



# The MINUTEMAN



## Dallas Chapter

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Texas Society - Sons of the American Revolution

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

**LISTEN CLOSELY AS THOSE AROUND YOU SPEAK; GREAT TRUTHS ARE REVEALED IN JEST.**

Breakfast – 8:00am

Meeting – 9:00am

### **PRESIDENT**

Mark H. Harrison

### **1st VICE-**

### **PRESIDENT/PROGRAMS**

Thomas F. Van Fossen

### **2nd VICE-**

### **PRESIDENT/AWARDS**

JD Martin

### **SECRETARY**

Bill Watts

### **TREASURER**

Carl N. Harper

### **REGISTRAR**

Mark Morgan

### **ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

Jerry Pinkerton

### **CHAPLAIN**

Frank H. Pounders

### **ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN**

Larry Luby

### **HISTORIAN**

Brent Harshman

### **TRUSTEES**

Jerry Pinkerton

David Temple

### **COLOR GUARD**

### **COMMANDER**

Bill Watts



## **AGENDA**

**Call to Order –President Harrison**

**Rules of Engagement –**



Mark H. Harrison  
PRESIDENT

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**Invocation** – Ronnie Russell

**Pledges** –

American Flag – JD Martin  
Texas Flag – Jon Thompson  
SAR - John Morton

**Welcome** – President Harrison – Welcome to all.

## Visitors

Former State Presidents David Temple and Bob Clark, Tom Milson President of the McKinney Chapter, Former President Michael Goode of the East Fork Trinity Chapter, John Greer Veterans Committee, Jerry Pinkerton our Inland Registrar is in Quarantine, Peter Somerville a new member from the South Carolina Society and a new resident of the Dallas area, Harry Moore a long time member and Linda Martin current curator and honorary Regent of the Jane Douglas Chapter NSDAR.

**Induction of officers for 2023**



## 2023 Officer Installation

- ★ President | Mark Harrison
- ★ 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President | Tom Van Fossen
- ★ 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President | J. D. Martin
- ★ Secretary | Bill Watts
- ★ Registrar | Mark Morgan
- ★ Assistant Registrar | Jerry Pinkerton
- ★ Historian | Brent Harshman
- ★ Treasurer | Nick Harper
- ★ Chaplain | Frank Pounders

**Trustee** – We elected new trustees for 2023 according to our by-laws.

## 2023 Trustee Election

- ★ Jerry Pinkerton
- ★ David Temple

# 2023 Appointed Positions

- ★ Color Guard Commander | Bill Watts
- ★ Sergeant-at-Arms | Bob Curry
- ★ Assistant Chaplain | Larry Luby
- ★ Chancellor | John Horany
- ★ VA Hospital Coordinator | John Morton
- ★ Veterans Committee Chairman | Marshall Scantlin
- ★ Public Service Committee Chairman | Ron Russell
- ★ Assistant to 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President | Brandon Martin
- ★ Youth Contest Chairman | Larry Luby
- ★ Poster Contest Chairman | John Morton
- ★ Eagle Scout Chairman | David Scott
- ★ C.A.R. Liaison | Nick Harper
- ★ DAR Liaison | Robert Kittrell
- ★ Communications & Media Chairman | Mark Morgan
- ★ Chapter Merchandise Chairman | Tom Whitelock
- ★ Webmaster | Paul Ridenour
- ★ Assistant Historian | (Open)

## Featured Speaker

### Bill Watts

NSSAR, TX Society, Dallas Chapter  
Color Guard Commander, Secretary

*A Year in Review (Video)*

**Sisson Golden Sledgehammer Award**



Each year since 2001, the “Sisson **Golden Sledgehammer**” Award has been presented to the year’s *Hardest Working Compatriot* by the previous year’s winner.

Needless to say, the sheer weight of the mallet-has and continues to match the workload & Chapter service of former recipients. Many times-they also had to weather the 365 day “Spousal Storm” or the family pet (of their not wanting to have that crazy looking thing displayed in their home.)

However, it still represents high honor and those that have carried it – did so with great pride. They may have had to pass on the Hammer, but they did get to keep a special golden lapel pin & *TMW Raze Frame*.

