



# 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

Breakfast – 8:00am

Meeting – 9:00am

**PRESIDENT**

*Brent Harshman*

**1st VICE-PRESIDENT/PROGRAMS**

*Thomas F. Van Fossen*

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*Frank H. Ponders*

**ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN**

*Larry Luby*

**HISTORIAN**

*Tom Manning*

**TRUSTEES**

*Gary Sisson*

*David Temple*

**COLOR GUARD COMMANDER**

*Bill Watts*



## AGENDA

### **Call to Order –**

President Harshman



### **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 –** Frank Ponders

### **Pledges**

American Flag – Jerry Pinkerton

Texas Flag – Tom Manning

SAR – All

### **Mission Statement –**

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.

### **American Historic Moment**

*How George Washington started a war*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lk1RWY8HpFM>



### **Welcome –**

We would like to welcome our guests David Temple and Bob Clark former State Presidents, Ron Turner District 5 VP, Jerry Pinkerton Inland Registrar, Mark Hansen and Mark Harrison former Chapter President, Michael Goode former President of East Fork Trinity and Jack Haughton former Secretary General International Chapter and President of our new Ellis County Chapter and Chairman of the JROTC Committee and a very special welcome to any guests who are in attendance with us today.

## Introduction of our morning Speaker –



1<sup>st</sup> VP Van Fossen

As is our tradition the newly elected State President is invited to speak at our chapter. We are fortunate to have him here today and I would like to introduce our own Tracy Pounders who will take office next Saturday at our State Conference.

## Incoming State President Tracy Pounders

We need to thank our forefathers, and foremothers who stayed home and ran the family farm while their husbands were creating the United States. Did you know that we are the only nation whose National Anthem ends with a question mark?

A question came up recently. Does the SAR have a place in today's society? The answer is, yes it does especially on the Semiquincentennial Anniversary of our Nation.

During this time there will be a lot of reflection on our history. We have the opportunity to listen politely with the knowledge that our forefathers took on the greatest nation in the world and succeeded with the help of our friends.

This should be personal to each of us because our Patriot ancestors were part of this success. We should be proud because our ancestors were common people who did uncommon things to provide us with a nation that will let us succeed if we put in the effort.

My charge to you is, you need to be a voice for our patriot ancestors, you need to know what they did and be able to talk about this extraordinary country that they helped to establish.

Be able to talk about at least one of your Patriots when you are asked about the Sons of the American Revolution.



## Sons of the American Revolution Foundation

The next speaker is from the SAR Foundation in Louisville, Kentucky. His name is Phil Bloyd and he is leading the fundraising efforts for the new Education Center and Museum.



The way to influence our fellow countrymen and women is through education.

Phil showed a video about the new museum.

Brent Harshman and Tom Van Fossen present a Chapter mug, challenge coin and certificate to Phil Bloyd.



## **George Washington Endowment Fund Fellow**

Brent Harshman received his pin and certificate for becoming a fellow of the George Washington Endowment Fund.



### New Members

Lloyd Humphreys | Daniel Damon Bryant  
Charles Humphreys | Daniel Damon Bryant  
Kenneth Raney, Jr. | Jacob Utzman



### Supplemental

Todd Frary | Ezra Fields



## Member Anniversaries

James McCalmont III | 5 years

Evan Scott | 5 years

Tristan Scott | 5 years

Jonathan Searles | 40 years

## Committee Member Opportunities to Serve

Public Relations & Publicity  
Member Recruitment & Retention  
DAR Liaison  
American History Teacher  
Color Guard Members  
CAR Essay Contest  
Knight Essay Contest (HS)  
Poster Contest (Elem)  
Greeter

Community Service Awards  
C.A.R. Liaison  
Annual Audit  
Web and Social Media  
Brochure Contest (MS)  
Eagle Scout Essay Contest  
Oration Contest (HS)  
Speaker's Bureau

## OFFICERS REPORTS



**Secretary** – Watts

Tom Van Fossen moved to approve and seconded by Jerry Pinkerton

**Treasurer** – Harper

Financials are on the desk



**Registrar** – Morgan



In Progress at Chapter — 28  
At National for Review — 9  
(1 Regular, 8 Supplemental, 0 Memorial)  
Approved — 4

New Members Approved — 3  
Memorial Applications Approved — 0  
Supplemental Applications Approved — 1  
Total 4

