

The MINUTEMAN

Dallas Chapter

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Texas Society - Sons of the American Revolution



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"writing – the mother of memory"

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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

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J.D. Martin

Each month a new medal that anyone in the Sons of the American Revolution can earn will be presented in this newsletter. We continue with our newest award, the Bill Watts – Ben Franklin Lapel Pin.

Bill Watts – Ben Franklin Lapel Pin.

The criteria and requirements are:

Participate in 5 SAR Youth activities and complete the Youth Protection Training online.



Send a list of the events (from January 1, 2025 forward), the date, the place, your name, proof of your YPT certificate, and your Chapter to Tom Van Fossen. The Dallas Chapter will award you the lapel pin. It is to be worn on all clothing, not just business or colonial.

The Bill Watts – Ben Franklin Lapel Pin will be available to other Texas Chapters as well as DAR & C.A.R. members.

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– Larry Luby

Posting of Colors – J.D. Martin, Color Guard Commander

Pledges

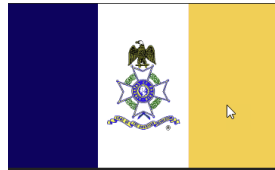
American Flag – Tom Manning



Texas Flag – Tom Milson



SAR Flag – Jerry Pinkerton



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.

Welcome – President Brent Harshman

We would like to welcome our guests:



Our final Youth Contest winner and his family – to be introduced later; Former State Presidents - Bob Clark & David Temple; VP Americanism – David Scott; Acting Coastal Registrar and Assistant Inland Registrar - Jerry Pinkerton; Council of Chapter Presidents Secretary - Tom Van Fossen; Former Council of Chapter Presidents President & Former McKinney Chapter President - Tom Milson; Denton Chapter President & District 11 VP - Jim Akers; Past Regent of the Jane Douglas DAR Chapter – Linda Martin; Vice Regent of the Susan Emma Daugherty Bannister DAR Chapter – Carolyn Buck; Former Regent of the Susan Emma Daugherty Bannister DAR Chapter – Pat Thibodeau and welcome to any guests that I missed.



250th Anniversary - American Historic Moment



Compatriot Tom Van Fossen recognized the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the US Army and a recognition of Army veterans in attendance. He then read 'I Am Your Flag'.

Featured Speaker

2nd Vice President Van Fossen introduced today's speaker, Pat Thibodeau and her topic – 'The Bad Ladies of the American Revolution'. Pat is a frequent presenter and friend of the Dallas Chapter.

Caroline Buck, Vice Regent of the Susan Emma Daugherty Bannister Chapter came forward to present the Winds Beneath Our Wings Award to a friend and supporter of their DAR chapter. The honoree is our own Compatriot Tom Van Fossen. Tom Van Fossen and President Harshman then presented a tote bag from the National Archives with the word "Women's History is Our History"



emblazoned on it & Certificates of Appreciation to both Pat Thibodeau and Carolyn Buck.



Compatriot Whitelock presented Pat a Betsy Ross figurine.

Recognition of Youth Contest Winners

Compatriot Tom Van Fossen served as the Master of Ceremonies with assistance from President Brent Harshman, Tom Van Fossen & Vice President Americanism David Scott recognized Oliver Burke, our final Youth Contest Award winner for the year. Oliver was unable to attend the May meeting due to a schedule conflict.

VP Scott discussed the history of Eagle Scouts in America and why it is important. Oliver Burke is an Eagle Scout along with his three older brothers. Oliver was the Dallas Chapter Eagle Scout winner (\$300) and won the state championship (\$3,500 scholarship) and finished 2nd in nationals and a cash award of \$6,000. He received a medal and a beautiful bald eagle statue for his state win.



In addition, he was the Dallas chapter award winner for the C.A.R. Essay contest (\$300) and 2nd in the state (\$750 scholarship).



Finally, he was the chapter award winner for the Knight Essay contest (\$300) and finished 3rd in the state (\$500 scholarship).

Congratulations, Oliver!

New Member Inductions

President Harshman along with state Registrar Jerry Pinkerton and Chapter Registrar Mark Morgan presided over the induction ceremony.

Inducted today were:



Oliver Horton Burke (*Jessie Hinton*)



Raul Emilio Hinojosa (*Jose Manuel Hinojosa*)

Emilio Ramon Hinojosa (*Jose Manuel Hinojosa*)

Raul Gustavo Hinojosa (*Jose Manuel Hinojosa*)

Oliver is the son of Dallas Chapter member Sean Burke. Raul Emilio is the brother of Dallas Chapter member Gus Hinojosa and Emilio Ramon & Raul Gustavo are Gus' nephews.



Welcome to our four newest members!

Member Anniversaries

Member anniversaries were not recognized during the May meeting so both May and June anniversaries were celebrated.

May anniversaries included:

James Fairbairn (15 years)

Andrew Strickland (20 years)

David Strickland (20 years)

Keil Strickland (20 years)

A special 50 year recognition of former state president, Bob Clark, was awarded a certificate of recognition from the National organization for his accomplishment.

Bob

June anniversaries included:

Allen Clark, Jr. (45 years)

John Greer (30 years)

Blinn Sheffield, Jr. (10 years)



Congratulations to each of these Compatriots.

In Memoriam

Compatriot William Byron 'Bill' Watts passed away on June 5, 2025. Bill was a member of the SAR since March, 2014. Bill's patriot was Thomas Huntley, Sr. and he had nine other supplemental patriots.



No more active or dedicated member of the organization can be found and he will be missed. Today (June 14) would have been Bill's 77th birthday. The memorial service will be held at 2PM on Saturday, July 26 at Rest Haven Funeral Home (2500 State Highway 66 East Rockwall). More details later.

