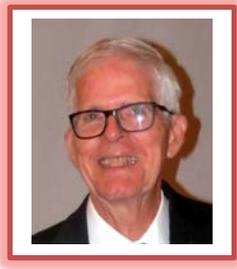


December 9, 2017

**Minutes of
Dallas Chapter #2**
Sons of the American Revolution
TEXAS SOCIETY

Vice President **Robert Kittrell**, again stepped in for President Petridis (who was out of town on business), and called the "Annual Meeting" to order at 8:31 am. FCP Tracy Pounders offered the morning's Invocation.



-----A brief memorial remembrance for Compatriot members* that recently passed away this year will be scheduled for January's meeting. ***Richard M. Ahlstrom, Melvin M. Bentley, William V. Ellison, William E. Everheart II and Charles W. Reed**

Pledges to the **United States Flag** and **Texas Flag** were led by Compatriots **Kittrell** and **Mitch Singleton** respectively. Registrar **Jerry Brown** led members in the affirmation to **SAR** followed by Texas Society Chancellor **Pounders** getting everyone in a patriotic mood to sing **America**.

FCP **Ralph McDowell** stated that Compatriot **Arthur Omberg** helped in greeting an additional twenty-two members & the following guests:



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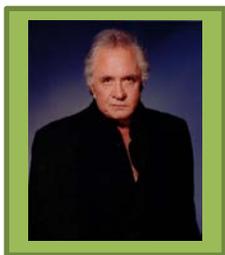


I-r >Jim Battles,
Elliot Battles
(transfers from Maryland)
and Marshall Scantlin,



Also **MIlb Mycell** to this morning's meeting.

Americanism



FCP **Kittrell** decided to try something different for this segment of the meeting by reading a poem that Johnny Cash wrote and later put to music. The title was *Ragged Old Flag* – and he then proceeded to describe how an old man, in a small midwestern town, bragged with pride on the well-worn and tattered symbol of our nation to a visitor. He related that every battle tear, bullet hole or

blood stain within its fabric, was incurred in our country's freedom fight throughout its 240 year historyand thus he and the townsfolk were justly PROUD of their ragged old flag that hung at the ageing courthouse.

GUEST SPEAKER

Linda Martin, Regent
JANE DOUGLAS DAR CHAPTER



After thanking us for our participation at their meeting house located on the fair grounds during the State Fair of Texas, she stated that her presentation topic was about the thirteen colony flags.

VP Kittrell thanks her for coming

Starting with Delaware, she

described the design of each flag of the colonies that became our first of the United States. Her review included a history of their dates of ratification of the Constitution, colors and meaning of symbols used in relationship to the State.

Mrs. Martin concluded her very educational and entertaining presentation by reminding all in attendance that our ancestors –male & female, famous or not- all thoroughly enjoyed their daily allotment of beer, wine or spirits from sunrise unto way past sunset. She even reeled off a number of popular ancient recipes to consider using.

Compatriots Pounders and McDowell honored WWII Pearl Harbor Survivor and Dallas Chapter member **Robert Tanner, Sr.** > on his 96th birthday by **singing in Hawaiian**. His son and 2nd VP, **Robert Tanner, Jr.** then introduced his mother and brought out a special cake.



Jr.



Sr.



Bob Jr. then told the story of his dad's military service and survival action at Pearl Harbor

Officers & Committee Reports

2nd Vice President/Awards – Stated that a stock of medals & certificates have been ordered from NSSAR for the coming year and 2017 presentations. He also thanked the members that have turned back in medals that they had earned, but no longer wear, so that we can keep this budget expense down.

Chapter website address is: www.txssar.org/dallas

1st Vice President/Programs – Announced that he desired to present Certificates to the four members who had perfect meeting attendance during 2017.

Receiving recognition < (l to r): **Robert Kittrell -2017, Ralph McDowell-24yrs, Tom Whitelock-19yrs and Arthur Omberg, Jr.**



Since the **Treasurer** had to leave early, Compatriot Kittrell presented the 2018 Chapter Budget (\$ 8,336) for members to discuss and vote on. With no discussion advanced, a motion and second were made and approval vote recorded. As of 11/30/17 we are \$50 over this year's total budget (\$ 8,236). Total "Gala" Income/Expense statement is yet to be resolved.

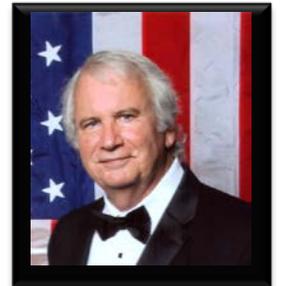
State Color Guard Commander Bill Watts, reported that the annual *Medal of Honor Parade* in Gainsville, Texas and being considered as a national event by NSSAR, is scheduled for the same date (4/7/18) as our TXSSAR Conference. Thus, we are looking for a delegation of guardsmen to participate in the parade and who don't plan to attend conference meetings scheduled for Saturday morning. **Registrar** noted that the Chapter has twelve applicants at national and a couple more on the way. **Membership** reported that the Chapter Compatriots currently total 260 and that we need to be sure all have paid this year's dues before January 31st. **Historian** said he has the yearend scrapbook almost complete as soon as the annual report is included. He requested that members help out the newly elected Historian by providing photos and recorded events for the coming year. Committee Chairman of the

VA Affairs, **John Morton**, requested that we remember to bring personal items, coffee, playing cards, magazines, razors, tooth paste & brushes to monthly meetings for both male and female veterans. **Nomination Committee** presented the following Officer slate for 2018:

William Watts /President, Thomas Van Fossen /1st VP, Robert Tanner, Jr./2nd VP, Tom Whitelock/Secretary, Nick Harper/Treasurer, Jerry Brown/Registrar, Frank Ponders/Chaplain, & Joseph Slonaker/Historian

FCP **Tracy Ponders**, upon verification of quorum, made the motion to accept the nominees by acclamation - Compatriot **Morton** seconded the motion and it was approved by "voice vote." FCP **Tom Whitelock** thanked the members for supporting the Officers and made an appeal to them to consider becoming a Chairman or Committee member for one of the various youth and/or community activities/programs.

2018 President Bill Watts >
...echoed the same feelings by relating how he first participated in color guard and on different committees prior to receiving his SAR application approval.



Drawings for door prizes preceded the Benediction by Tracy and the SAR Recessional.

**Special Guests in January: Texas Society Dist. Six VP Gary Lovell
Former Chapter President Gary Sisson**

Respectfully submitted by,
Tom Whitelock