



THE

FEBRUARY 9, 2019
News & Minutes of Dallas Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution



Minuteman

Prior to President **Von Fossen** gaveling this month's meeting to order at 8:30 am, a number of Compatriots took advantage of the "meet and greet time" for circulating the room and introduce themselves to our Chapter's Essay & Oration Winner **Trevor Burke** and his mother **Nancy**. 1st Vice President/Programs **Mark Harrison** > assisted by introducing them both to various members since Trevor will become a member soon.



Due to the absence of the Chaplain, the Secretary stepped in to offer an invocation prayer which was followed by pledges to the Flags of the United States & Texas, respectively by Compatriots **Robert Kittrell** and **Chalmers Omberg**. *TxSSAR Inland Registrar Jerry Brown* led the members in the affirmation to SAR, after which **John Morton** gave us the starting note to sing the first stanza of *America*.

< FCP **Ralph McDowell** asked who shared their February birthday with George Washington (only FCP **Tom Smith** stood) T2 commented that they also, were both in the same high school class. Ralph continued with an offer to distribute cookies baked by wife Jean using the original Martha Washington recipe.

Special guests for the day included David Kinsey President/McKinney Chapter and Les Anderson FCP/East Fork Trinity, also TxSSAR President-Elect **David Temple** and District Six Vice President Gary Lovell, who came forward to install Chapter Registrar Jerry Pinkerton (his having missed out on the fun ceremony last month) >





2nd Vice President **Mark Harrison** next introduced our youthful Essays and Oration Champion “Eagle Scout” **Trevor Burke** whose outstanding community achievements and CAR leadership have led him to the top position as President of Texas CAR Society.

His presentation topic for this morning was titled “*Locke, Stock and Barrel: Locke’s impact on the American Revolution.*” *

He also gave a brief explanation about TSCAR’s State Project for this year. Members will be educating the public about the Texas Declaration of Independence & raising funds (selling lapel pens)



to erect a Signer’s Wall to honor the 59 signers of TD o I at Washington-on-the Brazos State Historic Site. * *(Trevor’s reading of his Essay can’t be published prior to the State Judging)*

TREVOR SCORES A “HAT-TRICK”

By winning three Chapter contests ---Eagle Scout Essay * Oration * Knight Essay



Don't Forget Next Month

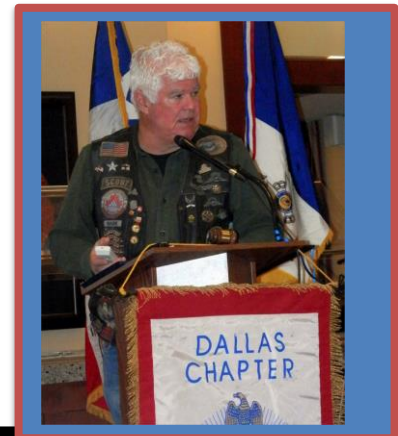
1st Responders Awards Ceremony

Guest speaker

MARK GRAVIT

North Texas Patriot Guard Riders

Mark explained how the national organization came to be and the history of local and Texas state chapters. He expressed the appreciation of his fellow “Riders” in being assisted by the SAR Color Guard members who joined them in their reverent cause and patriotic honor to KIAs, deceased male & female veterans as well as 1st Responders.

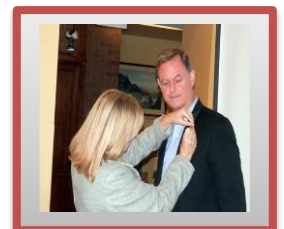


A certificate of appreciation and Liberty Bell were awarded to Mr Gravit.

Officers Reports..... **President/** TVF explained that he is forming an Advisory Committee of three members to help in determining policy and procedures for “GROWING” the Chapter. They’ll meet every **quarter** for a brief review of the President’s concerns, goals and analysis of results. One such project is coming upon us in only four months. Our 90th Anniversary Celebration. **1st VP/**Mark Harrison reminded everyone that the March meeting is one of our most enjoyable as we honor the outstanding selected 1st Responders from FIRE-EMS-POLICE for their community service. We expect to host as many as 35 members from the three divisions. **Secretary/**By voice vote – minutes of January meeting were approved. **Treasurer/**handed out financial statements reflecting a current checking account balance (Jan31,2019) of \$7,152.66. **Registrar/** Pinkerton introduced **Paul McCown, V**



our newest member to be sworn in. Wife Cathleen > made sure that his Membership Lapel Pin was fastened on secure. All was done “properly” as his mother-in-law Sheila kept a close eye on T2.Paul’s patriot was



Private Alexander McCown – PA Militia

Historian/Joe showed off the new “Flash Stik” he devised that contains all monthly meetings and the entire 2018 scrapbook. You can get one for \$20 (which covers his processing cost and also puts half into the Chapter treasury.



Membership/Ralph reminded all that this March will be our final big push to collect 2019 Dues from the 40 some delinquent members. **Color this year. Guard/**Commander Kittrell read off the follow list of

up coming events: G. Washington Parade 2/23-Larado, TxSSAR Conf. 4/3-6 -Austin, Providence Christian Sch. 4/10-Dallas, MOH Parade 4/13-Gainesville, Polka Fest Parade 5/25-Ennis, Audie Murphy Parade 6/22-Farmersville. Lake Highlands & Park Cities Parades 7/4 and Vets Day 11/11-Dallas. **Poster/John Morton** has the 30 entries ready to be judged after the meeting. Good news on the American History Teacher-our entry won first place this year.

Compatriot Brown noted that we probably need to publish our “Dress Code” so that prospects and visiting members will have a heads-up as to what the proper attire is at our meetings. The President said that he would have the Secretary take care of it before the next meeting.

There being no further business, we proceeded right to drawing for DOOR PRIZES followed by a closing prayer Benediction the SAR Closing. Adjournment was at 10:07am.

*Respectfully submitted by
Tom M. Whitelock*



Other Monthly Events

FREEDOM FOUNDATION at VALLEY FORGE

(Dallas Texas Chapter) invited Jerry Pinkerton & Tom Whitelock to serve as the Official Color Guard for their 2019 Youth and Adults Awards Ceremonies.

