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Sheldon Vazquez will be the speaker for April. Sheldon is the commander of the Junior ROTC unit at Shawnee Mission West. He has been the commander for 2 years. He previously was the commander of a unit in a high school near Springfield, MO. Sheldon is a retired Navy Lt. Commander. He retired in 2001. He will speak on the history and role of the Junior ROTC program.

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Bob Yankle of the NCSSAR, has recently established a new website www.RevolutionaryWarPhotoArchives.org that will host Photo Galleries and Photo Essays related to the Revolutionary War free of charge. More information about requirements is on the web site.

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The cost of ordering a SAR member application form increased to \$10 on 1 January. A copy of the new form is available at <http://www.sar.org/forms/reqcopy.pdf>

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The National Park Service has issued its final report on the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route, with its summary, evaluation, and recommendation. This report is the result of six years of study, and it is both well-written and richly illustrated. The report was not printed

until mid-March 2007 and the deadline for accepting comments from the public is April 30, 2007. At the same time legislation has been introduced into Congress to designate the W3R a National National Historic Trail.

Your opinion counts! More information and links to view the 180 page report and maps and provide comments are provided at www.w3r-us.org

**Next Meeting: April 14
Breakfast @ 8am
West Dining Hall
Aldersgate Village
~ 8:45 am <Sheldon Vazquez,
Lt. Commander, US Navy (Ret.)>
History and Role of Junior ROTC**



Rotunda at The University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

TJC webpage:
http://members.cox.net/tjchptrtopekaks/TJC_SAR.htm

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The Rotunda houses offices and is used for ceremonial occasions. It was designed by Thomas Jefferson as the architectural and academic heart of his community of scholars -- the "academical village," as he called it. Jefferson modeled the Rotunda after the Pantheon in Rome. Construction began in 1822 and was completed in 1826 at a cost of \$60,000. Shortly after the Rotunda's completion, many classes were moved from the first floors of the Pavilions into the Rotunda's oval rooms. The Rotunda served as the library for more than a century.....

In 1895 the Rotunda was destroyed by fire. Architect Stanford White undertook its reconstruction. In 1938, students and faculty carried the entire library collection to the new Alderman Library building. In 1973, restoration of the Rotunda to Jefferson's original design began. On April 13, 1976, during the U.S. Bicentennial and on the 233rd anniversary of Jefferson's birth, the restored Rotunda was dedicated. Also in that year, the American Institute of Architects recognized the academical village as the most significant achievement of American architecture in the past two hundred years. The Rotunda appears today essentially as it did when it was built.

Guests

*Jim McHenry, Jr.
Matthew Swedlund
Elva Banning
Beth Brown
Theresa Klotzbach
Wayne Wasson*

Meeting Minutes

Members and guests of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution met for breakfast in the west-dining hall at Aldersgate on March 10, 2007. There were 15 members and 6 guests present. Following the breakfast, members and guests met in the Wesley Auditorium.

President Martin Klotzbach opened the meeting and led in the invocation, pledge of allegiance to the flag and the pledge to SAR. Vice President Brian Vasquez then introduced Beth Brown, Assistant Chief of Topeka VA Volunteer Services. She discussed the Thomas Jefferson Chapter's contribution to the Topeka VA, volunteer openings and needs of the Topeka VA. President Klotzbach then called on Compatriot Roger Johnson to introduce guests and distribute minutes of the last meeting, which were approved as presented. Treasurer Richard Klein-

TREASURY REPORT

Beginning Balance (11/11/06) ...	\$832.72
Income	\$1,392.37
Expenses	\$236.87
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Ending Balance (11/11/06)	\$1,988.22
Certificates of Deposits(12/9/06)	\$3,652.72

December report-no report for Jan, Feb, or March

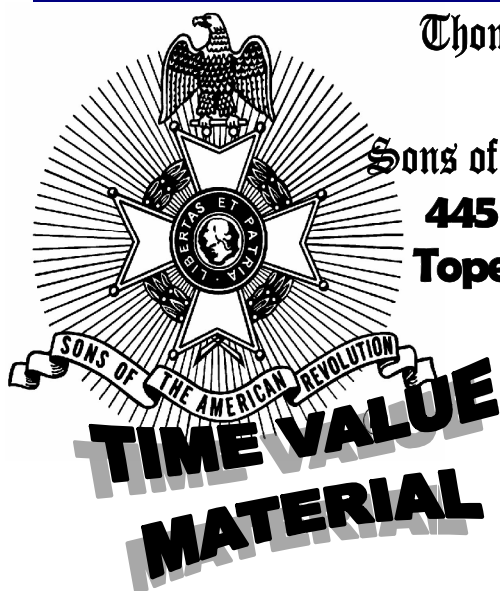
schmidt was not present and no treasurer's report was given.

Under committee reports, President Klotzbach mentioned membership in the State SAR ladies auxiliary and reservations received for the meeting by e-mail.

Under new business Compatriot Rich McReynolds gave the Nominating Committee's Chapter officer nominations, consisting of Compatriots Brian Vasquez, President, Ken Coover, Vice-President, Richard Kleinschmidt, Treasurer, Roger Johnson, Secretary and Elborn Mendenhall, Chaplain. Compatriot Bill Powell moved that the nominations be approved as presented. Compatriot Tom Conn seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the members. Compatriot Ramon Powers presented amendments to the Chapter Constitution and

Bylaws. Compatriot Bill Powell moved that the amendments to the Chapter Constitution be approved. Compatriot Ramon Powers seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the members. Compatriot Bill Powell then moved that the amendments to the Chapter By-laws be approved as presented. Compatriot Ramon Powers seconded the motion and the motion was approved by the members. President Klotzbach asked for discussion and comments on today's breakfast. He then announced that the new National SAR Executive Director is Compatriot Joe Harris and mentioned that the new SAR logo art seal can be downloaded from the internet. President Klotzbach then discussed the upcoming State SAR conference to be held on March 30 and 31, 2007, in Overland Park, Kansas, and the next BOG meeting to be held on May 4, 2007, in Emporia. President Klotzbach then expressed his appreciation to the members for all their assistance and support during his term as Chapter President.

With the conclusion of business, President Klotzbach gave the SAR recessional and the meeting was adjourned.



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