

January 8, 2011

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Dallas Chapter, TXSSAR Sons of the American Revolution

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Frank Pounders. He announced that Laurie Crapo was still in the hospital and in critical condition. Then he gave the invocation for the day.

Pledges of Allegiances to the United States Flag, the Texas Flag, and the Salute to the SAR Flag were respectively led by Tom Bohanan, Bob Clark, and Ralph McDowell. Tracy Pounders in a rousing voice led the members in singing "America." He was followed by Dr. Charles Baker who is currently serving as the jokemeister.

FCP and Head Greeter Ralph McDowell introduced the greeters Gerald Tyler and Glenn Toal who seemed to be performing their duties in greeting guests.

Guests for the day including the following: Barbara Baker, Bradley Sue Howell, Mark R. Howell, Sara Carney, Henrietta Slagle, Jim Titus, and President Drake Petty, Plano Chapter. By the way, Jim Titus is still awaiting certification.

Registrar John Guittard reported that in 2010 the Dallas chapter had 298 members, 11 new members, 2 youth applications, 16 reinstatements, 4 transfers from CAR, and 6 deceased members.

Color Guard Commander Bob Northcraft introduced David Hall after stating that more participants were needed in the guard and that a "silent auction" for the Fisher House was necessary to instill awareness of the vets in the VA hospital. He also gave David Hall a certificate of promotion to sergeant in the Color Guard. Afterwards, Bob Northcraft turned the floor over to David who gave a stirring speech on the events that the Liberty Bell Memorial and Ten Commandments participated in for the year including schools and universities, military ceremonies, funerals for fallen police officers, Martin Luther King parade, the Snowball Express, and Fort Hood monthly meetings. When David Hall was finished, he was presented a Liberty Bell by Bob Northcraft.

There was both old and new business with Bob Clark, the State Staff Secretary, stating that the \$500 donation made by the Dallas Chapter to the SAR Foundation has been recognized by the NSSAR leadership. He was hopeful that all the Chapters in Texas would contribute the same as those in Virginia had done. President David Temple stated that the State Convention would be held at the Sheraton Hilton at DFW for 2011.

Treasurer James Fairbairn reported that there were 26 members and 7 guests in attendance. The following amounts were recorded at the start of the year including \$3,992 in checking, \$8,386 in the Minuteman Fund, and \$30,344.80 in the Richie Fund. He stated that members needed to turn in their Veteran Affairs participation scoresheets to compete for the Stork Award again.

David Temple made the award presentations for the following members.

For Perfect Attendance Tom Whitelock (10 years) and Ralph McDowell (17 years).

Certificate of Appreciation for Don Hatch (oratory), Bill Richardson (essay), Robert Kittrell (essay contest for CAR), Dr. Monroe (historian), John Martin (poster contest), Hank Voegle (Boy Scouts), David Temple (advancing the Color Guard), and Jim Fairbairn (Treasurer). Service Medals for Jim Fairbairn (service to vet medal and service medal), Nick Harper (bronze meritorius service medal), Bob Northcraft meritorius service medal), Glenn McDowell (service award medal), John Guittard (meritorius service award), and Tom Smith and John Martin (meritorius service award for poster contest). President's Medal (Tom Smith and Dr. Charles Baker). Sledgehammer Award (Tom Harmon).

Installation of officers for 2011 sworn in included President David Temple, 1stVP Bob Northcraft, 2ndVP Nick Harper, Secretary Robert Kittrell, Treasurer Jim Fairbairn, Registrar John Guittard, Chaplin Frank Ponders, and Historian Dr. George Monroe.

President David Temple presented to Frank Ponders a plaque, a Past President's pin, and the President's Medal, which Frank Ponders received graciously.

President Temple gave a short speech on the goals of 2011 such as more participation in the Color Guard, continuation of ROTC awards, youth citizenship pins awarded, the essay, oratory, and the John Martin poster contests, and the growth in membership.

Treasurer Fairbairn conducted the door prize drawing with prizes being awarded. Tom Whitelock was the highest bidder in the silent auction for the Fisher House with a winning bid of \$25.00.

Frank Ponders gave the benediction and the recessional. He adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully,

Robert Kittrell
Secretary