Officer Reports

Acting Secretary – Mark Harrison

Meeting Minutes – approved for both previous meetings – motion by Jon Tompkins

Treasurer – Tim Chapman

Treasurers Report – Treasurer Tim Chapman – copies available at the check-in table.

Registrar – Mark Morgan

In Progress at Chapter - 15
At National for Review - 10
(1 Regular, 0 Junior, 8 Supp., 1 Memorial)
Approved - 7
Closed - 34
We have a total of 66 Applications

New Members Approved - 6
Memorial Applications Approved - 0
Supplemental Applications Approved - 1
Total - 7

New Member Inductions YTD - 1
New Members Inducted Today - 4
New Members to be Inducted - 3
Total - 8
Total Active Chapter Members 222

Mark Morgan recognized Compatriot David Scott for his work helping his cousin, David Jones complete his application. His application is complete and ready to send to national. As a result, David Scott is being presented the Texas State Recruiting Pin.



Historian – Tom Manning

Please submit any pictures or articles to:

Historian Tom Manning -tommanning.sar@gmail.com

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

The Texas SAR History – Vol 3 is being compiled at this time. All Compatriots are asked to submit a brief bio of your service with the SAR. A form is available on-line at https://www.texassar.org/pdf/TexasSAR_CompatriotQuestionnaire.pdf. This information is being requested to be submitted by July 1. You can send to John Anderson, Texas SAR Historian at historian@texassar.org.

Color Guard – Commander J.D. Martin



It was announced by President Harshman that Compatriot J.D. Martin is being appointed as the new Dallas Chapter Color Guard Commander replacing Bill Watts. Congratulations, J.D. and thank you for your service to the SAR.

Flag retirement with the Plano Chapter scheduled for immediately after our June 14 meeting.

The Audie Murphy Parade in Farmersville, TX is coming up on Saturday, June 21. Muster time at 8:30 AM. Information on the TXSSAR website at <https://www.texassar.org/cg.htm> and on the parade website - <https://www.farmersvilletx.com/community/page/audie-murphy-day-0> .

JROTC – J.D. Martin & Wayne Stewart

J.D. Martin reported that this has been a very successful JROTC season with several members of the chapter, including Compatriot Gus Hinojosa & Keith McMenamy assisting. Great teamwork between Wayne and J.D. organizing and carrying out this important duty.

Upcoming Programs – 1st VP Tom Van Fossen

The speaker at the next meeting on July 12 will be Compatriot William Covington of the Arlington Chapter. His topic will be “The Paul Revere of the South – The Saga of John ‘Jack’ Jouett”.



In addition, there will be the presentation of the brand-new Bill Watts – “Benjamin Franklin” Lapel Pin. This will be the first presentation of this pin to any of our members.

Committee Opportunities

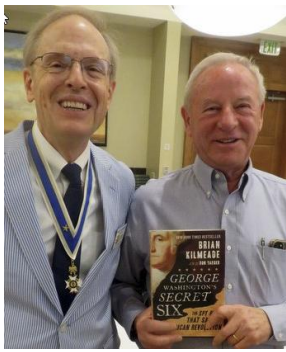
Public Relations & Publicity
Community Service Awards
Member Recruitment & Retention
C.A.R. Liaison
DAR Liaison
Annual Audit
American History Teacher
Web and Social Media
Color Guard Members
JROTC Members

Brochure Contest (MS)
C.A.R. Essay Contest
Eagle Scout Essay Contest (HS)
Knight Essay Contest (HS)
Oration Contest (HS)
Poster Contest (Elem)
Video Contest (MS & HS)
Speaker’s Bureau
Greeter

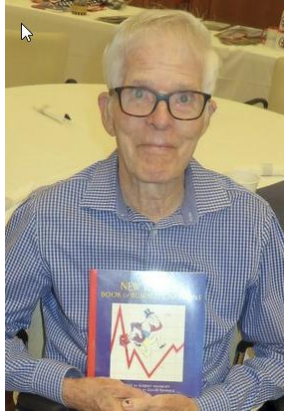
Please discuss with Compatriots Van Fossen or Harrison

OLD BUSINESS –

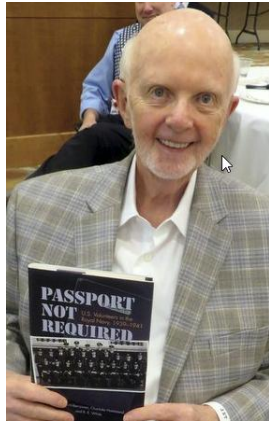
Door Prizes



1st selection – Bill Eastwood



2nd selection – Robert Kittrell



3rd selection – Jon Tomkins

NEW BUSINESS –

Past President Mike Petridis raised the suggestion that the Dallas Chapter should establish an annual award to recognize the work ethic demonstrated by Compatriot Bill Watts during his long service and that it should be awarded annually to a Dallas Chapter member demonstrating that type of service and dedication. Mike submitted a motion that the chapter should establish the “Bill Watts Service Above Self Award”. The motion was seconded by Jon Tomkins. President Harshman called for a vote and it was passed without dissent. It was agreed that the chapter officers would meet to discuss how this can be implemented.

Next Meeting — Saturday, July 12th @ 9am

Speaker: William Covington

“The Paul Revere of the South – The Saga of John ‘Jack’ Jouett”

BENEDICTION – Larry Luby

NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY July 12th @ 9:00 AM

**For more information concerning volunteer opportunities please contact;
Mark Harrison
Tom Van Fossen**

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Harrison, Acting Secretary

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



