



# The MINUTEMAN



## Dallas Chapter

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Content makes poor Men rich; Discontent makes rich Men poor.

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Bill Watts



## AGENDA

**Call to Order** – President Harrison

**Rules of Engagement** –

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**Invocation** – Larry Luby

**Pledges** – American Flag – John Morton  
Texas Flag – Peter Somerville  
SAR – Mark Hanson

**Welcome** – President Harrison – Welcome to all.

This is a very special day when we have a chance to honor our First Responders the Dallas Police and Fire Fighters. We appreciate all of you for your service to the community.

## Visitors

I'd like to recognize our guests, I'm sure I'll miss some of them. We have Michael Goode, former President of the East Fork Trinity Chapter. Leslie Anderson, East Fork Trinity, Jim Akers, President Denton Chapter, T.L. Holden and John Greer, Edmund Terrell Chapter, Tom Milson, McKinney Chapter, Jerry Pinkerton, Inland Registrar and Bob Clark former State President.

**Introduction of our morning Program** – Tom Van Fossen, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

This is the greatest Chapter meeting that we have. It's a time where we honor Dallas's Finest. We're going to honor seven of these wonderful people this morning. The unfortunate thing is that only five of them are here. The others are on duty.

The first individual I'm going to talk about is Sr. Cpl. Jeremy Smith –

He is assigned to the traffic unit as an accident investigator. Prior to joining the Police Department he served in the United States Army. We are going to honor him with the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal for the work he has done and the work he will do. Jim Akers presented the medal to Sr. Cpl. Smith.



Sr. Cpl. Eric Smith – Life Saving Medal and Sgt. Kurtis Schmidt – Law Enforcement Commendation Medal will receive the medals at a later time.

I have to take a minute to ask Sheree Salter, Administrative Assistant to the Dallas Police to stand up and be recognized because without her we could not honor these individuals.

Jason Evans our contact with the Dallas Fire Department has worked with the Dallas Chapter for a number of years.

Clint Conway, Battalion Chief will present medals to the following;

Fire Rescue Officer Jerel Hastings – EMS Commendation & Medal has been with the department for over five years. He responded to a breach delivery of a baby. He and his partner provided life-saving medical aid for this infant.



Ronnie Russell retired Battalion Chief, Desoto will present our medals.

Fire Rescue Officer Brandon Powell – Hero Commendation & Medal has been with the department for over ten years. He responded to a structure fire. He rescued a victim trapped on a balcony as they were exiting the ladder an explosion caused injury to his person.

Fire Rescue Officer Shannon Phillips – Life Saving Medal has been with the department for almost six years as a front line medic. She responded to a breach delivery of a baby. She and her partner provided life-saving medical aid for this infant.

Deputy Chief and Fire Marshall Christopher Martinez presented the medal to Capt. Gilbert Padilla – Fire Safety Commendation Medal. Padilla has been a member since 2007. He has held many different positions during his service with the department. He has earned this medal for his long years of service.



The medals being presented are National Sons of the American Revolution awards and are recorded each year in the minutes at the National Congress.

### Member Anniversaries

#### 15 Years

Charles Eckelberger  
Chad Von Eck

#### 30Years

Charles McLean  
James Prugel

#### 50 Years

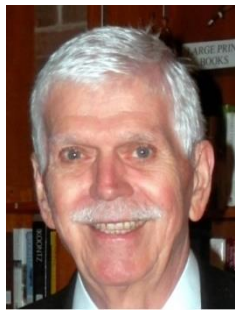
C.V. Shaw

**On which side of the road do the Japanese drive?  
Report.**

**Find the answer after Color Guard**

## IN MEMORAM

**Jerry Brown** 18 Aug 1944 – 07 Feb 2023  
SAR National #193094  
TXSSAR #11937  
SAR member since 2014



**Tom Bohanan, Jr.** 01 Oct 1925 — 12 Feb 2023  
SAR National #108071  
TXSSAR #3007  
SAR member since 1975

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

John Morton asked the chapter to provide items for the Veterans. He suggested that each member bring coffee to each meeting. They always need coffee. He asked for other items from the chapter.

Harrison introduced Tony Bauer of the Dallas Honor Guard a Navy Veteran. The Dallas Honor Guard provides honor guard services for veterans.

Tony was given the Vietnam Veterans pin at the meeting by TL Holden and John Greer.



**Update on Youth Awards Contests** by Larry Luby.

We will have 5 candidates performing at the State Conference at Spring, Texas in the Oration Contest.

It's not too late to register for the conference; we hope to see you there.

The State DAR Conference will provide the opportunity to recruit members from the membership. We will have a table and hope to recruit members for our Society.

## ***OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE YOUR CHAPTER***

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

Please volunteer for one of these committees to aid your chapter. Your chapter needs your help.

## **OFFICERS REPORTS**

**Secretary** – Watts                      motion to approve – John Martin, JD Martin seconded, Minutes Approved

**Treasurer** – Treasurer Harper

Financials as of 28 Feb 2023

	Annual Budget	Actual YTD
Revenue	\$8,960	\$1,401
Expenses	\$8,704	\$1,138
Net Gain	\$256	\$263

Balance Sheet – Assets

Prosperity Bank Account		North Dallas Bank & Trust Account	
Opening Balance (31 Dec 2022)	\$9,294	Richie Fund	\$29,916
Net Gain	\$263	Minuteman Fund	\$9,372
Closing Balance (28 Feb 2023)	\$9,557		

**Registrar** – Morgan

In Progress at Chapter — 29

At National for Review — 8      (4 Regular, 2 Supplemental, 2 Memorial)

Approved — 4                              Total – 60

Closed — 19

New Members Approved — 1  
Memorial Applications Approved — 1  
Supplemental Applications Approved — 2

Total - 4

New Member Inductions YTD — 0  
New Members Inducted Today — 0  
New Members to be Inducted — 5



Scot MacRae a new member is receiving a Texas State Recruiting Pin for recruiting a new member.

