

**FEBRUARY 10, 2018**  
**Minutes of Dallas Chapter**  
**Sons of the American Revolution**



**President Watts** called the monthly meeting to order at 8:31am in the Presbyterian Village North dining room – Dallas Texas. He then asked Chaplain **Pounders** to report the sick call and provide the morning’s Invocation. Prayers were offered up for **Charles Baker, Lloyd Bockstruck, Robert Northcraft, Harry Frieddrich, Laurence Crapo and Dr. George Monroe.**

Bill thanked the ladies for their attendance and wished them a Happy Valentines’ Day, stating that he would be buying their morning breakfast as a special holiday gift along with a box of candy.

Compatriots **Tom Van Fossen** and **Ralph McDowell** respectively led the pledges to the United States Flag and Texas Flag. FCP **Nick Harper** led members in the Affirmation to SAR, followed by President **Watts** hitting all the right (and left) 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 – **Chalmers Omberg** and called for recognition of the following dozen” guests (Barbara Baker, Anne Harper, Suzy Toal, Bradley Sue Howell, Marye Scantlin, Judy Van Fossen, Laura Watts, Judi Kincaid, Ann Marie Mihm, *prospects* Mark Harrison & J.P. Martin, Roger Peterson & special guests TXSSAR Dist.6 VP Gary Lovell – Dist.11 VP T.L. Holden) who joined twenty-five members along with two inductees – **Jackson & Spencer Mihm**, at this month’s session.



*Compatriot Glenn <Toal and his wife Suzie, enjoy an early sweetheart breakfast*



*Prospect JP Martin > seeks advice from Registrar Jerry Brown*



*< A good time was had by all*

The President next went “fishing” to hook some laughter with a story of how to keep his bait (worms) warm.

Dist. Six VP Gary Lovell then sworn in the two Officers that were unable to attend the January meeting. Registrar: **Jerry Brown** and Chaplain **Frank Pounders** >



**Trevor Burke**, who had been scheduled to present today's **AMERICANISM** was unable to attend and read his award winning CAR essay. Compatriot **Harper** said that he'll be given \$300 from the Chapter & the essay will be entered in the Texas Society state competition this April. FCP **Hank Voegtle** made mention that Trevor will receive a like amount from the Chapter for his entry in the Eagle Scouts of America essay contest. He likewise went on to win the TXSSAR state scholarship contest division and will represent the Chapter and State Society at the NSSAR National Congress in Houston.

To fill out the Americanism spot, **Ralph McDowell** > offered to give out special cookies made by his wife, Jean, from an ancient recipe of Martha Washington who baked them for her husband George.



**T.L. Holden** >  
& **Jerry Pinkerton** >  
were first in line to receive Ralph's treats.

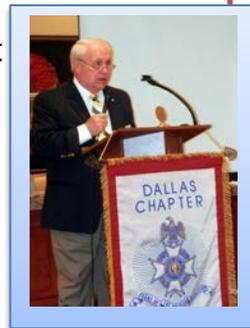


The "Prez" took a few moments to relate that he came across a publication titled *Dallas Chapter History 1929-1992*, and that he was in the process of transcribing the text for digital transmission to all Chapter members.

## Guest Speaker *Marye Scantlin*

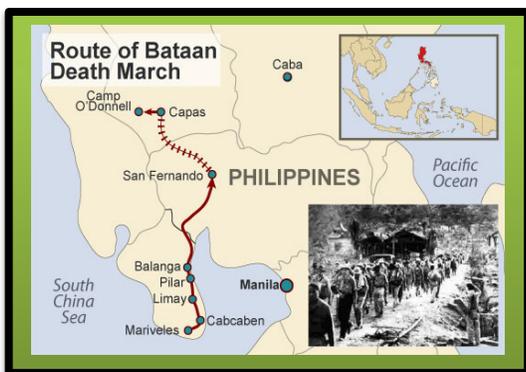
Prior to introducing today's speaker, Vice President **Tom Van Fossen** > thanked **Bill & Laura Watts** for hosting the ladies' breakfast this morning.

He continued by reading the impressive resume of our guest Speaker.

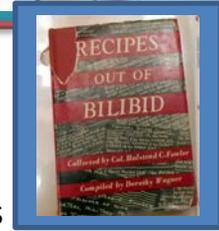


Her Topic:  
***Bataan Death March Experience & Survival***

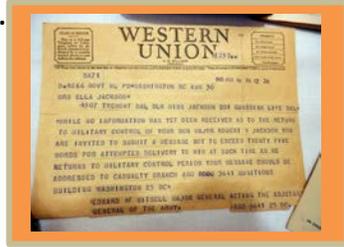
was truly informative as to the horrendous treatment of over 72,000 American & Filipino soldiers upon their surrender in 1942. The movement north began on April 9<sup>th</sup> for 63 miles and 11,000 POWs died before they arrived at San Fernando - after which survivors faced a "sardine packed train ride" to the Japanese prison - Camp O Donnell where more men were tortured, killed or died of hunger and thirst. Between 7,000-10,000 survived the MARCH. One was Marye's father *Major Robert W. Jackson*



During Mrs. Scantlin's presentation, she not only related the personal and historical events within and surrounding the tragedy to our brave soldiers, but also shared in detail, her father's survival experience and strong military bearing in the service to his country. She displayed a variety of documentation and memorabilia for members to inspect.



