

**May 12, 2012**  
**MINUTES of DALLAS CHAPTER #2**  
 Sons of the American Revolution

Prior to the meeting being “gaveled” open, chapter Color Guard Commander, Charles Baker, announced the various upcoming events that compatriots could participate in.

Chapter President Northcraft followed up by mentioning that the Ennis Polka Festival parade on May 26<sup>th</sup> would be the inaugural run of our new “Boat Float” with Charles standing tall in the bow (as George Washington when he crossed the Delaware river).

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8:37am at Presbyterian Village North in Dallas by President Northcraft, and he welcomed the twenty-nine compatriots and four guests.

Chaplain Frank Pounders then gave the invocation after reporting no sick-call members.

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Robert Kittrell, Newsletter Editor Mark Howell and Dist. 6 VP Harmon Adair respectively led the pledges of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag, the Texas Flag and salute to the SAR Flag. FCP Tracy Pounders proved everyone was in good voice as he led all in the first stanza of *AMERICA*.



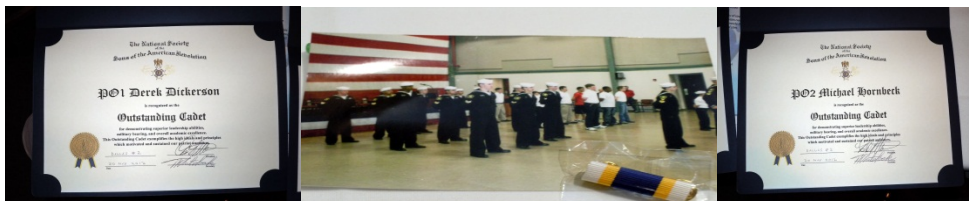
<Prospective member Alan Peterson joined the Chaplain in opening prayer.

Compatriot (and greeter) James Spell (l) introduced guest prospective member Sam Dealey to chapter Registrar John Guittard (r).



FCP Ralph McDowell (Head Greeter) thanked his assistants for the day: Jim Spell & Frank Pounders. Mrs. Bradley Sue Howell and Mrs. Barbara Baker were also recognized as today’s guests just prior to the President’s substitution (effort) as “jokemeister” in which he wiggled out about a fellow volunteer at the recent Nance Farms celebration.

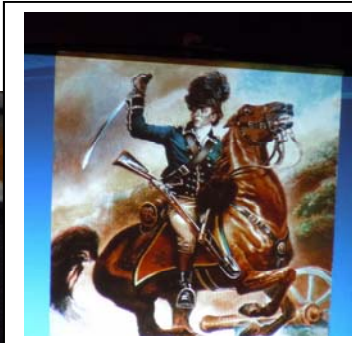
1<sup>st</sup> VP Nick Harper informed the members that he, again had reinstated the Chapter’s awarding of SAR’s *Ribbon and Certificate* for outstanding Navel Sea Cadets. He circulated a photo of the March Inspection & Awards ceremony he attended. The winners were Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class ~~Derek Dickerson~~ and Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class ~~Michael Hornbeck~~.



The Americanism program was presented by FCP Frank Pounders. He stated that all too often, we forget to remember the importance and role that women played in the American Revolution as support for & behind the men of more note. In honor of Mother's Day, he emphasized the need to always recall their devotion and sacrifice in keeping the homestead cared for, all chores done, children raised as well as providing supplies to the troops.

The President made mention that due to the heavy Registrar duties, he has asked Compatriot Whitelock to temporarily serve as Secretary for John until an assistant trainee can be found. To add to his load, Compatriot Guittard was then introduced as the main speaker for the meeting. His topic and power point presentation was on *Banastre Tarleton of the Green Dragons* and better known as a "butcher and barbarian."

After concluding his well researched and educational program John was awarded the "Speaker's Cannon" by Vice President Harper



**With respect to the Veteran's Affairs report –A sheet listing those items needed by the men and women at the VA Hospital was handed out to members. It is requested that all Compatriots consider donating more than just publications**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Robert Kittrell expressed his appreciation to all the chapter members who have contributed their time for presenting over thirty **JROTC & Bronze Good Citizenship** medals and certificates this year. He stated there were a few remaining high schools yet to be done and hoped that additional compatriots would consider assisting in this worthy project.



David Temple, Chapter Treasurer, reported that the checking account has \$4,375.99, the Minuteman Fund has \$10,408.27 and \$30,469.61 rests in the Ritchie Fund account.

Registrar Guittard announced that applications for two new prospective members are currently at NSSAR and three additional applications are pending at TXSSAR. No current total membership is available (**however, Ralph McDowell has estimated the count to be over 275**).

Newsletter Editor Mark Howell reminded all attendees that if they wanted something to appear in the next issue to be sure and send the text or photos to him “soon.” He also stated it helped if all individuals in the photo are identified along with a description of the event. President Northcraft suggested a **guess who ??** contest.

By voice vote, the Compatriots disapproved – dressing casual – for the summer meetings. D.A. Sharpe (the pun master) chimed in “just suit yourself.”



**ONE MORE STAR**  
Member Bradley Harrison Temple was approved for a supplemental patriot ancestor – William Pierce. His father David accepted the certificate on his behalf from President Northcraft.

Our Chapter received the high honor of having two members receive the coveted **PATRIOT MEDAL** at the March State Conference  
*Gary Sisson*  
*Robert Northcraft*

David held the drawings for a number of special door prizes and all winners were pleased with their selections.  
  
Before the Chaplain’s Benediction & SAR closing

2011 TXSSAR President William Marrs asked Bob to present the TXSSAR Silver Good Citizens Medal to Tom Whitelock for outstanding service to the State and community. >



The President asked members to raise their glasses for his monthly “toast.”

**Here’s to the ladies that picked the berry – that made the ink – that filled the pen – that signed the Declaration of Independence.**

Milton Gish –a winner



The meeting was adjourned at 9:48am

Respectfully submitted by Tom Whitelock – Acting Secretary