



# THE

AUGUST 11, 2018  
News & Minutes of Dallas Chapter  
Sons of the American Revolution



# Minuteman

The Chapter meeting was gavelled to order at 8:30 am by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President **Tom Van Fossen**. He called upon Chaplain **Frank Ponders** to perform the sick-call and offer up an Invocation for the membership and guests. Prayers and well wishes were requested for the healing of President **Bill Watts** during his rehab from the back surgery he had. Pledges to the United States and Texas Flags were followed by all attendees vocally rendering Affirmation to the SAR and singing the first stanza of *America*.

Hospitality Chairman **Ralph McDowell** expressed his appreciation to Compatriot **Chalmers Omberg** for assisting him this morning in greeting 24 members and the following guests: Donna Ceval, Bradley Sue Howell and soon to become a member Mark Harrison. FCP McDowell also surprised Secretary **Whitelock** (older than dirt) by having State Chancellor **Tracy Ponders** lead everyone in singing "Happy Birthday" to Tom.



Before continuing with the regular agenda, The Vice President asked Compatriot **Marshall Scantlin** to review his observations and suggestions related to the recent NSSAR Congress that he attended in Houston. He was fortunate in being able to attend the week's various sessions with his son (President of the Hawaii Society) and his grandson. Being a rookie, he didn't know what to expect and offered the thought that new members need to receive a general information booklet and have an indoctrination session. He enjoyed the wide variety of activities and the opportunity to meet fellow Compatriots from throughout the country.

During one of the general sessions' debates over the right to nominate General Officers (from the floor), his son gave him a scare by stating that he was going to nominate his Dad for the office of President General. Thank goodness he didn't have the "right paperwork" pre-done. Marshall stated that he is now revved up and looking forward to taking on some new Chapter responsibilities particularly in youth programs.

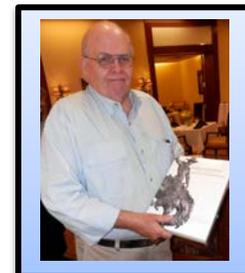
## AMERICANISM

Continuing with our monthly series on the Thirteen Colony Flags that were used by those colonies that ratified the Constitution in chronological order.

Today's first presentation was by Mark Harrison who described Georgia's flag.



#4 GEORGIA #5CONNECTICUT



**Alan Prather** not only made the presentation on the Connecticut flag, but also was a door prize winner later.

**JMH's 1994 Trivia Question #3 – What national day of observance was the NSSAR instrumental in getting adopted ?**  
**(a) Veterans Day (b) President's Day (c) Flag Day (d) Independence Day (answer on last page)**

# Guest Speaker

Compatriot **WARREN JOHNSON**

Topic- **THE STATUE OF ROBERT E. LEE**  
*“Return Lee to Lee Park”*



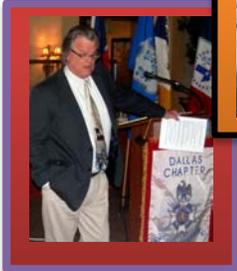
Where did it go ???



Titled *“Robert E. Lee & Young Rider”*, the artist who designed and created it was **< Alexander Phimister Procter, known as “The Buckskin Sculptor”**

With the recent removal of the beautiful and valuable statue off its pedestal, a grass roots effort has been established by citizens to return it to *Lee Park*. Warren related why this group, who know the true history of the General and his service to Texas, feel so strongly that the public should again enjoy its display at the original location.

**The \$50,000.00 Sculpture (that had no markings or reference to Confederacy or slavery) was dedicated in 1936 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.**



Compatriot **Johnson** emphasized that individuals responsible for the crusade to remove the sculpture probably only tied Lee to the Civil War era, and not the facts of his 32 year stellar military career in the United States Army, and many years of dedicated protection

service to **TEXAS** as Commander of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Calvary- guarding against vicious Indian attacks & raiding bandits comings from Mexico. Even though Warren presented far more details of why it was *WRONG* to remove the statue, he definitely left his audience with a wealth of facts on Lee's devotion to his country heretoforth not normally considered in history.

Program Vice President **Tom Van Fossen** > presented Warren with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Speaker's Liberty Bell.



## COMING IN SEPTEMBER



**John Morton**

with an Americanism on the Declaration of Independence.

