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**JUNE 9, 2018**  
News & Minutes of Dallas Chapter  
Texas Society - Sons of the American Revolution  
Chapter Chartered July 4, 1929



# MINUTEMAN

The members were glad to see President **Watts** back on his feet after spinal surgery and return to gavel our monthly meeting to order at 8:30 am. Before calling on Chaplain **Frank Ponders** for sick call and Invocation, he reminded everyone that the Memorial Service for former Chapter compatriot, **Lloyd Bockstruck**, has been re-scheduled for this coming Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.

**John Morton** and FCP **Robert Kittrell** respectively led the membership in pledges to the **United States Flag** and **Texas Flag**. The secretary offered to recite the Affirmation to the SAR, and the President led all in singing the first stanza of *America*.

Head greeter **Ralph McDowell** thanked **Chalmers Omberg** for assisting in welcoming twenty members and six guests this morning. **Kip Rolland** introduced his daughter, **Ginny Miller** > who was visiting from NC.



In addition to the distributed **LOTT** (*leviety on the table*), President Watts chose to introduce some verbal humor to the agenda by explaining how he got "screwed" by his doctor and showing off his xray .

## AMERICANISM



Bill's topic was on the **FORT MOULTRIE FLAG**. He handed out minted US quarters that came out in 2016 for South Carolina.



The Battle of Fort Sullivan was fought on June 28, 1776, during the American Revolutionary War. It took place near Charleston, South Carolina, during the first British attempt to capture the city from American rebels.

Arriving in early June, troops were landed on Long Island (now called the Isle of Palms,) near Sullivan's Island where Colonel *William Moultrie* commanded a partially constructed fort in preparation for a naval bombardment and land assault. The naval assault had little effect, due to the sandy soil and spongy nature of the fort's palmetto log construction. It was rumored that cannonballs fired from British ships at the fort bounced back to damage the ships. Col. Moultrie's design of the original flag flown over the fort (and both) were named in honor of his service and defense. The flag was later modified to show a Palm tree.



<ORIGINAL FLAG  
South Carolina's  
CURRENT FLAG>



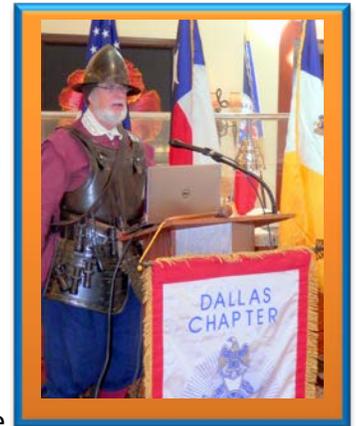
**JMH's 1994 Trivia Question #1** – The first organizational meeting for NSSAR was held in what famous New York restaurant/bar?  
 (a) 21 (b) The Stork Club (c) Fraunces Tavern (d) Delmonico's (answer on last page)

# Guest Speaker

Compatriot

James Battles

Ph.D



TOPIC

## Arms & Armor of the early settlers

Dr. Battles started his very informative and entertaining presentation by alerting the attendees that his "Dutch" heritage will play a key factor in his historical rendering of the 1620 Pilgrims and the influence on America's militia. Although he

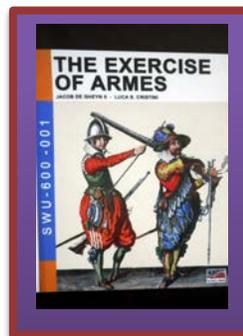


was attired in the militia uniform & metal garb of those that arrived on the *Mayflower*, Jim used a slideshow to relate how *Rembrandt van Rijn's Da Nachtwacht* <The Night Watch painting was one example of how each city in the Dutch Republic, having a company militia who fought for their freedom & independence, had portraits made and displayed to honor the soldiers' importance. Compatriot Battles continued to cross reference his story how a thanksgiving battle victory celebration in the city of *Leiden*

led to the establishment of our own pilgrim's first thanksgiving.



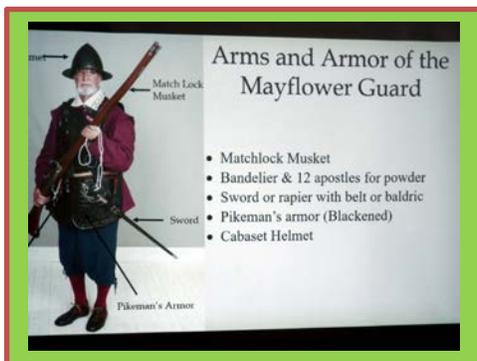
Not being professional soldiers, each companies' militia had to be trained in the Arms & Armor of the time. This publication became "a standard" throughout Europe and is still used by re-enactors.



