



Nick & Bob discuss agenda

**DECEMBER 8, 2012**  
**Minutes of Dallas Chapter #2**  
**Sons of the American Revolution**



Frank makes sure Jim Mills has a fresh cup of "Joe"

*Prior to the official meeting Bob asked if anyone knew whether George Washington was a Seven-Star General.*

President Northcraft called the monthly meeting to order at 8:30 am in the Dallas Presbyterian Village North dining room. He asked Chaplain Frank Pounders to report the sick-call \* and offer up invocation blessings. Pledges to the United States Flag and Texas Flag were led by David Bender & Jay Bowden respectively. Tom Whitelock led the Compatriots in the pledge to SAR - followed by Tracy Pounders leading all in singing the first stanza of *America*.

The President proposed a toast and requested attendees to "charge their glasses" in order to honor those men and women (military & civilian) who served and/or sacrificed their lives at Pearl Harbor during WWII.



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

FCP and Head Greeter Ralph McDowell announced that James Fairbairn and Frank Pounders assisted him this morning in welcoming 34 SAR members and the following guests: *Barbara Baker, Jay Bowden, Donna Cekal, Jim Davis, Bradley Sue Howell, Sarah Petridis, Cindy & Russell Peterson, Judy Pinkerton, Luella Standard, Gigi Tanner and Michael Winsor.*

*(prospective members)*



Prior to his jocular presentation, Compatriot Jokemeister Baker read of some historical events (provided by Chalmers Omberg) that occurred on this date in the past. Charles almost made an a\_\_ of himself with a tale of one-upmanship between a priest and a police sergeant.

**HEE-HAW HEE-HAW**

The Chapter Registrar John Guittard asked Jerry Pinkerton, Charles Standard & Alan Peterson to come forward with their spouse/family in order to be sworn in as new members.





Judy and Jerry Pinkerton (a)



Son Russell and Alan Peterson(b)



Luella and Charles Standard(c)

After their SAR rosettes were pinned on, each new Compatriot gave a brief review of their Patriot ancestors (a-Mary Sandridge, b-John Lawrence, c-Robert Higgens.)

John also mentioned that we have six new members approved by NSSAR and our current membership count is 288.

President Northcraft gave the Color Guard report stating that the Chapter's recent participation for posting colors at the DAR Regent's luncheon at the Trophy Club netted us \$50 and a Certificate.

Bob asked the Treasurer to forward a \$10 check to the Maj. K M Van Zandt Chapter to show our appreciation for one of their members assisting in the ceremony.



First Vice-President Nick Harper had the honor of introducing our guest speaker for the day with a long listing of his personal and professional accomplishments.

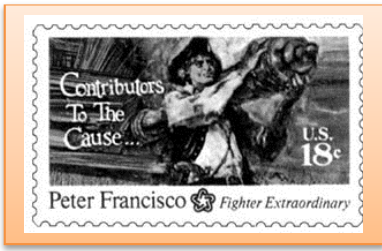


Former NSSAR President General and TXSSAR President Nathan White stepped up to the podium to present a very informative and entertaining program.

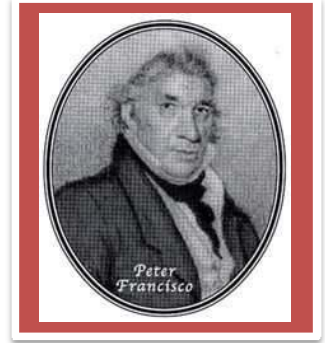
His topic was on Patriot **Peter Francisco**- a giant of a man at 6'6" tall and 260 lbs. and known as *Hercules of the Revolution*. He was called a one-man army by George Washington because of his feats of strength & courage during various battles.

A DVD video presentation created by one of Peter's descendants was then shown and we learned a number of facts about Francisco not often recorded in literary books.

