

March 14, 2015
MEETING MINUTES OF
DALLAS CHAPTER #2

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



President **George Ramphrey** called monthly meeting to order at 8:30am in the dining room of the Presbyterian Village North Retirement Community in Dallas, Texas. The group was led in the invocation by Chaplain Frank Ponders. Pledges to the **United States Flag** and **Texas Flag** were led **President George Ramphrey**. FCP **Rob Kittrell** led the affirmation to the **SAR pledge**. Next, Compatriot **Tracy Ponders** lead the attendees in *"My Country Tis of Thee."* **Head Greeter, Ralph McDowell** recognized **David Temple** as the greeter for the morning's meeting . **President Ramphrey** recognized visitors and guests for the morning's meeting. This was followed by a joke from **Dr. Charles Baker**.

American History Poster Contest

Poster contest Chairman, John Morton announced the winner from last month's poster contest judging. The winner is Commandra Monroe from R.C. Burselon Elementary School in Dallas. Young Monroe was accompanied by his family for today's recognition. He received an award certificate and a check for \$100. Mr. Monroe addressed the Chapter offering appreciation for the opportunity. Greeter Ralph McDowell gave \$2 bills to Mr. Monroe's siblings.



Police and Firefighter Awards

Second Vice-President **James Fairbairn** led the Chapter in recognizing the outstanding Dallas Firefighters and Police Officers for 2015. Mr. Fairbairn introduced **Fire Battalion Chief Williford** of the Dallas Fire Department. Chief Williford first recognized two members of the EMS team for their acts of heroism: **Dean Saye and John Chen**. Next, Chief Williford awarded **John Aguerro and David Lindsey** with the Firefighter Medal of Honor. These men were given medals and certificates by Compatriot Fairbairn.



Mr. Fairbairn next introduced **Lieutenant Pollyanna Ashford** from the Northwest Patrol Division of the Dallas Police Department. Lieutenant Ashford first recognized **Sergeant Jaqueline Moore** with a Medal of Honor for saving a man's life during an attack.

Next, Lieutenant Ashford recognized **Officer Tony Newsom** with a Medal of Commendation for his work with community education and outreach. 2nd Vice-President Fairbairn awarded medals and certificates to both these officers.



Americanism

The Americanism portion of the program was delivered by Chapter Chaplain, Frank Pounders. His presentation was on Charles Carroll known as "Tail-end Charlie". Carroll was a devout Catholic who despite his wealth was not allowed to vote due to his faith. Mr. Carroll became a revolutionary activist and was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and out lived all of the other signers.

Program

1st Vice-President, Mark Hansen introduced the morning's speaker: **Lloyd Bockstruck**, who has been a member of the SAR for 40 years. Mr. Bockstruck was the head of the Dallas Public Library's Genealogical Section for many years, and is considered an expert on the subject. Mr. Bockstruck presented a program related to the Continental Army. He revealed that some states used volunteer efforts while others instituted a draft for service. Many service men were induced by offers of money or land. In appreciation of the speech, 1st Vice-President Hansen presented Mr. Bockstruck with a Revolutionary War cannon.



OFFICER'S REPORTS

1st Vice-President Mark Hansen had nothing to report at this time. 2nd Vice-President, Jim Fairbairn stated that he needed volunteers for the Jr. ROTC Awards. Fairbairn also noted that the CAR Essay Winner, Meredith Burke had also won 1st Place at the TXSSAR CAR Essay Contest. President Ramphrey asked for a motion to approve the January meeting minutes as posted on the website. There was a motion by 1st Vice-President, Mark Hansen and second with the minutes approved as posted.

Registrar, Jerry Pinkerton stated that currently there were no new members in process; however there were some with interest in joining the chapter. **Treasurer, Nick Harper** reported that today there were 31 members in attendance along with 16 guests. The current checking account balance is \$3,158.28. He also thanked Mark Hansen and David Templeton for their donations towards the Flag Pole Hill Flag retirement.

Rob Kittrell, Color Guard Captain announced several upcoming Color Guard activities: April 8, Colonial Day at the Providence Christian School; the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, April 11; and the Flag Pole Hill, flag retirement event on June 14th. **Membership Chairman, Ralph McDowell** announced that we currently have 260 active members and we remain the largest Texas chapter.

FCP and Webmaster, Dr. Charles Baker, made a plea to change the Chapter meeting scheduled on April 11 due to the Medal of Honor Parade. He stated that this could be a very meaningful event for chapter members. Dr. Baker made a motion that the Chapter meeting be changed to the 3rd Saturday in April; a second to the motion was made by Rob Kittrell. There was some discussion on the matter and then a call for the vote was made by President Ramphrey. A call for raised hands in favor of the motion. There was only one vote in favor of changing the meeting date, so the motion failed. The DALSAR Chapter meeting will proceed on April 11, 2015 as planned.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

President George Ramphrey announced that the TXSSAR Convention is to be held in Houston this year from March 27-29. He stated that rooms were available at a discounted rate for members and encouraged all to go. Door prizes were drawn by Nick Harper, and the benediction was pronounced by Chaplain Frank Pounders. The recessional was led by Secretary, Alan Peterson. The meeting was dismissed at 10:02.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Peterson, Chapter Secretary