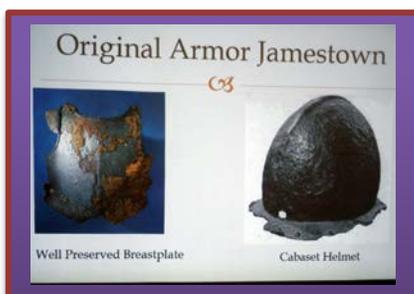
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militia had to be trained in the Arms missioned to develop an illustrated military- training manual.

When Jim started looking around for recruits after his presentation, most of our new prospects looked the other way real quick. V



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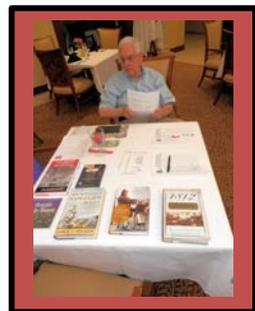


# Officer & Committee Reports

**President** Asked how many Compatriots were planning to attend the NSSAR Congress July 13-18 – he counted six. **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** Stated that next month he & FCP Whitelock will be doing the *AMERICANISM* presentations on the flags of the first three states to sign the *Constitution* in honor of “FLAG DAY.” (He asked for volunteers to fill out the remaining months) -The main speaker at July’s meeting will be **Jerry Pinkerton**, who will relate tales of his father in WWII. **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** Our total spring Awards presentations were **23 JROTC** Medals & Certificates, **18 FLAG** Certificates and **11 Outstanding Citizenship** Awards & Certificates. Appreciation certificates were distributed to members that participated in the presentations. **Secretary** May’s minutes that were distributed and posted were approved by voice vote. He also reported that he had just received notice of the passing back in April of former Chapter Compatriot **Olin Landcaster**, by his son. **Treasurer** Handed out the financial statement which reflected a previous month’s balance of \$8,353.21. **Registrar** TxSSAR State Inland Registrar **Jerry Brown** > stated that he had processed 72 membership applications and that our Chapter has four new prospects including **Lewis Robinson** > The President congratulated **Historian Slonaker** on his outstanding video recordings of the meetings and various Color Guard activities. It was suggested that one of his productions be shown at a future meeting. **Veterans Affairs** Chairman thanked those members who have brought items for the VA Hospital and expressed a wish for others to participate. **Color Guard June 16, Dedication of Grave for WWII veteran/Sulphur Springs, TX, June 23, Audie Murphy Day Parade/Farmersville, TX.**



**Current Roster Members**  
**245**



A book about Benjamin Franklin was one of the “door prizes” that both Bill & Ralph wanted to win, and one of them did. Be sure to donate to the Treasurer’s purchase fund and I’m sure he’ll be glad to tell you which one.

Chaplain Pounders gave the Benediction and the President adjourned the meeting at 9:55 am just after leading all in the SAR closing recessional.

*Respectfully submitted by*  
**Tom M. Whitelock, Secretary**

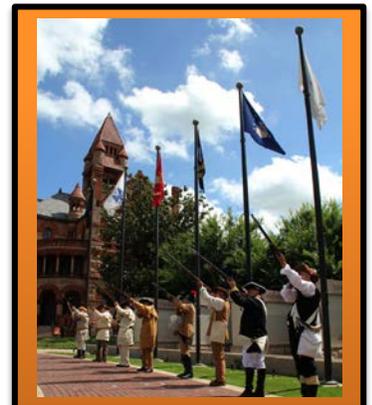
**JMH Trivia Answer: Fraunces Tavern** – On 30 April 30 1889, twenty delegates from a dozen states met in the historic “long Room” in which Washington met his Officers and bade them farewell on 3 December 1783.

## OTHER JUNE ACTIVITIES



### <Attending the Bockstruck Memorial

(L to R) Archbishop John Marshall, FPG Nathan White, VP Tom Van Fossen, FCP Ralph McDowell, and FCP Tom Smith. (not shown) FCP Robert Kittrell, Chalmers Omberg, FSP Robert Clark and FCP Tom Whitelock **June 11, 2018**



**North Texas Color Guard At Sulphur Springs June 16, 2018**

**Farmersville, Texas Audie Murphy Day Parade June 23, 2018 >**