Closed — 14

We have a total of 55 Applications

New Member Inductions YTD — 3

New Members Inducted Today — 3

New Members to be Inducted — 0

Total 6



**Historian** – Tom Manning

Send pictures of events for future yearbooks to:

**Tom Manning**    [tommanning.sar@gmail.com](mailto:tommanning.sar@gmail.com)

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

**Color Guard** – Commander Watts

April 10, 2024 Wednesday – Patriots Day at Providence Christian School 9 am, 5002 West Lovers Lane, muster 7:45 am

April 11 – 14, Thursday to Sunday – TXSSAR Conference, Double Tree Hotel 611 NW Loop 410, San Antonio

April 27, 2024 Saturday – Medal of Honor Parade, muster 9:30 am Gainesville, Texas

May 18, 2024 Saturday – Joseph Ligon DAR 110 year Anniversary

May 24, 2024 Friday – Gravestone cleaning with Susannah Biggers Bibb DAR Chapter 9:30 am, Big Springs Cemetery, 6538 North Jupiter Rd, Garland, TX

May 25, 2024 Saturday – Flag Retirement in Plano, TX

June 1, 2024 Saturday – Patriot Grave Markings: Evan Thomas Watson, muster 10:30 am Center Ridge Cemetery, 8641 TX 8, Maud, TX; William Blevins, muster 1:30 pm Clarksville Cemetery, 608 West Washington, Clarksville, TX

June 14, 2024 Friday – Flag Day at Ventana, muster at 10:30 am





2<sup>nd</sup> VP J D Martin

We have many opportunities to present medals to outstanding cadets. Please join me in presenting the medals at the various schools.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

**Annual Donation Drive**  
**MARCH 17 – APRIL 28**

Supporting residents of  
**Clyde W. Cospers**  
**TX State Veterans Home**  
 Bonham, TX



Mark Hansen asked the Chapter members to give to the Annual Donation Drive

**Key items needed:**

- Grip Socks (aka, Hospital Socks)
- Large Print Word Searches
- Fidget toys (silicon-based)
- Cake / Muffin Mix
- Canned soda
- Other items you think senior citizens in a nursing home would appreciate!!!

Scan here for a link to the current list of donation options on Amazon \*



**SCAN ME**

There are over 150 residents at the Bonham State Veterans home. These veterans have limited budget for daily activities. We are collecting donations for helping with activities and quality of life. This is our opportunity to serve those who served us!

**NOTE: All collected items will be donated directly to Clyde W. Cospers Veterans Home in Bonham, TX.**

Last day to donate is **SUNDAY, APRIL 28 !!**

\* If QR Code is not working for you, go to [Amazon.com/registries](https://www.amazon.com/registries) and search for "Clyde W. Cospers" under Gift List  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Amazon shipping address will be "eric thompson give" choose this for shipping



Tom Manning talked about the grave cleaning and lunch at Desperado's

**Save the Date!**  
**Saturday, May 4, 9:30 AM**

**BIG SPRINGS CEMETERY**  
 EST 1866

**Big Springs Cemetery**  
 6538 N Jupiter Rd  
 Garland, TX 75044

**Serve our Community by helping with Historic Preservation!**

Please join us and clean this beautiful and historic cemetery! Many of the graves are over 100 years old and have been neglected in past years. We will have gentle chemicals and materials to clean the stones in a safe and recommended manner.

We will clean for 2 hours, and then enjoy lunch together at Desperado's Mexican Restaurant in the adjoining shopping center. All family and friends are invited come and help.

## NEW BUSINESS –

Ron Turner Chapter President for the Van Zandt Chapter in Fort Worth

We are currently conducting a raffle to benefit the Youth Awards Program for our chapter. We give an award to the outstanding High School Student each year.

We are raffling an SAR Henry Rifle and the tickets are \$20.00.



## DOOR PRIZE –



Door Prize winners



**BENEDICTION** – Frank Pounders

**SAR RECEPTIONAL** – All

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

**Annual Youth Contest Award Winners Presentations**

SPECIAL NOTE: Our July meeting date is changed to Saturday, 06 July 2024 due to the National Congress during our regular meeting time. The June meeting is per normal on 08 June 2024.

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

**Mark Harrison  
Tom Van Fossen**

Respectfully submitted,  
William B. Watts, Secretary

*William B. Watts* 

## Connect

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

