

Due to current remodeling of the restaurant area of the Presbyterian Village North, this month's meeting was held in the facility auditorium.

**JUNE 9, 2012**  
**Minutes of Dallas Chapter # 2**  
**Sons of the American Revolution**

President Northcraft called the June session to order at 8:30 am with an initial recognition introduction of former TXSSAR President Robert Coker and the Society's current one Robert Clark. He next welcomed the thirty members (including Chapter #34 Compatriot: T.L. Holden and NSSAR approved prospective member: George Ramphrey), and eight guests prior to calling upon Chaplain Frank Ponders to give the Invocation.

L.W. Crapo led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and President Northcraft followed with leading the Pledge to the Texas Flag & salute to the SAR Flag. FCP Tracy Ponders then led all in the first stanza of *AMERICA*.



**New Construction at PVN**   **Members & Guests give pledge**   **Dist 6 VP Adair & T.L. Holden**   **President Bob Northcraft**

FCP Ralph McDowell said his team member as “morning greeter” was FCP Frank Ponders and the following guests were introduced: *Barbara Baker, Bradley Sue Howell, Charles Standard, Gina Gish, Jeanette Prasifka, Robert Curry, Donna Cekal and Alan Lowe.*

Once again “*jokemeister*” Charles Baker proved proficient at Heavenly humor (lol) when he explained how the Pearly Gates wound up in the *hood*.

The Americanism program for the day was presented by Robert Kittrell. His topic centered on what happened to the “signers” of the Declaration of Independence, and how the fifty-six men valued LIBERTY over personal safety as well as the sacrifices they and their families experienced for their patriotic action.

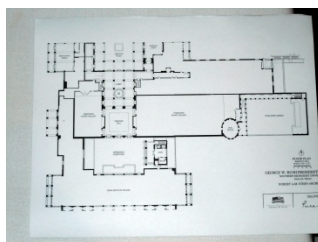
FCP Baker returned to the podium to introduce the main speaker, Mr. Alan C. Lowe, Director of the *George W. Bush Presidential Library* at SMU. Charles explained that the handout on the tables would aid the members in better understanding the graphic layout of the buildings Mr. Lowe would be discussing.

**George Ramphrey & Lloyd Bockstruck**

**Library Design**

**Another “Baker Powerpoint”**

**(Old Worn Flag Director)**  
**Jeanette Prasifka & husband Robert Curry**



Mr. Lowe led off with introductory comments on his career as an *Archivist* for a number of Presidential libraries, museums, as well as national governmental and historical repositories. He became Bush's first appointment (4/2009) after the President left office. He also stated that he has enjoyed an extensive research on the "Founding Fathers," and he appreciates the SAR's educational purpose and patriotic participation to maintain our historical freedom.



He added, that when he first met the President and Mrs. Bush, it was at the White House. Speak about **"pressure packed interviews, the Oval Office is right up there."** The National Archives worked with the White House to move the records of the President (over 70 million pieces of paper, photos, documents & historical memorabilia) –after his administration ended – into the designated museum/library temporary-holding facility.

At the conclusion of his very informative presentation, he mentioned that he was investigating the possibility of our Society participating in the dedication Grand Opening of the Library in April of 2013. President Northcraft presented him a thank you gift.

**OFFICERS AND  
COMMITTEE  
Reports and Awards  
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**COLOR GUARD EVENTS** – Ennis Polka Festival Parade was very good, and the "float boat" was used for the first time. **Upcoming** Fourth of July Parades at Lake Highlands & Park Cities – also posting of Colors at Chapel of the Cross. Compatriot Whitelock was recognized for his participation at five Memorial Day Ceremonies.

**PROGRAMS**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – no report

**AWARDS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Robert Kittrell stated that the recent SAR medals & certificates presentations was highly successful. 35 JROTC and 18 Bronze Medals were awarded to outstanding high school students by eighteen of our members.

*Charles Baker, Philip Cekal, Matt Courtney, Laurie Crapo, Jim Fairbairn, John Guittard, Nick Harper, Robert Kittrell\*, Ralph McDowell, Jim McKinney, Robert Northcraft, James Perkins, Tom Smith, David Temple, Hank Voegtle, Tom Whitelock, Lewis Willis and David Young.*



“Iron-Man “ \*VP Kittrell made 21 presentations

**SECRETARY** – Compatriot Whitelock stated that the minutes of the May’s meeting had been posted on the website and requested that they be accepted as posted. They were approved by voice vote.

**TREASURER’s REPORT** – by TMW for David Temple, *Checking Account-* \$ 3,921.79, *Minuteman Fund-* \$ 10,409.16, *Ritchie Fund-* \$30,473.49

**REGISTRAR** – John Guittard reported that three of our current applicants were approved last month and that membership certificates should be arriving shortly.

**GEORGE RAMPFREY \* TOM DIPPREY \* NATHANIEL EDWARD AMES**

He also confirmed that the current Chapter membership is about 280.

**NEWSLETTER** – Editor Mark Howell reminded the assembly to please continue sending in photos and any articles for publication by email or “snail-mail.”

**VETERANS AFFAIRS** – President Northcraft reiterated the importance of each member making sure to record & report their participation with veterans as well as donations to the VA Hospital. In addition, he added that he would start working on the Annual Report soon so as to get a jump on calculating our Chapter’s points.

As Adjutant to the TXSSAR Color Guard Commander, he asked everyone to review the “Color Guard Manual” in order to acquaint themselves with updated and proper regulations. He emphasized that due to a unique series of circumstances, the “Guard” is an independent entity and does not serve at the pleasure of the state President.

**Bob thanks Harry Friedrich, Jr. who has been collecting the VA donations and delivering them to the hospital.**



The Treasurer held drawings for eleven door prizes followed by the Chaplain’s Benediction and all rendering the SAR Closing.

The President gaveled the meeting to a close at 9:58 am (sans no monthly “toast”).



**Bob Curry, Phil & Donna Cekal visited with Mr. Lowe after the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Tom Whitelock – Acting Secretary