



The MINUTEMAN



Dallas Chapter

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Texas Society - Sons of the American Revolution

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Ventana by Buckner South Tower, Grand Hall
8301 N US 75-Central Expressway - Dallas, TX 75225
Wish not so much to live long, as to live well.

Breakfast – 8:00am

Meeting – 9:00am

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COLOR GUARD COMMANDER

Bill Watts

ON OUR RITUALS

I've been thinking about the attraction our Society's rituals hold for me, and, pleasingly, how like a worship service our meetings are.

My love of ritual was born of my mother, who ushered us, children to church on Sundays, and, invariably, no matter how late our arrival, marched us down the center aisle to a front pew. (I was uninspired, as a young Congregational Protestant, by the comparatively plain interiors of our churches and the black Geneva gowns of our clergy, secretly admiring the pomp and circumstance of Roman Catholicism. As one who now pledges funds to support a church, however, I've developed an appreciation for the dictum "less is more.") My love for ritual was nurtured in the Boy Scouts, and galvanized by the military life I led for 27 years, first as a dependent, then as a commissioned officer myself. Now, as a courtroom lawyer ("May it please the Court . . ."), I frequent other bastions of secular ritual.

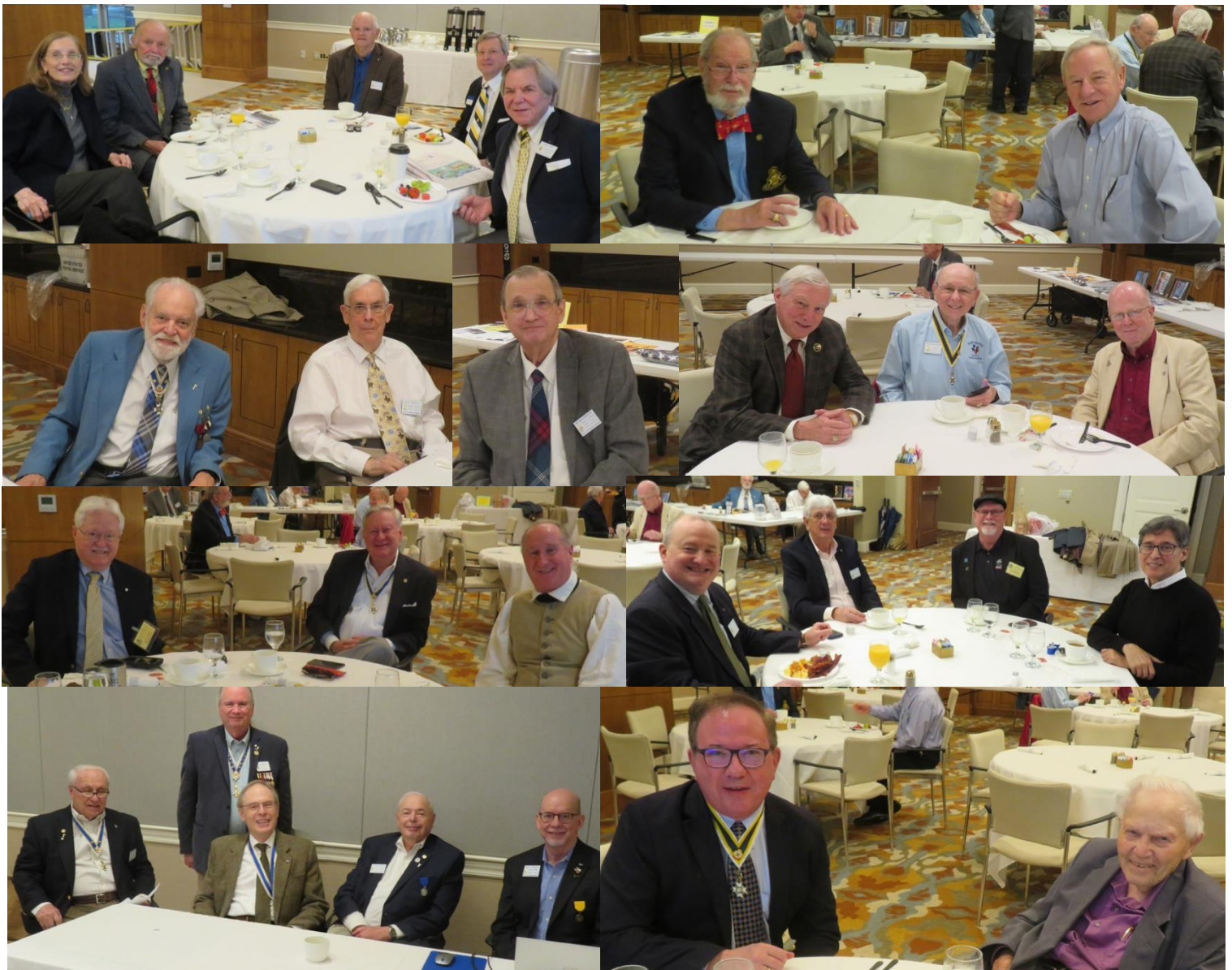
The SAR appealed to me in part because it, too, had its liturgies. Our rites are timeless reminders of a past and people we revere. Our meeting places may be unprepossessing, but they are sanctuaries no less, consecrated each month by word and song. We begin each Dallas chapter meeting by invoking the presence of the Almighty, a reminder – echoed in our Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag, immediately afterward – that we are a nation "under God." Next, we honor the flag of Texas, symbolic of a polity once a nation unto itself, now part of a greater one. The last of our Affirmations of Faith is "in the principles of liberty and our