**This year’s winner** earned his selection by taking on additional duties in addition to his elected position, as well as creatively expanding the promotion of various group activities and special events throughout the year, which also brought high honor to our Chapter, Society and the Community.

He likewise recognized many individual Compatriots, Youth and Color Guard members for their participation in and for our various events throughout the year. His Americanism presentations were outstanding as well as his unique action videos and historical TxSSAR research.



*It is my proud honor to call forth Compatriot:*

**William Watts**



# Sisson Golden Sledgehammer Award



## Previous Award Winners

- ★ 2001 Tom Whitelock
- ★ 2002 Ralph McDowell \*
- ★ 2003 Charles Baker \*
- ★ 2004 Tom and Montye Whitelock
- ★ 2005 E. Thomas Smith \*
- ★ 2006 James Templin \*
- ★ 2007 Allen Christian \*
- ★ 2008 Robert Northcraft
- ★ 2009 David Temple
- ★ 2010 Harmon Adair
- ★ 2011 James Fairbairn \*
- ★ 2012 Robert Kittrell
- ★ 2013 George Ramphrey
- ★ 2014 Nick Harper
- ★ 2015 John Morton
- ★ 2016 Jerry Pinkerton
- ★ 2017 Mike Petridis
- ★ 2018 Tom Van Fossen
- ★ 2019 Joseph Slonaker
- ★ 2020 Mark Harrison
- ★ 2021 Brent Harshman

\* Deceased



New Award Winner  
 ★ 2022 Bill Watts



## Special Presentation

Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal – Peter Somerville

He has received 6 awards for his service.



## Veterans Report

Marshal Scantlin – There are a variety of services but they need volunteers. Veterans Resource – Homeless Veterans

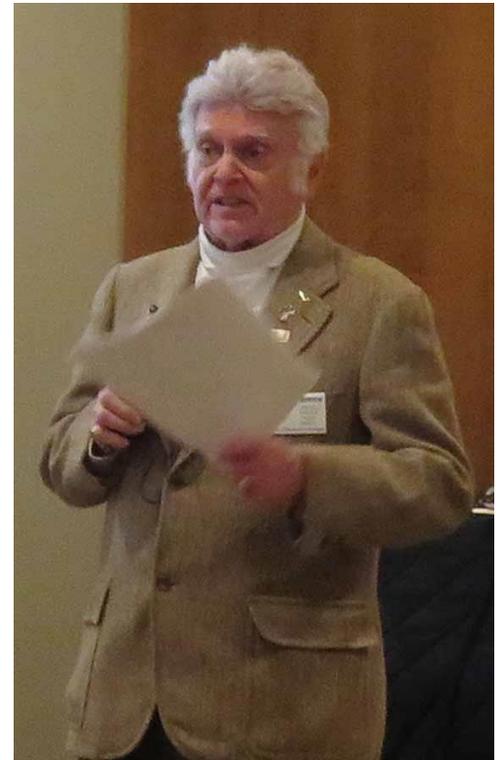


John Morton – How do we support veterans?

At the end of the newsletter we have attached a needs list. Please bring these items to our meetings and we will deliver them to our veterans.

Valentine’s Day at the Veterans Hospitals can be lonely. Please bring Valentines, (envelopes are not needed): Write “Thank you for your service to the United States, Dallas Chapter Sons of the American Revolution.” Don’t put your name or signature on the card. We will collect them at our February Chapter meeting. We need all the cards that you can bring. Get help from your church, grandkids, neighbors and friends to write “Thank you for your service” on the cards. A good project to get others involved.

**Remember our youth contests** - John Morton will be bringing the posters to be judged for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Poster Contest to our February meeting. Be sure to be here to judge the 5<sup>th</sup> graders who took time and effort to enter this year’s contest.



