



The MINUTEMAN



Dallas Chapter

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Tart Words make no Friends: a spoonful of honey will catch more flies than a Gallon of Vinegar.

TODAY MARKS OUR 94TH YEAR!

Happy Birthday to the Dallas Chapter

PRESIDENT

Mark H. Harrison

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Thomas F. Van Fossen

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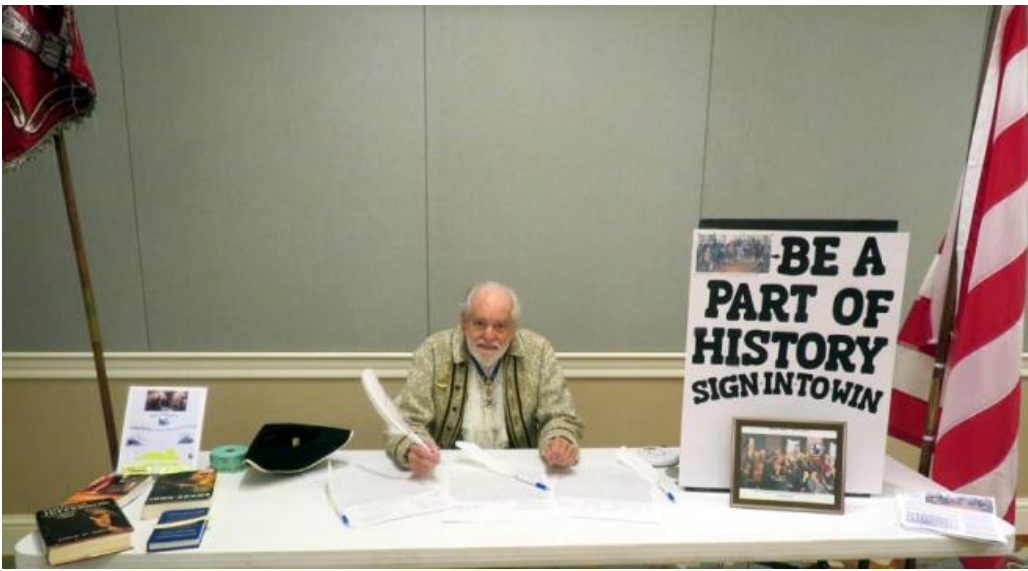
David Temple

COLOR GUARD COMMANDER

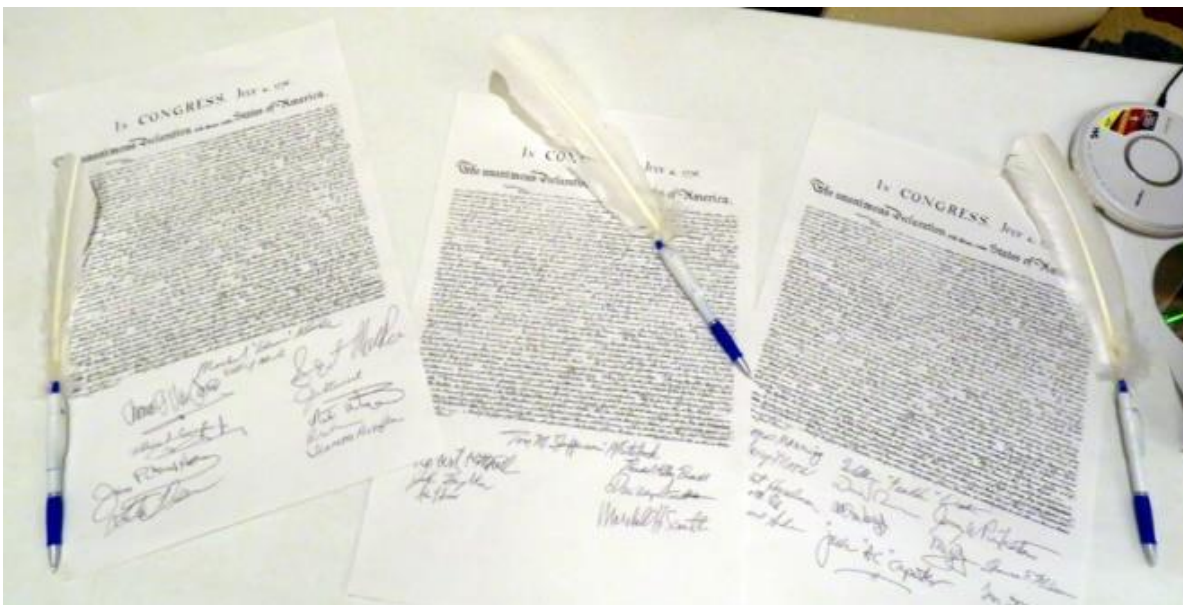
Bill Watts



WELCOME ALL!!!!!!



