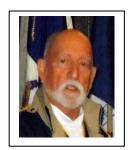
## MARCH 12, 2016

**Minutes of Dallas Chapter** 

Sons of the American Revolution



President Ramphrey called the monthly meeting to order at 8:31am and asked Chaplain< Pounders to report the sick call and provide the morning's Invocation. Compatriot Pounders asked members to keep former chapter President Robert Northcraft in their prayers for ease of pain and recovery. Bob> is undergoing chemo and radiation treatments for a severe cancer condition.



Compatriots Tom Whitelock and Robert Kittrell respectively led the pledges to the United States Flag and Texas Flag. Alan Peterson led members in the Affirmation to SAR, followed by TXSSAR Chancellor Tracy Pounders hitting all the right notes as he led attendees in the singing the first stanza of *America*.

Hospitality Chairman FCP Ralph McDowell introduced his co-greeter for the day – Glenn Toal and stated that the following guests (Barbara Baker, Ann Cooper & Tom Van Fossen) joined twenty-six members at this session.



Two very special NSSAR members < Mitch Singleton, formerly from an Arkansas chapter and Ben Black, >

recently moved from Colorado, are both transferring to the Dallas Chapter.



Assistant Registrar Jerry Brown > is making sure that they are taken care of

Poster Contest Chairman John Morton introduced Ms. Dayanard Pereznegron and her family. She won first place in the "research division" of our Chapter's 2015 contest. John presented her a \$100 bill and thanked Wyntoun Henderson>, her art teacher at R.C. Burleson, for his interest and support of participating students.



John, later mentioned that the artwork poster of young Marcus Stencel (Doris Cullins Lake Pointe Elementary), won first place in the "overall division" and would be entered in the TXSSAR State competition. Marcus also won \$100. A third hundred dollars will be divided amongst competitors from other school districts.



1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Warren Johnson called forward FCP Tom Whitelock to present the Americanism program. Title of Tom's speech was *This date in History* which included all special events that occurred on March 12<sup>th</sup>. His main storyline was on a public notice in 1776 that urged recognition of "HUMANE LADIES" (in support of the cause for freedom by giving up their tea drinking and use of fine linens.)

## **Guest Speaker**

Compatriot Johnson next introduced Mr. Andre Miller> of the Northeast Texas Miltary Small Arms association and museum. He reviewed the history of over twenty various guns used from 1884 through WWII. His very entertaining and informative presentation included different bayonets as well as small hand guns used by officers.

He noted, with a sly grin, that what we see in the movies is not very factual, when it comes to weapon use and/or capability.



Officers and Committee Reports

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The President commented on the upcoming State Conference and asked Dist. 6 Vice President Peddie to please inform the members of any last minute details.

1<sup>st</sup> VP asked for help in securing future program speakers 2<sup>nd</sup> VP was not available to report, however President Ramphrey reminded everyone that JROTC Medal

presentations are coming up <u>very soon</u> and Bryan will need volunteers to sign up by the end of the month. We hope to receive names of winning cadets and their school soon. The <u>Secretary</u> noted that minutes are posted on our web-site (<u>txssar.org/dallas</u>) as well as distributed at this day's meeting. Minutes for February 13<sup>th</sup> were approved by voice vote. Registrar (Asst.) reported that we have one on the burner and two in the oven (plus two transfers.)

Treasurer reported that as of Feb.29<sup>th</sup> our checking account balance is \$6,192.14. New signers on the account are to meet at the bank shortly.

The Membership Chairman stated that the count of members having not paid their 2016 dues is down to 29. He distributed lists of those remaining to various volunteers for calling. CAR and BSA reports outlined future events.

Color Guard reported that (at his passing) Jim Templin had left his uniform for the Chapter to use as they saw fit for a prospective guardsman. Also the Commander said that Arlington Chapter was having a Memorial dedication of grave sites for two former State Presidents later today and that many Chapters would be involved in the ceremony.

Oration Contest Chairman notified members that Calen Garza would be our Chapter winner

and be competing at the State Contest April 2.

After the drawing for door prizes, the Chaplain gave the closing Benediction. The President led the membership in the SAR recessional and adjourned the meeting at 9:52am.

Respectfully submitted by Tom M. Whitelock, Secretary