

AMERICANISM

Lawrence Mike Connelly

Maj. K M Van Zandt Compatriot
(UTA accounting graduate, USA Army 62-64
Field Artillery, Public Accountant, and
FBI Special Agent-Retired.) Currently is the
Chairman of TxSSAR Presidents' Council.



Mike is currently serving
as co-chairman of the
TxSSAR BOM at The
Hilton Arlington–10/4-6

He described why members should attend the Fall event and how they can help Arlington & Ft. Worth Chapters have a successful event for all the Society Compatriots that come to the conference.

One additional way is for us to donate items for the silent auction where the revenue raised goes into the **Patriot Fund** for youth scholarships and special events. Mike also had Raffle tickets to “HAWK”. He said that he also had some old (very old) FBI buddies at each door to check if we each bought at least one ticket before we tried to leave.

Speaking of hawking, T2 -Mr. one more time- made sure to make an appeal for everyone to buy one of our Anniversary Mugs at the DISCOUNT rate of \$20.



1stVP **Mark Harrison** took over the microphone to introduce

<PAUL SWARTZ who presented a short video and intro-bio to introduce our guest speaker for the day:

DON GRAVES>

...gave a very informative and rousing speech about his USMC service and how he survived action on IWO

JIMA, as well as almost being involved in the “Flag” raising

Both veterans spoke to

their recent *ROLL CALL* crusade and their appreciation for our Chapter’s interest and contribution.



Officers & Committee Chairmen Reports

(Were dispensed with by the President – due to time restraints.)

However, there was a request for the Secretary to correct a typo in the June minutes – from Don Gage to **Don Graves**



Compatriot **John Greer** was called upon to explain the current *Commemorative Partners* program for awarding the new **Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin**. Each living veteran who served at any time on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, regardless of location, during the period of Nov.1, 1955 to May 15, 1975 is eligible to receive one of the “Lapel Pins” > on behalf of a grateful nation. John called forth those individuals in the audience who were eligible and presented them a pin.



(soon to be) **90 year old** Chaplain Frank Pounders, thought he should make the first slice, however Paul Cooper, on the right felt he had the honor, being the oldest member at **101**. Someone in the rear said he had a sharp penknife and was **39** (again), so we let him do it.

After a brief reading of a proclamation by President Warren Alter attesting to Dallas Chapter’s 90th Anniversary and many accomplishments, the cake was cut and passed out to members and guests. President Van Fossen asked Chaplain Pounders to commence with the *Benediction*, followed by the SAR Recessional. Meeting adjourned at 10:15am.



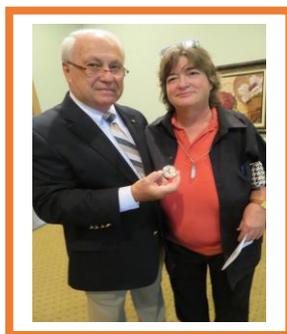
Respectfully submitted by
Tom M. Whitelock

Other July Events



Lake Highlands ^

vRobt. Kail Funeral



His sister receives a "Challenge Coin" from President Van Fossen at Memorial service



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Charles Baker is all smiles on receiving his 90th Anniversary MUG



<John Morton joins T1 at Chapel of the Cross to post colors for their "Musical Fourth" service

Speakers for AUGUST are: **Linda Martin**-Regent of Jane Douglas Chapter and **Stephanie Bennett**-Dallas Public Library * Genealogy/History Manager