

# **Minutes of the Meeting of the Dallas Chapter**

## **TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

**July 14, 2007**

The meeting of the Dallas Chapter, SAR, was called to order at 8:30 a.m. in the Mesquite Room at the Embassy Suites, (13131 North Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas) by Chapter President Charles Baker. Most members had processed through the breakfast line.

Chaplain Frank Pounders reported that Compatriot Theodore L. Hasbrouck, Jr., passed away last month and led the attendees in a word of prayer.

Byron Christian led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag, Charles Baker led the recently revised Pledge to the Texas Flag and Tom Whitelock led the Salute to the SAR Flag. Tracy Pounders led the Chapter in the singing of "America".

Past Chapter President Ralph McDowell introduced the meeting's greeters, Mike Petridis and George Monroe.

Guests and prospective members attending the meeting were introduced.

Arthur Ingalls entertained the attendees with a humorous story.

Last month's minutes created by Chapter Secretary Byron Christian were approved as posted on our website.

Second Vice President Allen Christian presented a War Service Medal to Mike Petridis who was a fighter pilot during the Desert Shield and Desert Storm conflicts. He also announced the receipt of two Special Recognition Certificates – one from Dallas Mayor Laura Miller and one from Texas Governor Rick Perry honoring the Dallas Chapter of the SAR for their efforts in educating the public and demonstrating the virtues of patriotism.

Treasurer Hank Voegtle announced that there were 30 members and 12 guests attending the meeting for a total of 42 attendees. He stated that as of the end of May we had \$2,279.54 in our Chapter Checking Account. The Minuteman Fund had \$8,526.69. He did not have the balance for the Richie Fund.

Ralph McDowell presented a check for \$156.37 to Treasurer Voegtle from the Kroger/Tom Thumb program.

President Baker reported that Compatriot Bob Northcraft has accepted appointment as Flag Chairman. Baker recently presented a certificate to one of the local Home Depot stores. President Baker emphasized that we need to be more aggressive in finding eligible recipients of these certificates.

In the absence of Registrar Gerald Irion, Tom Whitelock swore in two new members: Joseph Paul Dodson whose Patriot Ancestor was George E. Dodson and Michael Lynn Atchley II whose Patriot Ancestor was Thomas Atchley. Whitelock announced the membership of 11 sons and grandsons of Trammell and Margaret Doggett Crow. Counting these 13 new members, the Dallas Chapter now has 298 members. In addition, there are 14 other approved Compatriots scheduled for induction at future meetings, which will bring our membership total to 312. Martha Martin was presented an SAR Medal of Appreciation for her genealogical research in getting 11 members of the Crow family approved for membership. The award of a Martha Washington Medal to Margaret Doggett Crow was announced.

President Charles Baker announced that the Dallas Chapter had been awarded the Grand Prize Patriots Cup for our participation at the Park City Parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>. He stated that David Hall, a Fort Worth Businessman, had participated with our Chapter in the parade by displaying an exact replica of the Liberty Bell. Bob Northcraft rang the bell during the parade, while Art Ingalls read the Declaration of Independence. David will be presented with an SAR Good Citizenship Medal at a future meeting.

Past President Tom Smith was presented a 50 year service award for his membership in the Sons of The American Revolution.

President Baker announced that our new Color Guard Coordinator Mel McCoy has advised him that he and his wife will be moving to Washington DC for at least the next year and will be unable to perform those duties. Volunteers were solicited for this important post.

Old Business:

Past President Tom Smith reported that no firm commitment has been made on a speaker for the November 10 Dinner Meeting.

This Chapter continues to need a Publicity Chairman. Volunteers were again solicited.

First Vice President Bob Clark introduced our Main Speaker, Pierrette Lacour, Assistant to the American Director of the French Regional American Museum Exchange of the University of Texas at Dallas, who made a presentation about the significance of Bastille Day (July 14, 1789) to the people of France.

After Treasurer Hank Voegtle presided over the door prize drawings, the Benediction was given by Chaplain Frank Pounders, followed by the SAR Closing. The meeting was adjourned at 9:52.

Respectfully submitted,  
Byron Christian, Secretary, Dallas Chapter-TXSSAR