**Historian** - Historian Harshman

The year book is almost finished and will be entered at the State Convention. We have won the last two years and hope for a third.

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

**Color Guard** – Commander Watts



The Plano Symphony Orchestra February 14, 2023  
Bill Watts, Bob Johns, Steve Driever, & Dave Fautheree

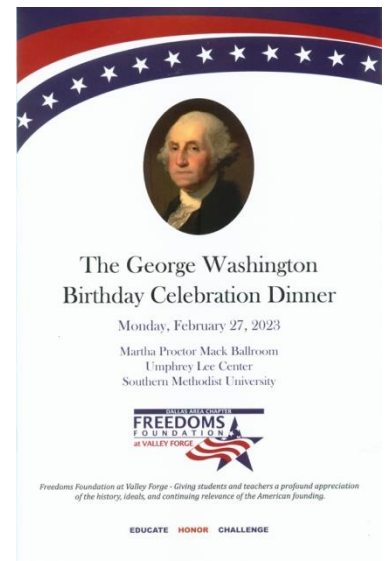


The International Bridge Ceremony for the 125th Washington's Birthday Celebration was held on Saturday, Feb. 18.



**Funeral Service for Jerome Brown at DFW National Cemetery  
 Gary Barker, Bill Hurst, Michael Greene, TL Holden, JD Martin,  
 Tom Van Fossen, John Greer, Jerry Pinkerton, Tom Whitelock and Bill Watts  
 February 24, 2023**

February 27 – George Washington Birthday Celebration presented the Colors for the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge



**Future Color Guard Events**

- ★ **March 16-17, 2023, Thu to Fri** – DAR State Conference and information table
- ★ **March 19, 2023, Sun** – Patriot Grave Marking for James Lemmon, Edgewood, Cemetery, Lancaster, TX at 3pm, muster at 2 pm.
- ★ **March 31-April 2, 2023, Fri to Sun** – TXSSAR Annual State Conference at The Woodlands, TX

- ★ **April 3, 2023, Mon** – Educational Presentation to 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Jane Douglas House
- ★ **April 12, 2023, Wed** – Patriots Day at Providence Christian School
- ★ **April 22, 2023, Sat** – Medal of Honor Parade Gainesville, Texas

**The answer to; “On which side of the road do the Japanese drive?” Left!**



T L Holden told the chapter that Texas is 100% up to date on the PRS Data Base. We can use the information to help prove your line when you are working on an application. 47 states are 100% and the rest are on their way to 100%. We need biographies of your patriot. So if you can research your patriot and submit their biography.

### **OLD BUSINESS –**

Awards Program - Martin

I have sent out 37 notices and have 12 that have responded with dates set. I need help to pass out these medals. Please volunteer to help me with the JROTC program. I really need help on April 6, 20, and 21. Please contact JD to volunteer.

Merchandise Table – Tom Whitelock

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.

**Remember; “Proofread carefully to see if you any words out!”**

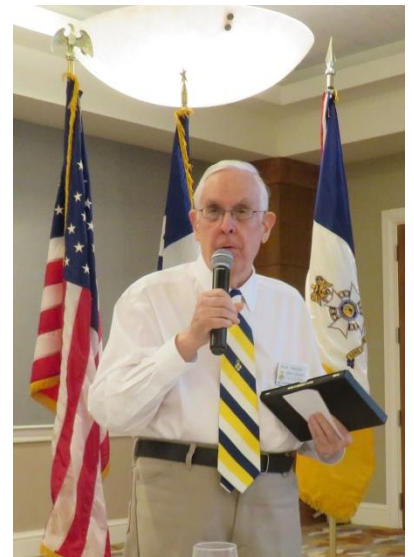
### **NEW BUSINESS –**

Upcoming Program

- ★ Next Meeting — **April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 09:00am**
- ★ **Sam Massey** | TXSSAR State President
- ★ **Joe Jaynes** | Featured Speaker  
“Hamilton vs. Jefferson”

### **DOOR PRIZE –**

“Shelby’s expedition to Mexico” – Scot MacRae  
“Calvin and Hobbs” – Gus Hinojosa





## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

**“You’re driving me crazy with all your circumbendibus, get to the point!”** Circumbendibus is trying to describe something unnecessarily roundabout – a rambling story. This word dates back to 1681.

**“Get away from me you Prigger of Prancers!”** Check right here next month! I hope you are enjoying this little word play.

**BENEDICTION** – Larry Luby

**SAR RECESSIONAL** – All

*“The ideals which have lightened my way, and time after time given me new courage to face life cheerfully, have been Kindness, Beauty and Truth.” - Albert Einstein*

**NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00AM**

Joe Jaynes – Hamilton vs. Jefferson

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**

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

**For more information concerning volunteer opportunities please contact;**

**Mark Harrison**

**Tom Van Fossen**

Respectfully submitted,

  
William B. Watts

William B. Watts, Secretary

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

