



THE
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News & Minutes of Dallas Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution
MINUTEMAN



1st Vice President **Tom Van Fossen** called the monthly meeting to order at 8:31am in the dining room of Presbyterian North Village in Dallas, Texas. He reported that President **Watts** was at home recovering from spinal surgery and that he would be resuming his duties soon. Invocation was given by “Chaplain-for-the-Day” FCP **Whitelock**. Pledges to the **United States Flag** and **Texas State Flag** were led by Compatriots **Glenn Toal** and **Mark Howell** respectively. Registrar **Jerry Pinkerton** led the members in the affirmation to the **SAR**. The VP next led the attendees in singing the first stanza of *America*.

Hospitality Chairman – **Ralph McDowell** thanked Glenn Toal for assisting him in greeting the twenty members and following guests: Bradley Sue Howell, Suzie Toal, Dr. Justin Rudelson, Jerrold Martin & Brandon Martin.

Chapter Registrar **Jerry Pinkerton** introduced Dr. Rudelson as father of prospective members *Auden Orion Rudelson & Trillin Kahlo Rudelson*.



1st Vice President **Van Fossen** announced that our own **Jerry Brown** had been elected the new TxSSAR Inland Registrar at the recent State Conference. Tom next congratulated FCP **David Temple** on being elected the new *President-Elect* of the **TxSSAR** Society as well as FCP **Tracy Pounders** continuing as *State Chancellor* and FCP **Frank Pounders** as *State Chaplain*.



< District Six Vice President Gary Lovell reported that all Chapters in Dist.6 had outstanding results for 2017 and that he had a special award Certificate to present to <Jerry Brown, who served as Chapter Registrar during that year. The Texas Society DAR Certificate recognized his efforts in securing 12 SAR memberships & promoting the “Finder Form.”



Reminder – Levity on the Table

Next up ‘on the mound’ was FCP **David Temple**> who gave a brief review of happenings at the recent 123rd TxSSAR Conference. He congratulated the Chapter on sponsoring **Trevor Burke**, the young man that won first place in both the *CAR and Eagle Scout Essay Contests*. Likewise, Dallas received an Award Certificate for *Public Service Recognition*.



David also mentioned that special TxSSAR “challenge coins” were created sometime ago by former President General Joseph Dooley for fund raising purposes.



We now have a small quantity to give to new members, by virtue of an anonymous Chapter compatriot’s donation.

Another Chapter winner (2nd Place) in the state *Poster Contest*, was **Reece Wilson** of Cullins Lake Point Elementary.



Guest Speaker

American History Teacher Contest chairman **John Morton** introduced our 2017 essay winner, **<Shareefah Mason**. Her presentation detailed how she taught her classes what the colonists experienced in taxation by England. Students were given the equivalent of money (candy drops), but were told that they now had to pay taxes on their school uniforms and on other supplies & expenses of their education. Students became upset when their candies were taken away from them, especially when they are mandated to wear uniforms and pay off the debt they didn’t create. Sound familiar?



After the “Doctorial Candidate” finished her reading, **<John & Tom** presented her with winner’s check, a certificate, and Liberty Bellalso a special two dollar bill by Ralph> as a Chapter Gift for her daughter who was celebrating a birthday today.



AMERICANISM

Today’s speaker was **Jerry Brown**,> who stated that the major theme at the State Conference was that, in order to secure new members for the Society and retain less active ones – *we need more volunteer Registrars and Mentors*. “Top line signers” on membership applications need to assist the Chapter Registrar in the sponsorship process and then serve as a mentor – getting him interested in Chapter activities and continual payment of dues.



“**The First Salute**” was the main topic of his presentation for the day and he quickly related how his Dutch heritage aided in the research of the subject. New Amsterdam was formed in 1624 by the Dutch who were constantly fighting with the British. They were pretty angry when the British invaded and took New Amsterdam in 1664 while they had a signed peace agreement – with the purpose of taking away the Dutch “fur trade.”

