

December 14, 2015
MEETING MINUTES OF
DALLAS CHAPTER #2
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



President George Ramphrey called the group to order at 8:30 in the dining room of the Presbyterian Village North Retirement Community in Dallas. The invocation was led by **Chaplain Frank Pounds**. The Pledge to the **United States Flag** was led by **FCP, Dr. Charles Baker** and the pledge to the **Texas Flag** was led by **Secretary, Alan Peterson** led the affirmation to the **SAR pledge..**

Next, the group was led by Tracy Pounds in singing "*My Country Tis of Thee.*" **Head Greeter, Ralph McDowell** recognized **Gerald Tyler and himself** as the greeters for the morning's meeting .



President Ramphrey recognized guests who were present at the meeting. He also announced that the silent auction was continuing today and members still had time to bid. President Ramphrey also noted that Ralph McDowell had a featured interview in the *Dallas Morning News*. Also in the media, Drake Pddy was noted in the SAR Magazine as the State Color Guard Captain in Texas.

American History Teacher Essay Award



President Ramphrey recognized American History Teacher Chairman, John Morton. Mr. Morton announced that the winner of the American History Teacher Essay Contest was Susan Blanchette. Mr. Morton asked her to read her essay to the group. It was very well thought out and inspirational. Ms. Blanchette was awarded a check for \$300 from the Chapter for her submission, and her essay will be submitted for the TXSSAR Essay competition.

Americanism

FCP and Head Greeter, Ralph McDowell presented an informative presentation on the "Coins in Ben Franklin's Pocket and More". Mr. McDowell offered the group some insight into the coinage that was around during the time of Benjamin Franklin. Mr. Franklin was a runaway, and was urged to go to Philadelphia to find a place to work and live.

The common coins of the day were the Dutch Dollar and a shilling in copper. There was not much gold or silver in the market. Many of the coins also came from Spain. The Pillar Dollar was a very common coin and was used up until 1810.

When George Washington became President, he appointed Thomas Jefferson as the Secretary of the Treasury. Jefferson set up the mint system and used a decimal standard. The first mint was opened in Philadelphia in 1792 and a mint continues in operation there today.



Program

Today's featured speaker was **Former President General, Judge Edward F. Butler**. Judge Butler made a presentation on "The Contributions of Spain to the American Revolution". Judge Butler has written a book on this subject entitled "Galvez and Spain: Our Forgotten Ally in the War of the American Revolution". Judge Butler informed the group that Bernardo De Galvez aided the American Colonists in obtaining help from Spain. Spain sent many troops to the Louisiana area and to Pensacola and Mobile. Spain and France worked together to weaken the British which assisted the colonists in their efforts to win the Revolution.

1st Vice President, Mark Hansen showed appreciation from the Chapter by presenting Judge Butler with a Certificate of Appreciation and a replica of a war cannon.



OFFICER'S REPORTS

President George Ramphrey presented the roster of 2016 Officers for the Chapter's approval. After review, 1st Vice President, Mark Hansen made a motion that the roster be approved by acclamation. There was a second and the motion passed.

1st Vice-President Mark Hansen announced that his successor would be Warren Johnson, and that he would continue to assist with speakers for the group. **2nd Vice-President, Jim Fairbairn** stated that he had nothing to report today. **Secretary, Alan Peterson** stated that the minutes for November were in print form for today's meeting and requested approval. There was a motion and a second to accept the minutes as printed. **Treasurer, Nick Harper** made printed copies of the proposed budget available for the meeting. There was a motion and second to approve the 2016 budget as presented.

FCP, Tom Whitlock announced that there were a variety of Patriotic Santa's available for bid at today's meeting. These items were donated to the Chapter by Dick Jones to raise funds for the Dallas SAR. He also donated a variety of Christmas Ornaments which will be passed on to the VA and Scottish Rite Hospital. He stated that the decorations were to be transported to the VA today.

Head Greeter, Ralph McDowell noted that one of our members, Robert Tanner was having a birthday. Mr. Tanner is a Pearl Harbor survivor and had also served in Korea and Vietnam. Mr. Tanner was presented with a cake and the group sang "Happy Birthday".



Assistant Registrar, Jerry Brown reported that there are a number of potential members in the queue. He stated that there were 110 prospects from the State Fair and that 22 were from the Dallas area.

State Color Guard Captain, Drake Peddy recognized the Dallas Chapter's Color Guard Captain, Rob Kittrell with the Galvez Color Guard Medal. Mr. Peddy also announced that the TXSSAR State Convention would be coming up soon and would be held at the Hyatt Richardson. He also stated that the ladies accompanying their spouses could attend a tour of the Bush Library.



Treasurer, Nick Harper held the drawing for the morning. The benediction was pronounced by **Frank Pounders**, and the recessional was led by **President George Ramphrey**. The meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Peterson, Chapter Secretary
