parents David and Billie Salazar (a DAR member).

Presentation: President Hoyt and the Chapter presented the following Service awards:

- Stan Trull – Vietnam Service Medal, Military Service Medal and War Service Medal.
- Everett Delashmutt - 30-year Pin

Inductions:

- Edward Gunter, Don Allen, and James Lanning were inducted into the chapter. They were presented with welcome packages

Pres Hoyt stated that the chapter Committee list is being reviewed and will be distributed via email shortly.

Newspaper articles come out every two weeks, on Sunday. If you have old copies please give to Historian for addition into chapter records. Please send your comments to the Newspaper Herald-Zeitung on how great the articles are.

New Business:

Chapter website is www.NBSAR.net. Many options on site. Donations through PayPal. List of compatriots passed away and interned in the local area. If you can help update this info please pass on to Pres. Hoyt.

Still need Bios for each Compatriot Ancestor for our and Nat'l website. I have been advised that there is an awards program for the chapters as they complete certain percentages but have no details at this time.

The Fall BOM is in Austin, 14-16 October, at the Holiday Inn North (Hwy 290 and I-35). You may attend in uniform as part of the color guard.

15 Sep., three (3) members of our chapter along with the Austin's Patrick Henry and Alexander Hamilton chapters will honor FBI Vietnam Veterans at Chase Building Restaurant in Austin.

Mike Pryor and Lou Segaloff went to the Courthouse in July for the Reading of the Declaration of Independence per Texas State requirements that the Declaration be read. They passed out U.S. Flags.

Pres. Hoyt has invited State President Michael J. Radcliff to visit us in our October meeting the Thursday of the BOM Week-end.

Pres. Hoyt reminded Veterans to submit their DD Forms 214 for Military Service and War campaigns medals and recognition to the Secretary, Mr. Blauvelt.

Pres. Hoyt called on everyone to help to fill the Stark Report for points (due in Feb). If you know a Veteran and visit him in the hospital, or attend his funeral, or visit his grave, that counts. If you honor veterans on Memorial or Veteran's Day, or attend a Veterans hospital, or assist a veteran with genealogy, they count. Please let the President or the Secretary know.

Recruitment – The outside activities are reaping results. We need to work on new members and our own relatives. Dar support is always encouraged.

Goals for 2016/17:

- a. Recruitment of at least 10 new members.
- b. Locating and placing flags on 200 veteran's graves.
- c. Enhancing our speakers' bureau. Refer to our web site.
- d. Promote Historical articles in local Newspaper, ie, Herald-Zeitung.
- e. Create and promote a chapter color guard at local events.
- f. Seek out history teacher for our History Teacher of the Year.
- g. Recognize members for their outstanding work with awards.
- h. Participation, as a chapter, in three outside activities during the year.
- i. Give out Trifold and ask if person is a member.

Color Guard: As the TXSSAR Color Guard Commander for the Southern Region, Pres. Hoyt encouraged membership. The Chapter has sold 3 uniforms so far and have had some great participation. Pins are received

for National recognized events, which are NSSAR meetings, events in which the President-General is in attendance, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and the 4th of July. If you are in uniform or period piece, that counts.

Don't forget the Fall BOM in Austin in Oct and our C. G. events on 15 Sept.

Reviewing grave locations for Veterans Day – Call your County Clerk of VFW/Amer. Legion post for locations.

Sandy Clauss gave an excellent presentation of the development of the clause, Separation of Church and State, and how it has developed into today's standard of no religion in any state function. The presentation used written historical reference used by the founders to develop a state not governed by a specific religion and how the government would not interfere with any religion or established a state religion.

Next Meeting is scheduled for the evening of 13 Oct. 2016 at the same venue.

Benediction was given by Jerry Bullock

Recessional was led by President Stuart Hoyt

Adjournment was at 8:23 PM

Members Present, 22 (5 in uniform) with 3 Spouses

Guests Present, 4

Total Attendance, 29