

## **CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES**

**Saturday, December 12, 2020**

**President Van Fossen** called the meeting to order at 9:05am. **Vice President Harrison** outlined the Zoom Meeting instructions: (1) how to mute/unmute, (2) how to voice or hand vote for agenda items at today's meeting. He also read the Virtual Meeting Waiver, which we will be using going forward with all ZOOM Meetings. This Waiver is the same we have been using on the sign-in sheets at our in person meetings, prior to the pandemic.

**Van Fossen** delivered the Invocation for **Chaplin Pounders**.

**VP Harrison** played a recording of The Star Spangled Banner performed by The Great Highland Bag Pipes to begin the agenda.

Color Guard Commander Bill Watts led the Chapter in the Pledge to the American Flag, the Texas Flag and the Affirmation to the SAR

**Van Fossen** welcomed 29 members and guests to the meeting. He then turned the meeting over to **FCP Tom Whitelock**, Chairman of the Nominating Committee for the 2021 Chapter Officers. Whitelock presented the new slate of Officers that were announced at the November Meeting. He asked for any further nominations from the floor the compulsory 3 times. Hearing no additional nominations, Whitelock called for a Chapter vote...either voice or by hand waive. The nominated Officers were elected unanimously and will serve for the 2021 Chapter year after their induction at the January 2021 Chapter Meeting. The new Officers elected are:

**President – Tom Van Fossen – 3<sup>rd</sup> term**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Mark Harrison – 3<sup>rd</sup> term**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Jack Carpenter – 2<sup>nd</sup> term**

**Registrar – Jerry Pinkerton – 6<sup>th</sup> term**

**Assistant Registrar – Mark Morgan – 1<sup>st</sup> term**

**Secretary – Bill Watts – 1<sup>st</sup> term**

**Historian – Brent Harshman – 2<sup>nd</sup> term**

**Treasurer – Nick Harper – 8<sup>th</sup> term**

**Chaplin – Frank Pounders – 12<sup>th</sup> + term**

**Also appointed as the Color Guard Commander was Bill Watts.**

**Van Fossen** then had **Treasurer Nick Harper** present the 2021 Proposed Budget for a vote. With no additions or corrections, the 2021 Budget was approved.

**Van Fossen** turned the meeting over to **VP Harrison**, who in turn introduced the mornings speaker, returning member the **Honorable Allen Clark**.

Allen is a 1963 graduate of West Point and a Vietnam War veteran. As a Special Forces Intelligence Officer, he was seriously wounded, losing both of his legs in a mortar attack in 1967. He has authored 2 previous books about the Vietnam War and in this presentation he was outlining his most recent book, SOLDIER'S BLOOD AND BLOODIED MONEY. This publication chronicles how wars have started and who started them over the last 150 years. He outlined the various political, financial, business, social, and religious causes of these wars. His particular focus for us was on the American Revolution, American Civil War, Spanish American Wars.

After Vietnam' Allen earned his Masters Degree in Finance and Investments at SMU. He worked for the H. Ross Perot organization, for Governor Bill Clements, President George H. W. Bush at the Department of Veterans Affairs as the Asst. Secretary for Veterans Liaison and Director of the National Cemetery System.

**Allen's book is available on Amazon.....it's a great read..!!!!**

### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Mark Harrison** displayed a letter that President Van Fossen had received from PRESIDENT GENERAL JACK MANNING, accepting the invitation to speak to our Chapter on Saturday January 9<sup>th</sup>,2021 and to install our new

Chapter Officers for 2021. All tuning in for this ZOOM Meeting are asked to dress in Colonial Attire if possible, as this will be considered a National Event. More details to follow with the January agenda.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Jack Carpenter** – Jack will begin the 2021 round of school contacts for the ROTC/Good Citizenship Awards early next year.

**Registrar – Jerry Pinkerton** with **Asst. Registrar Mark Morgan**, announced the receipt of 8 new membership packages and 1 supplemental. The various New Members are being contacted to arrange their respective induction ceremonies.

**Historian – Brent Harshman** is putting the finishing touches on this years Chapter scrapbook.

**Treasurer – Nick Harper's** report was previously discussed/approved.

**Color Guard Commander – Bill Watts** showed pictures of the Rockwall Xmas Parade which took place on Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>, and displayed FCP Whitelock's new Flag Truck and our Chapter signs ( donated by the Commander ). Bill also outlined up coming events for New Member Installation and a grave side induction and grave marker ceremony for a new member who passed away prior to his scheduled event. Bill also reminded us that it is not yet too late to signup to purchase/participate in the upcoming Wreaths Across America on Saturday December 19<sup>th</sup>.

There was no **OLD BUSINESS** to discuss and the **NEW BUSINESS** was **the JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 CHAPTER ZOOM MEETING, with Guest Speaker PRESIDENT GENERAL JACK MANNING.**

The monthly door prize was won by **Tim Kessler** and will be delivered after the New Year.

**The Benediction** was delivered by **President Van Fossen** and **the SAR Recessional** was led by **Asst. Registrar Mark Morgan.**

**Van Fossen** adjourned the meeting at 10:10am

*SEE ALL OF YOU ON JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2021.....BE SAFE, STAY HEALTHY  
AND MASK UP.....!!!!!!*

Respectfully submitted by Acting Secretary Van Fossen