



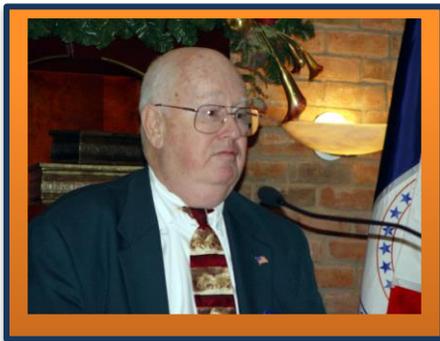
**THE**  
**JUNE 8, 2019**  
**News & Minutes of Dallas Chapter**  
**Texas Society - Sons of the American Revolution**  
**Chapter Chartered July 4, 1929**



# MINUTEMAN

President **Van Fossen** graveled the meeting to order at 8:34 am and asked **Marshall Scantlin** to offer up the *Invocation*. T2 next led all in the pledge to the U.S. Flag, with

**Glenn Toal** taking up the lead for the pledge to the Texas Flag & **Jay Bowden** the Affirmation to the **SAR**. Compatriot **Morton** led us in singing *America*.



Former Compatriot <**Martin Lyford's** funeral and memorial services are to be held in Allen, TX. on June 15 at 10:00 am.

rushed in early to assure he got a fair share of vittles



Compatriot **Richardson V**



before State President **Temple** hit the chow line.

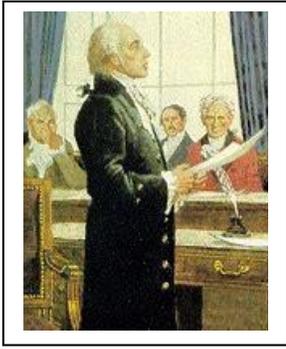
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## *Americanism*

Compatriot **John Morton**> related how and why in 1789, James Madison – nicknamed “the father of the Constitution”-proposed 12 amendments that ultimately became 10 that make up the U.S. **Bill of Rights**. Madison was unquestionably the person who wrote the First Amendment in this respect. But this doesn't mean he was the one who came up with the idea. Several factors complicate his status as author.

Madison initially stood by the unamended Constitution, viewing the Bill of Rights as unnecessary because he did not believe that the federal government would ever become powerful enough to need one.



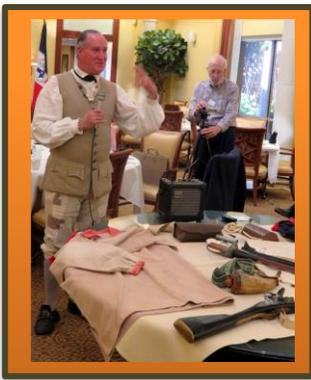


Madison's mentor Thomas Jefferson was ultimately the person who convinced him to change his mind and propose a Bill of Rights. The freedoms described in the First Amendment of particular concern to Jefferson.

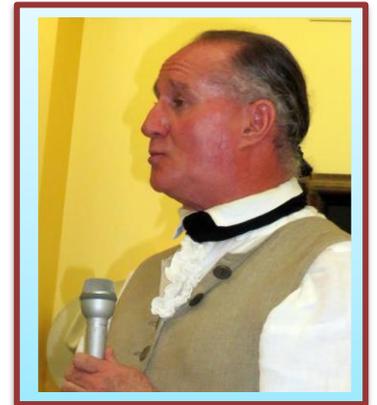
Compatriot Morton read each of the amendments with a general explanation as to their purpose, benefits and protections since the original outline for the Constitution as ratified by the states, contained very few individual rights guarantees, as the framers were primarily focused on establishing the machinery for an effective federal government.

## *Guest Speaker\**

1st Vice President **Mark Harrison** pointed out that for today would be using a portable speaker system donated to the Chapter by FCP **George Ramphrey**, which would allow **\* WILLIAM COVINGTON**



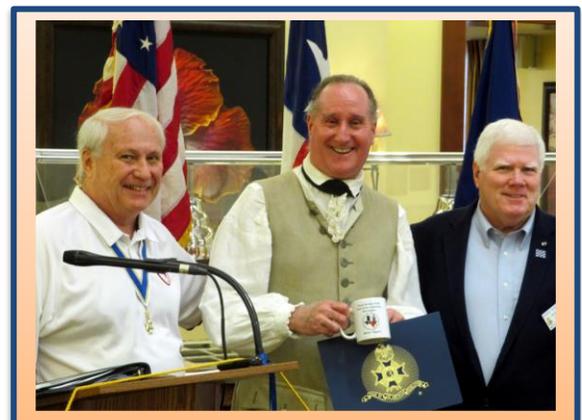
to move around during his presentation near the display on the big center table. Bill > is an Arlington Chapter Compatriot member and a very knowledgeable and renown American History Teacher.



