



# The MINUTEMAN

## Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society - Sons of the American Revolution



August 13, 2022

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Ventana by Buckner South Tower, Grand Hall  
8301 N US 75-Central Expressway - Dallas, TX 75225

**WISH NOT SO MUCH TO LIVE LONG AS TO LIVE WELL.**

Breakfast – 8:00am

Meeting – 9:00am

## DALLAS CHAPTER 2022 OFFICERS

### **PRESIDENT**

Mark H. Harrison

### **1st VICE-PRESIDENT/PROGRAMS**

Thomas F. Van Fossen

### **2nd VICE-PRESIDENT/AWARDS**

JD Martin

### **SECRETARY**

William B. Watts

### **TREASURER**

Carl N. Harper

### **REGISTRAR**

Mark Morgan

### **ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

Jerry Pinkerton

### **CHAPLAIN**

Frank H. Ponders

### **HISTORIAN**

Brent Harshman

### **COLOR GUARD COMMANDER**

William B. Watts

## AGENDA

Call to Order – President Harrison

Rules of Engagement –

This meeting is being filmed and recorded. By joining this in-person or virtual meeting of the Dallas Chapter of the TXSSAR, you acknowledge and agree that these proceedings may be made public.

Invocation – Mark Harrison

Pledges – American Flag – John Greer  
Texas Flag – Bob Clark  
SAR – Bill Watts

Welcome – President Harrison – Welcome to all.

## Visitors

Two former State President Bob Clark, state treasurer – David Kinsey, state registrar – Jerry Pinkerton, color guard Commander Bob Kubin. Tom Milson - McKinney Chapter

President, Steve Driever - Plano Chapter President, Jim Akers – Denton Chapter President, and John Greer from Edmund Terrell.

Ralph McDowell

# In Memoriam

**Ralph L. McDowell**

**Chapter:**  
Dallas # 2

**Natl. # / State #**  
139629 / 7005

**Member Since:** 1992

**Military:** Capt. US Army;  
Past Chapter President 1998

**TEXAS SAR  
COLOR GUARD**



**Passed:**  
July 20, 2022

**Tom Whitelock**

Ralph over the years had the outstanding record of 25 years of perfect attendance. I told Ralph that I was going to catch his record and ever since Ralph's passing I have heard his voice saying, "no way kid!" Tom then read a letter from his Daughter Patricia concerning his passing that says it all.



The Color Guard at the funeral, the SAR Compatriot Grave marker and a certificate for the family.



Mark Harrison saw the **93** on the podium and asked, "What is the 93?"

The Answer is; On July 4<sup>th</sup> the Dallas Chapter celebrated its 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

**Introduction of our morning Speaker – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Van Fossen**

Duane Carter – The Apology of Dr. Benjamin Rush

Duane is a member of the Plano Chapter where he is the

registrar. He has his PhD in Chemistry from Rice University.

Dr. Benjamin Rush was a medical doctor and a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Dr Rush is explaining his mistakes and asked for forgiveness as well as his successes during the Revolution.



# Happy Anniversary

★ 15 Years  
★ R. W. White

★ 30 Years  
★ J. Mark Hansen

## New Members

William David Hill - Abraham S. Elston  
Ronald Allen Russell - John Everitt



The whole group

## New Supplemental Patriots

David Clippinger Scott - Isaac Guion



Which two South American countries produce the most coffee? Find the answer after Color Guard Report.

## OFFICERS REPORTS

**Secretary** – Watts

– Minutes Approved – Gary Sisson

**Treasurer** – Treasurer Harper

Financials as of 31 July 2022	Annual Budget	Actual YTD
Revenue	\$8,242	\$7,194
Expenses	\$8242	\$4,932
Profit	\$0	\$2,262

Balance Sheet – Assets

Prosperity Bank Account

Opening Balance (31 December 2021)	\$8,295
Profit	\$2,262
Closing Balance (31 July 2022)	\$10,557

North Dallas Bank & Trust Account – As of 31 July 2022

Richie Fund	\$29,743
Minuteman Fund	\$9,324

**Registrar** – Morgan Registrar Activity for 2022

112 Applications	In progress at Chapter	28	
	At National for Review	9	(5 regular, 1 supplemental, 3 Memorial)
	Approved	53	
	Closed	22	

53 New Approvals	New Members Approved	9
	Memorial Applications Approved	1
	Supplemental Applications Approved	43
18 Inductions	New Member Inductions YTD	13
	New Members Inducted Today	2
	New Members to be Inducted	3

Total Dallas Chapter Membership	Current Paid	243
	Current Non-paid	32

## OLD BUSINESS –

Patriot Research System needs volunteers.



Patriot Research System

Welcome to the  
**Patriot Research System (PRS)**

Now Recruiting

Volunteers needed to input newly approved applications  
<https://sarpatriots.sar.org/>

# Texas Recruiting Lapel Pin



Introducing the new Texas New Member Recruiting lapel pin

District VP – Tom Van Fossen

A new pin for registering new members introduced by Jim Kuykendall and given to the District VP to hand out. If you bring a new member to our registrar and he gets approved you will receive this pin and you will be a recruiter.

