



President Rampfrey

JULY 11, 2015
Minutes of Dallas Chapter #2
Sons of the American Revolution



Compatriots from Ellis County enjoy a pre-meeting visit.

Don't forget to re-register your Kroger Community Rewards card ASAP after August 1st so that we will get rebates.

President George Rampfrey called the monthly meeting to order at 8:32 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 Charles Baker & Robert Kittrell respectively. Tom Whitelock led the members in the Affirmation to SAR - followed by Tracy Pounders getting all into a patriotic mood by leading them in singing the first stanza of *America*.

The following guests in attendance were introduced: Sally LaRowe (*wife of the program speaker*), Bradley Sue Howell & Barbara Baker, **Warren Jr. & Ross** & father **Warren Johnson** (*all prospective members*), **Gary Harmon** (*prospective member*) & uncle of TV star Angie Harmon),



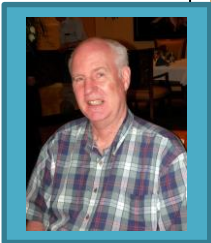
Mark Hansen



D.R. Marshall and Jeanette Prasifka.



Robert Kittrell >>>



Robert Curry

Donald Shaver (*prospective member*),

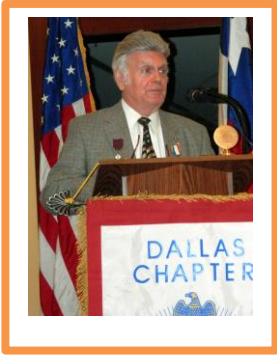


Jerry Pinkerton & James Fairbairn

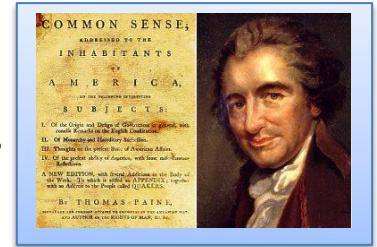
FCP Ralph McDowell requested members, that shop at Kroger, to renew their *Community Rewards Program* card number after August 1st so that the Chapter will continue to receive rebate funds through July of next year. Our non-profit program number is **#82702** and it can be registered at www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com. He turned in the latest rebate amount of \$80 to Treasurer Nick Harper.

Joke Meister-Master Charles Baker brought on a lot of "Hoots" with his owl joke. He also reminded Compatriots that the East side parking lot is now available for use during Chapter meetings and that he'll place a notice on the website.





An informative and entertaining presentation on Thomas Paine’s “Common Sense” by Americanism speaker Compatriot John Morton was well received. Originally published anonymously on Jan 9th 1776, Paine advocated independence for the American colonies from Britain and his writing is considered one of the most influential pamphlets in our history by uniting average citizens and political leaders -transforming a colonial squabble into the American Revolution.

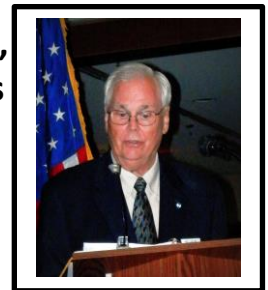


President Ramphrey next read a thank you letter from Breana Mobley (our TXSSAR Oration winner) expressing her appreciation to the north Texas Chapters (including Dallas) that contributed funds to help her finance her expenses to travel to Kentucky in order to compete in the NSSAR contest.

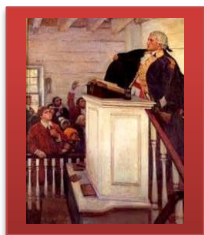
1st Vice President FCP Mark Hansen introduced the main speaker for the day, Compatriot NED LaROWE. His topic was one of the nine slide show programs he has researched (written) and presented over the past few years:

“Religion’s Influence on the American Revolution”

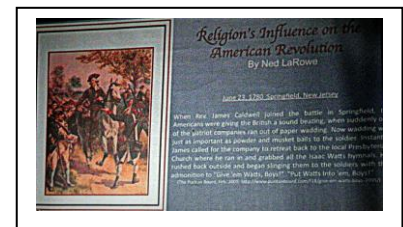
He emphasized how difficult it was for the colonial Christian churches to expand throughout the land due to the restriction of ministers’ limitation in



being ordained by Bishops who only resided in Europe. Ned further dovetailed the words of Thomas Paine –“ ...these are the times that try men’s souls...” He called for the common man to remember Rev. John Peter Muhlenberg’s famous statement “In the language of the Holy Writ, there is a time for all things. There is a time to preach and a time to fight. And now is the time to fight.”