The Dallas Chapter takes part in the signing of the Declaration of Independence



AGENDA

Rules of Engagement –

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.

Call to Order – Tom Van Fossen 1st Vice President

Invocation – Ron Russell

Pledges – American Flag – Bill Richardson
Texas Flag – All
SAR - All

Welcome – Van Fossen

Our chapter president is in Tulsa, Oklahoma with his niece who is involved in a film that is going to premier tonight. The film is about the local Indians and the oil industry in that area. Mark and Linda were asked to help with the premier of the movie.

We Welcome all our Visitors

We have two members with the longest tenure with our chapter; Robert Kittrell and Nick Harper. They are going to change the age of our Chapter from 93 to 94 years. That's just 6 years away from 100!



Nick Harper became a member in 1961 but lost 4 years while serving in the armed forces. Robert became a member in 1962. They've been members longer than anyone in the chapter.



The 100th Anniversary of the Dallas Chapter will be in 2029. If you have information, pictures or other historical data that can be used to produce a 100th Anniversary Dallas Chapter book please send the information to bill_watts@att.net as he is gathering information concerning the Dallas Chapter historical information.

In the English alphabet, how many letters are there before 'J'? Find the answer after Color Guard Report.

Americanism Minute

Not only is this the anniversary of our Chapter but it is also the anniversary of the signing of our Declaration of Independence. Our Americanism Minute presented by our Historian, Brent Harshman,

“The Time When It Happened”.

Brent presented the history of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Beginning with the introduction by Richard Henry Lee on June 7, 1776 of a resolution for independence to the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 2, 1776 – July 4th is the day the document was read to the public.



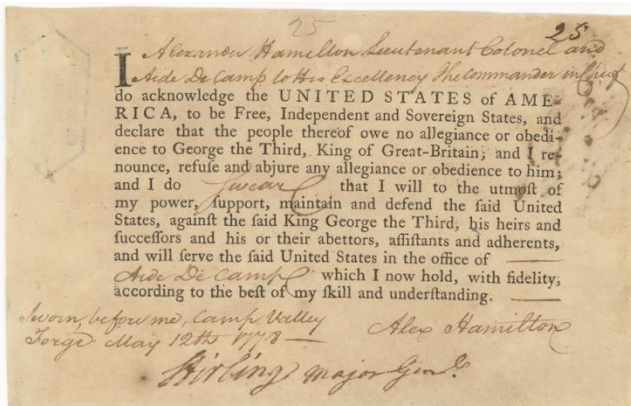
Introduction of our morning Speaker – 1st Vice President

William Covington of the Arlington Chapter is our speaker for this morning and his topic is “Fortune Favors the Bold – the Special Operation of Sergeant Major John Champe”. This is the first “Black Op’s” operation conducted by the United States.

John Champe of Loudoun County became a double agent to capture Benedict Arnold. Champe was a sergeant major in Major Henry Lee’s cavalry unit. George Washington originally wanted an officer for the job. But Champe was the perfect soldier to kidnap the traitor Arnold.

Champe was taken to Arnold and became a sergeant major in Arnold’s American Legion. The plan to capture Arnold was not executed because Arnold’s American Legion was boarded on ships and sent south the day before the planned date to capture him.

Champe became doorkeeper and sergeant-at-arms for meetings of the Continental Congress in 1783.



Tom Van Fossen thanked Covington for his presentation and said, ‘Towards the end of 1777-78 congress came up with the notion of officers signing a loyalty oath. The oath had to be witnessed by a major general.’

Tom and JD Martin presented Covington with Alexander Hamilton’s oath.



New Member Induction



The induction began when Jerry Pinkerton began swearing in Enrique MacGregor our newest member.



MacGregor's Patriot Ancestor is Alexander McGregor who was a Captain during the American Revolution. Alexander's son John moved to Mexico where he became a successful importer and exporter of materials



Leslie Anderson and Michael Goode dual members of the Dallas Chapter received their 250 Anniversary Medals. Leslie received his gold at our last chapter meeting

Leslie received his bronze and silver medal.
Michael received his gold medal.

Frank Ponders has been in the chapter for 30 years and since he is not here today he will be recognized at our next meeting.

We have a number of committee opportunities for our chapter members. If you have some spare time and want to help your Chapter please consider joining one of our committees. Talk to any of our officers if you are interested in helping your Dallas Chapter.

Public Relations & Publicity
Community Service Awards
Member Retention
CAR Liaison
DAR Liaison
Annual Audit
American History Teacher
Web and Social Media
Color Guard Members

Brochure Contest (MS)
CAR Essay Contest
Eagle Scout Essay Contest
Knight Essay Contest (HS)
Oration Contest (HS)
Poster Contest (Elem)
Speaker's Bureau
Greeter

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary – Watts – motion to approve the minutes was made by Jerry Pinkerton, second JD Martin, and Minutes Approved by show of hands.

