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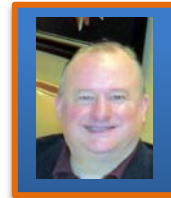


March 10, 2018
News & Minutes of Dallas Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution

President **William Watts** called monthly meeting to order at 8:30am in the dining room of the Presbyterian Village North in Dallas, Texas. He asked Chaplain Frank Ponders to give the sick call and invocation. In addition to Compatriots **Bockstruck, Baker, Crapo, Monroe & Northcraft** – police officers in attendance asked that prayers also be lifted up for Sgt. Chris Gilliam who had just passed away.

Chapter Color Guard Commander **Robert Kittrell**, & FCP **Tom Whitelock** (in uniform) posted the colors for the membership. Pledges to the **United States Flag** and **Texas Flag** were led by President **Watts** and **Nick Harper** respectively. Historian **Joseph Slonaker** led the Affirmation to the **SAR**. The President next led the attendees in singing the first stanza of *America*.

Head Greeter FCP **Ralph McDowell** acknowledged his morning assistant **Chalmers Omberg** > had helped welcome 29 Compatriots and 5 guests: *Laura Watts, Bradley Sue Howell, Ann Marie Mihm, Kathy Muntzel and Todd Frary* > (A prospective new Compatriot member from Georgia).



In addition, twenty-four officers, staff personnel and family members attended our special **Annual RED-WHITE-BLUE Awards** meeting this morning.



*Welcome
First
Responders*

President Watts next introduced **Battalion Chief Ray O'Dell** > who in turn described the reasons for this year's selection of firefighters and rescue personnel **SAR Award** winners.

He first explained why **Lieutenant Tolvia Wilcoxson** was the logical choice to receive **Fire Commendation Medal** due to his wealth of knowledge from multi-tasking experience. v v





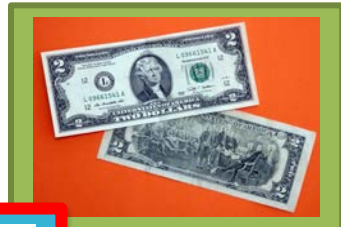
Chief O'Dell called forward paramedic **Fire Rescue Officer Blake Williamson**,> so that he and President Watts could present him with the **EMS Commendation Medal & Certificate**



Medal of Heroism was awarded to **Driver Engr. Joel Ralston**>who forced his way into many apartments to reach and help residents to safety in one of the largest fires last year. Needless to say, a very proud family was in on the recorded ceremony.



Chief O'Dell was also presented with a TxSSAR Challenge coin



< Secretary **Whitelock** presented each of the Ralston children with a \$2.00 bill as per our Chapter tradition. The

youngsters (Emeri, Evan, Ellie & Eslee) later returned the favor by singing a song in rhyme about the signing of *The Declaration of Independence*.

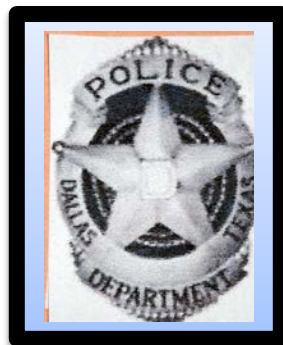


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txssar.org/dallas



Major **Catrina Shead**^ presented the **Law Enforcement Commendation Medal** to **Sgt. Richard Hunt**



^Sgt. **Rene Sigala** & Maj. **Paul Junger**^ presented the **Medal for Heroism** to Senior Corporal **Krystal Woods-Romero**

A standing ovation by Chapter members truly expressed our appreciation for and pride in all 1st responders

TxSSAR Vice President District Six, **Gary Lovell** v
came forward to induct our newest member

MARK MUNTZEL, Jr.



Mark acknowledged that his DAR mother was the one who did all the research (even before there was *Internet*) to find his patriot- **CHARLES BURTON**

Jerry Pinkerton pinned on the SAR Member Rosette.



Mark also thanked his wife **Kathryn**, who was in attendance.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

President Watts reminded everyone of the upcoming annual conference next month and asked those that plan to attend to make sure they register ASAP.