constitutional republic,” which we “solemnly pledge ourselves to defend . . . against every foe,” paying fealty to the heroes of the American Revolution of whom we are descendants. A hymn follows these binding promises in our order of worship: “America,” sung to the tune of “God Save the Queen,” recalling our ancient umbilicus to England. After a Eucharistic breakfast, announcements, and confirmation of new members (during which they, “mindful of the sacrifices of [their] patriot forefathers,” receive a rosette in the blue, buff and white colors of the Continental uniform), we have a gospel reading – our Americanism presentation – and, finally, the sermon (by our guest speaker) on a topic of patriotic, historical, or educational interest. Our meetings close with a benediction and remembrance of “our obligation to our forefathers,” who gave us “our Constitution, the Bill of rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a nation of free men.”

These rituals of our Society are more than nostalgic. They are expressions of continuity – an uninterrupted connection, succession, union, and cohesion – between our forebears and ourselves. They comfort me, inspire me, and warm my heart. I shall never tire of their observance.

Minuteman Newsletter, January 2001 – J. Mark Hansen, Dallas Chapter President 2000

Our Attendees for today



AGENDA

Call to Order – President Harshman

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.

Invocation – Frank Pounders

Pledges

This month we combined the American Historic Moment with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. A video was shown where the late Red Skelton discussed the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance and then asked us to say the pledge with him.



Texas Flag – Jerry Pinkerton
SAR – JD Martin

Mission Statement – All

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

Welcome – President elect Tracy Pounders, past state president Bob Clark, Inland Registrar Jerry Pinkerton, Dist. 6 VP Tom Van Fossen, and others that may be here. A warm welcome to WWII Veteran Col. W. F. Goodman, Jr.

Introduction of our morning Speaker – Van Fossen

Richard Zdunkewicz, Texas SAR State VP-District 7
TX SAR 250 Anniversary Monument Committee Chair