*Happy Anniversary*

- ★ 30 Years
  - ★ Kevin Mamminga
- ★ 35 Years
  - ★ John Fowler
  - ★ Jiri Prevratil III

**How many sides to a trapezium? Find the answer after Color Guard Report.**

## OFFICERS REPORTS

## OLD BUSINESS –

**Secretary** – Watts – Minutes Approved – motion moved John Morton, 2<sup>nd</sup> JD Martin

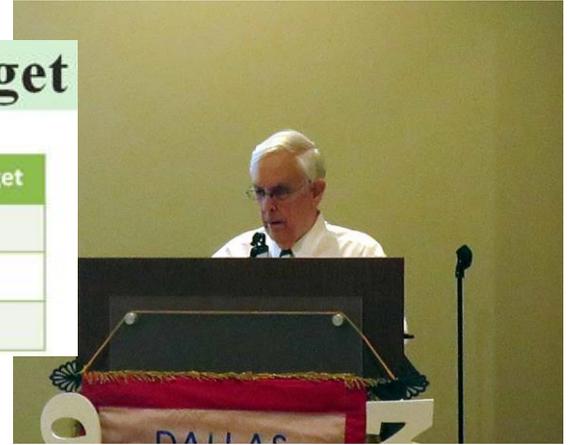
**Treasurer** – Treasurer Harper – Approved - motion to approve the budget Bill Watts, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Horony

Nick Harper – Our financial report is at the back of the room with me and you can get a copy from me. The financial report shows where our money went during the year of 2022. We support many activities and awards programs.

### Proposed Budget

2023

Annual Budget	
Revenue	\$8,960
Expenses	\$8,704
Net Gain	\$256



## Financials

As of 31 Dec 2022

	Annual Budget	Actual YTD
Revenue	\$8,242	\$9,187
Expenses	\$8,242	\$8,188
Net Gain	\$0	\$999

Balance Sheet — Assets

#### Prosperity Bank Account

Opening Balance (31 Dec 2021)	\$8,295
Net Gain	\$999
Closing Balance (31 Dec 2022)	\$9,294

#### North Dallas Bank & Trust Account

Ritchie Fund	\$29,853
Minuteman Fund	\$9,355

**Registrar** – Morgan

## 2022 Registrar Activity

★ 147  
 In Progress at Chapter — 41  
 At National for Review — 9  
 (4 Regular, 4 Supplemental, 1 Memorial)  
 Approved — 62  
 Closed — 35

## 2022 New Approvals

★ 62  
 New Members Approved — 14  
 Memorial Applications Approved — 4  
 Supplemental Applications Approved — 44

★ 23  
 New Member Inductions YTD — 19  
 New Members Inducted Today — 0  
 New Members to be Inducted — 4

**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

- ★ **February 14, 2023, Tuesday** – Valentine’s Day at the VA more information TBA.
- ★ **February 18, 2023, Saturday** – George Washington Birthday Parade, 9am – 12 pm, Courtyard by Marriott, 2410 Santa Ursula Avenue, Laredo, TX, muster at 8:30 am
- ★ **March 19, 2023, Sunday** – Patriot Grave Marking for James Lemmon Edgewood, Cemetery, Lancaster, TX at 3pm, muster at 3 pm.
- ★ **March 30-April 2, 2023, Friday to Sunday** – TXSSAR Annual State Conference at The Marriott City Place Hotel in Spring, Texas

Awards for attending the Wreaths Across America

Tom Van Fossen, Mark Harrison, JD Martin, Tom Whitelock, Linda Martin.



Advancement in Color Guard rank

JD Martin – Adjutant

Mark Morgan – Private,

Linda Martin of the Jane Douglas NSDAR was part of the Color Guard caring the DAR flag and I award the rank of soldier



**The answer to; “How many sides to a trapezium?” Four!**

## NEW BUSINESS –



A well done goes out to JD Martin for his work on the Sledgehammer holder for the Golden Sledgehammer Award.

Jim Battles has 3 new books. They are historical novels based on his ancestors.



# Veterans Resource Center Homeless Veterans Service



Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation and Gratitude to Dallas Chapter SAR

# Upcoming Programs

★ Next Meeting — February 11<sup>th</sup> @ 09:00am

★ Upcoming Speaker —  
Carl Flowers

Principal, Liberty Seminars, LLC

*Through Fog, and Ice, and Dark of Night....*

*How a fisherman saved Washington's army 3 times*



Last year the chapter learned that T1 aka Tom Whitelock, T2 aka Tom Van Fossen and T3 aka Tom Milson were the three T's. This moniker of T1, T2, and T3 helps to keep them from getting confused when someone says, "Tom", now we can just call out T1, T2 or T3.