He also mentioned that on April 7th in Gainesville, Texas, the town will again host the **MEDAL of HONOR** parade. It will kick off at 9:00 am and you'll have the opportunity to meet true American Heroes from a number of different wars.



OFFICER'S REPORTS

1st Vice President- Guest speaker for April, is **Shareefah Mason**, our Chapter Essay winner in the American History Teacher contest. **2nd Vice President**- report was given by Compatriot Whitelock, who noted that he had sent out letters to the various high & middle schools ask if they desired to participate in the SAR JROTC or Outstanding Citizenship medal & certificate awards program. He asked that member volunteers alter him to their availability to make presentations and that a few of the school packets were already to be picked up today. **Secretary**- stated that Minutes of previous monthly meeting were posted on the website and also distributed today – President asked for approval and by motion & second they were accepted in a voice vote. **Treasurer's** report reflected a current checking account balance as of 2/28/18 -\$6,879.67. **Registrar**-no report as of this date. **Historian**-Said that he is eager to photograph and/or videotape any Color Guard activities for the purpose of creating archive DVDs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership- Notices are still being sent out in hopes of retaining our Compatriot members that haven't paid 2018 dues yet.

Veterans Affairs

Personal items are needed for male and female patients at the VA Hospital, such as razors, underwear, socks, coffee, toothpaste & brushes, shaving cream.

Poster Contest Chairman John Morton> showed the winning entry designed by **Reece Wilson** of Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary school.





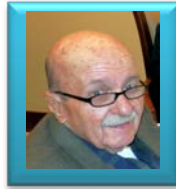
Robert Kittrell

Color Guard Commander Kittrell outlined the upcoming events and activities for all our Chapter participants: **APRIL 5-8** TxSSAR Annual Conference (4/6-2pm Color Guard meeting & 3pm present/post colors at 1st Gen. Session) (4/7- 9am MOH Parade, Gainsville, TX & 6pm Official Conf. photo/Banquet changing of command) (4/8- 9am BOM session retrieve colors) (4/11- 7:30am Providence Christian School Colonial Day) **MAY 26** 9pm Ennis Polka Parade. **CAR Liaison** announced that our CAR Essay Contest winner is Trevor Burke and is now entered in the State competition.

NEW BUSINESS

President Watts offered a suggestion that we have a celebration of “MOTHER”S DAY (one day in advance) at our meeting on MAY 12. By motion and voice vote, the attending Compatriots approved. He also stated that he was going to appoint a committee to investigate, discuss and possibly plan for the resurgence of a yearend holiday evening couples’ dinner/meeting.

FCP **Mike Petridis** asked for a moment to honor and recognize one of our long time Chapter members ****Tom Bohanan >** who was also a WWII veteran.



Prior to the Benediction by Chaplain Pounders, the Treasurer held drawings for door prizes (with many suspect repeat winners from meetings past.)

The President led the attendees in the SAR closing recessional and the meeting was adjourned at 9:31am.

Back to the Future...

- April Americanism-** Jerry Brown/ The Last Salute
- May Speaker-** Andy Fancher/ Veteran Interviews
- June “** - James Battle/ Pilgrin Founders Society
- July “** - Jerry Pinkerton/ His father’s WWII story

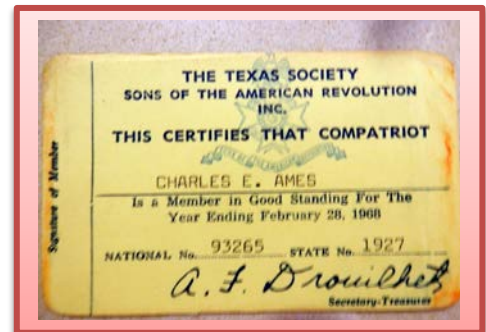


Respectfully submitted by Tom Whitelock –Secretary

...and now a blast from the past



1937 Charles E. Ames 2018



...his Fifty Year Old Membership Card