

April 11, 2015
MEETING MINUTES OF
DALLAS CHAPTER #2

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



President **George Ramphrey** called monthly meeting to order at 8:30am in the dining room of the Presbyterian Village North Retirement Community in Dallas, Texas. The group was led in the invocation by Chaplain Frank Pounders. Pledges to the **United States Flag** and **Texas Flag** were led **Chapter Secretary, Alan Peterson** and **FCP, David Templin** respectively. **FCP Tom Smith** 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 **Jim Templin** as the greeter for the morning's meeting. **President**

Ramphrey recognized visitors and guests for the morning's meeting. This was followed by a joke from **Dr. Charles Baker**.



Dallas Chapter Awards at TXSSAR

The Dallas Chapter was recognized by TXSSAR with several awards this year: 1st Place, CAR Essay Contest, Meredith Burke, writer; the 2nd Place Ribbon in the American History Poster Contest; and the 2nd Place Ribbon in the Scrap Book submission. Congratulations to all, and thank you to all of the DALSAR Chairmen.



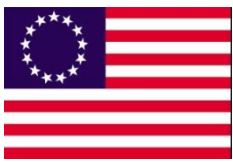
1st Place CAR Essay Winner, Meredith Burke, and CAR Essay Chairman, Nick Harper



2nd Place, American History Poster Contest; John Morton Chairman with Chapter President, George Ramphrey.



2nd Place for Scrapbook: Chairman, Harry Friedrich, and Chapter President, George Ramphrey



Americanism

Today's Americanism speaker was FCP, David Temple. His topic today was "Bills of Exchange. The Americans were faced with a money shortage and often used "bills of exchange". They often paid on credit as money was hard to come by. The situation sounded not too far from today's credit markets.

Program

1st Vice-President, Mark Hansen introduced the morning's speaker: **Bryan Garner**. Mr. Garner is a lawyer, lexicographer and English language expert. Mr. Garner spoke to the group on Patriot, Noah Webster, as in Webster's Dictionary fame. He also devoted time to Webster's rival, Lindsay Murray, the Father of English Grammar. Although Murray was a loyalist and eventually returned to England, his mother had actually distracted the British troops in Manhattan with a party which allowed the patriot's to regroup during the Battle for Manhattan.

Mr. Garner also entertained the group with some of the misusages of the English language. **1st Vice-President, Mark Hansen**, awarded him with a certificate of appreciation and a miniature liberty bell.



OFFICER'S REPORTS

1st Vice-President Mark Hansen had nothing to report at this time. 2nd Vice-President, Jim Fairbairn was away at the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, Texas. President Ramphrey asked for a motion to approve the January meeting minutes as posted on the website. There was a motion and second with the minutes approved as posted.

Treasurer, Nick Harper reported that today there were 28 members in attendance along with 7 guests. The current checking account balance is \$6,542.94. He also thanked Mark Hansen and David Templeton for their donations towards the Flag Pole Hill Flag retirement.

Rob Kittrell, Color Guard Captain announced several upcoming Color Guard activities: the Flag Pole Hill, flag retirement event on June 14th, and the Polka Festival Parade in Ennis on Memorial Day Weekend.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

President, George Ramphrey stated that volunteers were needed to assist with the JROTC awards to be distributed at schools in the area. Door prizes were drawn by Nick Harper, and the benediction was pronounced by Chaplain Frank Pounders. The recessional was led by President Ramphrey. The meeting was dismissed at 10:10.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Peterson, Chapter Secretary