



The MINUTEMAN



Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society - Sons of the American Revolution



October 14, 2023

Volume 24, No. 10

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

Eat to live, and not live to eat.

Breakfast – 8:00am

Meeting – 9:00am

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PRESIDENT

Mark H. Harrison

1st VICE- PRESIDENT/PROGRAMS

Thomas F. Van Fossen

2nd VICE- PRESIDENT/AWARDS

JD Martin

SECRETARY

Bill Watts

TREASURER

Carl N. Harper

REGISTRAR

Mark Morgan

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

Jerry Pinkerton

CHAPLAIN

Frank H. Ponders

ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN

Larry Luby

HISTORIAN

Brent Harshman

TRUSTEES

Jerry Pinkerton

David Temple

COLOR GUARD COMMANDER

Bill Watts

The Dallas Chapter is beginning to gather information about the Chapter for the 100th Anniversary of our Chapter. We need photos, information and other Chapter related information for the years 1929 to 1999. If you have served in any capacity; i.e., Color Guard, Officer, Committee member, Veterans, etc.... during those years or have historical information concerning those years; please gather the information and put it in a box or envelope and loan it to Bill Watts. Please put your name on the box or envelope so he will return it to the right person.

In a few months there will be a form for you to complete if you would like your picture and a short biography to be included in the 100 year history of the Dallas Chapter.

We hope to have the years 1929 – 1963 revised sometime in 2024. This revised Dallas Chapter History Volume I, will have updated information and pictures of our early founders.

If you have any information that you feel will make the 100 Years of the Dallas Chapter better, please give it to Bill Watts or Tom Whitelock.

John T. Trezevant
First President of the
Dallas Chapter



Our Gang!



AGENDA

Call to Order – President Harrison

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.

A moment of silence was taken to remember those in Israel.

Invocation – Brent Harshman

Pledges – American Flag – Paul Ridenour
Texas Flag – Jerry Pinkerton
SAR – Larry Moore

Welcome – President Harrison – Welcome to all.



Visitors

Former State President Bob Clark, Secretary General International Chapter and acting President of our new Ellis County Chapter and Chairman of the JROTC Committee Jack Haughton, District 6 VP Tom Van Fossen, and soon to be new District 6 VP Michel Goode. We apologize if we have missed anyone.

Chapter Historical Minute

1929 “Father of the Dallas Chapter” - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gCtSk4ZcZSg>

Introduction of our morning Speaker – 1st VP Tom Van Fossen

Pat Thibodeau - NSDAR, Neches River Chapter, Canton, NSDAR
American Farmer
- *My Immigrant Army*



Pat’s presentation included her Hessian ancestors who later in the war supported the Revolution. She discussed the influx of German, Irish and other Europeans arriving in the colonies and fighting for the freedom of the United States.



Pat showing off a scarf that Judy Van Fossen, Tom Van Fossens’ wife knitted, RED, WHITE and BLUE!

Pat received a Chapter Certificate for her Presentation of – *My Immigrant Army*



New Members –

- ★ **Matthew Everett / Henry Johnson**
- ★ **John Roark / Maximillian Connor**
- ★ **John Russell III | Jesse Ames**



New Dallas Chapter members being pinned.

Special Award –

- ★ **Brent Harshman**
*250th Anniversary
Gold Medal and Certificate*



Member Anniversaries – President Mark Harrison

- ★ William Fulton | 5 years
- ★ Mark Harrison | 5 years
- ★ Gray Harrison | 5 years
- ★ Finis Kerr | 15 years
- ★ James Head | 20 years
- ★ Atlee Kohl | 25 years

How many lines are there in a sonnet? Find the answer after Color Guard Report.

John Morton talked about the needs of the Veterans. Especially coffee! We have a list of needs available if you need to know what is needed.



