

June Zoom Meeting Minutes

The June 13th Dallas Chapter Meeting was called to order by President Van Fossen at 9:02am.

FCP Tom Whitelock delivered the Invocation followed by the Pledges to the American Flag, the Texas Flag and the SAR, led by the President.

Van Fossen opened the meeting by greeting everyone tuned in to the very first on-line, internet meeting of the Dallas Chapter. We are all a part of the Chapter Public History now.

Vice President Mark Harrison introduced the mornings Guest Speaker – William Covington of the Arlington Chapter. William, who has visited with us in the past, is a retired History Teach in the DISD.

Covington's presentation was "**The British Prisons and Prison Ships during the Revolution**". A few of the facts he shared with us were:

"The British concentrated their land prisons in the coastal large cities from Boston to Charleston when they occupied them during the Revolution. However, their prison ships were concentrated in the Boston and New Your City Harbors. All of these were despicable.

During the conflict, an estimated 25,000 colonial soldiers died; 8,000 in battles and 17,000 from malnutrition and disease. Most of these were in British prisons. There were another 25,000 men that were wounded/maimed. 1 of every 20 men in the colonies was involved in the conflict and the population in 1776 was about 3,000,000 with ½ of that population under the age of 15."

The President then gave an update on four SAR activities that are upcoming:

1. **The National Congress in Richmond, VA** - This event has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
2. **The Texas State Meeting in the Woodlands** – This meeting had been moved from the original March date to July 31st – August 2nd and is still planning to be held.
3. **Dallas Chapter July Meeting** – with the success of our first ZOOM meeting and the continued restrictions on group gatherings, our July meeting scheduled for Saturday the 11th will again be a ZOOM meeting. You will receive an invitation and the meeting link from VP Harrison.
4. **The South Central District Meeting in Richardson** – our Dallas Chapter has been selected and accepted to be the Host of this 5 State meeting. Details will follow.

Officers Reports:

Secretary – The minutes from the last meeting, which was in February, were posted on the internet in March.

Treasurer – The Treasurers report thru May has been filed with the President

Registrar – Jerry Pinkerton has 7 inductees ready for induction, when we can next assemble. Jerry suggested that in lieu of a face-to-face meeting, members of the BOM could sponsor a breakfast or lunch and do the ceremony there. We will look into this. Jerry also has 6 more applications in various stages of completion. A big THANK YOU to Compatriot Pinkerton for his continued effort.

2nd Vice President – Jack Carpenter provided the President a report on the JROTC/Good Citizenship Awards YTD. We have mailed at the various schools request 7 JROTC medals and certificates. With closing of the area school systems our project is on hold until the fall.

Historian – Brent Harshman continues to accept and catalog items for our annual Chapter scrapbook. Brent can be reached at – brentharshman@protonmail.com

Compatriot Whitelock drew 2 individual numbers corresponding to the order in which each participate signed on to the meeting link. Each number will receive a surprise basket of Historical/Educational value PLUS a bottle of The Revolutionist wine. And our winners are: David Kinsey, McKinney Chapter and Brent Harshman, Dallas Chapter. Congratulations gentlemen and contact Mr. Whitelock....before the wine is gone !

Compatriot Whitelock delivered the Benediction and President Van Fossen led the SAR Recessional and adjourned the meeting at 10:20 am