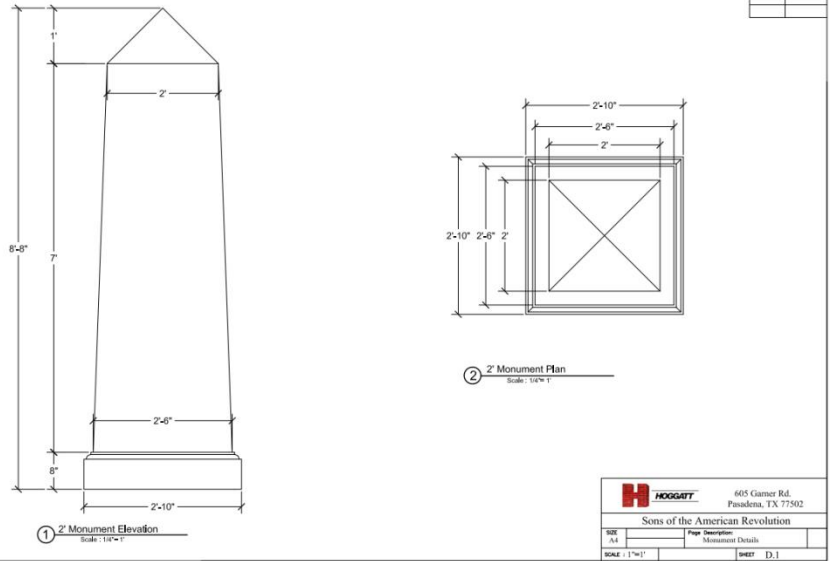


You Can Thank the French for Texas – Louis Juchereau de Saint-Denis and
Nicholas Chauvin de la Freniere

An expedition of the French into the Spanish controlled area of Louisiana and Tejas that contributed to the Spanish expanding their influence across the area now known as Texas.

Total Commitments from all sources = \$46,457

- Texas SAR Chapter Commitments = \$8,660
- Total from the GWEF = \$15,000
- Total from individual Compatriots = \$22,297
- GoFundMe pledges = \$550
- Paul Carrington Chapter recently committed an additional \$3,000 to be funded in two equal portions in 2024 and 2025; this is included in the above total



- Expect to get word from Daughters of the Republic of Texas on our request for \$10,000 donation in March
- Our fundraising objective is \$55,000





Mark Harrison, Richard Zdunkewicz, Brent Harshman and Tom Van Fossen presenting a certificate, challenge coin and coffee cup to our speaker.

New Members

Inland Registrar Pinkerton

John Maloney III - John Shinn



Mark Morgan, Tracy Pounders, Jerry Pinkerton, John Maloney and Brent Harshman

John Maloney has already joined the Color Guard and participated in Wreaths Across America.

Member Anniversaries

- ★ Ray Fox | 5 years
- ★ Russell Windle | 5 years
- ★ Kristen Oyster | 10 years
- ★ David Scott | 15 years
- ★ Charles Welch | 30 years

Committee Updates

We have changed the Member Retention to Member Recruitment & Retention.

Committee Opportunities Available at the Dallas Chapter

- ▶ Public Relations & Publicity
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- ▶ Member Recruitment & 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

We need you to volunteer to serve, without your service we will not be able to meet the needs of our chapter in the future. If you want to assist one of our officers or committee chairmen to learn the responsibilities of the position please contact any of our officers. If you enjoy our chapter please aid the officers and committee chairs with your service.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary – Watts

Moved to accept made by Chalmers Omberg, 2nd by Jerry Pinkerton approved by all.

On This Date In History

<https://www.revolutionary-war-and-beyond.com/on-this-day-in-history.html>

If you are interested in what happened today in **History** please use this link.

Treasurer – Harper

Financials were discussed during the meeting

Registrar – Morgan

In Progress at Chapter — 40
At National for Review — 9
(0 Regular, 9 Supplemental, 0 Memorial)
Approved — 3
Closed — 0

We have a total of 52 Applications

Total Active Members 252

New Members Approved — 3
Memorial Applications Approved — 0
Supplemental Applications Approved — 0
Total 3

New Member Inductions YTD — 1
New Members Inducted Today — 1
New Members to be Inducted — 4
Total 6

Membership Dues Notices have been mailed to everyone who has a valid physical mailing address. If you want to pay online, go to; <https://www.txssar.org/dues.htm>

Please update your physical address, email and phone as they change.

Historian - Manning

Send pictures of events for future yearbooks to:

Tom Manning tommanning.sar@gmail.com

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

Veterans Report - Harrison

Compatriot Scot MacRae of the Dallas Chapter was one of the key founders and developers of the Taste of Hope, a Dallas non-profit organization that focuses on recovering food resources from major retailers such as Costco, Target, Sprouts, Sam's, Trader Joes, etc. These retailers are encouraged to donate food to the homeless, particularly Veterans, through Taste of Hope. This food previously was disposed of in the landfill. Scot now focuses on working with the retailers to join the food recovery program and coordinates their activities.