Starting off with the fact "that at the beginning of the Revolutionary War – we had no army for which, in the eight years of fighting, 25,000 colonist died. 8000 on the battlefield and 17,000 by disease or in British prisons", he related one informative tidbit after another. He not only had educational and entertaining stories about past history, but kept everyone's attention by showing off the replica pieces of clothing and equipment he had laid out on the table in front of him.

Compatriot Covington regaled the attendees with little known tales of various soldiers and officers and their accomplishments or antics. No less than twenty questions were asked by members during the Q & A concluding session, and the only one he didn't have an answer to, was "how many British died during the Revolution."

President **Van Fossen** & 1<sup>st</sup> VP **Harrison** presented Bill a Certificate of Appreciation and our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mug. He then rushed off to the nearest pub to get it filled up.



# Officers & Committee Chairmen Reports

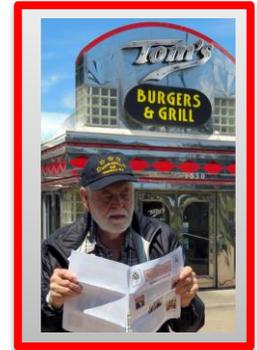
**President-** During his vacation travels, T2 had the opportunity to visit NSSAR's Library and Museum in Louisville, KY, where he donated a copy of the *Van Fossen Family History*. He also raved about the new additions in and around "Liberty Square" in Philadelphia, PA.



The President joined newly elected State Historian, John Anderson (and others) to visit the TxSSAR Archives at UNT in Denton.

.....And speaking of travels – the winner of this month's "MINUTEMAN travels the World" is <David Curry of Dallas, TX, who had his recent copy with him in Salzburg, Austria.

Remember to carry your latest copy with you and take a location photo with you reading the MINUTEMAN.



Most unique location or promotion photo of the newsletter by year end, wins the Editor's special prize – so he can't enter this one.>

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-** Said, WWII veteran *Don Gage* will share his experiences at Iwo Jima with us during July's meeting.

**Mike Connelley** (Co-Chairman of the Fall BOM) will explain what activities are planned and why we need to contribute items for the Patriot's Fund "Silent Auction" during the next two months.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-** Reported the final count of this year's JROTC & Outstanding Citizenship presentations – and although totaling less than in 2018 (due mainly to lack of volunteers), we still had a fair amount. T2 reminded all that were involved, as well as Color Guard members to start sending him a list of their activities and dates for recording in the annual report. **Secretary-** Last month's Minuteman (containing minutes) was approved by voice vote; having been posted on the website and distributed to this morning's attendees. **Treasurer-** Financial statements handed out earlier, reflected a checking account balance of \$4,570.97 on May 31. **Veterans Affairs-** Since we just celebrated **D Day** this June 6<sup>th</sup>, Chairman **Morton** asked that all Compatriots remember our Vets at the VA Hospital & please **bring donations\*** for their use and comfort each meeting. **Color Guard-** Commander **Kittrell** reported our participation in the Ennis parade and upcoming plans to be in the Audie Murphy parade June 22. Just the week prior, we'll take part in a **Flag Retirement\*\*** ceremony (6/15/19) along with a number of Compatriots from N. TX Chapters. On July 4<sup>th</sup> – we'll march in the Lake Highlands' & Park Cities **parades\*\*\*** as well as post colors at *Church of the Cross* during their Musical Fourth Ceremony. *Secretary Whitelock reminded all that it is the Chapter custom is share in the expense of Jeanette Prasifka's Flag Ceremony with other District Six Chapters.* Two motions were made and accepted by the attendees that we contribute \$100 this year and to place the project in our annual budget. **CAR-** DAR Sister Bradley Sue Howell said that the State CAR Conference was a success and that we can be proud of **Trevor Burke.**



**\*\*\* Photos on last page v v**

There not being any further business (old or new), the drawings for door prizes commenced followed by a *Benediction* offered by Compatriot **Scantlin** and the SAR Recessional.

Before adjourning the session at 10:14am, the President reminded all to be sure to attend the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and join in on our celebration of the Chapter's **90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

## *Other Monthly Events*

### **\*Flag Retirement Ceremony**

