



The MINUTEMAN



Dallas Chapter

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Texas Society - Sons of the American Revolution

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DALLAS CHAPTER MEETING TXSSAR

**Ventana by Buckner South Tower, Grand Hall
8301 N US 75-Central Expressway Dallas, TX 75032**

*“The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance, it is the illusion of knowledge.”
– Stephen Hawking*

AGENDA

Breakfast – 8:00am

Meeting – 9:00am



The Dallas Chapter Meeting is about to start!



Call to Order – President Van Fossen



Rules of Engagement – President Elect Harrison

This meeting is being filmed and recorded. By joining this in-person or virtual meeting of the Dallas Chapter of the TXSSAR, you acknowledge and agree that these proceedings may be made public.

Invocation – Frank Ponders

Pledges – American Flag, Texas Flag, and SAR

Welcome – President Van Fossen – Welcome to all.

Visitors

From the DAR Margaret Anderson with husband Leslie.



Ora Jane Johnson and our speaker Pat Thibodeau

2022 Officer Installation

Officers for 2022

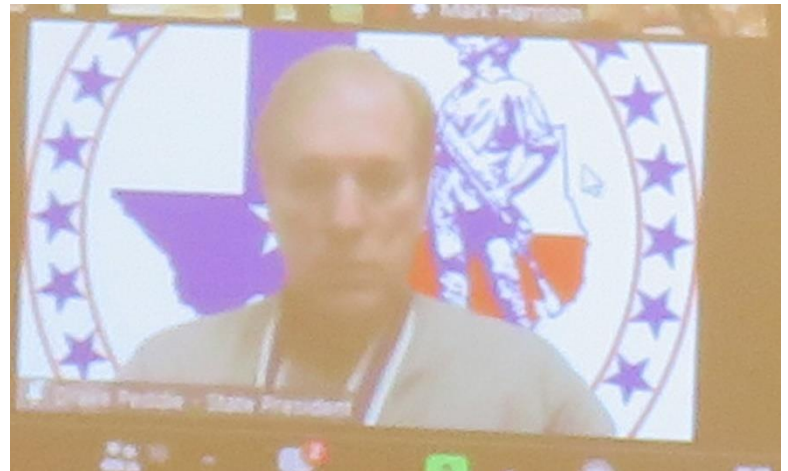
- ★ President | Mark Harrison
- ★ 1st Vice-President | Tom Van Fossen
- ★ 2nd Vice-President | J. D. Martin
- ★ Secretary | Bill Watts
- ★ Registrar | Mark Morgan
- ★ Assistant Registrar | Jerry Pinkerton
- ★ Historian | Brent Harshman
- ★ Treasurer | Nick Harper
- ★ Chaplain | Frank Ponders
- ★ Color Guard Commander | Bill Watts
- ★ Immediate Past President | Tom Van Fossen



Tom Van Fossen, J D Martin, Brent Harshman, Frank Pounders, Bill Watts, Nick Harper, Jerry Pinkerton, Mark Harrison and Mark Morgan

All incoming officers received the Dallas Chapter Service Medal.

The Dallas Chapter Officers were sworn in by Texas State President Drake Peddie



The peaceful transfer of power from outgoing President, Tom Van Fossen to incoming President Mark Harrison was consummated when Van Fossen received his past President's pin from President Harrison.

Award Presentations



The Sisson Golden Hammer Award

- ★ 2001 Tom Whitelock
- ★ 2002 Ralph McDowell
- ★ 2003 Charles Baker *
- ★ 2004 Tom and Montye Whitelock
- ★ 2005 E. Thomas Smith *
- ★ 2006 James Templin *
- ★ 2007 Allen Christian *
- ★ 2008 Robert Northcraft
- ★ 2009 David Temple
- ★ 2010 Harmon Adair
- ★ 2011 James Fairbairn *
- ★ 2012 Robert Kittrell
- ★ 2013 George Ramphrey
- ★ 2014 Nick Harper
- ★ 2015 John Morton
- ★ 2016 Jerry Pinkerton
- ★ 2017 Mike Petridis
- ★ 2018 Tom Van Fossen
- ★ 2019 Joseph Slonaker

*Deceased



Dr. Gary Sisson swings in with the Hammer.

And this year's Sisson Golden Hammer Award goes to;

2020 Mark Harrison

2021 Brent Harshman



Dr. Sisson wanted to create a way to honor members of the Dallas Chapter who have made an outstanding commitment of service during the year. The Golden Hammer was born in 1999 and the first was given to Tom Whitelock in 2001. The Golden Hammer is given each year to individuals who make an outstanding contribution and service to the Dallas Chapter during the year.

Introduction of our morning Speaker – President Harrison

Pat Thibodeau of the NSDAR, Richard Bard Chapter, Mesquite, Texas

A Mother's Heartbreak –

Elizabeth Burgin fed prisoners of ships in the New York harbor that were being used to hold American prisoners during the Revolutionary War.



Colonel Benjamin Tallmadge contacted Elizabeth concerning her aid in helping the prisoners escape from one of the prison ships.

She was arrested by the British.

Later she gained her freedom and earned a pension after the war.





