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MAY 12, 2018  
News & Minutes of Dallas Chapter  
Sons of the American Revolution



# Minuteman

The Chapter's monthly meeting was gaveled to order at 8:30am in the dining room of Presbyterian North Village by 1<sup>st</sup> VP, ^ **Tom Van Fossen**. He gave a brief report on President **Watts**'s condition . He extended best wishes to/and appreciation for the ladies that were in the audience on this special Mother's Day meeting. Chaplain **Frank Ponders** gave the sick call and offered up an Invocation.



Compatriots **Alan Prather**>

and **Marshall Scantlin**>

respectively, led the membership and guests

in the pledges of allegiance to the *United States & Texas Flags*.

**Jerry Brown** led us in the *Affirmation to the SAR*, & **John Morton** made sure everyone was in tune as he led us in singing the first stanza of *America*.



Head Greeter FCP **Ralph McDowell** thanked his assistant for the day, State Chaplain **Frank Ponders**, for helping welcome 26 members and the following 9 female guests:



*Judy Van Fossen, Bradley Sue Howell, Barbara Baker, Cindy Irons, Mindy Lovell, Cindy Crony, Kellie Fancher, Suzie Toal and Betty Whitelock.*

Also recognized were State Secretary **Drake Peddie**, Dist. Six Vice-President **Gary Lovell**, new member prospect < **Ray Fox**, as well as *Robert & Andy Fancher and David Crony*.

# AMERICANISM

VP **Van Fossen** stated that since we were honoring ladies today in advance of "MOTHER'S DAY", that he felt it only fitting to also recognize the founding mothers of the *American Revolution*.

His topic presentation centered on Mary Ludwig Hays-McCauley, believed to be commonly known in legend as **MOLLY PITCHER**>. Many historians regard the name is partially folklore, and a composite image of the deeds and actions of a number of real women who aided in the freedom cause and/or fought alongside their patriot men.



The name "Molly Pitcher" was a common nickname given to women who carried water to men on the battlefield during War. Mary Hays joined her (second) husband at the Continental Army's winter camp at Valley Forge. At the Battle of Monmouth in 1778, Mary spent much of an early, very hot day (over 100 degrees), carrying water to soldiers- often under heavy fire from British troops. William Hays collapsed, either wounded or suffering from heat exhaustion. As he was carried off the battlefield, Mary took his place at the cannon, continuing to "swab & load" it the rest of the day. After the battle, General Washington issued a warrant as a non-commissioned officer to her, and thus was henceforth known as "**Sergeant Molly**."

## .....and now for the Special Celebration



A surprise greeting and singing of “Happy Birthday” honored < Mrs. Betty Whitelock. Even Compatriot FCP Tracy Pounders sang the song in Italian for her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

( now you know why Tom looks so old)



Look for other notable Chapter activities in past newsletters and recorded minutes on our website: [www.txssar.org/Dallas](http://www.txssar.org/Dallas)



## GUEST SPEAKER

Compatriot Van Fossen next introduced an outstanding eighteen year old, <ANDY FANCHER, who has devoted most of his time and energy since 2016 in capturing the fading narratives of our World War II Veterans. In addition to video and audio recordings, his research interviews of over 70 veterans from the various military branches has

also netted him a large number of donated personal memorabilia which he had displayed for our members and guests to inspect. His presentation included a few of the stories that related to the items in his collection. One of the most notable gifted pieces was the complete Navy uniform and coat of serviceman Louis Beavers.



Andy has now turned his historical passion to include (where possible) interviewing veterans of later wars. Next portion of the program was very entertaining and educational as the “Croney-Fancher Family Tech Team” was able to fire up the projector, and attendees got to see and hear two of the WWII vets’ personal stories. ▼



In addition to the Chapter’s *Certificate of Appreciation* and *Liberty Bell* gift, Andy was awarded *The Bronze Outstanding Citizenship Certificate & Award* by <Compatriots Marshall Scantlin & Tom Van Fossen By voice vote (after a motion by Tom Smith), it was approved that we would donate \$100 to help him in his patriotic project expense.



PARENTS Kellie & Robert Fancher GRANDPARENTS Cindy & David Croney-

*Should anyone else care to donate to his patriotic cause, go to:*  
[www.andyfancherpresents.com/donate](http://www.andyfancherpresents.com/donate)

Texas Society Secretary, **Drake Peddie**, came forward to the lectern to make a special presentation, however prior to that, he offered a verbal “joke of the day” in honor of FCP **Charles Baker**. .....and for a \$1000 donation, I’ll be happy to recite it to you at the next meeting.

