

Minutes of the Meeting of the Dallas Chapter

TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

December 9, 2006

The meeting of the Dallas Chapter, SAR, was called to order at 8:32 a.m. in the Mesquite Room at the Embassy Suites, (13131 North Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas) by Chapter President, Tom Smith. Most members had previously processed through the breakfast line.

Chaplain Frank Ponders reported that Compatriots Henry (Hank) Goldwire and Elvin Brown were ill and needed prayer. The Chaplain then proceeded to give the Invocation for the day.

President Tom Smith invited the membership to sign a birthday card for Compatriot Hank Goldwire. The card was made available at the Treasurer's table.

District VI Vice President Tom Whitelock led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag, Compatriot Bill Richardson led the Pledge to the Texas Flag, and Past President Cliff Slagle led the Pledge to the SAR Flag. Past President Tracy Ponders led the members in the singing of "America."

Past President and Head Greeter Ralph McDowell introduced and thanked our Greeters, Compatriots Glenn Toal, Randy Jones, and Jack Carney.

Guests and prospective members attending the meeting were then introduced.

The membership sang 'Happy Birthday' to guest Martha Bender, wife of Compatriot David Bender.

President Tom Smith presented Compatriot George Monroe with the NSSAR War Service Medal for his service in the Navy during the Vietnam War. He then presented a two dollar bill to CAR member Alex Ponders, son of Past President Tracy Ponders.

Past President Art Ingalls shared a humorous story with the chapter.

President Tom Smith presented the Americanism portion of the program by asking a trivia question about Evacuation Day, November 25, 1783, followed by a remembrance of Officer J. D. Tippit, who was both a Pearl Harbor survivor and witness to the assassination of Oswald.

President Smith shared that the Chapter's Annual Report will be due on January 10th, 2007. He informed the members that, when completing their input, they should include in their report:

Programs presented to the community outside the SAR,

Written articles mentioning the SAR,

And monetary contributions made to the:

Joe Hill Patriot's Fund,

Friends of the NSSAR Library,

CAR,

Center for Advancing America's Heritage, and

Donation of raffle/silent auction items during the TXSSAR Conference.

President Tom Smith then requested that each chapter member, involved in any Veteran's activities during 2006, needed to provide Compatriot Grady Fairbairn with his copy of the Veterans Activity Report as soon as possible. He also informed the membership that the Annual Report would be used as the Table of Contents by Compatriot D. A. Sharpe in the preparation of the Dallas Chapter's Yearbook.

President Tom Smith presented a Certificate of Appreciation to The Jane Douglas Chapter of the DAR for providing the Dallas Chapter with an opportunity to interview prospective members at the State Fair of Texas. The wife of Past President Cliff Slagle, Henrietta Slagle, accepted the certificate for the Jane Douglas Chapter.

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By motion from Chaplain Frank Pounders and a second from Past President Tracey Pounders, the reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting (as posted by Chapter Secretary, Allen Christian, on the Chapter's website) was waived and approved by voice vote.

Treasurer Byron Christian reported that 36 members and 15 guests were in attendance. He also reported that the Chapter's checking account balance was \$1,296.03, the Minuteman Fund had a balance of \$8,397.81, and the Richie Fund balance was \$28,251.39.

Registrar Jim Templin reported that the Dallas Chapter currently has 300 active members, 11 applications presented to NSSAR, and 8 applications in process.

President Tom Smith requested a motion from the floor that the nominees, as printed in the "The Minuteman," for the leadership of the Dallas Chapter during 2007 be approved by acclamation. Past President Tracy Pounders so moved and Past President Graham Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation. The officers elect of the Dallas Chapter, TXSSAR, for 2007 will be as follows:

President	Dr. H. Charles Baker
1 st Vice President	Robert M. Clark Jr.
2 nd Vice President	Dr. Allen L. Christian, Sr.
Secretary	Charles Byron Christian
Treasurer	Henry J. Voegtle, III
Registrar	Gerald W. Irion
Historian	Dwight A. Sharpe
Chaplain	Frank H. Pounders

District VI Vice President Tom Whitelock announced that Compatriot Mark Hanson will assume the office of Vice President of District VI in March, 2007. Vice President Tom Whitelock then introduced the speaker of the day. Compatriot Lloyd Bockstruck who presented "Observations on Benedict Arnold." After the presentation, District VI Vice President Tom Whitelock presented Compatriot Bockstruck with a Certificate of Appreciation and a pair of Custom Tennis Shoes. Chapter Historian D. A. Sharpe then presented Past President Bockstruck with a two-volume history of the SAR Texas Society "Society History" for use in the Dallas Public Library.

After Treasurer Byron Christian presided over the door prize drawings, the Benediction was given by Chaplain Frank Pounders, followed by the SAR Closing led by President Smith, who adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Allen L. Christian
Secretary, Dallas Chapter-TXSSAR