Scot MacRae's description of the impact of his organization: Throughout the year, on a weekly basis I share excess food with a Veterans organization in west Dallas called The Last Patrol. They take the food I get from Costco, Trader Joe's, Sam's, Sprouts, and other donors and share it among veterans in their network. They also support the Dallas Legacy Mission with a monthly luncheon for veterans held at the West Dallas Multipurpose Building.

I have shared 66,909 lbs. of food with this great non-profit over the last year with a value of \$116,421 per the USDA guideline of \$1.74 per pound of food. Not only does this help keep veterans fed, it also keeps food out of landfills, where the rotting food would produce methane gas and add to climate destruction.

The total amount of food I rescued during the year was 793,000 lbs. with a value of \$1.37 million, but since not all of that is verifiable as supporting veterans, even though many of the homeless are veterans, I can only document the amount The Last Patrol picks up from me.

Through Scot's leadership and full-time work, the Veteran community in Dallas is provided a significant food resource. Using the USDA valuation formula, the 66,909 pounds of food donated to The Last Patrol and the veterans they support is the equivalent of a monetary donation of \$116,421.

Mileage that Scot travels is conservatively estimated at 100 miles per week – or 5,200 miles for the year.

Mark Harrison
Past-President Dallas Chapter



John Morton, Scot MacRae and Brent Harshman

Chapter Activities for January and February 2024

January 17, 2024 Wednesday – Pottsboro Library the American Experience with the Preston Trails DAR on CBS 8 KTEN News Gave Declaration to Pottsboro Library and Pottsboro Elementary School



Tom Van Fossen, T. L. Holden, Dave Fatheree, Bill Graham, Tom Milson, and Bill Watts

January 25, 2024 Thursday – Malvern Elementary School 1100 El Dorado Pkwy McKinney we had four tables with artifacts and the signing of the Declaration of Independence.



January 27, 2024 Saturday – Ellis County Chapter Tale of Two Patriots presentation by Compatriots Pinkerton and Van Fossen



New for February

February 17, 2024 Saturday – George Washington Birthday Parade Laredo

February 20, 2024 Tuesday - Plano Symphony Children's Concerts Color Guard presents and post the Colors Robinson Fine Arts Center Located at 1800 Alma Road in Plano. First day we only have one concert at 11:30, please arrive at 10:30

February 21, 2024 Wednesday - Plano Symphony Children's Concerts Color Guard presents and post the Colors Robinson Fine Arts Center Located at 1800 Alma Road in Plano. Concerts are at 10 and 11:30

February 22, 2024 Thursday - Plano Symphony Children's Concerts Color Guard presents and post the Colors Robinson Fine Arts Center Located at 1800 Alma Road in Plano. Concerts are at 10 and 11:30

February 23, 2024 Friday - Plano Symphony Children's Concerts Color Guard presents and post the Colors Robinson Fine Arts Center Located at 1800 Alma Road in Plano. Concerts are at 10 and 11:30

March 19, 2024 Tuesday - Plano Symphony Children's Concerts Color Guard presents and post the Colors Robinson Fine Arts Center Located at 1800 Alma Road in Plano. First day we only have one concert at 11:30, please arrive at 10:30

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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 611 NW Loop 410, San Antonio

April 27, 2024 Saturday – Medal of Honor Parade Muster 9:30 am Gainesville, Texas

May 18, 2024 Saturday – Joseph Ligon DAR 110 year Anniversary & Compatriot Grave marking in Paris, Texas

**2024 ANNUAL MEETING
TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION**



**SAVE THE DATE!
APRIL 11TH – APRIL 14TH 2024
IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON – SAN ANTONIO AIRPORT
611 NW LOOP 410, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78216**



J. D. Martin, Mark Harrison, Mark Morgan, Tom Van Fossen, Brent Harshman, Jerry Pinkerton and Bill Watts

Our Color Guard Commander gave certificates of appreciation to the Members of the Color Guard



Certificates for participation at the Wreaths Across American were given to John Maloney our newest CG member, Tom Van Fossen, Brent Harshman, Mark Harrison, J D Martin and Tom Whitelock.

Jerry Pinkerton received his Bronze Color Guard Medal from the National Sons of the American Revolution.