TxSSAR President-Elect **David Temple** joined Drake in recognizing FCP **Robert Kittrell** as a **TXSSAR Emeritus Member**. This high honor is awarded only to those SAR members who have paid dues consistently for fifty or more years and have a continual dedicated service to the Society. Another Dallas Chapter member, **George Philip Huey**, was not available to also receive the award certificate. Both men will no longer have to pay dues.



## Officer’s Reports

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** – June’s main speaker will be Compatriot **James Battles**, Ph.D. He is one of the founding members of the **Pilgrims of the United States** and his topic will be on Arms and Armor of the early settlers. TVF noted that he was in hopes that Compatriots would please read the flyer asking them to volunteer to select the Colony Flag that represents their Patriot’s birth location or their service to, during the Revolution for a 5-7 minute *Americanism* presentation. **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (aka-Awards Chairman)** – asked for volunteers to help finish up the Middle High School Citizenship award presentations through the end of May. He thanked the following Compatriots for contribution of their time thus far and handed out Certificates of Appreciation to:



< **James Fairbairn** (Liberty Citz.), **Nick Harper**, **David Temple**, **Tom Van Fossen**, **Ralph McDowell**, **Marshall Scantlin**, **Phil Cekal**, **Mike Petridis**, **Jerry Pinkerton**, **Tracy Pounders**, **Robert Northcraft**, and **Tom Whitelock** >  
(at Apollo Jr. Citz.)

*For the RECORD----*

**WE HAD PRESENTATION TOTALS OF**

**20 JROTC \* 2 Transfers \* 11 Citizenship \* 18 Flag Certificates**  
**FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR AWARDS**



**Secretary** – By motion from the floor, second and voice vote, the posted/distributed April Chapter minutes were approved. Tom also showed off a very unique framed “stitchery” needlework depicting Betsy Ross and her flag, that Suzie Toal had brought for all to view. **Treasurer** – Stated that the April 30<sup>th</sup> Balance Sheet had been handed out to members as they arrived, and reflected the following month-end balances :

Checking Acct. \$8,781.63 \* Richie Fund \$29,516.01 \* Minuteman Fund \$10,246.05.

**Registrar-**

State Inland Registrar < **Jerry Brown-r** inducted our newest member **Kenneth L. Irons, Jr.-c** (shown with wife Cindy-l). **Historian-** Thanked those that had turned over old videos and still photos of past Chapter activities and events for him to digitize and archive for our history.



## Committee Reports

**Membership-** We’re making progress in getting members who hadn’t paid their dues to “ante up”. Our new total is 249 and a two-fold campaign is now under way. President **Watts** has an appeal letter in the mail and FCP **Tom Smith** is calling some of the few that still have working phone numbers. Maybe just maybe !!!!!

**Veterans Affairs-** Needs more personal items at the hospital. **Color Guard-** June 23<sup>rd</sup> Audie Murphy Parade.



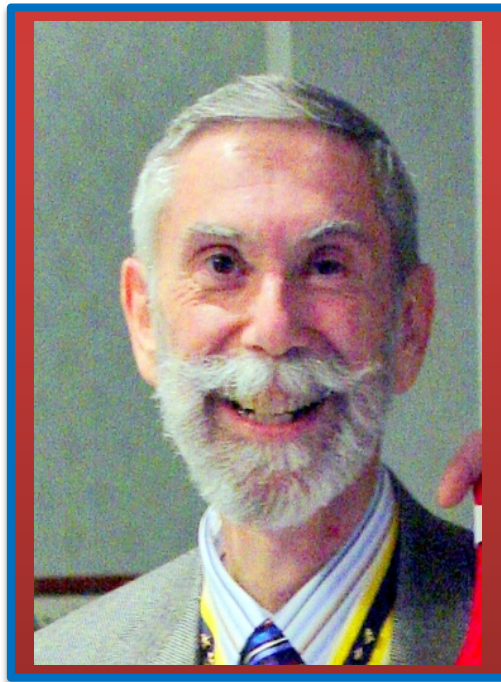
**CAR Events-** Good news on the national outstanding awards won by Texas and its new State President, **Trevor Burke** (our multi Essay winner.)



Under old business, it was determined that June would be the start of “Summer Dress”  
If you so desire – leave your coat & tie in the closet (but please no jeans.)  
There were eight door prizes in today’s drawing.  
Chaplain Pounders gave the Benediction and the SAR Recessional was led by  
Vice President Van Fossen. Adjournment was at 9:51am

Respectfully submitted by **Tom M. Whitelock**, Secretary

# MEMORIAL



**Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck**

**May 26, 1945 – May 27, 2018**

**3:00 pm Service on June 11<sup>th</sup> at Cathedral of Hope  
5910 Cedar Springs Road, Dallas, Texas 75235**

**NSSAR # 102604 \* \* TxSSAR # 2750**