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September 14, 2019
News & Minutes of Dallas Chapter
Texas Society - Sons of the American Revolution
Chapter Chartered July 4, 1929



MINUTEMAN

Celebrating Our 90th Anniversary 1929-2019

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8:32 by President **Tom Van Fossen** in the dining room of Presbyterian Village North asking Chaplain **Frank Ponders** to offer the *Invocation* followed by **T2** leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag. Pledge to Texas Flag and Affirmation to the SAR were led by **Glenn Toal** and FCP **Tom Smith** respectively. Compatriot **John Morton** started us off singing the 1st stanza of *America*.



The President next recognized TxSSAR Officers in attendance: President **David Temple**, Chancellor **Tracy Ponders**, Chaplain **Frank Ponders**, Registrar **Jerry Brown** and Dist. 6 Vice President **Gary Lovell**.



He next announced that Linda Harrison has agreed to serve as Chapter Genealogist and assist Registrar **Jerry Pinkerton** with researching for prospective members.

Before moving on to the formal portion of the program, President **Van Fossen** reminded all that “Get Well” cards were being circulated for members & guests to sign and which will be sent to Compatriot **LW Crapo**.



GUEST SPEAKER LINDA ATTAWAY

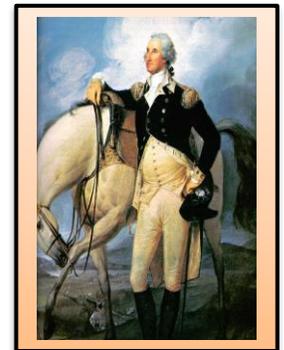
Lafayette

Mrs. Attaway is a Board Member *Genealogical Society*. Early in her culture and thus teaching French in both Washington & Lafayette’s



Washington

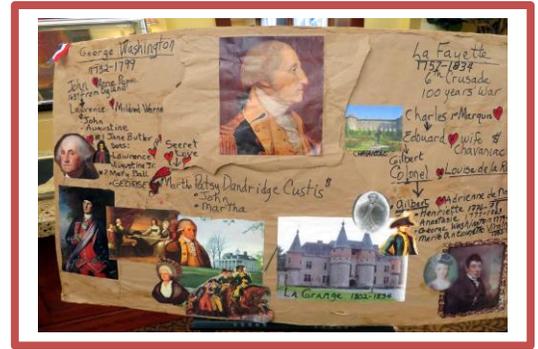
of the *Mesquite Historical and* life, she fell in love with the French for forty-four years and an interest



special project within her profession. She often opens guest lectures with the question to the audience;

“...are any of you my former student?”

As Mrs. Attaway proceeded to enthrall the members with both men’s common history of military adventures (apart & together), governmental conflicts, lifelong successes and/or misfortunes, she used artistic CHARTS> to emphasize how W&L crossed paths and also had similar patriotic devotion for the cause of freedom.



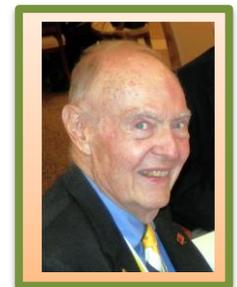
After the very educational and entertaining presentation, President **Van Fossen & V.P. Harrison** made sure Linda received a Certificate of Appreciation and one of our special 90th Anniversary Cups.



TXSSAR President **David Temple**



reminded Compatriots that **Board Of Managers** meeting is October 4-6. Friday’s session includes a very important presentation on the archiving procedures of our Society’s historical records, photos, memorabilia and the documentation of Compatriots’ **SAR** applications.



A wide variety of activities and events are scheduled to keep all members who attend interested, entertained and informed. All members are invited to attend any committee and/or general business sessions to see how our Society functions.

(T0) **Tom Smith** ^

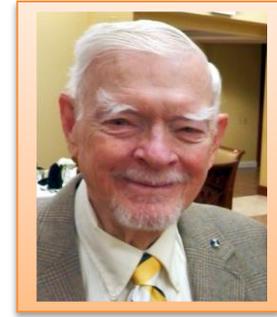
Officer’s Reports

During a discussion of **David**’s three “Rs”

T2 said that it was important to add a fourth R (Revenue). That brought up the topic of former Chapter Compatriot, **T. Boone Pickens** (who recently passed away) so, he called upon **T0** to lighten the serious moment by regaling all with a tale about his endeavor to collect delinquent dues from TBP. Needless to say that TS will never get to set foot in *Stillwater Cowboy Stadium*.

