

SALADO AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN
General Meeting October 26, 2023

WELCOME: Brenda Howard, President, called the meeting to order at 11:30 am at the Salado Civic Center. The invocation was given by Shirley Stephenson, Chaplain, who also led us in the pledges. Brenda introduced our guests and elected officials. Mike McCloskey gave updates on resolutions on behalf of Congressman John Carter. Precinct Chairs, Candidates and Nancy Boston were recognized. Attendees were invited to get their food at this time.

MINUTES from the September 28, 2023 meeting, submitted by Kathy McLeod, were posted on the SARW website: www.saladoarearw.com. With no corrections they were accepted into the record.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Diane Balady, Treasurer, reported a 9/1/23 beginning checkbook balance of \$14,184.76, with deposits of \$46.26 and disbursements of \$850.95 for a balance of \$13,380.07. Savings of \$3,049.17 left a 9/30/23 grand total bank balance of \$16,429.24. With no corrections, the report was accepted.

MEMBERSHIP: Katherine Krska, 2nd VP was not in attendance but Brenda reported that our membership remains at 74 Primary, 33 Associate and 1 Honorary for a total of 108.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: A motion was made by Kathy McLeod to accept the Slate of Officers presented last month by the Nominating Committee and seconded by Lynne Wilton. With no discussion or further nominations the motion carried. Officers to be installed in November are: Brenda Howard-President, Sherril (Gardipee) Perhach-1st VP Programs, Katherine Krska-2nd VP Membership, Barclay McCort-3rd VP Fundraising, Evelyn Matthews-Secretary and Nancy Norris-Treasurer.

POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER: Barclay McCort, 3rd VP, reported that we have received orders for 297 poinsettias which were sold at \$13 each. Profits will go to our Scholarship Fund. Orders can be picked up at the Civic Center on December 1 from 9 am-2 pm. Business orders will be delivered.

PROGRAM: Clarence Enochs, Development Consultant for the National Mounted Warfare Museum at Fort Cavazos, introduced himself and the other speakers Ret. Lt. Col. Dr. Bob Crouch, VP of the National Mounted Warfare Foundation, and Ret. three-star General Paul Funk, President and CEO of the Museum. He told us the museum will be a world class facility that honors the sacrifices of those who served. He invited service members to tell their story for a video to be played at a kiosk at the museum. We need to preserve the stories and experiences for future generations. The major purpose of the museum is to educate soldiers and the community on our history.

Dr. Bob Crouch shared that his passion is to make sure the stories are not lost. With the first phase completed, February 15, 2024 is the scheduled Grand Opening. It will cost \$15M to finish out.

Ret. Lt. General Paul Funk's career included serving as commander of the 3rd Armored Division over 22,533 soldiers. He was fascinating to listen to with many stories and observations. He shared that, if Fort Hood had to be renamed, three-star General Cavazos was the right kind of person to be honored. He was a great motivator and leader. He was Tex-Mex born and raised on the King Ranch.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:43 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McLeod, Secretary October 29, 2023

Brenda Howard, President October 29, 2023

Announcements:

November 2 Pints & Politics, Deadfish Grill, Belton, 6:00 pm

November 3 SARW Board Meeting, Salado Library, 10:00 am

November 11 Warrior Angels in Boots, Barrow Brewing Company, SARW Booth
www.runsignup.com/warriorangels

November 13 CTRW Election of 2024 Officers, The Gin, \$25
11:00 Doors Open, 11:30 lunch served
RSVP: 11/9/23 mabeasley62@gmail.com

November 16 SARW General Meeting, Salado Civic Center, 11:30 am, \$20
Installation of Officers; Rep. Brad Buckley, Legislative update
RSVP: 11/10/23 sherril.gardipee@gmail.com

November 27 Bell County Young Republicans, Greenfield Coffee, Salado, 6:00 pm