



# The MINUTEMAN



## Dallas Chapter

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Texas Society - Sons of the American Revolution

December 10, 2022

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Ventana by Buckner South Tower, Grand Hall  
8301 N US 75-Central Expressway - Dallas, TX 75225

**Many Foxes grow grey, but few grow good.**

Breakfast – 8:00am

Meeting – 9:00am

**PRESIDENT**

Mark H. Harrison

**1st VICE-PRESIDENT/PROGRAMS**

Thomas F. Van Fossen

**2nd VICE-PRESIDENT/AWARDS**

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Frank H. Ponders

**HISTORIAN**

Brent Harshman

**TRUSTEES**

Jerry Pinkerton

David Temple

**COLOR GUARD COMMANDER**

Bill Watts



The group is here and our Welcoming team has greeted Everyone!

Call to Order – President Harrison

Rules of Engagement –

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Invocation – Larry Luby

**Pledges –** American Flag – David Temple  
 Texas Flag – Chalmers Omberg  
 SAR – John Greer

Welcome – President Harrison

Visitors

State Presidents David Temple and Bob Clark, State Color Guard Commander Bob Kubin, Inland Registrar Jerry Pinkerton, Veterans Committee Chairman John Greer, and NSDAR State Regent Trisha McFarland of the Susannah Biggers Bibb Chapter.



**Mark H. Harrison**  
 PRESIDENT

**Introduction of our morning Speaker – Tom Van Fossen**



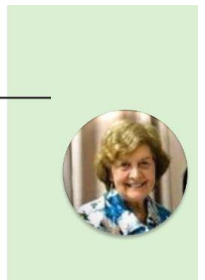
**Tom Van Fossen**  
 1st VP PROGRAMS

Pat Thibodeau has been with us many times. She belongs to many Linage Societies and this will be her 63<sup>rd</sup> presentation this year. It is with great pleasure I give you Pat Thibodeau – “Stamps and Windows, Why We Fought”.

# Featured Speaker

**Pat Thibodeau**  
 NSDAR, Neches River Chapter, Canton, TX

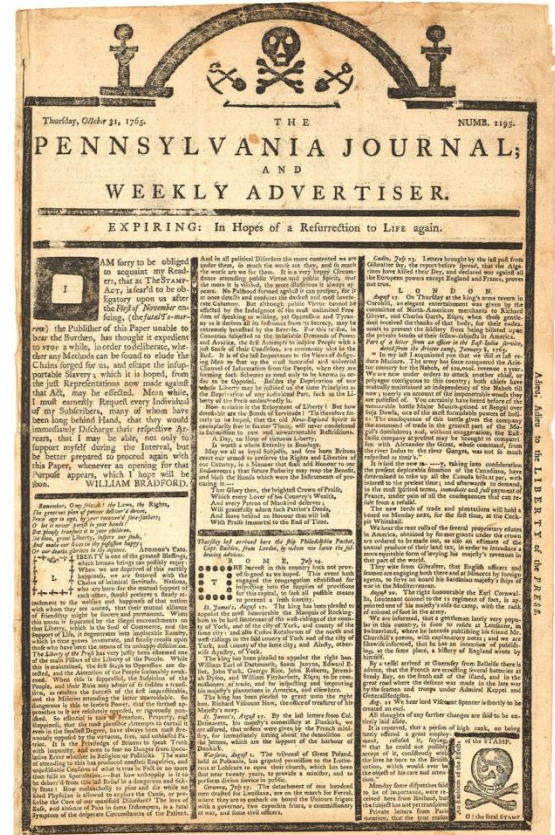
*Stamps and Windows*



The problems started with the Navigation Acts of Parliament intended to promote the self-sufficiency of the British Empire by restricting colonial trade only with England and decreasing

dependence of foreign imported goods. The colonies resorted to smuggling to continue their profitable trade and ignored Parliaments Laws. The violations of the Navigation Acts led to the passage of the Plantation Duty Act of 1673 to induce the colonists to export articles directly to England. This act was one of the leading factors leading to Culpeper’s Rebellion in 1677.

