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November

Next Meeting

12 November, 2022

11:30 a.m.

1717 7th Street

Bay City, Texas

Speaker

Dallam Masterson

The First Texas Navy



Admiral Dallam Masterson is a consulting petroleum geologist in Houston with 40 years' experience exploring for oil and gas on the Alaskan North Slope and for unconventional shale plays in the Lower 48 states. He is a fourth great grandson of Samuel Rhoads Fisher, the first Secretary of the Texas Navy for the Republic of Texas. Secretary Fisher's daughter Ann Pleasants Fisher married James Wilmer Dallam, a lawyer and author who published "Dallam's Digest" that documented the first rulings of the Supreme Court in the Republic of Texas.

Admiral Masterson will speak on the critical role that the First Texas Navy played in winning the Texas Revolution and the key role of his ancestor, Secretary of the Navy.

The Chapter has been invited to tour the Samuel Rhodes Fisher Home, please RSVP with Carl Wiggins.

Meeting Minutes

Sons of the American Revolution

Cradle of Texas Chapter 33

October 8, 2022

The Sons of the American Revolution met October 8, 2022, at the Swamp Shack in Lake Jackson, Texas.

Call to Order: President Wiggins called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m.

Invocation: The invocation was given by President Wiggins.

Pledges: Vice President Weems led the pledges to the flags of the United States, Texas, and the Sons of the American Revolution.

Installation: David Garza was installed as the new registrar, replacing Bill Sanders.

Introduction of Guests: Vice President Weems introduced Sophia and David Sigafosse. Members and other guests introduced themselves.

Program: SAR District 7 Vice President Richard Zdunkewicz spoke on two issues. First, the upcoming project for a SAR monument at the Texas State Cemetery east of Austin, to honor the 56 Texans buried there who fought in the Revolutionary War. Planning will continue for the next couple of years, but a committee has been formed, and a site selected. Cards will be sent out to potential donors to support the project.

Second, a 250-anniversary medal in 3 levels, gold, silver, and bronze, is available from National. A two-page form is available, outlining the criteria for obtaining each medal level, from the state or national SAR. Those interested are invited to contact Vice President Zdunkewicz for assistance with the approval process. Texas state flag pins are also available for recruitment and sponsorship of new members.

Finally, in response to a question from the floor, Vice President Zdunkewicz gave a status report on the Speaker Program, a fund set up to pay those speaking at chapter SAR meetings. There are currently 80+ names in the program, and a calendar showing speaker commitments for each district chapter by dates. He also touched on the effort to raise money for ROTC scholarships, with letters being sent to prospective donors. Chapter presidents will decide how the money raised is spent. Following the program, President Wiggins presented Vice President Zdunkewicz with a certificate of appreciation.

Minutes: The minutes from the September meeting were approved on a

motion by Bill Griffiths, second by Win Avera.

Treasurer's Report:

As submitted by Chris Wendel below:

General Fund	
Beginning Balance	
9/01/2022	\$3,092.23
Income:	
Deposit Interest	
9/30/2022	\$ 0 .05
Expense:	
Check #1048 (Weems)	\$175.00
Ending Balance	
9/30/2022	\$2,917.25
McAlexander Fund	
Beginning Balance	
9/01/2022	\$ 903.25
Income:	
Deposits Interest	
9/30/2022	\$0.07
Ending Balance	
9/30/2022	\$903.32
Total Bank Balance	
9/30/2022	\$3,820.60

Awards/Recognitions:

Vice President Rodney Weems

-A lifesaving medal was presented to Brazoria County Coastal Lifeguard Sophia Sigafoose for actions in saving three children , on August 13, who were caught in a rip tide off Surfside jetty.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Registrar: David Garza

- 7 Applications approved.
- 6 Applications awaiting national approval.
- 19 Applications actively working.
- 3 Applications without activity.
- 2 Inquiries about joining SAR.

Webmaster: Wiggins submitted two pages concerning website development status. These detail the changes/updates to the various pages of the website. A copy is available from President Wiggins or the Chapter Secretary.

**Community Outreach/Education:
Rodney Weems**

-Notices have been sent to local schools concerning the new Joseph Plumb Martin Video Contest, including contest rules, procedures, how to enter, and key dates. Information is available from Vice President Weems or the Chapter Secretary.

Old Business:

-Wounded Warriors challenge coins. It was felt not financially feasible to purchase coins to be awarded to area wounded veterans (more than 200 in Brazoria alone). VP Weems suggested individual chapter members might elect to purchase coins themselves to be presented to selected veterans.

-Compatriot Daniel reported on Constitution Day activities at West Columbia.

-Compatriot Bailey revisited Wreaths Across America for the upcoming year, noting DAR is soliciting donations. Compatriot Weems suggested placing this item on a future agenda.

-Several members will join the American Legion float in the Veteran's Day Parade on November 11 in West Columbia. Those interested are welcome to join.

New Business:

-A nominating committee will be formed for 2023-chapter officers in November.

Correspondence:

President Weems mentioned a letter sent from the D.C. SAR chapter asking for chapters to identify chapter members of black/Latino backgrounds. For information, contact President Weems.

Members Present:

Carl Wiggins, Rodney Weems, Bill Griffiths, Chris Wendel, David Garza, Russell Dart, Michael Bailey, Win Avera, Bill Adriance, Charles Eastland, Nelson Leopold, Tillman Daniel.

Guests Present:

Carroll Griffiths, Connie Avera, N. L. Leopold, Richard Zdankewicz, Sophia Sigafoose, David Sigafoose.

Next Chapter Meeting: November 12, 2022, at Fat Grass in Bay City, Texas.

SAR Processional: Led by Rodney Weems.

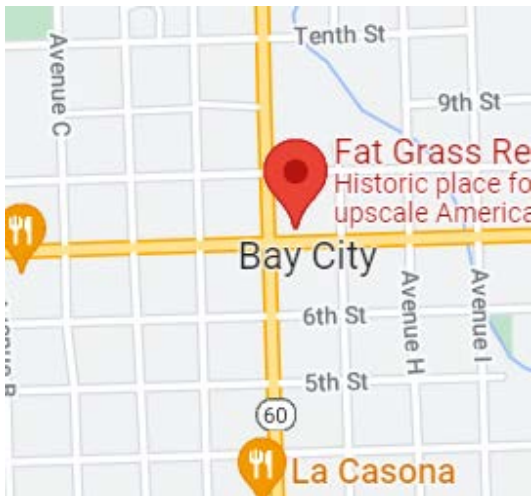
Benediction: Given by President Weems.

Motion for Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Bill Griffiths, seconded by Chris Wendel.



Next Meeting
12 November, 2022
11:30 a.m.
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<https://www.thefatgrass.com>



Armistice Day
November 11
Veterans Day



VETERANS DAY

2022
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