President Harrison asked for volunteers for the following Committee's;

Committee Opportunities Available at the 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
- ▶ Greeters

**For more information concerning volunteer opportunities please contact;
Mark Harrison, Tom Van Fossen or any Chapter Officer**

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary – Watts

9 Sep 2023 minutes, Motion by Jerry Pinkerton, 2nd by Jim Battles - Minutes Approved

Treasurer – Treasurer Harper

Financials as of 30 Sep 2023 were presented

Registrar – Morgan

In Progress at Chapter — 27
year we had 14 new members. It looks like we will
At National for Review — 12
(3 Regular, 9 Supplemental, 0 Memorial)
Approved — 21
Closed — 35

New Members Approved — 14 (At this time last
year we had 14 new members. It looks like we will surpass last years YTD by the end of this year.)
Memorial Applications Approved — 3
Supplemental Applications Approved — 3
Total 21

We have a total of 95 Applications

New Member Inductions YTD — 14

New Members Inducted Today — 3

New Members to be Inducted — 1

Total 18

Total Active Members 253

Membership Dues Notices have been sent via email and if you don't have an email will receive it in the mail. If you want to pay online, go to <https://www.txssar.org/dues.htm>



A New Member Pin was awarded to Paul Ridenour for a referral to the Dallas Chapter.

Historian - 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 **2023 Color Guard Events for September and October**

September 15, 2023 Friday – Korean War Veteran Internment SGT Willie J. Baty was interned at DFW National Cemetery 2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy .



Korean War Veteran Willie J. Baty

September 15, 2023

Ted Wilson, Bill Watts, Mark Hanson, Brent Harshman, Tom Van Fossen, Jerry Pinkerton,
Scott Knightly, Tom Milson, Bob Johns, Dan Hamilton, James Owsly, and Gary Barker

SGT Willie J. Baty receives a final Salute at DFW National Cemetery



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



Bill Watts talking about the Flags hanging along the wall at the Jane Douglas DAR House at the State Fair.



October 1, 2023 Sunday – Vietnam Memorial State Fair



October 8, 2023 Sunday – Veterans Wake Richard Thomas Lee Lewisville

Dan Hamilton, Tom Van Fossen and Bill Watts stood vigil at World War II Veteran Richard Thomas Lee’s wake

October 11, 2023 Wednesday – Veterans Funeral Richard Thomas Lee DFW National



World War II Veteran

Richard Lee

October 11, 2023

Bill Watts, Dan Hamilton, Tom Milson, TL Holden and Bob Johns

October 12, 2023 Thursday – Tom Van Fossen and Jerry Pinkerton made presentations to about 300 8th grade students entitled “A Tale of Two Patriots in the American Revolution” at Whitehouse Junior High



Rest of the Year

October 20, 2023 Friday – October 22, 2023 Sunday – BOM College Station

October 27, 2023 – October 29, 2023 LA Patriot Grave Marking

November 4, 2023 Saturday – Fields of Honor Event at Red Tail Pavilion at Oak Point Park in Plano 2801 E Spring Creek Pkwy Plano **Muster at 2:30 pm.** We are going to talk about our Patriot Ancestor to the attendees. Bring a 2-3 minute talk on your Patriot Ancestor.

A blue poster for the "Plano Flags of Honor" event. At the top left is the "Plano East Rotary" logo, and at the top right is the "Plano City of Excellence" logo. The main title is "PLANO FLAGS OF HONOR" in large white letters, with the subtitle "A TRIBUTE TO SERVICE ABOVE SELF" below it. The event is described as "Honoring Veterans & First Responders". A central photograph shows a field of many American flags. Below the photo is a QR code and the text "HONOR A HERO". The event dates are "NOVEMBER 4-11, 2023" and the location is "RED TAIL PAVILION". The address is "2801 E. SPRING CREEK PARKWAY, PLANO TX 75074". A "SCHEDULE OF EVENTS" lists: "PLANO SAFETY FAIR & TOUCH A TRUCK | FIRE TRUCK PULL | MUSICAL PERFORMANCES | CAR & TRUCK SHOW | NOTE TO HERO STATION | CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL PRESENTATIONS | LIVING HISTORIANS | HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE AND GLOW & MORE". At the bottom, it says "FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT" followed by the H-E-B logo, the website "WWW.PLANOFLAGSOFHONOR.COM", and the QT logo.

November 5, 2023 Sunday - Massing of Colors Fort Worth, Texas 9100 N. Normandale Street Ft Worth **Muster 1:30 pm** **Arrive early to find a parking spot**

November 11, 2023 Saturday - Veterans Day Event at Red Tail Pavilion at Oak Point Park in Plano 2801 E Spring Creek Pkwy Plano Muster time is at 2:30pm We will present at 3pm. We will have a musket demonstration, flag presentation and a flag retirement presented by the Boy Scouts followed by the playing of Taps.

