

April 9, 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 David Temple.

First Vice President Bob Northcraft gave the sick call, including Laurie Crapo, who may be facing the amputation of a foot and David Hall, who is taking alternative medicine for pancreatic cancer. FCP Art Ingalls gave the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag was led by Chaplin Frank Pounders, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag was given by President David Temple, and finally the Salute to the S.A.R. flag was led by former Plano Chapter President Bob Coker. A rousing rendition of the first stanza of "America" was led by Tracy Pounders.

The greeters led by FCP Ralph McDowell were Secretary Robert Kittrell and Chaplin Frank Pounders.

The Chapter had a double treat in humor with both FCP Charles Baker and FCP Art Ingalls telling jokes.

President David Temple recognized guest state officers including Jim Robertson, Bob Coker, Bob Clark, President elect of TXSSAR, District 6 Vice President Harmon Adair, TXSSAR President Bill Mars.

FVP Bob Northcraft introduced guests Dana Harbin, Charles Ray, Plano Chapter Registrar, and others.

Registrar John Guittard stated that there were 266 members in the Dallas Chapter with 3 applications pending. State President Bill Mars inducted Jimmy Dale Tunis into the Dallas Chapter.

Compatriot John Morton presented Daylon Franklin, a fifth grader at Rufus C. Burleson Elementary School, with \$100 from the Dallas Chapter for taking first place in the state art and poster contest. His teacher and family were present. Moreover, he is a straight "A," student, and a leader in the classroom, according to Mr. Franklin. John Morton may have a winner at national.

First Vice-President Bob Northcraft gave an Americanism speech describing the highly successful memorial event for Frank Buckles, the last surviving veteran of WWI, and served in WWII and was a SAR member for 75 years. It was attended by 100 people and given wide publicity by the news media (three television stations and two newspapers).

First Vice-President and now the Northern area Color Guard Commander Bob Northcraft, having resigned as Chapter Color Guard commander due to pressing obligations such as being responsible for 26 Chapters and their Color Guard commitment, noted that Jan Holland from Houston was the Dallas Chapter entry and state winner for American history teacher of the year going to national. (She was the only state entry!) She received the Tom and Betty Lawrence award which amounted to \$1500. Good going, Bob! Another plus gained for the Dallas Chapter. Historian Dr. Monroe was awarded a certificate of achievement by Compatriot Northcraft for his work in the Chapter.

President David Temple presented Roman Loper, grandson of Treasurer Jim Fairbairn, a \$2 bill with the Declaration of Independence on the backside in recognition of being a student in attendance at the Chapter meeting.

Beginning in August, FCP Tom Whitelock will be editing the Chapter newsletter while FCP Charles Baker will be editing the "Texas Compatriot," the state newsletter. Also FCP Charles Baker is now the Color Guard commander of the Dallas Chapter.

FCP Ralph McDowell remarked that the Dallas Chapter received \$200 from the Kroger program for 2010, which helps support the Chapter. He believes that Kroger has a one million dollar fund for such purposes.

President David Temple recognized FCP Tom Whitelock for holding the silent auction for the Patriots fund, and FCP Tom Smith, FCP Charles Baker, and FVP Northcraft registering attendees at the state convention. FCP Charles Baker was the Treasurer for the convention.

FCP Tom Whitelock was recognized by FCP Ralph McDowell for sending a specially, designed letter for the 46 delinquent members who haven't paid their annual dues. It has a graphic and a message that made the point.

Second Vice President, Nick Harper, needing more presenters for both the R.O.T.C. Medals and the Good Citizenship Awards, asked for more volunteers to sign up for the schools.

The March minutes were approved without any alterations.

Registrar John Guittard was awarded a certificate for 15 years as a member of the Dallas Chapter by President Dennis Temple.

Second Vice-President Nick Harper introduced Lt Glover of the DPD to award the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year in the DPD to Sergeant Lloyd Brown with a medal and certificate. He has won numerous awards while he has been with the DPD where he has served for 26 years. As a war veteran he served in Desert Storm and Desert Shield. Indeed, a worthy individual for such an award. The Deputy Police Chief was in attendance for the ceremony.

Hardworking Treasurer Jim Fairbairn reported 17 guests and 43 members attending the meeting. In the checking account was \$5,448.02, the Ritchie Fund \$30, 376.36, and the Minuteman Fund \$8, 392.79.

President David Temple introduced State President Bill Mars who spoke about the application process at national and why it takes so long for an applicant to qualify for membership with such reasons as more apps than ever and only 4 genealogists to handle them. He mentioned that on the state website the process for applications will be installed for Chapter registrars. Also he spoke of the further use of computer applications with the goal of communicating with every TXSSAR member. The rest of his talk revolved around his ancestor Raymond Bedford who served with the British army. After his talk, SP Bill Mars was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and Liberty Bell by First Vice-President Bob Northcraft.

State President Bill Mars presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to David Temple for his work in Americanism.

President David Temple mentioned to the attendees to be aware that April 19 is the anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord where the Patriots first encountered the British troops.

Treasurer Jim Fairbairn conducted the door prize drawing.

Chaplin Frank Pounders gave the Benediction.

The S.A.R. Recessional was led by President David Temple.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectively,

Robert Kittrell
Secretary