Treasurer – Harper **Financials** as of 30 Jun 2023

	Annual Budget	Actual TYD
Revenue	\$8,960	\$8,758
Expenses	\$8,704	\$6,664
Net Gain/ Loss	\$256	\$2,094

Balance Sheet – Assets

Prosperity Bank Account

Opening Balance 31 Dec 2022	\$9,294
Net Gain/ Loss	\$2,094
Closing Balance (30 Jun 2023)	\$11,388

North Dallas Bank & Trust Account

as of 30 Jun 2023

Richie Fund	\$30,051
Minuteman Fund	\$9,410

Registrar – Morgan

In Progress at Chapter — 29
At National for Review — 8
(3 Regular, 5 Supplemental, 0 Memorial)
Approved — 17
Closed — 30
We have a total of 84 Applications

New Members Approved — 11
Memorial Applications Approved — 3
Supplemental Applications Approved — 3
Total 17

New Member Inductions YTD — 9
New Members Inducted Today — 1
New Members to be Inducted — 5
Total 15

Total Active Members 250



Historian – Harshman

Send pictures of events for future yearbooks to:

Brent Harshman

brentharshman@protonmail.com

When submitting photos, please identify the event, the date, and the location

Color Guard – Commander Watts

Check out our YouTube – **SAR Dallas Chapter**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjn4XJBMXAS1FzNxlpb3aQQ>

Color Guard Report for June Chapter meeting

June 14, 2023 Wednesday - Flag Day Elks Club Lodge 3504 Westley Street Greenville, Texas



Flag Retirement Ceremony
June 17, 2023

June 17, 2023 Saturday – Flag Retirement Ceremony 4125 W. Parker Rd. Plano muster at 10:30am



Lunch at Cindy's Restaurant – Well most of us had breakfast!



June 27, 2023 – Compatriot Grave Marking of Compatriots Ed and Ralph Clinton Pinkerton and Thomas Jefferson Stewart



July 4, 2023 Tuesday - 4th of July Parade Neema Gospel Church 7815 Arapaho Road Dallas, TX



Mark Harrison, Tom Van Fossen and Bill Watts pinned the Vietnam War Commemoration pin on Vietnam era Veterans!



JD Martin and Tom Whitelock met at the Chapel of the Cross for the 4th.





Tom Van Fossen was in California vacationing with his family. During the visit he pinned Robert Wayne Halsted with a Vietnam War Commemoration pin. Robert is a long time personal friend of Tom and he lives in Santa Barbara, CA. Robert served from 1965- 1973 and was a member of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Honor Guard from 1967-1969, at Arlington National Cemetery.

Events for the rest of the year

July 13 – 21 Wednesday - National Congress Orlando, Florida

July 16, 2023 Sunday – Participate in WWII Veteran’s funeral 664 Co Rd 3357 Saltillo, TX Muster will be at 10 am. It will be hot, bring water we will have a meal after the ceremony.

August 12, 2023 - Saturday – Dallas Chapter Meeting

September 9, 2023 - Saturday – Dallas Chapter Meeting

September 11, 2023 - Monday DAR Flag Presentation in Waxahachie 6 pm 407 W. Jefferson St at the Waxahachie Women Building.

September 16, 2023 Saturday - Constitution Day with the DAR 438 FM 2358 Wolf City, Texas

September 29 – October 22, 2023 Registration Table at the Jane Douglas House at the State Fair

October 14, 2023 Saturday – Dallas Chapter Meeting

November 11, 2023 Saturday – Dallas Chapter Meeting

November 11, 2023 Saturday - Veterans Day Parade Dallas, Texas

November 12, 2023 Sunday - Massing of Colors Fort Worth, Texas

November 16, 2023 Thursday – Grave Marking of H P Eller the second president of the Dallas Chapter 1932 – 1935, president of the Texas Society 1940. He is buried at Pecan Grove Cemetery 1701 McDonald, McKinney. Ceremony begins 4:30 pm, Muster time 4PM. After the ceremony we can meet at Spring Creek BBQ and attend the McKinney Chapter meeting if you want to eat.



Horace P Eller

December 7, 2023 Thursday – Dallas Chapter Meeting

December 16, 2023 Saturday - Wreaths Across America

The answer to; In the English alphabet, how many letters are there before ‘J’? Nine!

OLD BUSINESS –

Merchandise Table – Tom Whitelock



New Dallas Coffee Mugs



SAR Porch Banner



New Dallas

Challenge Coin



Wood

Challenge Coin

The Dallas Chapter offers three tables full of products. We have Metal and Wood Challenge Coins, 125th Anniversary Medal Set, and a Patriot House Banner to aid our Chapter in the efforts raise money for our youth programs.