The answer to; “How many lines are there in a sonnet? Fourteen!

November 16, 2023 Thursday – Grave Marking of H P Eller at Pecan Grove Cemetery 1701 McDonald, McKinney at 4:30 pm Muster time **4PM**. We will meet at Spring Creek and attend the McKinney Chapter meeting if you want to eat.

December 16, 2023 Saturday - Wreaths Across America 3900 Oakland Circle Dallas **Muster at 10:30** am arrive earlier to get a parking spot. Please purchase your wreath at;
<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/164782/Overview/?relatedId=171591&fbclid=IwAR2JF-XRLxdpuEMWHPztchxDCFysytB5qY46xAO61p1eOqhn74Vc2TE3qo>

2024 Color Guard Events

January 26, 2024 Friday – Malvern Elementary School 110 El Dorado Pkwy McKinney We will have four tables with artifacts and the signing of the Declaration of Independence **Muster 4:30 pm** Event 5 – 7 pm.

April 10, 2024 Wednesday - Patriots Day at Providence Christian School 9 am 5002 West Lovers Lane **muster 8:20 am**

April 11 – 14 Thursday – Sunday – TXSSAR Conference Double Tree in San Antonio

OLD BUSINESS –

Merchandise Table – Tom Whitelock

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 –



The Dallas Chapter presented Jack Haughton the new President of the Ellis County Chapter Sons of the American Revolution an American Flag to be used in their Chapter meetings.

Remember; “Youth is a wonderful thing. What a crime to waste it on children.”



Men who are associate members of the new Ellis County Chapter SAR

Tom Van Fossen talked about the next speaker;

Upcoming Programs –

★ Next Meeting — **November 11th @ 09:00am**

Speaker — **Marc Liebman**

Naval Lessons from the American Revolution That Are Still Valid Today

★ **Save the Date** — Thursday, December 7th @ 6pm, Chapter Holiday Dinner Meeting with your guests @ the Ventana. We will have dinner and entertainment. The cost is \$50.00 per person, not including wine. We will be voting on officers during this meeting. **Registration forms now available, please print them out and send them to Nick Harper or bring it to our next meeting.**

★ **Board of Managers (BOM)** meeting to be held in College Station, TX, on October 20-22, 2023, at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel. Registration now open on TXSSAR site. If you haven't attended, it's a chance to see how our State Society works. It's a good – good meeting and I urge you to attend.

Connect

President | Mark Harrison

mharrison.sar@gmail.com | 214-733-7078

Website

www.txssar.org/Dallas

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1692158937849494>

YouTube

@sardallaschapter3011

Annual Reporting Form

President Harrison introduced the new reporting form. This form will help in the completion of the Chapters End of Year report and the Stark Report. It's difficult to gather all the information together. Mark Morgan has designed this form for everyone to use to report what they have done.

This is an example of the form that is found online;

Dallas Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Compatriot Report of Official Activity or Event

Event Name: _____

Event Type: _____

Event Date: _____

Event Location: _____

Participating Compatriots: _____

Comments: _____

Compatriot Making Report: _____

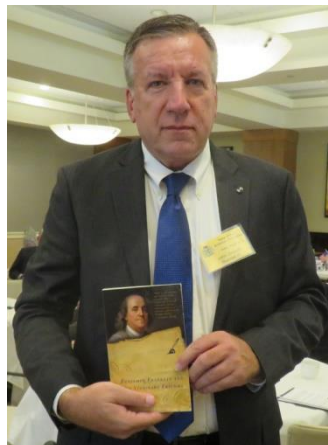
Date of Report: _____

DOOR PRIZE –



John Russell on
the right

Jeanette Prasifka
on the left



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

“I can’t believe that you are a Gilt!” I can’t believe you are a thief. A ‘Gilt’ preyed upon taverns and their guests. He would arrive and inform the owner he needed a room. Upon being given one, he would sneak throughout the building and use pick locks to open and often relock other rooms, chests or boxes and remove what he could steal.

“You are a real Rum Dubber!” Check right here next month! I hope you are enjoying this little word play.

BENEDICTION – Brent Harshman

SAR RECESSIONAL – All

NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY November 11th @ 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 | ▶ 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
Tom Van Fossen**

Respectfully submitted,
William B. Watts, Secretary

William B. Watts 

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