Vice President shows our appreciation.



Robert Jackson was born in Rowlett, TX.

Compatriot Marshall Scantlin > was close at hand to assure proper audio soundbites for his wife's program.



**\*\* REMEMBER \*\*** Our Chapter website is [www.txssar.org/Dallas](http://www.txssar.org/Dallas)

**Officers and Committee Reports**  
AND  
**\*\*AWARDS\*\***

The **President** commented on the upcoming State Conference and asked members to consider helping out, either at the hospitality desk or silent auction room. Likewise he needs to know by email, which color guard members plan to participate in the MOH Parade at Gainesville and who will be attending the State Conference on morning of April 7<sup>th</sup>. He also reminded Compatriots that we need donations for the "Silent Auction" by next meeting. He asked for those members who plan to attend the Conference, meetings and banquets to make their reservations ASAP and likewise notify the Chapter Secretary so that he can arrange for **Delegate Credentials**. Both Bill and Tom made an appeal for volunteers to sign up to present JROTC & Good Citizenship medals and certificates at the various High Schools in our Chapter area during their March, April and May *Awards Ceremonies*.

President Watts was very honored to make a special presentation to:

**FCP EARL T. SMITH**  
**NSSAR # 82147**

Tom received his **"SIXTY YEAR MEMBERSHIP PIN & CERTIFICATE"**  
*SAR Application approved 8/1/1957 Patriot- Col. John Lamb*



**1<sup>st</sup> VP** reminded everyone that next month we will be honoring selected police, firemen and EMS candidates for SAR recognition Medals & Certificates, so be sure to attend the meeting.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP** was not available to report, however Compatriot **Whitelock** alerted all that notices have been sent out to area high schools, and that if they so desire, they can send him requests

for our volunteers to make presentations of JROTC Medals or Good Citizenship Bronze Pin and Certificates at their spring Awards Ceremonies. He asked members to please fill out the survey sheets, listing their available times and hand them back to him ASAP. We hope to receive names of winning cadets and their school soon. The **Secretary** noted that minutes are posted on our web-site ([txssar.org/dallas](http://txssar.org/dallas)) as well as distributed at this day's meeting. Minutes for January 13<sup>th</sup> were approved by voice vote. **Treasurer** stated the current finance report had been handed out. **Registrar** reported that last year we had 14 new regular members & 5 junior members join the Chapter. He said that we have two additional new members to swear in today. President **Watts** asked Dist. 11 VP **TL Holden** > to do the honors for the young men as their mother Ann Marie Mihm & sponsor Jerry Brown smiled with pride. Look for **Spencer & Jackson** to also be Color Guard participants soon.



The **Historian** reminded everyone to give him photos & documents of their activities for his chapter scrapbook. The **Membership** Chairman stated that the count of members having not paid their 2018 dues is down to 32. Reminder notices are in the mail. He also stated that he had received the quarterly rebate check from Tom Thumb (remember our # is **7097**) and is expecting the Kroger check soon. As a final item **Ralph** put forth a motion that the Chapter pay the dues of Compatriot **Lauri Crapo** who very ill. Approved by second and voice vote.



#### **Poster Contest Chairman**

**John Morton** asked for everyone to come into the back room after our meeting to vote for the best art & research by 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

He also stated that the Chapter's **American History Teacher** winner is **Shareefah Mason** and will be at our May meeting to read her essay & receive her cash award.

**CAR Liaison** all to attend the joint CAR/DAR President's Day Tea at the Colonial House in Fair Park tomorrow at 2:00pm. **Veterans Affairs** /VA Hospital is in need of more personal items. **Color Guard** reported that a posting of the COLORS would take place on **February 16<sup>th</sup>** at the Immigration Center in Irving. On the **17<sup>th</sup>** the largest "George Washington" parade in the nation will be held in Larado, Texas. **March 2<sup>nd</sup>**, the Colonial Dames of Texas need color guard services for their Annual Conference.

**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**

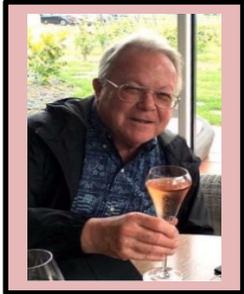
**9:52am.**



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

## **Additional Information:**

**Compatriot Fairbairn double checks his ballot choice v**



Our deepest sympathy  
to the family of our  
Compatriot brother  
**Charles E. Ames #93265**  
who passed away 2/3/18

Funeral 3/3//18 at 2:00pm  
North Park Presbyterian Church



**Compatriot Ransome  
shows off his  
special “Door Prize”  
Washington Coin**

**Ralph McDowell’s gift**



**Secretary Whitelock and President Watts  
serve as “bookends” at Immigration Ceremony**