



The MINUTEMAN



Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society - Sons of the American Revolution

November 11, 2023

Volume 24, No. 11

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

To err is human, to repent divine; to persist devilish.

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Dallas Chapter is beginning to gather information about the Chapter for the 100th Anniversary of our Chapter. We need photos, information and other Chapter related information for the years 1929 to 1999. If you have served in any capacity; i.e., Color Guard, Officer, Committee member, Veterans, etc.... during those years or have historical information concerning those years; please gather the information and put it in a box or envelope and loan it to Bill Watts. Please put your name on the box or envelope so he will return it to the right person.

In a few months there will be a form for you to complete if you would like your picture and a short biography to be included in the 100 year history of the Dallas Chapter.

We hope to have the years 1929 – 1963 revised sometime in 2024. This revised Dallas Chapter History Volume I will have updated information and pictures of our early founders.

If you have any information that you feel will make the 100 Years of the Dallas Chapter better, please give it to Bill Watts or Tom Whitelock.



John T. Trezevant
First President of the
Dallas Chapter

Our Gang



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.

Pledges

American Flag – Chalmers Omberg

Texas Flag – Bob Clark

SAR – Brent Harshman

Mission Statement – All

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

Invocation –

Larry Luby



Welcome – President Harrison – Welcome to all.

All Veterans in attendance were asked to stand as a special tribute.

Guests in attendance were; Bob Clark, TXSAR President; Tom Van Fossen, Dis 6 VP; Jim Akers, President Denton Chapter, WWII Veteran Walter S. Goodman, Jr., John Maloney new applicant, and Elizabeth Rose, winner of American History Teacher Award



Veterans Minute

Video of Ronald Reagan 1988 Veterans Day Speech

Introduction of our morning Speaker – Tom Van Fossen

Marc Liebman – A former Navy pilot who used his experience to write novels.

“10 Issues from the Late 18th Century the US Still Wrestles With Today”



1. How to grow the United States
2. Immigration
3. Communication

Marc talked about the other issues that were present during the 18th Century that are still present today.



New Patriot

Scot MacRae – Jacob Van Fossen



In picture Mark Harrison, Scot MacRae and Tom Van Fossen

Which animal’s handiwork won first prize in a 1971 Kansas art contest – cat, parrot, or orangutan? Find the answer after Color Guard Report.

Chapter Awards from National Congress

- ★ Dallas Chapter - *Partners in Patriotism Certificate*
- ★ Dallas Chapter - *The President General's Education Outreach Streamer*
- ★ Brent Harshman & Will Hartnett - *Life Member Certificates*
- ★ Jerry Pinkerton - *Alexander Hamilton Award*
- ★ Jerry Pinkerton - *Liberty Medal Oak Leaf Cluster*
- ★ Mark Morgan - *Liberty Medal & Certificate*
- ★ Mark Harrison - *George Washington Endowment Fund Fellow*
- ★ Elizabeth Rose - *National 3rd Place-American History Teacher, High School Level*



Elizabeth Rose received her award



Brent Harshman receiving his son's award

Member Anniversaries

David Downe and Lawrence Downe have been members for 35 years

Officer Nominations for 2024 – Tom Whitelock

- ★ President | Brent Harshman
- ★ 1st Vice-President | Tom Van Fossen
- ★ 2nd Vice-President | J. D. Martin
- ★ Secretary | Bill Watts
- ★ Registrar | Mark Morgan
- ★ Historian | Open
- ★ Treasurer | Nick Harper
- ★ Chaplain | Frank Pounders
- ★ Trustee | Gary Sisson
- ★ Trustee | David Temple



Committee Opportunities Available at the Dallas Chapter

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| ▶ Public Relations & Publicity | ▶ Brochure Contest (MS) |
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| ▶ CAR Liaison | ▶ Knight Essay Contest (HS) |
| ▶ DAR Liaison | ▶ Oration Contest (HS) |
| ▶ Annual Audit | ▶ Poster Contest (Elem) |
| ▶ American History Teacher | ▶ Speaker's Bureau |
| ▶ Web and Social Media | ▶ Greeters |
| ▶ Color Guard Members | |

Golden Sledge Hammer Award

Gary Sisson began this award 22 years ago as a way to recognize service to the Dallas Chapter.

Over the years many members of the chapter have won the award.

A special thank you to J D Martin for the new display.

Who will be the next winner?

Make sure you are attending the Dallas Chapter Meeting in January 2024 to find out who won!



Annual Reporting Form – Go to the Dallas Chapter Web Page and click on Reporting Form

This form will help in the completion of the Chapters End of Year report and the Stark Report. Mark Morgan has designed this form for everyone to use to report what they have done.

This is an example of the form that is found online; <https://us14.campaign-archive.com/?u=1e2ffe99f7f44d77bb9bb8d6b&id=4ddc37cf0f>

Dallas Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution
Compatriot Report of Official Activity or Event

Event Name: _____

Event Type: _____

Event Date: _____

Event Location: _____

Participating Compatriots: _____

Comments: _____

Compatriot Making Report: _____

Date of Report: _____

Remember; “A free society is one where it is safe to be unpopular!”

