

SAR DALLAS CHAPTER

February 8th, 2020 Meeting Minutes

President Van Fossen gaveled the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Compatriot Tracy Pounders offered the Invocation followed by Van Fossen leading the Pledge to the American Flag, Joseph Slonaker leading the Pledge to the Texas Flag, Tom Whitelock leading the SAR Pledge and John Morton leading the singing of "America".

The President acknowledged the State Officers in attendance – David Temple, President; Tracy Pounders, Chancellor; and Gary Lovell, District 6 Vice President.

Van Fossen asked that membership sign the Get Well cards for Ralph McDowell, Robert Kittrell, Robert Northcroft and Marshall Scantlin, all of whom are recuperating from recent illnesses/injuries. Additionally, the Chapter sent condolences to the family of Bill Fairbairn, who passed away last week. He was the brother of Compatriot James Fairbairn, who the family and the Chapter lost last November.

After a brief Welcome, Van Fossen asked State President, David Temple to assist with the swearing in of two Chapter Officers who missed our January Meeting- Jerry Pinkerton, Registrar and Brent Harshman, our new Historian.

Van Fossen then asked Compatriots Jerry Pinkerton, Brent Harshman, Mike Petridis, Tom Whitelock and Robert Kittrell to join him at the podium. 1st Vice President Mark Harrison presented each with a Certificate of Appreciation for their participation in 11/11/2019 Veterans Day Parade, where the Chapter won 2nd place in the Historical Division (19 entries in this category). The Parade had a total of 183 entries. Van Fossen then presented Nick Harper with an Appreciation Certificate from the Parade Committee, for his many hours of work on behalf of this event, as well as a large trophy for our Chapters 2nd Place finish. Both of these items were received at the Parade Luncheon by Van Fossen and Jerry Pinkerton, representing the Chapter at the there. The trophy will be sent to UNT in Denton for the SAR State Archives.

Van Fossen asked Dr. Gary Sisson to give a brief history of the "Golden Sledge Hammer Award" that he founded and is named in his honor. The award is given

annually to the Chapter Compatriot , who by vote of the previous winners, is selected for his service and hard work during the previous year. As of this meeting , there have been 18 previous winners. Each of this people has received the infamous 16lb. Gold Painted Sledge Hammer, an historical framed collection of activities the winner has been involved in and a Gold Lapel Pin Hammer , to wear proudly.

Van Fossen asked all previous winners in attendance to join him at the podium (Dr. Gary Sission, Tom Whitelock, Tom Smith, David Temple, Nick Harper, John Morton, Mike Pedridis, and Jerry Pinkerton) where he announced this years winner.....Joseph Slonaker, former Chapter Historian. It was a complete surprise to Joseph , but not to the former Hammer winners, as it was a unanimous choice. Well done Joseph.

Van Fossen asked VP Harrison to introduce the mornings Speaker, John Anderson, State Historian and FCP/Secretary/Historian for the Arlington Chapter.

As the State Historian , John Explained the importance of the Historian at the National, State and especially the Chapter level. The continuing collection of all activities, pictures, awards, articles, community service, Color Guard, Youth Programs, DAR/CAR involvement, meeting attendance (local, State and Congress) basically each and activity and event with/for the Chapter by all members, needs to be recorded and kept for historical purposes. It also helps the Chapter complete the Annual Report. John complemented the Chapter on its work with the Minuteman Newspaper (1st place last year at State-Tom Whitelock) and our Chapter Scrapbook (1st place last year at State – Joseph Slonaker). He also recognized various Chapter members for working with him at UNT Archives (Van Fossen, Whitelock and Pinkerton).

VP Harrison presented Anderson with a Certificate of Appreciation and a miniature American Eagle for his office.

Van Fossen then called for the Officers reports :

VP/Programs – our March meeting will be our Annual Public Service Awards for
Police and Fire Departments

Secretary - January minutes were posted on line and distributed today.

- Treasure - The Chapter Report and Budget were distributed at this Meeting and the Year-end Budget is at the end of these Minutes.
- Registrar - We have 6 approved new members awaiting the New Member Packets.
- Historian - We are happy to welcome Brent Harshman as the Chapter Historian. All items to be included in our Chapter Scrapbook need to be sent to:
brentharshman@protonmail.com
- Color Guard - All upcoming events will be sent on-line , watch your Email.
- DAR/CAR - No report for this meeting
- YOUTH CONTESTS –**
- Knight Essay - The Chapter has one entry going to State
- CAR/SAR Essay - The Chapter has one entry going to State
- Enhanced JROTC - The Chapter has one candidate going to State
- Poster Contest - The judging of the 26 posters for this years State State competition will take place at the end of todays Meeting. Please see Compatriot John Morton for your Ballot. Judging is in two parts (1) artistic,(2) content.
- History Teacher Essay - We have one contestant this year, who will read at our April meeting.
- Brochure Contest - No responses this year

There was no Ongoing Business or New Business to be discussed at this meeting.

We moved to the Door Prize Drawing, followed by the Benediction offered by Tracy Pounders. Van Fossen lead us in the SAR Recessional and gaveled the meeting Adjourned at 9:40 am.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE MARCH MEETING WILL HONOR OUR POLICE AND FIRE PUBLIC SERVICE PEOPLE.

ALSO, ANY DONATIONS TO THE VETERANS NEED TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE DINNING HALL AREA, NOT LEFT OUT FRONT OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE OR IN THE LOBBY.....WE WILL COLLECT THEM ALL AFTER THE MARCH MEETING