T3 (Tom Milson) presented T2 (Tom Van Fossen) a red baseball cap but T2 has a blue one. I guess no going back!

Tom (T3) also presented T1 (Tom Whitelock) with a certificate for taking care of the raffle at the BOM in 2022. I'm confused about who is who, how about you?

**Merchandise Table** – Tom Whitelock

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; "An old young man will be a young old man."**

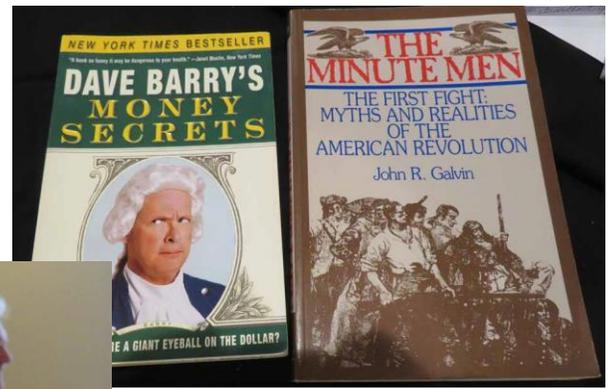
## DOOR PRIZE –



Prize winners are

Linda Martin

John Morton



## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

**“Sabby, Savvy or Savey”** To know or understand - While we still use this word to mean something like “literate” (computer-savvy), in Colonial times, it was actually **used** more like the way **Jack Sparrow** uses it. So you might say, “I don’t want to come to work anymore, savvy that?” According to Merriam-Webster, it’s derived from *sabe*, which means “he knows” in Portuguese. This became *sabi* in Creole, and later, “savvy.”

**“Adam’s Ale”** Check right here next month! I hope you are enjoying this little word play.

**BENEDICTION** – Ronnie Russell

**SAR RECESSIONAL** – All

**NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY February 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00AM**

Join us at our next Chapter meeting: 08:00 am - Breakfast buffet for \$10 including raffle ticket  
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**

Respectfully submitted,

William B. Watts, Secretary

*William B. Watts* 

# Wants and Needs Listing

## Comfort Items (Travel Size and Regular)

- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush (*Single pack*)
- Denture Cream
- Denture Cleaner
- Shower Gel/Wash (no bars)
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Lotion
- Powder
- Medicated Powder
- Shaving Cream
- Razors
- Manicure sets
- Hairbrushes
- Combs
- Hair Clips/Pony tail Holders
- Feminine Products
- Shower Shoes
- Lip Balm
- Hair Gel/Mousse

**\* If making a donation for comfort items, please remember all comfort items donated need to be new items.**

## Other items needed for patients

- Phone Cards
- Envelopes #10
- Small writing tablets and Pen/Pencils
- Gas/Gift Cards for patients
- Reading Glasses (*Variety of Strengths*)
- Canteen Books
- Puzzle Books
- DART/TRE Passes
- Mailing Stamps
- Lap Robes
- Wheelchair bags
- Stoma Covers
- Bags/Luggage (new)
- Books

- Magazines (*no magazines over a year old will be accepted*)

## Clothing (Gently worn items or new)

- Jackets
- Winter Coats
- Pants/Slacks
- Jeans
- Shirts
- T-Shirts
- Sweat Suits
- Skirts/Dresses
- House Shoes (new)
- Gloves (new)
- Winter Caps (new)
- Blouses

## Undergarments for men and women (New Only)

- Underwear / Boxers (*variety of sizes needed*)
- Panties (*variety of sizes needed*)
- Sports Bras (*variety of sizes needed*)
- Men's undershirts (*variety of sizes needed*)
- Mens Socks
- Womens Socks

