



**President Ramphrey**

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



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

President George Ramphrey called the monthly meeting to order at 8:29 am in the Dallas Presbyterian Village North dining room. He asked Chaplain Frank Pounders to report the passing of Compatriot Neal Watts\* and offer up invocation blessings for other members who are ill. Pledges to the United States Flag and Texas Flag were led by Warren Johnson & Bill Watts respectively. David Temple 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*.

FCP and head greeter Ralph McDowell thanked his assistant for the morning FCP Frank Pounders, after which the guests in attendance were introduced.



Compatriot McDowell also requested members, that shop at Kroger, to renew their *Community Rewards Program* card number after August 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com).



Joke Meister-Master <**Charles Baker** brought a smile to everyone's face by relating the hard fast rules on how to pick the right son-in-law for your daughter. Just make sure his most recent "Power Ball" lottery ticket has all the right numbers.

## **Americanism**

An informative and entertaining presentation on our "FIRST MEDAL", a badge of merit was given by Compatriot Glenn Toal. He noted that General George Washington wanted





to reward troops for “unusual gallantry” and “extraordinary fidelity and essential service.” The award was a purple cloth heart edged in silver braid, and was to be worn over the left breast of the uniform. Only three awards are known to have been issued, of which two are known to exist today.

This original Badge of Military Merit is now called the *PURPLE HEART* and is a United States military decoration awarded in the name of the President to those wounded or killed while serving, on or after April 5, 1917, with the U.S. military.

## GUEST SPEAKER

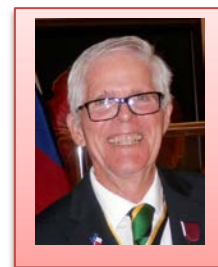
Dallas Chapter Compatriot **Joshua C. Tate**, > an Associate Professor at the SMU Dedman School of Law presented a very informative history on “The Grand Jury Right” and “Magna Carta and the Fifth Amendment.” The 1789 U.S. Constitution, Amendment V states that no person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or navel forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger.....



Prof. Tate concluded his detailed narrative by noting the grand jury was created 850 years ago to gather information about suspected criminals in the absence of professional police. Whatever may be said about today’s grand jury, it certainly does not serve its original purpose, however, it would be wise to consider the history of the institution in making arguments about its recent controversies and possible elimination or reform.

## REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1st Vice President Johnson announced that FCP **Bob> Kittrell** will be the Americanism Speaker next month with a topic *Remembering Your Colors*.



The guest speaker scheduled for August, is UNT Prof. **RICHARD McCASLIN,>** who will speak on Robert E. Lee and the American Revolution.



2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Brian Garrison was not available for his report on Youth Citizenship Awards and upcoming Community Service Awards.

Secretary & Dist. 6 VP Tom Whitelock presented a motion to approve previous month's minutes (as distributed & posted) by voice vote. Members so approved. He also reminded Officers and committee chairmen of the up coming August 6<sup>th</sup> CONFAB & Training session.

Registrar Jerry Pinkerton presented our newest compatriot **Don Shaver** with his NSSAR Membership Certificate



Nick Harper, Acting 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 7/1 = \$8,061.35

Compatriot McDowell reported that the latest membership totals 267 with 11 members still not having paid their 2017 dues.



Tom Smith noted that the Park Cities Rotary thanked us for participating in this year's 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



Color Guard Commander Robert Kittrell mentioned that during June, in addition to the Flag Retirement Ceremony in Frisco, CG members participated in two July Fourth parades and a special ceremony in Gainesville,



Coming events  
**September:**

Constitutional Week and start of TX State Fair

**October:** Fall BOM – in Austin October 14-16

**November:** Veterans Day Parade – Dallas 11/11

Drawing for door prizes was conducted by FCP Nick Harper

Chaplain Pounders gave the Benediction  
followed by the SAR Closing  
Adjournment 9:35am

Respectfully submitted by,  
TOM M. WHITELOCK, Secretary



ADDITIONAL NOTATIONS & INFORMATION

**NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 10**

*Here Ye, Here Ye* – a shout out to the following members:  
Charles Alspach, Edgar P. Nace, Claude Wilson R., Conner D. Roberts,  
Vaughn L. Garrett, David C. Briggs, Willis M. Lyford, Sidney R. Gunter,  
Keil Strickland, Tom M. Dees, William Ellison, Daniel Crow, Olin C.  
Lancaster Jr, David E. Stepp, Ralph L. Smith Jr., James A. Henderson,  
Robert L. Keever, Jay D. Bowden, Michael C. Seay, James W. Mills Jr.  
*We've missed seeing and getting to visit with you at one of our monthly meetings.  
Hope all is well and that you'll consider joining us sometime soon for our second  
Saturday (each month) breakfast.*