In 1775 the Continental Congress commissioned Margaret Manning to design an Ensign Flag. V



that would be flown at the rear of our first NAVY- a fleet of four converted merchant ships into war ships. It was called the Grand Union.

Jerry handed out sample flags for members to see up close its compromise of thirteen stripes for the colonies & Union Jack in the canton (to stay safe in international waters). John Paul Jones hoisted the first one December 3, 1775 on his Gun Ship.

Long story shortened -the actual “First Salute” came about when the Dutch (a foreign power) fort at Sint Eustatius fired an eleven cannon gun response salute to recognize the American ship *Andrew Doria* > The ship also carried a copy of the *Declaration of Independence* to the island.



OFFICER’S REPORTS

President - *"I am so glad to be a member of a chapter that has been so good to me. The emails and cards that I have received mean a lot to me. At the present time I have good days and bad days but I am thinking about the Dallas Chapter. I feel like I've let you down the last two meetings but please remember that I'm there. If not in person, - in spirit! God bless all of you. Bill Watts"*

1st Vice President – Don’t forget, we’re celebrating *Mother’s Day* next month and wives & sweethearts are invited to join us for a very interesting program of speakers and fun-filled activities. Our “**Guest Speaker**” is a young man-*Andy Fancher*-who has taken up the challenge of interviewing WWII Veterans and video recording their historical stories. The “**Americanism**” topic will be on Mothers of the Revolution.

2nd Vice President/Secretary- reported that various ROTC & Citizenship packets for a number of schools are ready for the Compatriots who volunteered to make presentations to pick up. He still needed about ten more members to help out. As for the scribe work, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved by voice vote and he noted that he was redesigning the Banner Box on the web-site posting so as to include various events and activities to qualify as a newsletter. **Treasurer**-stated that individual copies of the monthly statement were handed out at the start of the meeting. The second quarter report of accounts will be available at end of June.

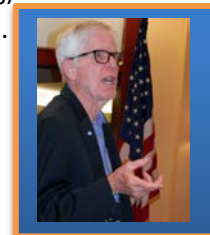
Registrar-New member applications that have been approved by NSSAR and just awaiting all final signatures at State level belong to **Justin Long, Kenneth Irons Jr. and Trace Kaelin**. TVF interjected that he has five prospects that he obtained at the recent TxSSAR Conference for Jerry to help him work on. **Historian**- Has completed the DVDs that he shot of last month’s First Responders Awards meeting and will be sending them copies this coming week.

Committee Reports

Membership – Ralph noted that he’s still gone about twenty former members that have been removed from the roster because they didn’t pay their 2018 dues. Two reminder notices and phone calls have only garnered five retentions so he’s going to take President Watts offer to send a personal appeal letter as a last effort. The members voted to take advantage of Bill while he’s “resting on his LAURALS” (or whatever you call that thing).

Veterans Affairs- Chairman read a suggested list of items Vets need at the Hospital.

Providence Academy
Colonial Day



Color Guard-
<Commander
Outlined all the
events held in
early April and
coming up in
May, June & July

JP models one
<of his patriot’s outfits.

CAR Liaison-called upon DAR Mrs. Bradley Sue Howell > to describe the current activities of the CAR Society and what the youth are planning for the rest of the year.



FCP David Temple emphasized the need for all members to report to the Chapter Officers the various community activities they perform in on behalf of the SAR so as to aid in filling out the ANNUAL REPORT in a timely manner. There being no new business nor discussions , Door Prizes drawings commenced.

Benediction was offered up prior to the Vice President leading the members in the SAR closing recessional. Meeting was adjourned at 9:50am



Respectfully submitted by
Tom Whitelock, Secretary

MONTHLY EVENTS



Tom Van Fossen
at Molina HS

Marshall Scantlin
at
Emmett J. Conrad HS



JROTC

PRESENTATIONS

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ABSTON GRAVE REDEDICATION



**Medal of Honor Parade
Gainsville, TX 2018**



NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

COMING EVENTS:

May 26- Ennis Parade ** June 16- Audie Murphy Parade/Farmersville ** July 12 thru 19- NSSAR Congress /Houston