At the age of fourteen he was in attendance, peering through the windows of St John's Church during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Convention where he heard such notables as Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry ("...give me liberty or give me death") speak. It was then he decided to join the cause for freedom. He didn't get to join the Tenth Virginia Regiment until he was almost sixteen, but by then he was impressive looking at full height and weight.



He fought at Brandywine, wintered at Valley Forge and captured the British Flag at the battle of Stony Point, New York. Making sure that the British did not salvage one of their disabled cannons during the Battle at Camden, SC - he hoisted the 1100 lb. unit onto his shoulder and returned it to Colonial lines.



Judge White offered up the become more acquainted of the American Revolution. Nathan with a special thank **Revolutionary Cannon.**



challenge for our membership to with the heroic freedom fighter Compatriot Harper presented you gift – **his very own (replica)**

President Northcraft next introduced our very own “Pearl Harbor Survivor” member, Robert Tanner, Sr. who was acknowledged with a standing pro-longed applause. Ralph McDowell noted that a few days prior, Bob had celebrated his birthday of *fourscore & 11 years* and presented him lit cupcakes and two Australian pennies (1941 & 1942) in remembrance of his time spent there.



**Wife-Gigi and Robert**

Ralph also made a \$2 bill presentation to young Sarah Petridis as is the Chapter’s custom for those children that attend our meetings. He concluded his report by mentioning that we have received another Kroger Rebate check for monthly purchases by Compatriots.

## REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Harper passed out Officer & Committee assignment sheets that he hoped members would select and sign up for one to participate on in 2013.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Kittrell asked Tracy Pounders to come forward to receive his fifteen year SAR Membership Pin and Certificate. Also the Law Enforcement Medal with Certificate was awarded to FCP Hank Voegtle.



**TRACY**

**HANK**



Treasurer David Temple stated that the year ending balances for all accounts would be reported at the January meeting.

He also served as Nominations Committee (of one) Chairman and read the following slate to be voted on for next year's Chapter Officers at the Annual\*\* meeting:

Nick Harper/**President**, Robert Kittrell/**First Vice President**, Treasurer/**Phil Cokal**, and Registrar/**George Ramphrey**. The positions of Second Vice President, Secretary, Chaplain and Historian were not filled and the slate not published. David called for nominations from the floor. Mark Hansen nominated Mike Petritis/**Second Vice President** (motion received a second). Frank Pounders nominated Charles Standard/**Secretary** (however, he declined). Their administrative term will commence after the vote and installation in January.

The President alerted the membership that Mark Howell has to relinquish his duties as Newsletter Editor.

James Fairbairn reported that our recent donations (\$200 financial and clothing) were greatly appreciated by the Homeless Veterans, but that the Veterans Affairs group ran out funds and items before they could provide for all the needy. He asked that we consider bringing additional donations (mostly coats, caps and socks) to the next meeting.

Charles Baker announced that he gave out five "Flag Certificates" and needs three more. Bob Northcraft has found a history teacher for entry in this year's TXSSAR competition.

Tom Whitelock noted that East Fork Trinity Chapter had borrowed our "boat-float" for the Rockwall Christmas Parade and showed their appreciation by improving on some of its fixtures for us.

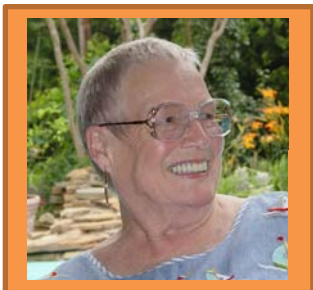
Door prize drawings were conducted by the Treasurer and Bob asked the current Officers to join him in the conference room after the meeting for a special business meeting.

Chaplain Pounders gave the Benediction followed by the SAR Closing. Adjournment 9:55am

Respectfully submitted by,  
TOM M. WHITELOCK, SECRETARY

### ADDITIONAL NOTATIONS & INFORMATION

\* We are saddened to report the passing of



**HELEN  
TEMPLIN**

Wife of our  
Good friend  
And fellow  
Compatriot  
James Templin

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