

**TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
MCKINNEY CHAPTER #63
MCKINNEY, TEXAS
FEBRUARY 12, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

President Don Babbs opened the meeting at 7:05 P. M.

Don Sielert gave the invocation.

The pledge of the American Flag was given by **President Don Babbs**.

The pledge of the Texas Flag was given by **President Don Babbs**.

The pledge of the SAR Flag was given by **President Don Babbs**.

Reading of the minutes from the previous meeting was waived by acclamation.

Secretary-Treasury Billy Thompson gave the treasurer report, reporting that the bank balance was \$1,564.92. The Treasury reported that the checks for the 2009 member dues had been received and would be added to the balance reported.

President Don Babbs reported on the progress of the Flag Retirement Program that will be conducted on May 16, 2009.

Sherman DAR Regent Joy Martin reported on a special program that will be conducted within her DAR Chapter and invited all in attendance to come here the special speaker.

New member **Emmett Lee Enloewas** inducted into the chapter. **State President Harry Fife** did the induction of our new member.

The introduction of the speaker for the evening was given by **Willie Walker**. The special program was given by **State President Harry Fife**. President Fife covered a number of programs concerning SAR. Below you will find a summary of some of the programs that President Fife covered.

- The updating of all SAR members' membership records. (Approval prior to 1984)
- The updating of all anniversaries dates of all SAR members.
- Cost cutting items within the SAR State Office. Requesting that all members view the newsletter on the Internet instead of being mailed a copy.
- Putting articles in the newspaper concerning the local SAR activities.
- DAR/SAR Programs.
- Junior Memberships. Getting new members into the organization at the early age so that they will continue to be active within the local SAR Organization.
- The average age of the SAR members is 68.9 years of age.
- During 2008 the state SAR organization gained a total of 179 new members.
- There were a total of 5 new members that transferred from other states. There were

140 members re-instated into a chapter.

- During 2008 we had 6 members requested in writing that their membership should be discontinued due to bad health.
- At the end of 2008 there were 2,256 SAR members in Texas.

President Don Babbs presented State President Fife with a certificate of appreciation for the program. This presentation is the last chapter that **President Fife** will be attending as State President.

The benediction was presented by **Chaplain Don Seilert**.

The Recessional was given by **President Don Babbs**.

The program was adjourned at 8:15 P. M.

The following members and guests were present: Graham Martin, Joy Martin, Willie Walker, Marilyn Walker, Don Seilert, Ann Seilert, Don Babbs, Donna Babbs, Ernest Martin, Beverly Martin, Drake Peddie (Plano Chapter), Harry Fife, Suzanne Fife, Billy Thompson, Kathleen Thompson, Nathan White, Wanda White, Marshall Battle, Sylvia Battle, Lee Battle, Emmett Enloe (New Member),