J. D. Martin, Mark Harrison, Mark Morgan, Tom Van Fossen, John Maloney, Brent Harshman and Bill Watts.

Advancement in rank was awarded to Tom Whitelock – Lieutenant, Jerry Pinkerton - 1st Sergeant, Tom Van Fossen – Sergeant and Brent Harshman - Corporal

Tom Van Fossen received a special award “The Sons of Liberty” medal for special service to the Dallas Chapter Color Guard.

The National Sons of the American Revolution has a former Veteran who provides a service to mount medals for our members, Military Image Maker. If you would like to have your medals mounted the web page is; <http://militaryimagemaker.com>

OLD BUSINESS –

2022 Americanism Results

State	Chapters 150+ Members (19 Submissions)	Membership As of		Americanism		PG Streamer		Per Capita		PG Cup (18 Qualified)	
		01 Jan	31 Dec	Total	Rank	Total	Rank	Per Capita	Rank	Americanism Categories	PG Streamer Categories
TX	Dallas	243	258	9,116	8	6,470	8	45.02	10	7	5
TX	Patrick Henry	209	220	1,130	18	2,205	19	8.30	DNQ	6	2
TX	Paul Carrington	273	272	3,428	15	4,095	13	15.58	17	6	4
TX	San Antonio	215	253	9,165	7	4,215	12	44.59	11	8	5

2021 Americanism Results

Chapters 151+ Members		Membership As of		Americanism	PG Streamer	PG Cup				
Rank	Chapter	State	01 Jan	31 Dec	Total	Rank	Per Capita	Rank	Americanism Categories	PG Streamer Categories
7	San Antonio	TX	229	241	6,560	3,765	30.54	8	4	
8	Dallas	TX	224	243	6,223	4,720	37.92	8	5	
9	George Washington	VA	232	268	5,742	9,390	52.85	8	5	
10	Western Reserve Society	OH	414	392	5,695	7,445	23.22	6	5	
11	Raleigh	NC	153	173	4,231	4,610	44.52	8	5	
12	Philadelphia-Continental	PA	426	484	4,055	9,805	21.04	8	5	
13	Paul Carrington	TX	280	271	2,523	5,220	18.14	4	4	
14	Benjamin Franklin	OH	176	208	2,382	3,800	18.07	7	4	
15	Atlanta	GA	172	185	1,526	4,490	24.36	8	5	
16	Patrick Henry	TX	186	209	751	2,260	6.62	5	2	

As you can see we are still Ranked #8 but we are improving each year. We achieved the PG Streamer and need 1 point to achieve the PG Cup. Keep up the good work and make sure you turn in all activities that you participate in to Brent Harshman our President.

The link to the 2024 reporting period is; <https://www.txssar.org/Dallas/links.htm>
Please complete the form on the link for each activity you participate in as soon as you can. This data will aid in the preparation of the yearend report. The Chapter thanks you in advance for your participation.

NEW BUSINESS – Dallas Chapter #2 Officers 2024

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Appointed Positions**Color Guard Commander**

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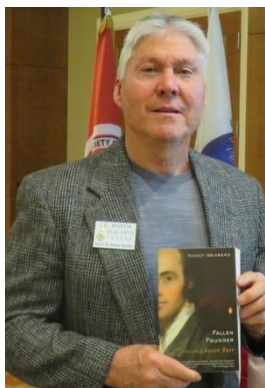
Webmaster

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Important Notice

Starting in March our full breakfast price will be \$15 per person. Coffee and juice will remain \$5. Ventana has had increased food and server costs. Considering the premier venue and great food we enjoy, the BOM believes this is still a bargain and good for our Chapter. This is our first breakfast cost increase since 2013.

- ★ **Next Meeting** — Saturday, March 9th @ 9am
- ★ **First Responder Award Winners Ceremony**
Dallas Police Department and Dallas Fire Department
- ★ **Speaker** — Randall Bush, Secretary, Plano Chapter
“The Whiskey Rebellion”

**DOOR PRIZE – Harrison**

J. D. Martin



Peter Somerville

BENEDICTION – Pounders

SAR RECESSIONAL – All

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**For more information concerning volunteer opportunities please contact;
Mark Harrison
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Respectfully submitted,
William B. Watts, Secretary

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

