

February 11, 2012
MINUTES of DALLAS CHAPTER #2
Sons of the American Revolution

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8:30 am at Presbyterian Village North in Dallas by Chapter President Robert Northcraft. After he welcomed the forty-two compatriots attending, he asked Chaplain Frank Pounders to report on any members on sick-call and to give the invocation.

Robert Kittrell, D.A. Sharpe and Gerald Tyler, respectively led the pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag, the Texas Flag and salute to the SAR Flag. A rousing first stanza of *AMERICA* was led by FCP Tracy Pounders.

The President stated that a newly revised version of the January 14th minutes (as approved) would shortly be posted on the website.

Chief Greeter announced that FCP Frank Pounders had joined him in welcoming all to this morning's breakfast meeting after which fourteen guests were introduced: (Bradley Sue Howell, Barbara Baker, Jay Bowden, Sherry Pate, Mike Pate, Carson Pate, Vi Richardson, Donald Richardson, Sophia Miller, Catherine Miller, Glenda Miller, Patricia Williams, Sarah Carney & Donna Cekal). Special attendees noted were former TXSSAR Presidents: Graham Martin, Richard Arnold & Bob Coker. Also introduced were visiting compatriots Delbert Taylor and T.L. Holden of the Edmund Terrill Chapter.



Catherine Miller (CAR Essay Contest winner)



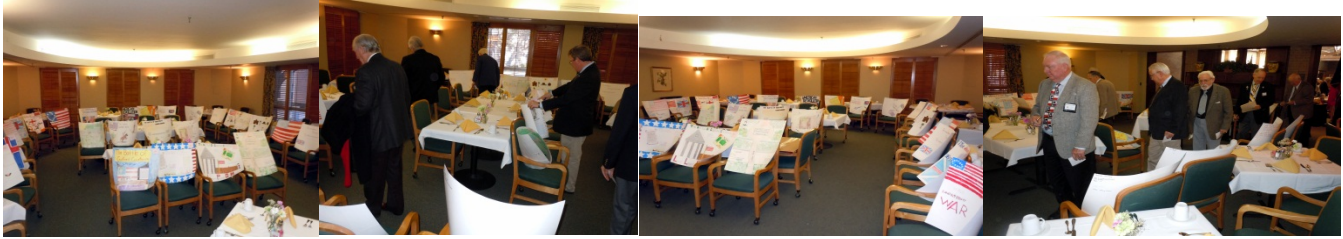
(Chapter Essay Contest winner) **Carson Pate**

Jokemeister for the day "Humpfree" Baker pulled off a pretty good three camel hat trick which allowed him to remain at the podium long enough for his wife Barbara to join him for an *Americana* musical tribute to SENIOR MOMENTS. The audience enjoyed the sing-along recalling fondly their own personal lapses in memory.

William Richardson, Essay Contest Chairman brought 2011 winner Carson Pate of St. Mark's School forward to present him with a \$300 cash award and certificate for his winning topic "*Sports and Their Importance in the American Revolutionary War*". His paper will now be entered in the TXSSAR competition. Next up, Eagle Scout Essay Contest Chairman & FCP Hank Voegtle announced that the 2011 winner is Chandler Joseph Burke and that he will receive his award at the March meeting. President Northcraft commented that the Chapter needed to again get involved with the Oration competition and asked for a volunteer chairman for 2012.

Poster Contest Chair (5yrs) John Morton alerted the members he had brought in over thirty-five student's art posters for them to judge at the conclusion of the meeting. They are displayed in the next room and the selected winner for art style will receive \$100 – second and third place awards are yet to be decided. The student showing the best research of the "*Battle at Guildford Courthouse*" theme is to receive \$50.

(All competing students will receive a certificate of appreciation for participation and a \$2.00 bill)



FCP David Temple stepped up to the mike to introduce Catherine Miller, our Chapter’s 2011 CAR Essay winner. She received a \$300 cash award and will likewise be entered into the March TXSSAR competition in San Antonio.

1st Vice President Nick Harper next presented the THIRD PLACE TROPHY to the Chapter members who participated in last year’s Dallas Veteran’s Day Parade. Chp Color Guard Commander Charles Baker introduced the participants and again appealed to the membership to consider our investment in purchasing & redesigning an all-purpose trailer/float for use in the future. Various suggestions on possible means/methods were provided and ended with request from Tom Smith for the President to appoint a committee to research the matter. As for storage, Bob Northcraft believes he has a potential cost-free location. Having the trailer would increase the number of senior members that could ride in it.

The President asked for Compatriot Chalmers Omberg to come up front so that he could be introduced as the 2012 Chapter Historian and to give him the parade trophy & certificate for archiving.

OFFICERS’ REPORTS:

1st VP- Nick said the speaker’s programs for the year are filled out, but still five Americanism speakers.

2nd VP- No report at this time.

Secretary John Guittard (out of town) No report

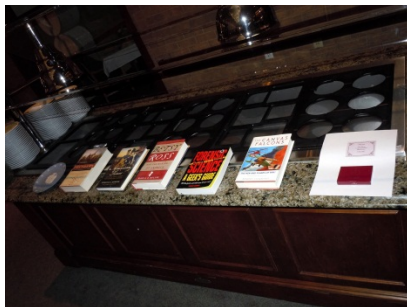
Registrar – No Report

Treasurer – As of month end **Checking Account \$4,173.23, Minuteman Fund \$8,406.13 and Ritchie Fund \$30,450.13**

Newsletter Editor – Jan/Feb issue was delayed, but now posted to website.

Old Business – Discussion and vote on proposed By-Law amendments will be done at March meeting.

New Business – Ralph McDowell reminded those members who haven’t paid their 2012 dues to “Gitit-Done NOW” and that we are down to only 36 to go. He passed out flyers for members to give any “Nonpayees” they know. President Northcraft mentioned that we should consider rescheduling April’s meeting date to the third Saturday so that the Color Guard members can attend the MOH Parade with the Liberty Bell on the 14th in Gainesville. He also stated that there have been inquiries about business casual dress attire being accepted during summer meetings, but it would be discussed at further sessions.



The “Boody”



The “Boot”



The “Burgler”



The “Bro’ s from the backwoods”

Prior to the Treasurer holding the drawing for door prizes, Ralph turned over a \$34 rebate check from Tom Thumb to David. The President stated that Tom Whitelock has volunteered to serve as this year’s Officer-at-Large and fill in for any staff member if they can’t attend a regular meeting, make a report or perform assigned duties. For this, Bob decided to give him “Da Boot”. The President closed the meeting with a toast to George Washington at 9:33 after Chaplain’s benediction and the SAR closing.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Whitelock, Acting Secretary