

AUGUST 11, 2012

Minutes of Dallas Chapter #2
Sons of the American Revolution

The monthly meeting was called to order by President Northcraft upon the sound of his gavel at 8:28 am. He asked Chaplain Pounders to start the session with the Invocation, which called for God's continued blessing of "our future generation's freedom."

Pledges to the United States Flag & Texas Flag and the **SAR** were respectively led by Nick Harper, Bob Kittrell and Charles Baker. Compatriot Tracy Pounders got everyone singing the first stanza of *America*.

Former Chapter Presidents Ralph McDowell & Frank Pounders were today's greeters. Special guests introduced as "prospective members" were **Doug Wallace, Charles M. Standard & Jay Bowden**.



Al Sloan and Doug Wallace

The day's joke (by Professor Baker) was on us as he led off with a tele-mercial on the benefits of living at PVN. He did finally wind it up with a series of jocular quotes on how we know when we're getting old. Charles promised that September's meeting would be held in the remodeled dining room.

President Northcraft proceeded to present the Americanism for the day by noting how he has participated in a postal program for sending active duty veterans gift packages of DVDs and personal items each month. He asked that all members consider participating in like manner. He also related that he had only recently discovered that the first female recipient of the **Medal of Honor**. She was a surgeon during the Civil War and was awarded the award by President Andrew Johnson.



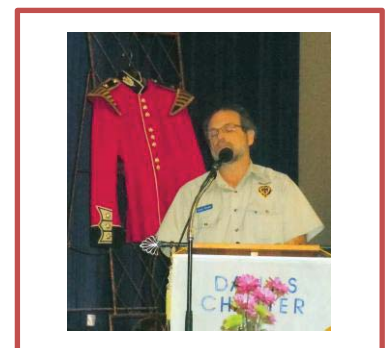
Charles Martin Standard



Scott Fischer

1st Vice President Nick Harper next introduced guest speaker Scott Fischer, President of the Scottish Society of Dallas. He not only spoke on his family's Scottish descent, but also presented a photo tour of his recent visit throughout Scotland and various "kilts" & clan flags. Mr. Fischer highlighted his talk by emphasizing how many individuals (even within the Revolutionary War) were of Scottish heritage. An example was Dr. Samuel Johnson's Dictionary humor; "A gentleman is one who can play the bagpipes, but doesn't."

After his entertaining and informative presentation, he was assured that a *Certificate of Appreciation* was in the mail.



OFFICERS /COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards and Announcements

A special request for a \$100.00 donation to the Dallas Veteran's Day Parade was brought forth by Compatriot Harper, with motion & second the membership agreed to participate by voice vote.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as posted on the Chapter's website.

Treasurer, David Temple, reported 28 members and 5 guests were in attendance. Financial amounts as of the end of last month were: **Bank/Checking- \$3,945.45 * Minuteman Fund- \$ 10,410.90 * Ritchie Fund- \$ 30,481.13.** FCP Tom Smith asked that the two latter "funds" be reported only quarterly since negligible interest increases are realized monthly. The members voted approval and John Morton suggested an alternate banking source be considered.



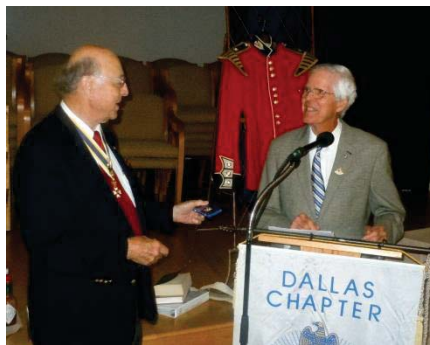
TOM S. – JOHN M. – HARRY F.

Veteran's Affairs Chairman Harry Friedrich, Jr. asked Compatriots to please place the actual "count" on a sheet of paper in each bundle of magazines they donate to the VA. A letter of appreciation was sent from the Bonham facility. Registrar John Guittard reported the Chapter has 282 members including 3 "duals." Four new applications are at NSSAR.

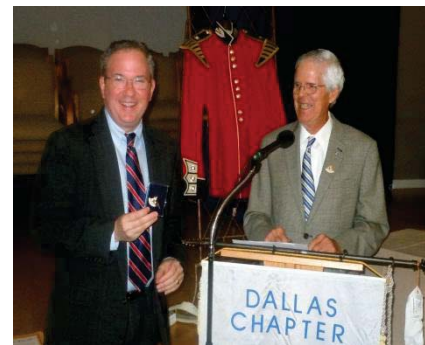
2nd Vice President Robert Kittrell presented the following "SERVICE and MEMBERSHIP recognition awards to Tom Whitelock/**Cert of Appr-JROTC presentations**, Laurence Crapo/**15 years membership**, Ralph McDowell/**20 years membership**, Tracy Pounders/**15 years membership**.



LAURENCE C.



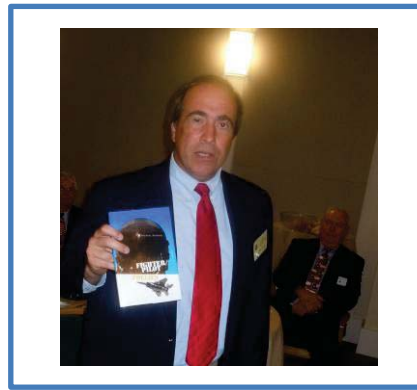
RALPH M.



TRACY P

President Northcraft reminded everyone that FCP Dr. Gary Sisson has invited all to join in the premiere viewing of the Patrick Henry film Gary and other SAR members took part in as actors. It will be shown (along with THE PATRIOT movie) at a theater in Denison, TX on 8/17 this month.

Bob next called upon Compatriot Michael Petridis to give a brief outline of his new book *Fighter Pilot* that is currently for sale.



As a final surprise presentation President Northcraft called the President of TXSSAR (Robert Clark) forward to receive a special “thank you” gift from Marines serving in Afganistan. They were very appreciative of the Society members who have sent them care packages and in turn wanted us to have a US Flag that had flown over **CAMP LEATHERNECK**



Prior to the Chaplain offering the Benediction, four members and new prospect JAY BOWDEN were the lucky winners in the monthly door prize drawings.



After the SAR Closing the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am

Respectfully submitted by
Tom Whitelock, acting Secretary