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary – Watts

11 November 2023 minutes, Motion by Jim Battles, 2nd by J D Martin - Minutes Approved

Treasurer – Treasurer Harper

Financials as of 31 Oct 2023 were presented



Carl N Harper

Registrar – Morgan



In Progress at Chapter — 38
At National for Review — 14
(4 Regular, 10 Supplemental, 0 Memorial)
Approved — 23
Closed — 36

We have a total of 111 Applications

Total Active Members 252

New Members Approved — 16 (YTD 2022-14)
Memorial Applications Approved — 3
Supplemental Applications Approved — 4
Total 23

New Member Inductions YTD — 17
New Members Inducted Today — 0
New Members to be Inducted — 3
Total 20

Membership Dues Notices have been mailed to everyone who has a valid physical mailing address.
If you want to pay online, go to; <https://www.txssar.org/dues.htm>

Historian - Historian Harshman

Send pictures of events for future yearbooks to:

Brent Harshman

brentharshman@protonmail.com

When submitting photos, please identify the event, the date, and the location.



Brent Harshman

Color Guard – Commander Watts

Events for October and November

October 20, 2023 Friday – Presentation at Michael Stoner Chapter DAR by Jerry Pinkerton and Tom Van Fossen



October 20, 2023 Friday – October 22, 2023 Sunday – BOM College Station

October 27, 2023 – October 29, 2023 LA Patriot Grave Marking



Opelousas Militia Grave Marking



Washington – Yellow Fever Cemetery



November 5, 2023 Sunday - Massing of the Colors Fort Worth, Texas 9100 N. Normandale Street Ft Worth

November 7, 2023 Tuesday - DFW National Cemetery interment for World War II, Navy Veteran Allan Husch



Scott Knightly Bob Johns Bill Watts

November 8, 2023 Wednesday – Stinson Elementary Veterans Day Celebration

November 10, 2023 Friday – Malvern Elementary Veterans Day Celebration



November 11, 2023 Saturday - Veterans Day Event at Red Tail Pavilion at Oak Point Park in Plano 2801 E Spring Creek Pkwy Plano Muster time is at 3 pm

1,000 United States Flags





As always we missed you at the Plano Flags of Honor! David Cook, T L Holden, Bill Watts, Tom Manning, Brent Harshman, Bob Millwee, Mark Harrison, Tom Van Fossen and Alan Roach were in attendance.

We hope you will consider joining us next year!

Rest of year

November 16, 2023 Thursday – Grave Marking of H P Eller at Pecan Grove Cemetery 1701 McDonald, McKinney at 4:30 pm Muster time 4PM. We will meet at Spring Creek and attend the McKinney Chapter meeting if you want to eat.

November 25, 2023 Saturday – Charter of the new Ellis County Chapter

December 7, 2023 Thursday – Dallas Chapter Dinner Meeting

December 16, 2023 Saturday - Wreaths Across America 3900 Oakland Circle Dallas **Muster at 10:30** am arrive earlier to get a parking spot. Please purchase your wreath at;
<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/164782/Overview/?relatedId=171591&fbclid=IwAR2JF-XRLxdpuEMWHPztchxDCFysytB5qY46xAO61p1eOqhnb74Vc2TE3qo>

Bill Watts presented David Cook with the rank of Captain of the Denton Chapter Color Guard with Denton Chapter President Jim Akers



The answer to; “Which animal’s handiwork won first prize in a 1971 Kansas art contest – cat, parrot, or orangutan? Orangutan!

OLD BUSINESS –



Tom Whitelock displayed some of his memorabilia from his days in the Army and his Dad’s information on World War II

Merchandise Table – Tom Whitelock

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

NEW BUSINESS –

MEETING DATE CHANGE MOTION

Motion

The Constitution, Article V, Section 1 calls for the Annual Meeting of the Dallas Chapter to be held on the 2nd Saturday of December. Change the Annual Meeting date for 2023 of the Dallas Chapter from the 2nd Saturday to the previously scheduled December 7, 2023 meeting.

Motion made by J D Martin, seconded by Bill Watts, motion was approved

AMENDMENTS NOTICE

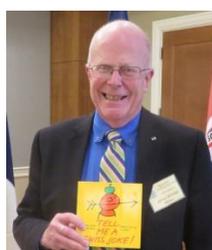
Notice of Proposed Amendments to Dallas Chapter Constitution and Bylaws Pursuant to Article VI – Amendments of the Dallas Chapter, Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution the following notice is given;

The Board of Managers of the Dallas Chapter, consisting of the elected officers of the Chapter, has reviewed and proposed amendments to the Dallas Chapter Constitution and Bylaws. The changes will be distributed to the Dallas Chapter members prior to the December 7, 2023 meeting. The vote on the proposed amendments will be at the January 13, 2024 meeting of the Chapter

DOOR PRIZE –



Walter Goodman



Michael Winson



Scot MacRae



J D Martin

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

“You are a real Rum Dubber!” A ‘Rum Dubber’ or a ‘Gilt’ preyed upon taverns and their guests. He would arrive and inform the owner he needed a room. Upon being given one, he would sneak throughout the building and use pick locks to open and often relock other rooms, chests or boxes and remove what he could steal.

“If you continue with your jollification you will end up alone.” Check right here next month! I hope you are enjoying this little word play.

BENEDICTION – Larry Luby

SAR RECESSIONAL – All

NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY December 7th @ 6:00PM

Chapter Holiday Dinner Meeting with your guests @ the Ventana, Great Hall

Speaker — Carl Flowers

250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party (December 13th)

★ **Deadline to Register – Thursday, 30 November 2023**

Current Reservations – 50

Total Capacity – 96

Registration forms now available.

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**For more information concerning
volunteer opportunities please contact;**

Mark Harrison

Tom Van Fossen

Respectfully submitted,
William B. Watts, Secretary

William B. Watts 

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www.txssar.org/Dallas

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