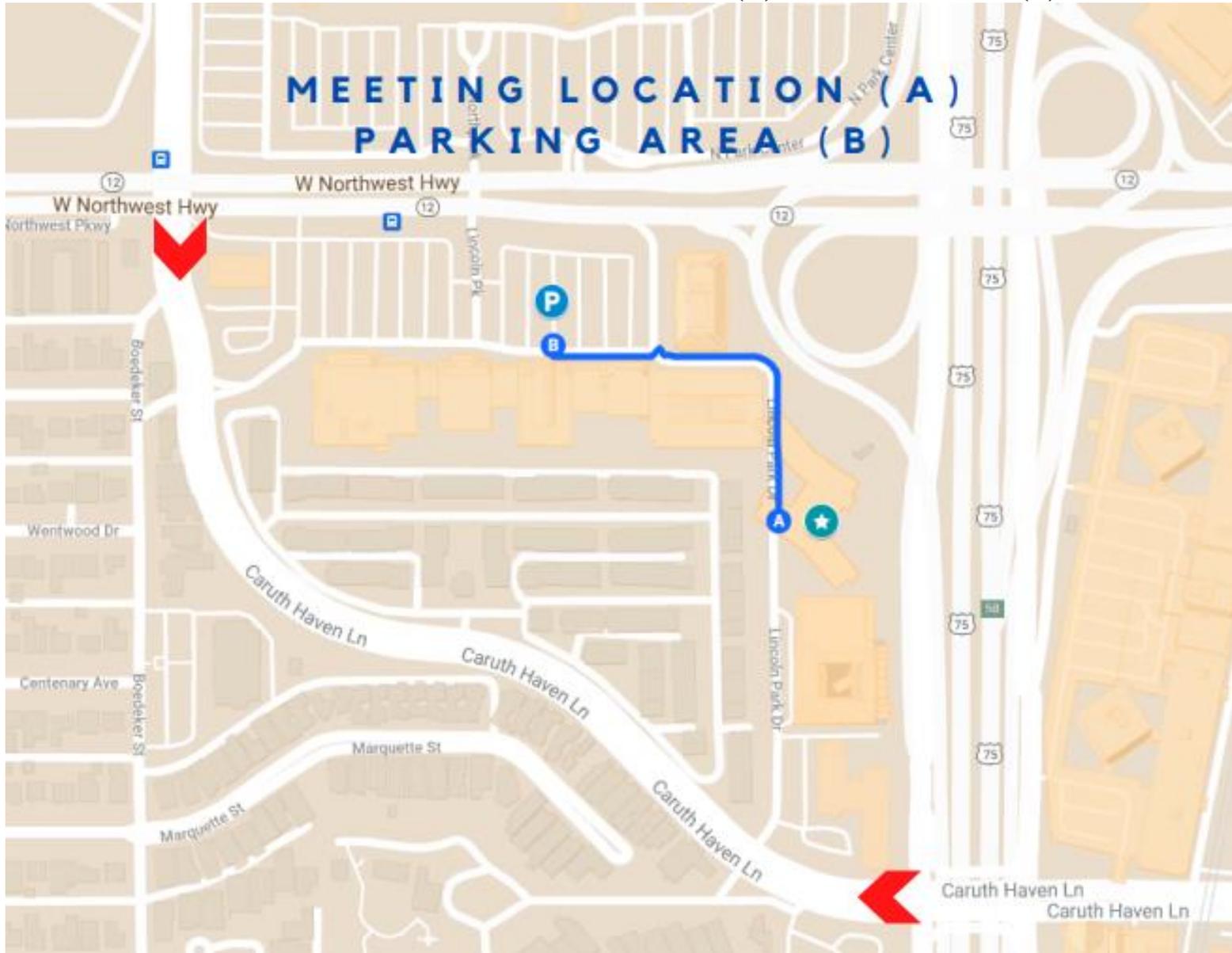
## Equipment Needs

- TV's
- DVD Players
- DVD's
- Wii/ Wii Games
- Refrigerators (*Small and Full Size*)
- Coffee Pots (*12 cup and larger*)
- Laptops
- Microwaves
- Fax Machines

## Fund for Coffee Cart and Supplies

- Coffee
- Coffee Filters
- Sugar
- Artificial Sweetener (Equal/Splenda/Sweet and Low)

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



# Connect

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