NEW BUSINESS –

Next Meeting August 12th Artie G. Williams a representative from the VA Homeless Veterans services Programs.

John Greer will be talking about the Patriot Medal Winners.

Remember to save the date; Thursday, December 7th our chapter Dinner Meeting with guests. This will be our December Chapter meeting as a dinner on Thursday night not on Saturday.

Connect

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YouTube Channel

SAR Dallas Chapter - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjn4XJBMXAS1FzNx1pb3aQQ>

Remember; “There are two rules for success: 1) Don’t tell all you know.”

J P Hogan received his Vietnam War Commemoration pin from John Greer



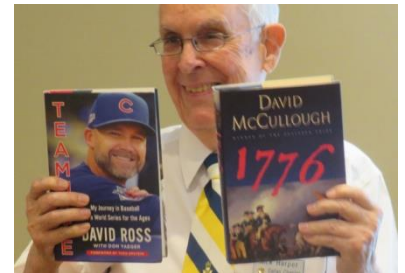
Jack Haughton discussed the formation of a new chapter in Ellis County. The new chapter will meet on the 4th Saturday of the month and 29 men are interested in becoming members.



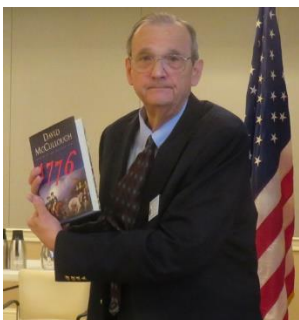
John Morton reminded everyone to bring items for the Veterans. The list of products that the Veterans need is at the end of the newsletter.

DOOR PRIZE –

Nick Harper displaying the door prizes -



Tom Van Fossen invited one of our visitors to draw the winning tickets!



1776 - David McCullough, the winner was Bill Richardson

TeamMates - David Ross, the winner was Jeanette Prasifka



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

This morning, I was a real ‘lollpop.’ This morning I stayed in bed too long and missed the meeting, is the meaning of the word lollpop.

This morning my wife was a ‘Fussock’! Check right here next month! I hope you are enjoying this little word play.



Signers of the Declaration here at our Dallas Chapter win a prize. The prize was a Dallas Chapter Challenge Coin. The winner is Robert Kittrell.



BENEDICTION – Ron Russell

SAR RECESSIONAL – All

NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY August 12th @ 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

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ▶ Public Relations & Publicity | ▶ Brochure Contest (MS) |
| ▶ Community Service Awards | ▶ CAR Essay Contest |
| ▶ Member Retention | ▶ Eagle Scout Essay Contest |
| ▶ CAR Liaison | ▶ Knight Essay Contest (HS) |
| ▶ 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 or Tom Van Fossen**

Respectfully submitted,
William B. Watts, Secretary

William B. Watts

Wants and Needs Listing

Comfort Items (Travel Size and Regular)

- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush (*Single pack*)
- Denture Cream
- Denture Cleaner
- Shower Gel/Wash (no bars)
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Lotion
- Powder
- Medicated Powder
- Shaving Cream
- Razors
- Manicure sets
- Hairbrushes
- Combs
- Hair Clips/Pony tail Holders
- Feminine Products
- Shower Shoes
- Lip Balm
- Hair Gel/Mousse

*** If making a donation for comfort items, please remember all comfort items donated need to be new items.**

Other items needed for patients

- Phone Cards
- Envelopes #10
- Small writing tablets and Pen/Pencils
- Gas/Gift Cards for patients
- Reading Glasses (*Variety of Strengths*)
- Canteen Books
- Puzzle Books
- DART/TRE Passes
- Mailing Stamps
- Lap Robes
- Wheelchair bags
- Stoma Covers
- Bags/Luggage (new)
- Books

- Magazines (*no magazines over a year old will be accepted*)

Clothing (Gently worn items or new)

- Jackets
- Winter Coats
- Pants/Slacks
- Jeans
- Shirts
- T-Shirts
- Sweat Suits
- Skirts/Dresses
- House Shoes (new)
- Gloves (new)
- Winter Caps (new)
- Blouses

Undergarments for men and women (New Only)

- Underwear / Boxers (*variety of sizes needed*) Panties (*variety of sizes needed*)
- Sports Bras (*variety of sizes needed*)
- Men's undershirts (*variety of sizes needed*)
- Mens Socks
- Womens Socks

Equipment Needs

- TV's
- DVD Players
- DVD's
- Wii/ Wii Games
- Refrigerators (*Small and Full Size*)
- Coffee Pots (*12 cup and larger*)
- Laptops
- Microwaves
- Fax Machines

Fund for Coffee Cart and Supplies

- Coffee
- Coffee Filters
- Sugar
- Artificial Sweetener (Equal/Splenda/Sweet and Low)

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