The landowners in the colonies were sending their profits to Britain and at the beginning of the 18<sup>th</sup> century Parliament decided to get in on the profits and began taxing the colonists. These taxes on products produced in the



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colonies were very high and smuggling or bribing customs officials became common place.

Parliament implemented a series of acts to prohibit the colonies from producing finished products in the colonies and required the colonials to purchase finished products from England. The act that produced the cry against taxation without representation began with the Currency Act. This act prohibited the colonies from issuing their own currency.



Adding insult to the colonies, the Quartering Act in 1765 required the colonies to provide barracks and supplies to British troops and the Stamp Act that was required on items to prove the tax had been paid angered the population so much that Parliament had to repeal the Stamp Act.

The first public defiance against the Crown was on August 14, 1765 at a large elm tree where effigies representing British ministers were hung in protest. This Liberty Tree



became a symbol or revolution.

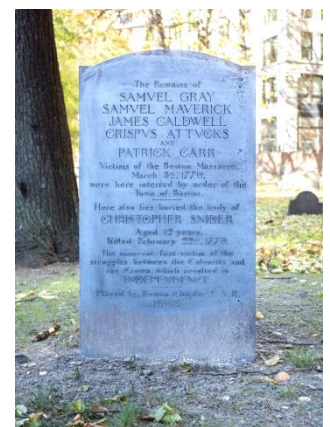
A secret organization known as the Sons of Liberty was created, aimed at intimidating the agents who collected Parliament's taxes.

The Stamp Act Congress passed a "Declaration of Rights and Grievances," which claimed that American colonists were equal to all other British citizens, protested taxation without representation, and stated that, without colonial representation in Parliament, Parliament could not tax colonists. In addition, the colonist increased their nonimportation efforts.



On February 22, 1770 a mob of patriots attacked a known loyalist's store. The store owner shot his musket and killed an 11-year-old boy further enraging the patriots.

On March 5, 1770, a fight broke out and a shot was fired. Among the casualties of the Boston Massacre were Samuel Gray, James Caldwell, Samuel Maverick, Patrick Carr and Crispus Attucks.



In 1773, Parliament decided to grant the East India Company a monopoly on the tax-free transport of tea to stop the Dutch "trade" from selling their smuggled tea. On December 16, 1773, colonists disguised themselves as Native Americans and boarded East India Company ships in Boston Harbor and threw crates of tea overboard. This famous protest became known as the Boston Tea Party.

British officials moved to enforce discipline and order in the colonies by closing the port of Boston and



implemented the Coercive Acts which attempted to place Massachusetts under direct British control. These laws were referred to in the colonies as the Intolerable Acts.

Governor Thomas Gage wrote London recommending suspension of the Intolerable Acts but London chose not to reply to his communications.

The mood in the colonies led to the First Continental Congress, the Articles of Association and the promotion of patriotism and home manufacturing, advising colonists to avoid luxuries, and lead a more simple life. Patriots began to set up their own committees in each colony. These committees successfully organized common resistance to the Tea Act and other oppressive measures by the British Parliament.

In July of 1776 we declared our independence from the Mother country. "And the rest, as they say, is History!"



## 2023 Officer Elections

- ★ President | Mark Harrison
- ★ 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President | Tom Van Fossen
- ★ 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President | J. D. Martin
- ★ Secretary | Bill Watts
- ★ Registrar | Mark Morgan
- ★ Assistant Registrar | Jerry Pinkerton
- ★ Historian | Brent Harshman
- ★ Treasurer | Nick Harper
- ★ Chaplain | Frank Pounders

## 2023 Trustee Nominations

- ★ Jerry Pinkerton
  - ★ David Temple
- Elected position to be voted on at Jan 2023 meeting

Tom Whitelock announcing the slate of officers for 2023 along with appointed positions. A motion by Jack Carpenter was



made to accept the slate and seconded by John Morton. A vote was taken and was passed. The Trustee nominations were brought forward by Tom Whitelock. Moved by Bill Watts and seconded by Tom Van Fossen. The vote will be taken at our next meeting.

