

May 9, 2015
MEETING MINUTES OF
DALLAS CHAPTER #2

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



President **George Ramphrey** called monthly meeting to order at 8:30am in the dining room of the Presbyterian Village North Retirement Community in Dallas, Texas. The group was led in the invocation by Chaplain Frank Pounders. Pledges to the **United States Flag** and **Texas Flag** were led **Chapter President George Ramphrey** and **FCP, Tom Whitelock** respectively. **FCP Phil Cekal** led the affirmation to the **SAR pledge**. Next, Compatriot **Tracy Pounders** lead the attendees in "*My Country Tis of Thee.*" **Head Greeter, Ralph McDowell** recognized **Frank Pounders** and **John Morton** as the greeters for the morning's meeting. **President Ramphrey** recognized visitors and guests for the morning's meeting. This was followed by a joke from **Dr. Charles Baker**.



Dallas Chapter Awards at TXSSAR

The Dallas Chapter was recognized by TXSSAR with several awards this year: 1st Place, CAR Essay Contest, Meredith Burke, writer; the 2nd Place Ribbon in the American History Poster Contest; and the 2nd Place Ribbon in the Scrap Book submission. This morning, American History Poster Contest Chairman, John Morton recognized Commandra Monroe who submitted the American History Poster. Young Monroe was presented with the 2nd Place Ribbon, and a check for \$100 from TXSSAR. Greeter Chairman, Ralph McDowell also presented him with a new \$2 bill.



Americanism

Today's Americanism speaker was **FCP, Hank Voegtle**. His topic today was "Magna Carta". Mr. Voegtle informed the group that the Magna Carta was originated in 1215 and was a tool in which to negotiate peace between the King, the Earls and the Lords. The document had many revisions through the years, but it was mainly used to keep the Kings power in check.



Program

1st Vice-President, Mark Hansen introduced the morning's speaker: **Colonel John Antel**. Col. Antel is U.S Army retired after 30 years; he was in the 16th Cavalry Division; he also was Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. He is the author of 9 books. He is currently an executive with a Dallas area software company, and is considered an expert in the area of leadership. Col. Antel has appeared numerous times on the History Channel.



Col. Antel presented "The Seven Leadership Principles from the American Revolution". He used the metaphors for some of the revolutionary leaders. Henry Knox, of Boston was referred to as a "shop keeper"; and Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys were referred to as "the biker gang". These two courageous leaders were able to engage a much larger British Army and Navy, and ultimately free the city of Boston. According to Col. Antel, the leaders used strategic thinking and a lot of courage to overcome huge obstacles.



1st Vice-President, Mark Hansen, awarded Col. Antel with a certificate of appreciation and a miniature Liberty Bell. Colonel Antel had copies of his book and the meeting was paused so that members could purchase books and get autographed copies.

New Members

Registrar Jerry Pinkerton announces that there were 3 new members to be inducted today: John Marshall, Scott Hinby and Gregory Garrison. The three men were sworn in by the Registrar and were duly pinned.



OFFICER'S REPORTS

1st Vice-President Mark Hansen had nothing to report at this time. 2nd Vice-President, Jim Fairbairn asked for volunteers to distribute JROTC awards. President Ramphrey asked for a motion to approve the April meeting minutes as posted on the website, and to waive the reading of the minutes. There was a motion and second with the minutes approved as posted. There was a motion from **FCP Rob Kittrell** that the group entertain a motion to dress casually during the Summer months; a second was made by Jim Templin, a call for a vote was made and the motion passed with one in opposition. It was noted that an members that wanted to dress more formally could still do so.

Treasurer, Nick Harper reported that today there were 31 members in attendance along with 6 guests. The current checking account balance is \$6,700.28.

Rob Kittrell, Color Guard Captain announced several upcoming Color Guard activities: the Flag Pole Hill, flag retirement event on June 14th, and the Polka Festival Parade in Ennis on Memorial Day Weekend. It was also announced that **Drake Petty** had been elected **TXSSAR Color Guard Commander**.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

President, George Ramphrey stated that volunteers were needed to assist with the JROTC awards to be distributed at schools in the area. President Ramphrey invited everyone to have a sample of George Washington's favorite cookie that his spouse had baked. Door prizes were drawn by Nick Harper, and the benediction was pronounced by Chaplain Frank Pounders. The recessional was led by President Ramphrey. The meeting was dismissed at 10:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Peterson, Chapter Secretary