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November

Next Meeting
18 November , 2023
11:30 a. m.

Mikeska's BBQ and Bakery
(Blue Creek Road)
El Campo, Texas 22730
US Hwy 59

Speaker



Sheriff Shannon Srubar

Shannon Srubar was born and raised in Wharton County. He graduated from El Campo High School in 2003. He graduated from the University of Houston-Victoria in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice, minoring in Psychology. After graduating college, Srubar was employed as a Juvenile Probation Officer in Matagorda County. During his time at the Probation Department, Srubar realized he wanted to become a certified peace officer. He attended the Wharton County Junior

College Police Academy in the Spring of 2008. Srubar graduated Valedictorian of the class.

Since becoming a certified Peace Officer, Srubar has worked as an El Campo Police Officer, served as the Elected Constable of Precinct 3 of Wharton County and now serves as the Wharton County Sheriff.

Srubar is currently serving his second term as Sheriff.



MEETING MINUTES

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

CRADLE OF TEXAS CHAPTER #33

OCTOBER 14, 2023, 2020

La Casona, Lake Jackson, Texas.

Call to Order –Vice President Carl Wiggins called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

Pledges – Treasurer Chris Wendel led the pledges to the flags of the United States of America, State of Texas, and the Sons of the American Revolution.

Approval of Minutes: Additions or corrections to the September 2023

Minutes published in the October 2023 Newsletter.

Hearing none, Motion for acceptance by Chris Wendel with second by Sands Weems. Motion passed.

Awards Presentation: None

Program: Retired chemical engineer and member of the Texas and Brazosport Archeological Societies, and Cradle of Texas Conservancy Chris Kneupper updated his 10 October 2020 presentation on Fort Velasco, which now includes the results of the Geophysical survey done in the summer of 2020 & a written report published Aug-2021.

Additionally, he chronicled the Forts established by Mexico following the survey expedition of 1828 led by General Manuel de Mier y Teran. One of the forts, Fort Velasco was built from Apr 1832 – June 1838 – just in time for 26 June 1832 battle of Fort Velasco. This battle was initiated by Texians in part over the perceived abuse of Bradburn at Anahuac. One of the goals of “The Conservancy” is to accurately locate the original site of Fort Velasco and its size. Using various methods, they believe that have successfully located the site as documented in the above Geophysical Report dated Aug 2021. They believe the original size of the fort to have been 100’ in diameter as shown in the 1990s scale completed by Eduard Harkort. With the information collected they are moving forward with plans to build a replica near the original location on land owned by Brazoria County. Commissioner’s Court has approved the location and concept.

Certificate of Appreciation to Chris Kneupper

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Registrar: David Garza

At National: For signature – Peterson Supplemental

At State for signature – Everitt Humber

With Registrar for Signature – Jason Wyatt

Webmaster: Carl Wiggins

The slide show problem has been fixed Texas Site indexing continues to be a problem.

Oct 2023 Chapter Membership Roster Distributed.

Chairperson of Education/Community

Outreach: Rodney Weems -- None



Treasurer's Report: Chris Wendel

General Fund (Classic checking)

Beginning Balance

9/01/2023 \$4523.43

Income: Deposits:

Interest

9/30/2023 \$0.07

Total Income: \$.07

Expense: NONE

Total Expenses: \$0.00

Ending Account Balance:

9/30/2023 \$4523.50

Mc Alexander Fund (Main Share) ¹

Beginning Balance

9/01/2023 \$904.16

Income: Deposits:

Interest

9/30/2023 \$0.07

Total Income: \$0.07

Expense: None.

Ending

Account Balance:

9/30/2023 \$904.23

¹ Available for purchase of uniforms for SAR Color Guard Members

Total Combined Bank Balance

9/30/2023 \$5427.73

Old Business:

Status of plaque for Heroes Memorial Wall in Brazoria (Wiggins). Received advisement from John David Jordan current President, Brazoria Heritage Foundation, that their memorial had been developed several years earlier with plaques donated by various sponsors, and that it was never intended to be expanded. Given this discouragement, we declined to pursue the matter. Vice President Wiggins designated Rodney Weems and Sands Weems to review options for donation to

other veterans' recognition/assistance programs.

Status of Veterans Day float for the 2023 parade in Angleton, Tx. (Humber)

Humber was not available, but it was generally agreed that members would seek participation in their local events.

New Business:***Wreaths Across America***

Motion by Chris Wendel and Second by Sands Weems to approve \$50.00 to each county in coverage area (Brazoria, Matagorda, and Wharton) for 2023 and that it be approved for years going forward without review. Motion approved.

Correspondence: None

Members Present: Carl Wiggins, Rodney Weems, Jim Leach, Chris Wendel, Sands Weems, Bill Adriance (Galvez Chapter), Robert Seidule and Russell Dart.

Guests Present: Caroline Wiggins, Betty Leach and Chris Kneupper

Upcoming Events:

October 20-22 2023 Fall BOM College Station; Wyndham Garden H.

11 November 2023 Veterans Day; Chapter Float Angleton, TX

23 November 2023 Thanksgiving Day Family

Next Meeting: November 18, 2023, at Mikeska's BBQ Restaurant, on US59 in El Campo, TX. Wharton County Sheriff Shannon Srubar will speak about how he came to be sheriff and the challenges of the office.

SAR Recessional: Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a Nation of Free Men.

Motion for Adjournment by Chris Wendel
Second: Carl Wiggins

Benediction: Chaplain Jim Leach
Meeting

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