Mark Harrison talked about needing members for the appointed positions.

## 2023 Appointed Positions

- ★ Color Guard Commander
- ★ Sergeant-at-Arms
- ★ Assistant Chaplain
- ★ Veterans Committee Chairman
- ★ Public Service Committee Chairman
- ★ Assistant to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President
- ★ Oration Contest Chairman
- ★ Poster Contest Chairman
- ★ Eagle Scout Chairman
- ★ C.A.R. Liaison
- ★ DAR Liaison
- ★ Communications & Media Chairman
- ★ Chapter Merchandise Chairman
- ★ Assistant Historian

## New Members



- ★ David Beall Carothers | Matthew Patten



## December 2022 Milestone Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary

- ★ 5 Years
  - ★ Jackson Mihm
  - ★ Spencer Mihm
- ★ 10 Years
  - ★ Jay Bowden
- ★ 20 Years
  - ★ Samuel Dealey, Jr.
  - ★ James Perkins
- ★ 35 Years
  - ★ Richard Brock
  - ★ Harry Moore

**How many years are celebrated by a pearl anniversary? Find the answer after Color Guard Report.**

**OFFICERS REPORTS**

**Secretary** – Watts – Minutes moved by Jim Battles – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Sissen Approved

**Treasurer** – Treasurer Harper was out.

**Financials**

As of 30 Nov 2022

	Annual Budget	Actual YTD
Revenue	\$8,242	\$9,087
Expenses	\$8,242	\$7,565
Net Gain	\$0	\$1,522

**Balance Sheet – Assets  
Prosperity Bank Account**

Opening Balance (31 Dec 2021)	\$8,295
Net Gain	\$1,522
Closing Balance (30 Nov 2022)	\$9,817

**North Dallas Bank & Trust Account**

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

**Draft Proposed Budget**

2023

	Annual Budget
Revenue	\$8,668
Expenses	\$8,668
Net Gain	\$0

**Registrar** – Morgan August

**2022 Registrar Activity**

- ★ 141 In Progress at Chapter – 39  
 At National for Review – 6  
 (1 Regular, 4 Supplemental, 1 Memorial)  
 Approved – 62  
 Closed – 34
- ★ 62 New Members Approved – 14  
 Memorial Applications Approved – 4  
 Supplemental Applications Approved – 44
- ★ 23 New Member Inductions YTD – 18  
 New Members Inducted Today – 1  
 New Members to be Inducted – 4



Total Dallas Chapter Membership

- ★ Current Paid – 245
- ★ Current Non-paid – 32

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

2023 dues notices have been sent and are available online also  
 Payment deadline is December 31st

# History Projects

Send pictures of events  
for future yearbooks to:  
Brent Harshman  
brentharshman@protonmail.com

**Historian** - Historian  
Harshman

# Patriot Research System



Welcome to the  
**Patriot Research System (PRS)**

Now Recruiting

Volunteers needed to input newly approved applications

<https://sarpatriots.sar.org/>

**Color Guard** –  
Commander Watts

- ★ Silver Galvez Medal
  - ★ Tom Van Fossen
- ★ C.A.R. Certificates of Appreciation
  - ★ Reagan van Heyst
  - ★ Karalynn van Heyst
- ★ 250 Anniversary SAR Medal
  - ★ Gary Sisson
  - ★ Jerry Pinkerton



Bob Kubin presenting Tom Van Fossen his Silver Galvez Medal

Bill Watts presents Kara and Reagan van Heyst Certificates of Appreciation for their participation in the Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony of James Carter.



Bill Watts presents Gary Sisson, gold, silver and bronze and Jerry Pinkerton bronze 250 Anniversary SAR Medal.

