



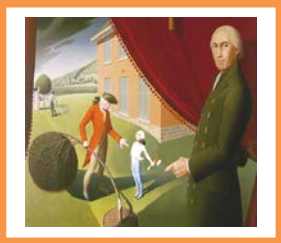
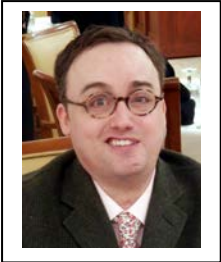
**JANUARY 9, 2016**  
**Minutes of Dallas Chapter #2**  
**Sons of the American Revolution**



President Ramphrey called the meeting to order at 8:29am at the Presbyterian Village North dining room in Dallas, TX.

He asked Chaplain Frank Ponders to report the sick-call \* and offer up invocation blessings. Pledges to the United States Flag and Texas Flag were led by FCP Mark Hansen & Jerry Brown respectively. FCP Gary Sisson led the Compatriots in the Affirmation to the SAR - followed by Tracy Ponders leading all in singing the first stanza of *America*.

FCP and Head Greeter Ralph McDowell announced that Frank Ponders assisted him this morning in welcoming SAR members and the following guests: *Barbara Baker, Ann Cooper and Brian Sisson, prospective member.*



Compatriot Charles “Jokemeister” Baker explained that a young man’s truthful admittance to his father of toppling over the family’s outhouse into a nearby rushing stream, did not end well for him. Unlike the story of George Washington & the Cherry Tree and his father’s forgiveness of the act, little Johnny, father reached for a spanking switch – stating in a stern tone, that yes indeed his son had likewise told the truth, BUT! George’s father was not sitting in the tree when he cut it down.

President Ramphrey next introduced **Bill Watts**, our new newsletter editor, who related that on February 12<sup>th</sup>, SAR members are invited to go up to the VA Hospital in Bonham, Texas to help hand out Valentine cards to the veteran patients. A free lunch will be served to Compatriots assist in passing out the cards.

He also reminded all new members that Alan Johnson would be conducting a special program to educate them on SAR activities and procedures at 9 am in the Haggard Library in Plano on Saturday Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>.



Bill stated that he hoped to have the first of six yearly issues of our resurgent newsletter ready to email out by the first of February, to all members that have current listed addresses on the roster

The President then presented Award Certificates to the following Compatriots for their twelve month perfect attendance at 2015 Chapter meetings: Tom Smith, Frank Ponders and John Morton. In addition, special recognition was accorded to Ralph McDowell (22yrs) and Tom Whitelock (17yrs) perfect attendance.



He also informed the attendees that the following members were receiving SAR service pins for their (years) of continued active membership participation: John Morton (15), Robert McDowell (20), Gary Sisson (20), **William Richardson (25)**, Clarence Bohanan Jr. (40) and Charles Ames (50).

Next up were the President's Certificates of Appreciation and framed photo thank you awards to the Officers who served with him last year: 1<sup>st</sup> VP-Mark Hansen, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP-**James Fairbairn**, Secretary-Alan Peterson, Treasurer-Nick Harper, Registrar-Jerry Pinkerton, Historian & Color Guard Commander-Robert Kittrell and Chaplain- Frank Ponders.



### Additional Presidential Awards



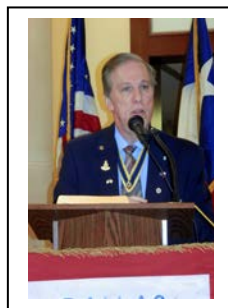
Compatriot Fairbairn also was awarded the SAR "Military Service" medal for his service In Korea that also won him the Bronze Star. <FCP **Kittrell** was presented an SAR Meritorious Medal and Certificate for his work on the Chapter scrapbook/history. The Chapter #2 special President's Continued Service medal was presented to FCP **Mark Hansen**.>



Prior to his induction of the new 2016 Chapter Officers, District 6 Vice President **Drake Peddie**, announced that the Texas Society would be holding its Annual Conference March 31-April 3, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency North Dallas hotel in Richardson. President General Thomas Lawrence will be the Key-Note speaker. All members are encouraged to attend, as well as participate in the Patriot Fundraiser by purchasing tickets for the drawing for a 1768 (reproduction) CHARLEVILLE MUSKET that actually fires.



Frank Ponders Robert Kittrell Jerry Pinkerton Jerry Brown



Drake Peddie

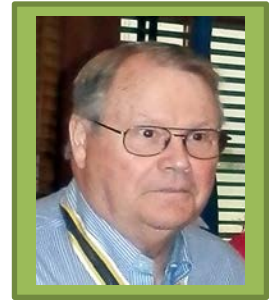


Tom Whitelock Brian Garrison Warren Johnson George Ramphrey

Not pictured: Ken Lamb – Treasurer and Charles Baker – Sgt.-at-Arms

# REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The list of Committee Chairmen for 2016 (and their contact numbers) will appear on the new website being constructed by dual member **Montie Monzingo**.>



TXSSAR Registrar and FCP David Temple, reminded attendees that due to the drop in our Compatriot numbers, we really need to start recruiting new members for the Chapter. Ralph McDowell noted that letters have been sent out to those members who still hadn't paid their 2016 dues, with emphasis on retention.

FCP McDowell reported that he had received a quarterly rebate check from Kroger grocery organization in the amount of \$37.71 for purchases by our Compatriots and turned it over to the Treasurer.

Color Guard Commander Kittrell promoted Jerry Pinkerton to the rank of Corporal.

Treasurer Nick Harper handed out financial summary sheets listing a checking account balance of \$6,608.42 as of 31 Dec. 2015. Yearend amounts for Richie Fund & Minuteman Fund were \$29,427.53 and \$10,327.53 respectively. Nick conducted door prize drawings for which the following attendees walked away with new found treasures in reading material: George Monroe, Bill Watts, Ralph McDowell, Brian Garrison, James Fairbairn & Paul Cooper.

Chaplain Pounders gave the Benediction followed by the SAR Closing. Adjournment 9:25am

Respectfully submitted by,  
TOM M. WHITELOCK, SECRETARY

## ADDITIONAL NOTATIONS & INFORMATION

\* We are saddened to report the passing of (Plano/Tyler) Compatriot and fellow color guardsman Larry Ashburn as well as Anna McDaniels (Bob Kittrell's sister).



### JIM TEMPLIN

Good friend  
and fellow  
Compatriot  
James Templin  
has been transferred  
to hospice care. Keep  
him in your prayers

New Website  
**txssar.org/dallas**

**NOTICE**  
**Next Meeting**  
**February 13**