*“I'm sure my signature is on that sheet somewhere.”*



**Montie Monzingo**

*“Ancestors that survived Andersonville”*  
**(Blind or otherwise)**

**Don't forget to bring your VA Donations to the meeting.**

# Officers' & Committee Chairmen Reports

**President** \* Reminder that the Annual N.TX CONFAB will be hosted by District Six and VP Gary Lovell at The TX Land & Cattle restaurant on I30 in Garland at 11:00 – August 18<sup>th</sup>. **1<sup>st</sup> VP** \* Upcoming Americanism & Guest Speakers are shown on previous page, and Texas Society President, Thomas Jackson has accepted our invitation to address our December meeting. **2<sup>nd</sup> VP** \* We're still awaiting confirmation of Wanda Webb's availability to present her a special award. A new Award Certificate has been authorized by NSSAR for presentation to participants in *Flag Retirement Ceremonies*. **Secretary** \* Corrected Minutes of the July meeting (posted on the website) were accepted by motion and voice vote. **Treasurer** \* The financial statement had been handed out to attending Compatriots upon their arrival and had a \$8,046.92 balance listing of the checking account's July 31<sup>st</sup> date. **Registrar** \* Two new Compatriots are due to be initiated and the approved paperwork on **Nathan Montague**, is enroute from NSSAR. **Historian** \* Keep those photos and documents (on Chapter activities and member participation) coming to him. **Chaplain** \* *NRATT*

## Quick Reminder—We're Back To Regular Attire For September

\*\*\*\*\**COAT AND TIE APPRECIATED*\*\*\*\*\*

**Membership** \* Latest Chapter count is 252 and starting to grow again. **Color Guard** \* Later today. The TxSSAR Color Guard will present/post colors & fire muskets in an honor dedication ceremony (in Corsicana) and grave marking of two former TX SAR Society Presidents. (**Vphotos V**) The Commander reminded all members that Texas State Fair days start September 28<sup>th</sup>, and we always need volunteers for the recruitment of prospective members. Although not necessary, wearing your uniforms or colonial attire makes an impression.



REGISTER ONLINE to help out : <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c490c49a5aa2aabf85-texas1>  
For either 10-2pm and/or 2-5:30pm sessions. Contact GARY SNOWDEN for info – 214-502-2856

A motion by the Secretary for our Chapter to contribute \$200 to the DAR Jane Douglas Chapter to aid them in the cost of supplies (bottles of water) to sell as a fund raiser was seconded and approved. **Veterans Affairs** \* The chairman thanked Compatriots for their donations to the VA Hospital patients.

New & Old Business: The VP, again invited interested members to attend the District Six training CONFAB to be held next week, and to remember that they can now go to the TxSSAR website to register for the Fall Board of Managers meeting (October 12-14).

Drawings for door prizes preceded the Chaplain's Benediction, and Vice President Van Fossen led the membership in the SAR recessional just prior to his adjourning the meeting at 9:54am.

## August Activities

*Respectfully submitted by*

**Tom M. Whitelock, Secretary**



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Jerry Pinkerton at

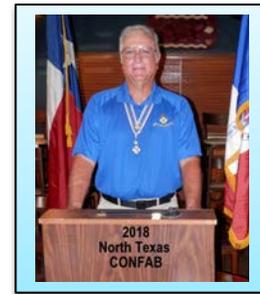
### Corsicana Dedications

of

George T. Jester & Edward M. Poke  
graves and SAR markers



# North Texas CONFAB Hosted by District Six Vice President Gary Lovell >



**DALLAS CHAPTER**  
**Members (L>R)**  
**Marshall Scantlin**  
**Tom Van Fossen**  
**(stb) Mark Harrison**  
**Jerry Brown**  
**(DM) Montie Monzingo**

Over 26 members  
 from six various  
 Chapters attended



**THE POWER PLAYERS**  
**(L>R)**  
**T.L. Holden** Dist. 11 Vice President  
**David Temple** TxSSAR President Elect  
**Michael Radcliff** Past State President &  
 former NSSAR Color Guard Commander  
**Drake Peddie** TxSSAR Secretary  
**Walter Thomas** Community Awards Chrm.

**THOSE THAT CAN – DO**  
**(L>R)**

**Gary Snowden** State Fair Recruitment Coordinator  
**Harmon Adair** State Historian  
**Bob Kubin** Colors Sgt.-at-Arms  
**Louie Juarez** McKinney Chapter  
 (and last but never least) v  
**Nathan White** McKinney Chapter President, Past NSSAR President General  
 past TxSSAR President.....you get the idea



**THOSE THAT WILL –VOLUNTEER**  
**(L>R)**

**John Ray** Plano President  
**Larry Melton** Plano VP (and new home owner)  
**Paul Ridenour**  
 SAR Activities photographer  
**Leslie Anderson** President  
 East Fork Trinity Chapter

**Ted Wilson** N.Tx. Color  
 Guard Commander and  
 other speakers for the day  
 received Certificates of  
 Appreciation from VP Lovell.



**JMH Trivia Answer** Flag Day (June 14), the anniversary of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as our national ensign. Compatriot Jonathan Flynn Morris of the Connecticut Society, National Number 392, is recognized as the “originator” Of Flag Day.