**Historian** - Historian Harshman

# History Projects

Send pictures of events for future yearbooks to:

Brent Harshman

[brentharshman@protonmail.com](mailto:brentharshman@protonmail.com)

**Color Guard** – Commander Watts

July and August Color Guard

Sunday, July 10, 2022 – Midway Cemetery - National Congress in Savannah, Georgia



Display of grave markers with covers over the patriot soldiers

Tom takes a break



The Dedication of grave markers commemorating the service of patriot soldiers;  
Moses Allen      Nathan Brownson  
Lazarus Mallard      Thomas Stevens  
Andrew Walthour

Laying of carnations and wreath



A final volley!

Midway Church – Sunday, July 10, 2022

Bob Millwee, Tom Van Fossen and Bill Watts on Midway Church steps.



July 13, 2022 – The Texas Gang with the President General - National Congress in Savannah, Georgia

July 29, 2022 – The funeral service for Ralph McDowell



Upcoming events;  
Patriot Grave marking – **September 11, 2022**

Volunteers are needed to help with the James Carter Patriot Grave marking Ceremony before, during and after the ceremony.

- Cleaning the cemetery – 8/20/2022 and 9/03/2022  
Start at 9am.
  - Bring rakes, gloves, insect repellent
  - Wear comfortable shoes
- Aid with parking – guide or direct people to the cemetery there are 2 entrances
- Set up before ceremony – Tables and Chairs to set up 3 tents and sound system
- Take down and clean up after the ceremony
- Ushers and safety officers
- Volunteers to help where needed

1108 Pioneer Trail, Bonham Texas

This is a vacant lot. The grave yard is on the far end of the lot. You will see us working.

I will place a flag so you will know where we are. Please do not part in front of the driveways.



**August 26 – 27 South Central District BOM** in Arkansas

**September 17, 2022 – Constitution Day** with the DAR. Saturday Sept 17th 10:30 arrival Program starts at 11:00 AM. Lunch \$18.00 Need reservations for those that want to eat by Sept 9th. Food is very good. Constitution Day will be observed at 3:00 PM ringing of the Bell at the Hunt County Courthouse on Lee Street downtown Greenville.

**September 30 – October 23 State Fair of Texas**

The Dallas Chapter has an opportunity to represent the Texas Society at the Texas State Fair. This event is open to all Sons of the American Revolution members to promote membership in the SAR.

We will be at the Registration Table at the Jane Douglas House Daughters of the American Revolution in the Fair Grounds. Sign up is at;

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c49a5aa2aabf85-texas>

**The answer to; “Which two South American countries produce the most coffee?” Colombia and Brazil!**

## NEW BUSINESS –

Tom Whitelock told us that Ventana had run out of gravy. We investigated and found that it came back to one individual who kept heaving on the gravy. So the Board of Directors made the decision that we would augment his desire to have that substance so that our breakfast price would not increase. We have prepared a special JD's All American Gravy! This is being given to his wife to fill him up before the next meeting.



Gravy so thick it doesn't seep into my hat!

## Merchandise Table – Tom Whitelock

We have a new mug.

We have Metal and Wood Challenge Coins, 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal Set, and a Patriot House Banner to aid our Chapter in the efforts raise money for our youth programs.

**Remember; If at first you don't succeed, call it version 1.0!**



New Dallas Coffee Mugs

Larry Luby would like the Chapter to remember the contests for the next year. We need to reach out to our family and friends. We need to get more students involved! Remember we have a new video contest this year.

## DOOR PRIZE –

“Dilbert Avoids the Cubical Police” – Chelsey Russell

“American Indians During the American Revolution: - John Tompkins

## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

“You’re Chuffy!” That means; “I’m very hungry!” This word dates to 1647 and is used today as, “I’m starving!”

“I believe you’re Fishy!” Check right here next month! I hope you are enjoying this little word play.

BENEDICTION – Mark Harrison

SAR RECESSIONAL – Jim Akers

Join us at our next Chapter meeting:

- ★ Next Meeting — September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 09:00am
- ★ Upcoming Speaker — Carl Flowers  
*George Rogers Clark and the Western Campaign*

08:00 am - Breakfast buffet for \$10 including raffle ticket for door prize

09:00 am - Meeting program

## Committee Opportunities Available at the Dallas Chapter

- ▶ Public Relations & Publicity
- ▶ Community Service Awards
- ▶ Member Retention
- ▶ CAR Liaison
- ▶ DAR Liaison
- ▶ Annual Audit
- ▶ American History Teacher
- ▶ Brochure Contest (MS)
- ▶ CAR Essay Contest
- ▶ Eagle Scout Essay Contest
- ▶ Knight Essay Contest (HS)
- ▶ Oration Contest (HS)
- ▶ Poster Contest (Elem)
- ▶ Speaker’s Bureau

For more information concerning volunteer opportunities please contact;

Tom Whitelock      tmwpro@live.com

*William B. Watts* 



Respectfully submitted,  
William B. Watts, Secretary

DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION MEETING LOCATION (A) PARKING AREA (B)

