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## **April 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Marvin Nottbohm.

The pledges to the flags (US, TX & SAR) were recited.

After the pledges the meeting was turned over to President Pete Lenés.

## **New Business**

Pete Lenés made introduction of guests and visiting compatriots. The treasury report was given by Gordon Robinson.

Gordon reported that the chapter was solvent with \$4,269.89.

Pete Lenés made a motion to reimburse John Gulley \$100 for his donation to ROTC Stipend.

We approved a \$50 payment to the Patroit Fund in Memory of William "Willie" Walker and we approved our normal payment to the Patroit Fund as well.

Pete Lenés distributed the USS Stark Memorial Award scoring sheets and asked everyone to report on all items. This will provide the chapter extra points.

## **Old Business**

There was a discussion on the chapter bi-laws. The members present did not know where a copy could be obtained.

David Peterson volunteered to contact some past members to see if they have a copy.

This will be an open action item until resolved.

## **Committee Reports**

Marty Nottbohm gave a report on presentation of flag certificates.

Ron Whatley gave a report on Poster, Essay and Oration Contests. This seems to be going very well as numerous schools have been contacted and some schools have volunteered to participate.

Ron Whatley and George Dersheimer are making preparations to participate in Fourth of July parade. Several members will be participating.

John Gulley is working on getting new member applications.

## **Presentation**

April has been designated as patriot month. It was appropriate that we get a speaker from the military service for this meeting.

Jonathan Bradfield is an Iraq disabled ARMY veteran and he spoke to us about his nine years of Army life. He served two tours of duty in Iraq and he gave some horrid details of what he encountered.

## **May 2009**

Vice President Marvin Nottbohm called the meeting to order.

The pledges to the flags (US, TX & SAR) were recited. After the pledges the meeting was turned over to President Pete Lenés.

## **New Business**

Pete Lenés made introduction of members and guests.

The treasury report was given by Pete Lenos. Pete announced that CAR meeting will be held in Houston. Several members made donations to CAR. New SAR chapter will be established in Georgetown.

### Old Business

No report that anyone has a copy of the chapter bi-laws. Pete said David Peterson recommended selecting a committee to write new chapter bi-laws. This suggestion was tabled until the June meeting since several members were absent.

### Committee Reports

George Dersheimer reported on plans for Memorial Day ceremonies at Moody Center on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Ron Whatley gave a report on Poster, Essay and Oration Contests. Several schools have responded that they will participate.

Ron Whatley and George Dersheimer are making preparations to participate in Fourth of July parade. Several members will be participating.

John Gulley is working on getting new member applications. One new member (Barry Rogers) application has been submitted for membership.

Doug McBee reported that he presented medals to several Junior ROTC students at Ball High School. He will be presenting medals to ROTC students at Clear Creek High Schools later this month.

### Presentation

John Gulley presented War Service Medals to Pete Lenos, George Dersheimer and Marty Nottbohm. Pete reported that the Military Service Medal is recognized as the 6<sup>th</sup> highest medal that the SAR presents to members.

## **June 2009**

Vice President Marvin Nottbohm called the meeting to order.

The pledges to the flags (US, TX & SAR) were recited. After the pledges the meeting was turned over to President Pete Lenos.

### New Business

Pete Lenes made the introduction of members and guests.

There were fourteen members and nine guests in attendance. This is the largest attendance we have had this year.

Jim Mitchell from Piney Wood Chapter was our guest speaker. He provided information on how spies worked during the Revolutionary War. Very interesting. Clark Wright noted that he has a copy of the chapter 1997 By-laws. It was determined that this document will have to be reviewed and updated.

Pete Lens reported that the chapter has accumulated over 4,000 points this year. Pete also reminded all members to report any donations, visits, and funeral attendance associated with veterans.

Pete announced that Ron Whatley made a \$1,000 donation to chapter.

### Old Business

A Committee will be formed to replace the lost By-Laws.

### Committee Reports

George Dersheimer and Ron Whatley reported on plans for July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.

Doug McBee announced that a new SAR plaque will be erected at the SAR marker close to Tremont Hotel.

John Gulley announced that the chapter has six new member applications and three supplementals submitted for approval.

Marvin Nottbohm announced that flag certificates were distributed to selected businesses.

### Presentation

Pete Lens presented Bill Whatley with the SAR Military Service Medal.