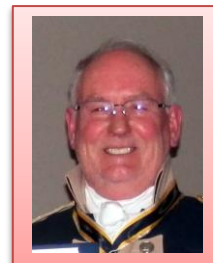
Mark Hansen presented Ned with a pair of miniature brass cannons and a Certificate of Appreciation



REPORTS* & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark reminded all that our Guest speaker in August will be Texas Society President

**** LARRY STEVENS**



*2nd Vice President James Fairbairn reported that Chapter members presented **forty-four** youth JROTC & Good Citizenship medals and certificates this spring.



He recognized Ralph McDowell and showed off a recent newspaper article and photo of one of the students Ralph had honored.

Compatriot Hansen made a motion to waive reading of the previous month's minutes and it was approved by voice vote. It will be accepted when posted on the Chapter website.

*Registrar Jerry Pinkerton said that a number of applications are in the mill for approval both at the State and National level, however there are none for membership induction at this time.

*Nick Harper, Treasurer, stated "we took in some money, we spent some money and we still have some money." A financial report sent to the Secretary the next day acknowledged a more detailed account – Checking balance as of 6/30 = \$3,617.86, Richie Fund = \$29,562.74 and Minuteman Fund = \$10,324.87. Today's attendance were 26 members & 11 guests.



He also acknowledged that as CAR liaison, he was proud to report that members of the *David Pendleton Society* had participated at the recent "Flag Retirement" ceremony, co-sponsored by the Dallas Chapter.

(all braved the sudden RAIN)



*Compatriot McDowell reported that the latest membership totals 266 and that second re-up reminders have been sent out to those that missed paying their 2015 dues on time.



Not shown was FCP Bob Clark.

Tom Smith noted that the Park Cities Rotary thanked us for participating in this year's 4th of July Parade. He also expressed that we need to take advantage of promoting (prospecting for new members) at all the parade events we are at.



Bob Clark suggested we consider walking the entire PC route.

James Fairbairn, Drake Peddie & Tom Whitelock followed up by offering various marketing ideas to get the word out and generate interest in SAR.

*Poster & Essay Contest Chairman John Morton reminded us of the success of our American History Teacher having won the State competition and that our Chapter Elementary youth placed second in the March TXSSAR contest. (After the meeting John volunteered to Chair the Veteran Affairs Committee for the remainder of the year replacing Harry Friedrich)

*Texas Society Secretary and BSA committee chairman Hank Voegtle reported that he is currently working on the ceremony that will honor their organization's Robert Berg Volunteer of the Year award. He also mentioned that the 2016 NSSAR Congress will be held in Boston. The Eagle Scout Essay contest will get under way this Fall.

*Color Guard Commander Robert Kittrell mentioned that during June, in addition to the Flag Day event, Chapter CG members participated in the gravesite marking of Allen Christian's headstone & the Audie Murphy Parade



Coming events

September:

Constitutional Week and start of TX State Fair

October: Fall BOM – in Galveston Oct. 9-11

November: Veterans Day Parade – Dallas 11/11

Jeanette Prasifka (OldWornFlag.com) thanked the Chapter for both their financial and physical assistance at the retirement ceremony on June 14th.

Door prize drawings were conducted by the Treasurer.

Jerry Pinkerton is all smiles as he snaps up the book Jerry Brown had wanted.



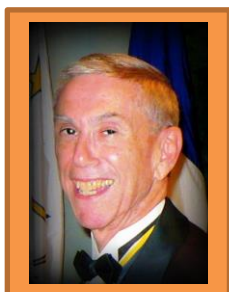
Chaplain Pounders gave the Benediction followed by the SAR Closing
Adjournment 10:25am

(if you snooze- you loose)

Respectfully submitted by,
TOM M. WHITELOCK, Acting Secretary

ADDITIONAL NOTATIONS & INFORMATION

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Lloyd Bockstruck
Good friend and fellow Compatriot, is currently very ill and in the Dallas Rehab 4200 Live Oak At Haskell Rm 220

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NOTICE
Next Meeting
AUGUST 8