The President also mentioned that he had received a “Thank You” note from **Jane Douglas** **Chapter Regent**, Linda Martin, thanking us for the \$200 donation to their maintenance fund. The “Chapter Challenge Coin” project is still on the *front burner*.

Compatriot **Marshall Scantlin** is still hard at work on the **New Member Orientation** draft for projection & manual presentation. We hope to have the completed project by year's end.



Officers & Committee Chairmen Reports

President -Out of the last 36 months, we have impacted (inducted) 51 new members and now we are challenged to enlist their help & talents as well as excite their interest in our patriotic activities for youth and community.

T2 said that various Chapter Officers plan to attend this afternoon's District Six CONFAB. He also alerted everyone that our January meeting is now scheduled for **JANUARY 14**, which is Tuesday –that evening for a served dinner with musical entertainment, short business, installation of 2020 Officers and Golden Sledgehammer Award presentation. **1st VP** -Our next meeting is October 12th and the Guest Speaker will be Robert Carter Austin, Director of the *Los Colinas Symphony Orchestra* and he will bring a violinist to play tunes of the Revolutionary era. **2nd VP** -Still has Anniversary Mugs for sale and funds derived from everyone sold help in the Chapter's award's cost of youth contests. **Secretary** -said that although he forgot to bring extra copies of last month's *Minuteman* to handout, Minutes will be posted on the website.



He also reminded Compatriots to consider volunteering to help out at the State Fair in the Jane Douglas DAR chapter house.



Treasurer -

Finance statements have been handed out and the following balances as of :

31 August: *Checking*- \$7,583.72

Richie Fund-\$29656.24 & *Minuteman Fund* \$10,291.93.



Registrar -Introduced the Chapter's 2019- 51st newest member,

< **Brent Harshman** (r) being sworn in by Dist.6 VP Gary Lovell

After being pinned by Registrar **Jerry**

<**Pinkerton**, Brent showed off the two additional membership certificates that he accepted on behalf of his sons (Paul & Jonathan who live at opposite ends of the Country and will be inducted ASAP.

Historian -requested all Compatriots present to remember to send him photos and documents for this year's SCRAPBOOK and to be sure to visit or Chapter's **YouTube Channel** (just type in **SAR Dallas Chapter** in the "search" section) or go to the Chapter website-click on NEWS tab and scroll down to YouTube Channel. **Chaplain** -asked members to remember our Compatriots who are sick, injured, and ill from virus or cancer in our PRAYERS.

Committee Reports....

Color Guard -various **CG** members will be involved in recruitment of SAR prospects throughout the Texas State Fair (9/27 – 10/20) as well as performing Honor Guard duties with the **CAR** during their laying of the Wreath Service at the Vietnam Memorial Wall (9/29).

T1 & T2 plan on making a Flag Rules Presentation to various Girl Scout Troops on September 19. >>

Poster Contest -Chairman reviewed the results of last year's State second place winner and that this year's theme is Revolution Events (he's chosen the BOSTON TEA PARTY). **Veteran's Affairs** -FCP **Tom Smith** proposed that we should budget for \$50 a month to cover needed items for service men & women at the VA Hospital. The Secretary assured a quorum was present, so with motion from **T0** and second by Committee Chairman **John Morton**, it was passed by voice vote of the members in attendance. The new 2020 line-item to the budget will be covered from the appropriate savings fund. **Membership** -Latest count 261, as reported by the President. **CAR** -DAR member, Bradley Sue Howell invited all compatriots to join in on their 3:00 pm service on 9/29.



T2's final comment under the *New Business* section, was to point out his latest gift to the Chapter, < a POP-UP poster, that will travel with us to promote the Society and Chapter at various events and special Educational and Community activities.

Thank you
Compatriot **Van Fossen**.

After the drawings for Door Prizes, the Benediction by Chaplain **Pounders** and the SAR Closing led by T2, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am.



*Respectfully submitted by
Tom M. Whitelock*