

OCTOBER 13, 2012

**Minutes of Dallas Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution**



After opening comments pertaining to the President's health and happiness monthly report, as well as his new found love of Temple, TX being known as the "Cedar Capital," he gaveled the monthly meeting to order at 8:30am.



FCP Charles Baker filled in for Chaplain Pounders

Prospect Christopher Robinson reporting sick-call & offering up the Invocation. Jokemeister Baker suggested welcomed by FCP McDowell He noted that Compatriot Louis Patterson (84681) had passed away. "M&M s" for colorful nutrition

Robert Northcraft (President), Mike Ratcliff (TXSSAR Registrar) and Compatriot James Templin respectively led the pledges to the United States Flag, Texas Flag and SAR. Chapter 2nd Vice President, Robert Kittrell volunteered to lead members in singing the first stanza of *America*.

The President made mention that since the previous month's meeting minutes had yet to be posted on the chapter website, copies have been distributed for all to review.

Compatriots Petridis and Templin were introduced and thanked for serving as this morning's Greeters by Ralph McDowell.

Guests for the day included: *Barbara Baker, Donna Cekal, Ann Harper, Bradley Sue Howell, Chris Robinson and Charles Standard.* >>>>>>>>



His certificate for membership is in the mail
having been just approved by NSSAR.

Bob also announced that dual member and National Color Guard Vice Commander Mike Ratcliff was in attendance. He will be elevated to the position and honor of National Commander in 2013.

Prior to the Americanism presentation by John Guittard, 1st Vice President mentioned that the reason he was intrigued with the subject was due to the title –



"Elizabeth Criscom Ross Ashburn Claypoole.
John then explained the young lady born in 1752 was more popularly known as the Quaker seamstress & flag maker "Betsy Ross."
After marrying three husbands and having fifty years of a successful upholstery business,



she died in 1836 still knowing how to cut fabric into a five point star with one snip of sizzors.

Nick Harper served as guest speaker this month and once again brought forth a very informative and entertaining topic. be found at the Vicksburg Natl. The **U.S.S. Cairo**, a noted Civil part of a special display on the Once a powerful Union vessel,



One of the most striking artifacts to Military Park is also the largest. War ironclad, is now preserved as northern edge of the battlefield. she is remarkably well preserved & offers vistora a unique opportunity to actually step aboard a warship that is more than 140 years old. Constructed at Mound City, Illinois and Commissioned in 1862, she helped devastate the Confederate's river fleet.



However, during a trip up the Yazoo River and during a firefight with the South's on shore cannons, it ran into "explosive mines" and was sunk – resting under mud until located in 1956.



Mark Howell, Barbara Baker, Robert Kittrell & a proud, Mrs. (Ann) Harper listen as Nick narrates his fascinating historical tale.

Officers and Committee Reports

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****AWARDS****

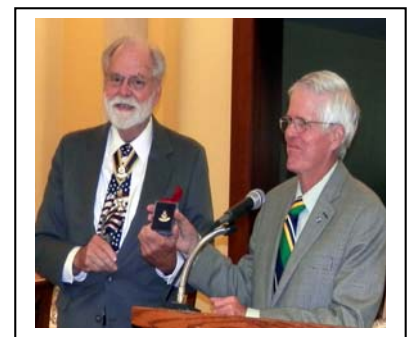
1st Vice President Harper reported that he still needed a few volunteers for working the recruitment table during the last week of the State Fair. **2nd VP** Kittrell then called Compatriots David Temple (5yrs) and Arthur C. Omberg Jr. (10yrs) forward for SAR Membership Pins and Certificates. FCP Tom Whitelock next recognized Robert with a "Fifty Year" membership pin, kidding him that he probably joined SAR at the age of 40.



David



Arthur



Robert

Secretary Whitelock asked for motion of approval of the distributed September minutes and received a favorable voice vote. **Treasurer Temple** reported 28 members and 6 guests in attendance. He also has recorded the following balances as of 9/30/2012: Checking Account - \$3,550.79, Minuteman Fund-\$10,411.87 and Ritchie Fund-\$30,484.26.

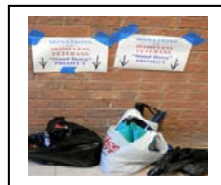


He also will be pulling the "Boat Float" during Veterans Day parade



Chapter **Registrar Guittard** confirmed that five applications have just been approved at NSSAR and that two additional ones are pending. He also just finished the proper review and completed Christopher Robinson's documents.

<<Compatriot James Fairbairn expressed appreciation to all members who have contributed items for the **Homeless Veterans Stand Down** project and continue to donate to the Veterans that are hospitalized.



Ralph McDowell proposed a motion that the Chapter vote to donate \$200 to the **HVSD** fund. Tom Smith noted that personal contributions may afford the project better results; however, the original motion was approved by voice vote.

President Northcraft noted the following Color Guard events coming up: Nov 10- in Keller, TX (honoring veterans), Nov 12- Dallas Veterans Day Parade, Nov 17- Trophy Club (DAR). Bob announced that Don Babbs was appointed the new North Texas Color Guard Commander. In addition, FCP McDowell volunteered to purchase new chapter flag stands.

Bob next introduced TXSSAR President (and Chapter member) Robert Clark who reported on the recent State Board of Managers to the following **Chapters** who April TXSSAR State Conference at the **Dallas, Denton, East Fork- Trinity,** plans were underway to try and have George W Bush Library during the



meeting as well as express his appreciation to the following **Chapters** who will serve as Co-Hosts of next year's Wyndham Love Field Hotel : **Arlington, McKinney and Plano.** He remarked that a special function held at the new Pres. conference.

Barbara Baker made an appeal to members to consider buying raffle tickets on a unique handmade patriotic quilt. The LATXSSAR ladies fundraiser will benefit our Patriot Fund in support of youth contest expenses & awards.



State Historian Temple next related a recent concern over a proposal by the University at North Texas Archives Division in their desire to better preserve TXSSAR's documents and historical collection. He stated that at the recent BOM, delegates voted to increase the budget line item for funding expenses of the project. Likewise, all members and Chapters are being asked to also contribute so that they can proceed this year. David asked

for support by the Dallas Chapter. William Richardson made a motion that we should offer a \$200 donation and John Guittard added a second. The motion was approved.

Drawings for the door prizes were held just prior to the Benediction by Charles Baker and the SAR Closing led by President Northcraft. Meeting adjourned at 9:59am.

**Respectfully submitted by
Tom M. Whitelock, Secretary**