Tom Van Fossen and President Mark Harrison present a certificate and an Eagle to Pat Thibodeau of the NSDAR, Richard Bard Chapter, Mesquite, Texas for her presentation to the Dallas Chapter.

The **Lydia Darragh Medal** was presented to Ora Jane Johnson by Tom Van Fossen and Mark Harrison.



This Medal is named after Lydia Darragh (1729 – 1789), who crossed British lines in 1777 during the British occupation of Philadelphia, PA to deliver information to George Washington.

The Medal is given to a lady who worked behind the scenes supporting SAR programs, but whose service does not meet the requirements for the Martha Washington Medal.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary – Watts Minutes Approved – Jim Battles moved for approval and was seconded by Tom Van Fossen

New Members and Patriots – Pinkerton

New Member

J. Wayne Stewart – John Inzer

Supplemental Patriots

Patrick M. Fly – John Fahnestock

Bill Watts – John Austin, Thomas Gibson, John Lee, Peter Ragsdale, Frederick Thompson, and Stephen Treadwell

Mark G. Morgan – Samuel Drennan

Treasurer – Treasurer Harper

As of 31 December 2021

	Annual Budget	Actual YTD
Revenue	\$7,730	\$7,840
Expenses	\$7,730	\$7,319
Profit/Loss	\$0	\$521

Balance Sheet – Assets

Prosperity Bank Account

Opening Balance (31 Dec 2020)	\$7,774
Profit	\$521
Closing Balance (31 Dec 2021)	\$8,295

North Dallas Bank and Trust Account

Ritchie Fund	\$29,743
Minuteman Fund	\$9,324

Registrar – Morgan

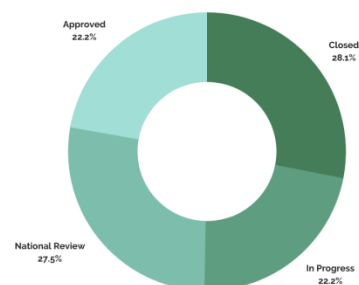
2021 Registrar Activity

In Progress at Chapter – 38
(incl. 13 State Fair prospects)

At National under Review – 47
(5 Regular, 42 Supplemental)

Approved – 38

Closed – 48



2021 New Approvals

New Members Approved — 22 (incl. 3 Junior)

Memorial Applications Approved — 5

Supplemental Applications Approved — 11

New Member Inductions YTD — 21

New Members Inducted Today — 0

New Members to be Inducted — 9

Total Active Members — 257 (incl. 14 Junior)

Historian - Historian Harshman

Send pictures of events
for future scrapbooks to:

Brent Harshman

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Color Guard – Commander Watts

December – January Color Guard Events



December 18, 2021 Saturday - Wreaths Across America
Rest Haven Cemetery Tom Van Fossen, Bill Watts and
John Greer

December 21, 2021 Tuesday – Presented medals to
Fire Department station house 8 Bill Watts, Jerry
Pinkerton, J D Martin, Tom Van Fossen, Mark
Harrison, and Tom Whitelock



January 3, 2022 Monday – A presentation on how to become a member of the Sons of the American Revolution – Chapters represented were Plano, Sherman and Dallas.



Up-coming Dallas Color Guard Events

January 15, 2022 Saturday – Post and retrieve Colors at a New Chapter creation ceremony at the American Legion Post for ARK-LA-TEX Chapter

February 19, 2022 Saturday – George Washington Celebration Parade Laredo has been cancelled.

OLD BUSINESS –

None

NEW BUSINESS –

Jerry Pinkerton and David Temple are appointed as Trustees for the Dallas Chapter. They are responsible for the Richie and Minuteman Funds and are signatory's on those accounts as per appointment by President Mark Harrison.

Merchandise Table – Tom Whitelock

We have Metal and Wood Challenge Coins, 125th Anniversary Medal Set, and an SAR House Banner to aid our Chapter in the efforts raise money for our youth programs.



125th Anniversary Medal Set



SAR Porch



Dallas Challenge Coins



Wood Coin

DOOR PRIZE –

President Mark Harrison - Via Zoom – winner is Russell Wendell

Treasurer Nick Harper - At meeting – Dr. Gary Sisson

BENEDICTION – Frank Pounders

SAR RECESSIONAL – The Dallas Chapter Members attending

NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12th @ 9:00AM

Join us at our next Chapter meeting: Bill Watts will be presenting a program on Colonial Clothing and accessories.

08:00 am - Breakfast buffet for \$10 including raffle ticket for door prize

09:00 am - Meeting program

Committee Opportunities Available at the Dallas Chapter

- ▶ Public Relations & Publicity
- ▶ Community Service Awards
- ▶ Member Retention
- ▶ CAR Liaison
- ▶ DAR Liaison
- ▶ Annual Audit
- ▶ American History Teacher
- ▶ Brochure Contest (MS)
- ▶ CAR Essay Contest
- ▶ Eagle Scout Essay Contest
- ▶ Knight Essay Contest (HS)
- ▶ Oration Contest (HS)
- ▶ Poster Contest (Elem)
- ▶ Speaker's Bureau

**For more information concerning volunteer opportunities please contact;
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DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION MEETING LOCATION (A) PARKING AREA (B)

