

**TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**  
**MCKINNEY CHAPTER #63**  
**MCKINNEY, TEXAS**  
**JANUARY 13, 2011 MEETING MINUTES**



**President Don Sielert** opened the meeting and welcomed all present at 7:10 PM.

**Don Babbs** gave the invocation.

The pledge to the American Flag was given by **Billy Thompson**.

The pledge to the Texas Flag was given by **Ron Smith**.

The pledge to the SAR Flag was given by **Pete McLellan**.

The Treasurer report was given by **Billy Thompson**.

The business meeting was opened to any old business. There was no old business that needed to be taken care of.

President Don Sielert opened the new business discussion with the slate of new officers for the coming year. New officers will be installed at a later meeting. The slate of officers are:

- President – Donald Sielert
- Vice-President – Pete McLellan
- Secretary-Treasurer – Billy L. Thompson
- Registrar – Donald Babbs
- Historian – Mike Ghormley
- Chaplain – Donald Babbs
- Webmaster – Cecil Coale
- Sergeant At Arms – Ernest Martin

A discussion was conducted concerning the dates of future meetings. It was decided by the SAR Board that we would go to a quarterly meeting date and the next meeting date will be March 19, 2011. This will be a Saturday (Breakfast) meeting and the meeting will begin at 8:30 and the location will be announced at a later date. All members will be notified by e-mail of the location and the change to the quarterly meeting.

It was announced that the annual flag retirement ceremony will be conducted on May 21, 2011 at 2:00 PM and the location will be the same as the last two years.

It was announced that the annual SAR/DAR meeting will be the second Saturday in November.

Magazines and books for veterans at the Bonham facility was discussed and everyone was informed that Mike Ghormley will carry these items on his weekly trips to Bonham.

A special Outstanding Citizen Award was presented to Mark Townsend for his outstanding display at his personal home. This presentation was made by Donald Babbs and Donald Sielert.

President Donald Sielert was presented a special certificate for his and Ann's display of the American Flag at their home. This presentation was made by Pete McLellan. The flag at Don & Ann's home is displayed 24 hours each day.

It was announced that the State Convention will be held at the Sheraton DFW on March 25-26-27, 2011. It was suggested that everyone possible should attend the Saturday luncheon meeting. More information will be coming concerning the details and times of the meetings.

President Sielert reported that on Friday, January 14, 2011 that the Color Guard unit will be taking part in the funeral of two (2) airmen that lost their lives in Viet Nam. These two airmen lost their lives on November 12, 1969 and they will be laid to rest at the DFW National Cemetery.

The benediction was given by Donald Babbs.

The recessional was given by Donald Sielert.

The following members and guests were present: Mike Ghormley, Billy & Kathleen Thompson, Donald & Donna Babbs, Pete & Dagny McLellan, Ron & Diane Smith, Don & Ann Sielert, Eugene Trimble, Marilyn Walker, and Mark Townsend.