# Activities for November and December 2022

November 13, 2022 Sunday - **Massing of the Colors** in Fort Worth, Texas



December 3, 2022 Saturday – **Christmas Parade** in Rockwall Texas



Bill Watts, Randall van Heyst, Ben Roper, Reagan van Heyst, Benson Roper, David Powell, Dennis Vierling, and Ben Roper



December 17, 2022 Saturday – Wreaths Across America with Jane Douglas DAR Oakland Cemetery at 3900 Oakland Circle in Dallas. Muster is at 10:15 am



## **2023 Color Guard Events**

January 7, 2023 Saturday – Flag Retirement Plano Fire Station 4125 W. Parker Plano, Texas muster at 10 am.

February 18, 2023 Saturday - George Washington Birthday Parade 9am – 12 pm Courtyard by Marriott 2410 Santa Ursula Avenue Laredo muster at 8:30 am

March 18, 2023 Saturday – Patriot Grave Marking for James Lemmon Edgewood Cemetery Lancaster, Texas Muster at 2 pm.

March 31, 2023 TXSSAR Annual Conference March 30 - April 2

**The answer to; How many years are celebrated by a pearl anniversary? 30!**



**OLD BUSINESS** –

Merchandise Table – Tom Whitlock



New Dallas Coffee Mugs



SAR Porch Banner

We have Metal and Wood Challenge Coins, 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal Set, and a Patriot House Banner to aid our Chapter in the efforts raise money for our youth programs.



125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal Set



New Dallas Challenge Coin



Wood Challenge Coin

**Remember; “If you’ve been fishing for several hours and haven’t caught anything except an old rubber boot, remember: you’re still better off than the worm.”**

**NEW BUSINESS** –

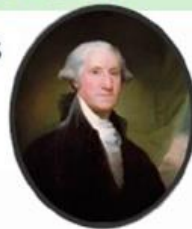
Next Meeting — January 14<sup>th</sup> @ **09:00am**

**DOOR PRIZE** –

Two books - “Room where it Happened” and “Those Soldiers”  
Winners are Tricia McFarland and Harold Stanley.

# Special Presentation

The Right Honorable George Washington’s  
Right Way to Celebrate Christmas with  
Captain Wright



Everyone won a prize!



Dallas Chapter December 10, 2022 Meeting		
Member Name	Ventana Resident (X)	Guest
Tom Whitlock	( )	
Mark Anderson	( )	Tom Whitlock
Jay Barden	( )	Pat Barden
Tom Van Fossen	( )	Pat T. Barden
	( )	Tom Manning
Bill Kott	( )	Dave Featherer
John L. Lister	( )	Rangan van Hagt
Bob Kulim	( )	Kara van Hagt
Kevin Ennis	( )	Robert Farnsworth
Scott MacRae	( )	
Mark Morgan	( )	
Charles Jones	( )	Alma's Oudege
Mark Morgan	( )	GARY McFARLAND
Paul Miller	( )	IRIS McFARLAND
William Richardson	( )	Renee Gandy
Jim Battles	( )	Gail Richardson

Dallas Chapter December 10, 2022 Meeting		
Member Name	Ventana Resident (X)	Guest
Dr. Gary N. Sizem	( )	
Michael Scudler	( )	
JD W. Goo	( )	
Leslie Anderson	( )	
John Farnsworth	( )	
John Farnsworth	(X)	
Bob Clut	( )	
Jack Carpenter	( )	
Beall Caro Tully	( )	
Steve Watson	( )	
John MacRae	( )	
Blair D.	(X)	
David Temple	( )	Harold Shubert
Larry Luby	( )	

**TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE**

“**Macaroni**” That means; “Fancy” When Yankee Doodle called that featherd hat “macaroni,” he wasn’t being a weirdo. **Macaroni** was a term used at the time to refer to a particular men’s fashion from **England** that was intentionally flashy, over-the-top, and androgynous.

“**Sabby!**” Check right here next month! I hope you are enjoying this little word play.

BENEDICTION – Larry Luby

SAR RECESSIONAL – John Morton

**NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY January 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00AM**

Join us at our next Chapter meeting:

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;**

**Tom Whitlock**

**[tmwpro@live.com](mailto:tmwpro@live.com)**

Respectfully submitted,  
William B. Watts, Secretary

*William B. Watts* 



**DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION MEETING LOCATION (A) PARKING AREA (B)**

