



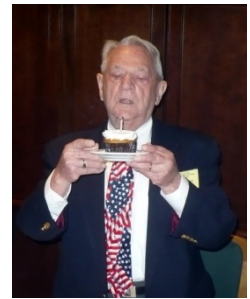
**December 11, 2010**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Dallas Chapter,  
TXSSAR**

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am by President Frank Pounders who regretfully reported the passing of Compatriot **Bert W. Huls** (Nat#137921-TX#6826) on 12/5/10. Frank stated that Laurie Crapo has been hospitalized for foot surgery and that Arthur Ingalls was still too weak to attend meetings. He then proceeded to give the invocation for the day.

Robert Tanner, Sr. blowing out his candle



An opening ceremony was staged by FCP Ralph McDowell as he brought forth a special birthday cupcake (single candle) to honor Compatriot Robert Tanner Sr. who had eighty-nine years to be proud about. Being a decorated *Pearl Harbor Survivor*, Bob was asked how long he was in the service to which he quickly reeled off- 27 years, 9 months, 5 days, 23 minutes and 2 seconds (or something close to those figures).

Pledges of Allegiance to the United States Flag, the Texas State Flag and salute to the SAR Flag were respectively led by Martin Lyford, Allen Pickens, and Dan Nicewander. Tracy Pounders once again was in good voice as he led the attendees in singing *America*. This was followed by Charles Baker regaling all with his attempt at jocular “ animal wit.”



Greeters Dan and Ralph



Mark & Bradley Sue Howell



Carl – Robert – Jeanette

**Officers' reports started with 2VP Bob Northcraft who had no awards to present at today's meeting. However under the guise of wearing his other tricorne as Color Guard Commander, he reported having been involved with the recent *Snowball Express* project. This program benefits the children of soldiers who have died in military service. He also mentioned that he's still working to get approval for our Color Guard to participate with the Liberty Bell at the Armed Forces Bowl -Dec 30<sup>th</sup>- at SMU.**

**Chapter Registrar John Guittard was unable to attend due to illness; however, he reported by email that as of 12/1/10 our current active membership is 283 with 0 applications submitted to NSSAR for approval and 13 prospective members having their documentation worked on. Jim Titus awaits initiation.**

**James Fairbairn, Treasurer, reported that 29 members and 14 guests were in attendance and that the following amounts were recorded at the start of the month: Checking- \$3,946.06, Minuteman Fund- \$8,383.65, and the Richie Fund- \$30,333.20. He also stated that members needed to send him their Veterans Affairs participation scoresheets so that we can compete for the *Stark Award* again.**



Donna and Phil

**Guests for the day: Barbara Baker, Sarah Carney, Phil\* & Donna Cekal, Robert Curry, Mark\* & Bradley Sue Howell, Dr. Robert McClelland, Carl Morgan, Jeanette Prasifka, Henrietta Slagle, Ephthalia “Gigi” Tanner and Jim Tunis\* (prospective members). Special Guest/SAR member – “Skip” Gustafson.**

**Past Presidents Robert Clark & Charles Baker gave the Nominations Committee report and noted that the 2011 Secretary & Treasurer offices were still to be filled. James Fairbairn stated that he would continue as Treasurer if (and only if) someone took over his “Veterans Affairs” chairmanship next year. **After the meeting, Compatriot Robert Kittrell volunteered to consider serving as Secretary and will let Pres-Elect Temple know his final decision soon.****



Robert Kittrell

## 2011 OFFICERS

**President - David Temple**

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP - Nick Harper**

**Treasurer - OPEN**

**Chaplain - Frank Pounders**

**1<sup>st</sup> VP - Bob Northcraft**

**Secretary - OPEN**

**Registrar - John Guittard**

**Historian - Dr. George Monroe**

**This being the official date for the Annual Meeting according to our Chapter’s Constitution (Article III) and by proper motion, the above listed Compatriot members were elected by unanimous vote and are to be installed in their office in January. **(Secretary & Treasurer – if appointed, will be approved by member vote at the next meeting.)****

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President David Temple next introduced *Dr. Robert N. McClelland*, who as guest speaker related his recollections and medical service in Trauma Room One at Parkland Hospital on November 22, 1963. Details of his experiences during that and the following two days not only educated the audience, but captivated their attention as he shared his “own” opinions of President Kennedy’s neck & head “wounds” (front and back).**



**He also presented a historical review of the time spent with Mrs. Kennedy as she bid her husband an emotional goodbye after the “conditional” last rites. In addition Dr. McClelland spoke on his *Warren Commission* testimony (its rejection of his observations), his role in Oswald’s surgery, unique facts from the *Zapruder* film and why he felt there was Mafia involvement with more than one shooter. His insight and devotion to duty were greatly appreciated, and he was presented our Liberty Bell & certificate by the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.**



President Pounders called for any remaining old business and receiving none then opened the final session to new business. FCP Clark reminded all that plans are under way to secure a full table for Dallas Chapter members at the April 16, 2011 Military Ball. Commander Northcraft chimed in to express that Color Guard members were being solicited also since Compatriot David Hall will be there with the “Bell.”

Bob Clark, speaking as State Staff Secretary on behalf of **TXSSAR**, stated that many of the Chapters have recently contributed to the *SAR Foundation* at the request of NSSAR leadership. He made a motion that Dallas Chapter donate \$500.00 to the national fund this month. A second was made by Chalmers Omberg and the attending membership voted approval.

There being no other business, President Pounders called for the drawing of door prizes prior to leading the members in the SAR Closing and Benediction. Meeting was adjourned at 9:48am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom M. Whitelock for Secretary Nick Harper

AFTER THE MEETING, HISTORIAN DR. MONROE TURNED IN A SCRAPBOOK WITH 2009 ACTIVITIES AND HISTORICAL FPG CLOVIS BRAKEBILL DOCUMENTS TO UNT.



Mike “Skip” Gustafson of Athens   Mrs. “Gigi” Tanner w/door prize   Cliff Slagle won a prize, but can’t decide which one