

December 13, 2014  
**MEETING MINUTES OF**  
**DALLAS CHAPTER #2**  
**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**



President Rob Kittrell called monthly meeting to order at 8:35am in the dining room of the Presbyterian Village North retirement community in Dallas, Texas. In the absence of the Chaplain, Dr. Charles Baker led the group in the invocation.

Pledges to the **United States Flag** and **Texas Flag** were led by **First Vice-President Mike Petridis** and **Jim Fairbairn** respectively. **Garland Fairbairn** led the affirmation to the **SAR pledge**..Next, Compatriot **Tracy Pounders** lead the attendees in “*My Country Tis of Thee.*”

**Head Greeter, Ralph McDowell** recognized **Tom Smith** and **Mark Hansen** as the greeters for the morning’s meeting **Mr.McDowell** recognized John Marshall, returning member and potential new member Dick Lanham. Several other guests were noted among the group. This was followed by a joke from **Dr. Charles Baker**. Per Chapter policy there was annual oral reading of the minutes from the November meeting by **Secretary, Alan Peterson**. There was a motion and second to approve the minutes as read.

## Americanism



The Americanism portion of the program was given by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, **Mike Petredis**. He made an interesting presentation on the “Royalist Revolution”. This revolution was kindled by the rejection of parliamentary rule. Following the presentation, President Rob Kittrell presented Compatriot Petredis with a certificate of appreciation.

## Program

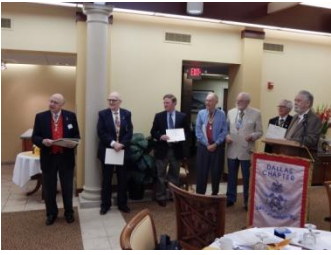
The main presentation for the Chapter meeting was given by **Dr. Charles Baker** and was entitled “ Post-War Speed Bumps on the Road to Independence”. Dr. Baker explained that despite winning the Revolutionary War the colonists were forced to face the challenges of putting together a form of government and with managing an enormous post-war debt. He also presented pictures of all of the State flags of the original colonies. Dr. Baker was presented a certificate of appreciation by President, Bob Kittrell.



## **OFFICER’S REPORTS**

President Rob Kittrell recognized 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Mike Petridis. Mr. Petridis stated that he had nothing to report at this time. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President and Color Guard Commander, George Ramphrey was recognized by President Kittrell.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Ramphrey stated that there were several members that were to be recognized for contributions to the Chapter including those with perfect attendance and outstanding member contribution awards.



Those for perfect attendance were: (left to right) Ralph Mc Dowell (21 years); Henry Friedrich; Frank Ponders, represented by Tracy Ponders; Tom Smith; Tom Whitelock(15 years); and Rob Kittrell. They were presented with certificates by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Ramphrey.

Compatriot Ramphrey noted this year's Color Guard participants: Jerry Pinkerton; Bob Northcraft; Alan Peterson; Rob Kittrell; Tom Whitelock. Bronze Color Guard Medals and certificates were given to George Ramphrey, Rob Kittrell and Tom

Whitelock.

Service awards were presented to the following Chapter members: Garland Fairbairn (10 years); Jim Fairbairn (10 years); Charles Baker (15 years); Jack Carney (25 years); Lewis Patterson (55 years). Compatriot Ramphrey presented these members with medals. **District Registrar, David Temple** received a Past-President Award, and Compatriot Ralph McDowell recognized **Past President Dick Jones** with the President's Award for service to the Chapter. During Mr. Jones tenure, the Dallas Chapter was ranked the number one chapter in the United States.



Compatriot and FCP, **Nick Harper**, handed out the current budget along with the proposed 2015 budget for review. Checking account balance as of 30 November - \$4,243.89; Minuteman and Ritchie Funds respectively listed balances of \$10,422.28 & \$ 30,547.55. Mr. Harper announced that we had 28 members and 5 guests at today's meeting. **Harry Friedrich**, Veterans Affairs Chairman did not have anything to report.

## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

**President Rob Kittrell** presented the nominees for Chapter Officers and Chairmen in print form for review by the membership. The nominees are as follows: President, George Ramphrey; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Mark Hansen; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Jim Fairbairn; Secretary, Alan Peterson; Treasurer, Nick Harper; Registrar, Jerry Pinkerton; Historian, Harry Friedrich; Chaplain, Frank Ponders; Assistant Registrar, George Ramphrey. Committee Chairs: American History Teacher, John Morton; Color Guard Commander, Rob Kittrell; Color Guard Assistant, David Temple; Eagle Scout Award, Hank Voegtle; Budget, Nick Harper; Greeter, Ralph Mc Dowell; Knight Essay, Rob Kittrell; Looney Poster Contest, John Morton; Membership, Ralph McDowell; SAR Essay, Nick Harper; Veteran's Affairs, Harry Friedrich; Webmaster, Dr. Charles Baker. There was a motion and second to approve the roster of officers and chairmen. The motion passed. Next, President Kittrell presented the 2015 Budget for approval. After questions and discussion, there was a motion and second to approve the proposed budget. The motion passed with no opposition.



**President-elect, George Ramphrey** was recognized by current President Rob Kittrell as being the winner of a Distinguished Service Award. Mr. Ramphrey was presented a medal along with a certificate in recognition of his contributions to the Chapter.



**Registrar and Incoming President George Ramphrey** recognized, **Peter Lee Fiter** who was recently approved for membership. Mr. Fiter was sworn in and pinned by Mr. Ramphrey. Mr. Fiter stated that his patriot had served the Revolutionary forces in North Carolina.

**Treasurer, Nick Harper** conducted the door prize drawing. The benediction was conducted by FCP, Tom Whitelock and the recessional was led by outgoing President Rob Kittrell. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alan Peterson, Chapter Secretary