

**January 5, 2013**  
**Minutes of Dallas Chapter #2**  
 Sons of the American Revolution  
 TEXAS SOCIETY

The year's first Chapter meeting was called to order by President Northcraft at 8:33am in the Presbyterian Village North dining room. Chaplain Pounders gave the sick-call and rendered the morning's Invocation.



**President Northcraft**  
 Secretary  
 Whitelock

Pledges to the **United States Flag** and **Texas Flag** were led by Chalmers Omberg, Jr. and Robert Coker respectively. Compatriot Tom Smith led members in the pledge to **SAR** followed by Tracy Pounders getting everyone in a patriotic mood to sing **America**.



As required by Chapter's Constitution; the Secretary actually read the "Minutes" (of the previous meeting) which were approved by voice vote.

Head Greeter Ralph McDowell was assisted by Glenn Toal and Mike & Sarah Petridis in welcoming the 31 SAR members (including special attendees – TXSSAR

President Robert Clark, State Inland Registrar Michael Radcliff, State Color Guard Commander Peter Rowley ,East Fork-Trinity Chapter's Allen Christian, 2013 President Montie Monzingo, & Denton Chapter President Drake Peddie), and the following 9 guests:

*Edward & Nathan Ames, Johnny Blasé, Donna Cekal, Anne Harper, Gina Henderson, Sarah Petridis, Christopher Robinson and Taylor Sharpe.*

James Fairbairn spoke very highly about the 2012 "Sisson **Golden Sledgehammer**" award winner and on his worthiness to be selected. He introduced **Robert Kittrell** as the newest recipient of the weighty trophy and presented him with the customary framed photo plaque.



**BOB JIM**

In addition, Dr Gary Sisson came forward (sans voice) to present each of the past winners with a small golden hammer lapel pin.



**The Good Doctor**



**TW-01 RM-02 TS-03 AC-07 BN-08 DT-09 JF-11 RK-12**

Unable to attend the special "pinning" were Charles Baker-03, James Templin-06, and Harmon Adair-10

FCP Tom Smith returned to the podium to impart a personal and factual witticism about a recent trip to the pharmacy for a "shingles" shot in which a slip of the tongue almost had the technician preparing a syphilis injection for him instead.

President Northcraft was very proud to announce that the Dallas Chapter won "First Place" in the patriot category of the 2012 Veterans Day Parade. He and Tom W will go to the awards ceremony on January 16<sup>th</sup> and pick up the trophy and have it for display at the next meeting.

He also mentioned that he has an American History teacher (**David Burell** of Keller, TX) to enter the TXSSAR competition.

Master **Chandler Burke** has won the following three categories at the Chapter level:

**The Knight Essay Contest, CAR Essay contest and the Eagle Scout award.**-

All written works from this outstanding young man will go forward to the State competition.

Each of the two Chapter muskets are now being cared for by Charles Baker and Robert Kittrell. Bob notified all that the Gainesville, Texas "*Medal of Honor*" parade is scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> which is in conflict with our monthly meeting, and suggested that we consider moving the meeting date back to the 20<sup>th</sup> in order to allow Color Guard members to attend the ceremonies since the TXSSAR Conference is scheduled 4/4-7.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Kittrell next recognized members with Perfect Attendance during 2012: Ralph McDowell, Robert Kittrell, Nick Harper and Tom Whitelock

RALPH HAS A TOTAL 19 YEARS PA AND TOM 14

Compatriots missing only one meeting were also recognized: Charles Baker, Tom Smith, Mark Howell, Frank Pounders, and John Guittard.



**John Morton**



**Paul Cooper**

with his War Service Medal

Committee Chairmen honored for their year of service with a Certificate of Appreciation: Hank Voegtle/Eagle Scouts and John Morton/Poster Contest.

Bob then called Compatriot Paul Cooper up to the front for a very special presentation from NSSAR President General- the *Certificate of Patriotism for Meritorious Service* during WWII while serving in the Armed Forces. In addition Ralph made sure that everyone sang Happy Birthday to him to celebrate his four-score and fourteen years of age.

