

**DX SAR EC Committee Meeting Minutes
Pegah's Restaurant**

Date: March 11, 2026

Time: 5:53pm

EC Meeting Attendees:

Dennis Nelson	Tim Peterman	Clay Shropshire
Rick Alley	Kirk Rush	Larry Tatum
Dewey Fry	Steven French	Gary Hicks
Ken Ludwig	Kevin Dyches	

Chapter Meeting Reservations:

Clay Shropshire	Bruce Smith	Steve French
Dennis Nelson	Dewey Fry (2) + Schnoebelen family (5) (Only 4 attended)	
Rick Alley	Tim Peterman	Peter Grassl
Richard McClellan (2)	Kirk Rush (2)	Larry Tatum
Ken Ludwig	Dan Dryer	Gary Hicks
Kevin Dyches	State Oration winner (To be paid for by Bruce Smith)	

(The Schnoebelen oldest son (16) did not attend but the State Oration winner's mother attended so reservation number was correct)

Number of reservations: 23 (2 being under 12)

Audio / Visual Equipment Required: Yes

Color Guard Names:

Clay Shropshire	Steven French	Dennis Nelson
Kirk Rush	Dewey Fry	Ken Ludwig
Dan Dryer		

Committee Reports: Submitted via email to EC members

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund	\$4,171.66
Color Guard Fund	\$1,592.40
Veterans Fund	\$1,767.80
Kesler Youth Endowment Fund	\$129,840.15

Motion: Approve the Treasurer & Committee Reports as submitted

Action/Result: Approve as submitted

Old Business:

Action/Result: No Old Business

New Business:

Issue: Reimbursement for Engraving of Chapter medals being presented at the meeting

Discussion: Each medal costs \$15.00 to engrave.

Motion: Move to reimburse Dewey Fry for \$105.00 to pay for the engraving of the medals to be handed out at the March Chapter meeting.

Motion by: Dewey Fry

Second by: Dennis Nelson

Action/Result: Motion carried

Other Discussion Items:

Dennis Nelson suggested that our BOG representative propose a motion the State Treasurer must remit to the respective chapters any dues monies owed to them by the February BOG meeting or the State Society must pay a 10% penalty. That gives the State Treasurer an incentive to get the chapters paid quickly so they can continue with their operations.

Larry Tatum stated that all committee appointments end with the President's term. The new President could reappoint chairs to the same committees or appoint new committee chairs. The tradition at DX is that all committee chairs continue unless either the Chair himself decides to not continue in that position or the new President decides to appoint someone new.

Dewey Fry stated he had received a check from Wreaths Across America for \$105.00, half going into the KYEF and half going into the General Fund.

Dewey Fry stated that the Chapter has always presented 25-year pins to members. He asked if we plan to continue even if they live out of the area or out of state and must have the award mailed to them since shipping costs are expensive on packaging. It was decided that the Chapter would continue with its current program for any member who has continued to pay their dues for 25 years. The State presents 30-year and 50-year pins.

Clay Shropshire stated that the nominating committee basically did not function this last cycle. It has been decided that he will be responsible for finding his own officers and committee chairs for open positions. The problem is that he has only been a member of DX for the past two years. As Secretary he has a list of names and email addresses for the monthly reservation email. He does not know who most of the members are or how old they are. He knows the members who have attended EC meetings or chapter meetings over the past 18 months but none of the others.

Steven French stated that this is not how it has been done in the past.

Motion: Move to adjourn

Motion by: Rick Alley

Action/Result: Meeting adjourned at 6:44pm

Chapter Meeting Actions:

Chapter Awards Presented by Larry Tatum, Chapter President:

Gary Hicks – the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal for serving as Sargent-at-Arms

Daniel Dryer – the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for the Roger Sherman Medal for serving as Chairman of the JROTC Committee-first Oak Leaf Cluster.

Bruce Smith – the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for the Roger Sherman Medal for serving as Chapter Chaplain, as Chairman of the Rumbaugh Oration Contest, Knight Essay Contest, Brochure Contest, Youth Video Contest, as GWBC Committee Representative, and being a Color Guardsman-first Oak Leaf Cluster.

Rick Alley – the Bronze Meritorious Service Medal for serving as Chapter Web Master for the past five years and occasionally Acting Chaplain.

Kevin Dyches – the Bronze Meritorious Service Medal for serving as Chapter Treasurer for the past two years.

Kenneth Ludwig – the Bronze Meritorious Service Medal for serving as a Board Member of the Kesler Endowment Youth Fund, as Auditor, and as Chapter Representative in the KSSSAR BOG meetings.

Clay Shropshire – the Bronze Meritorious Service Medal for serving as Secretary for the past two years, as Executive Vice President for the past year, and for being a Color Guardsman for the past two years.

Steven French – the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for the Chapter Meritorious Service Medal for serving as Chapter Color Guard Commander, as Chairman of the Fire Safety Award, the Law Enforcement Award, and the EMS Award Committees.

Dewey Fry – the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for the Chapter Meritorious Service Medal for serving as Chairman of the Medals and Awards, Flag Display and Retirement, Elementary School Poster Contest, Veterans Services, D.A.R. Liaison, Wreaths Across America, and Mentor Committees.

Dennis Nelson – the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for the Chapter Meritorious Service Medal for serving as Americanism Committee Chairman and providing the Milestone in Revolutionary War History for each chapter meeting.

Timothy Peterman – the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for the Chapter Meritorious Service Medal for serving as Chapter Registrar and Genealogist.

Kirk Rush – the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster for the Chapter Meritorious Service Medal for serving as Chairman of the Chapter Eagle Scout Committee.

At the end of the Chapter meeting at Milburn Country Club, the gavel was passed from Larry Tatum to Clay Shropshire.

Clay Shropshire then presented Larry Tatum the Bronze Meritorious Service Medal for serving as Chapter President two separate terms and for being the Chapter Newsletter Editor for the past seven years.

State Annual Meeting Actions:

NSSAR Secretary General William Greenly offered words from the President General to make the meeting a National event for Color Guard points.

Tim Peterman, Kansas Society President, and William Greenly, NSSAR Secretary General, presented the following Chapter Awards streamers to Clay Shropshire from DX Chapter President:

- 2025 KSSSAR Americanism
- 2025 KSSSAR Attend 5 State Meetings
- 2025 KSSSAR DAR Referral
- 2025 KSSSAR Eagle Scout Contest
- 2025 KSSSAR Flag Certificate
- 2025 KSSSAR Flag Retirement Certificate
- 2025 KSSSAR JROTC & ROTC & Other Award
- 2025 KSSSAR Knight Essay Contest
- 2025 KSSSAR Liberty Bell
- 2025 KSSSAR Partners in Patriotism Award
- 2025 KSSSAR Patriotic Brochure Contest
- 2025 KSSSAR Patriotic Poster Contest
- 2025 KSSSAR Rumbaugh Oration Contest
- 2025 KSSSAR USS Stark
- 2025 KSSSAR Wreaths Across America
- 2025 KSSSAR Youth Video