President Northcraft continued with the introduction of **John Blasé** who is a member of the **Patriot Guard Riders**. They escort the KIAs\* from the or servicewoman's body arrives home, throughout the by riding their motorcycles and forming an Honor Guard. service over 115 times during 2012, as well as assisted up of the LIBERTY BELL. He received the SAR Bronze Medal and Certificate of Appreciation.



time the serviceman's funeral, to a cemetery John had provided this Bob in the hauling/set-Good Citizenship

John logged over 8000 miles on his bike during the year, and there are 200,000+ escort members nationwide.



The Texas PGR had 430 missions last year. 300+ were for soldiers

\*KILLED in ACTION



Bob then next presented his “President’s Medals” to his Administrative officers and an appointed special service Chairman in attendance: Nick Harper, Robert Kittrell, David Temple, John Guittard, Frank Ponders, Ralph McDowell & Tom Whitelock.



THE SECRETARY  
BEING KNIGHTED  
(for the last time)

Mike Radcliff (TXSSAR Inland Registrar-10yrs) notified us that the NSSAR membership computer that had gone down (crashed) back in September, is now up and processing all applications and supplemental requests as of December.

TXSSAR President Clark presented the SAR continued devotion and service to our and the Silver Good Citizenship Medal to

THE FRANK POUNDERS FAMILY SCORED BIG



Martha Washington Medal for Society to **Gina Henderson**, her brother Tracy Ponders.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President confirmed that three additional members had agreed to serve as the following 2013 Officers: Secretary/James Alan Peterson – Chaplain/Frank H. Ponders – Historian/Harry Friedrich, Jr. They were approved by motion from the floor and voice vote. All attending officers-elect came forward to take the oath of office and be installed by Bob Clark.

- L>Center Frank Ponders  
Chaplain
- Philip Cekal  
Treasurer
- Alan Peterson  
Secretary
- George Ramphrey  
Registrar



- Cen>R  
Michael Petridis  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Robert Kittrell  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Carl Nick Harper  
President

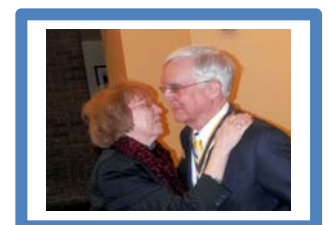
Refer to the Chapter Website for complete listing of 2013 Officers and their contact numbers and addresses.

President Northcraft, in his closing statements, emphasized that he has considered it a privilege and honor to wear the Dallas Chapter “Medallion” ribbon and then turned it over to Mrs. Nick Harper to place around her husband’s neck along with a kiss for good luck.



**2013 Dallas Chapter  
President**

**Nick Harper** ....then reminded his fellow Compatriots that there were still a few committee chairmen needed and hoped other members would help fill the positions.







Nick asked President Clark to update everyone on plans for the TXSSAR State Conference that will be held at the Wyndham Love Field Hotel – April 4-7, 2013. He invited all to come to his home for the President’s Reception; to which D.A. Sharpe commented that he was looking forward to attending in order to view his distant cousin’s portrait at the top of Bob’s staircase –good old King George III.

Drake Peddie reported that Plano/Denton Chapter would be in charge of the silent auction during the conference in order to raise funds for the TXSSAR Patriot Fund. He hoped that all Chapters would contribute an item (with minimum value of \$50) for delegates to bid on. President Harper asked Compatriot Whitelock to research possible items for consideration.



Drake also made a pitch for selling Raffle tickets on a *Great Plains Rifle* to be awarded at the Conference.

By voice vote, the April Dallas Chapter meeting was approved for the third Saturday.

John Guittard deferred to new Registrar George Ramphrey>>> for the monthly report. He stated that our current membership He then asked **Nathaniel Ames 183802/11315** to come forward (with his father Edward) to be inducted as our newest member. Nathan spoke on his Patriot Ancestor *Caleb Eddy* who was A private in the NJ militia.



is 286.

Past Treasurer Temple held the door prize drawings and then reported the yearend financials.

Checking/\$3,185. 52 \* Minuteman Fund/\$10,413.18 \* Richie Fund/\$30,494.20

Chaplain Pounders rendered the Benediction and the President concluded the meeting at 10:03am with the SAR Recessional.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Tom M. Whitelock- Secretary

