

JANUARY 13, 2018

Minutes of Dallas Chapter #2

Sons of the American Revolution



Bill Watts

Mike Petridis

Former President Michael Petridis called the monthly meeting to order at 8:31 am in the Dallas Presbyterian Village North dining room. He asked **FCP Tracy Ponders** to report the sick call (**FCP Robert Northcraft, Registrar Jerry Brown, FCP Charles Baker & Chaplain Frank Ponders**) and offer up Invocation blessings. Pledges to the United States Flag and Texas Flags were led by Compatriots. **FCP Tom Whitelock** led the members in the *Affirmation to SAR* - followed by **Tracy Ponders** 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, **Chamlers Omberg**, after which the guests in attendance were introduced.



Compatriot **McDowell** also reported that the yearend roster listed 260 active Chapter compatriots and that 54 additional members had yet to pay their 2018 dues. Reminder notices will be sent out soon. Compatriot Whitelock asked the attendees to please fill out the small white sheets that he handed out by printing their current **Email** address on them.

Compatriot Petridis next read a letter from President George W. Bush expressing his and Mrs Bush's appreciation in having been invited to our *Fall Gala* benefiting the Wounded Warrior Project. He detailed their regrets in not being able to attend due to a prior commitment. With reference to the finances of the event, Mike requested that the balance of \$ 511.26 be disbursed and called for a motion to do such. **TXSSAR Chancellor Ponders** accepted an amendment from the Finance Chairman to pay the amount to Lawrence "Mike" Connelley (President of the *Maj.K.M. Van Zandt Chapter*). He had contributed over \$1500 toward helping fund the event. Compatriot **Van Fossen** seconded the motion and approval by voice vote is recorded. Final statements of income and expenses are attached in the official minutes book.

Special Service & Appreciation Awards were presented by Mike to **Ralph McDowell** V For outstanding member retention work, he received the **Roger Sherman Medal**



The **Distinguished Service Medal**

was presented to < **Tracy Ponders** for his administering to the ROTC program during the 2nd VP's illness last year.



Not all 2017 Officers were in attendance for this meeting; however, *1st Vice President Robert Kittrell, Treasurer Nick Harper and 2nd Vice President Robert Tanner, Jr.* were; to receive special thank you gifts from Mike.



Missing out on all the fun were:
Registrar Jerry Brown & Chaplain Frank Pounders

Robert Kittrell also was awarded the *Bronze Color Guard Medal* for the many events he participated in for the Chapter as well as with other DFW metro Chapters always in uniform.

2017 yearend- *255 Active Members, Checking Acct. \$7,908.01, Ritchie Fund \$29,457.22, and Minuteman Fund \$10,232.64*

...looking forward to 2018

District Six-Vice President Gary Lovell then installed the new Officers that were present.



*L to R
Gary Lovell
Joseph Slonaker
Tom Whitelock
Nick Harper*

*...in addition
Jerry Brown and Frank Pounders
Registrar Chaplain*

Dist.6 VP- Historian - Secretary - Treasurer

*L to R
Robert
Tanner, Jr.
Tom
Van Fossen
Bill Watts*



2nd Vice Pres. - 1st Vice Pres. – President

Newly installed President Watts then presented FCP Petridis > with a Past President's Pin and a service appreciation gift of a limited (738/1000) signed carved stone bald eagle, on behalf of the Chapter (provided by TXSSAR).



Bill also made mention that he would like the Chapter members to consider participating in the national program honoring deceased veterans, called "*Wreaths Across America*". <FCP Kittrell received an Appreciation Certificate for his 2017 involvement.

**Reminder that the Chapter website is
www.txssar.org/dallas**

.... and now for the long awaited “Sisson Golden Sledgehammer Award”

2016 winner **Jerry Pinkerton**, first read a brief history of “cause & effect” for the award, followed by the reasons 2017s winner **MIKE PETRIDIS** was >>



FCP Dr. Gary Sisson joined them to attach Mike’s recognition lapel pin & make sure he could lift hammer.



All enjoyed a quick laugh at his *TMW* < RAZE PLAQUE >

President **Watts** introduced his wife Laura and thanked the membership for electing him to the office. He outlined the dates for upcoming events.

- February: 10th Dallas SAR meeting 8:30 am (*Guest Speaker Marye Scantlin/Bataan Death March*)
- 17th Laredo George Washington Parade
- March: 9th Dallas SAR Meeting (*Community Service Awards – Police/Firemen/EMS*)
- April 5-8th TXSSAR State Conference-Richardson
- 7th Gainesville MOH Parade 9:00 am

Ralph McDowell called John Morton > a special gift – *Rose Bowl Parade Cap*



up to the podium to present him since he’s such a Oklahoma fan.

Committee Reports

Poster Contest- While he was still standing, John mentioned that members will be asked to vote on the various fifth grade student entries. He usually has between 40-50 school posters for us to judge just after the meeting. **Veterans Affairs-** Compatriot **Morton** also asked fellow attendees to remember to bring magazines, personal items (underwear, tooth paste & brushes, razors, warm clothing etc.) **American History Teachers-** No entry results yet. **Brochure – Oration – Knight Essay Contests-** Not yet. **Eagle Scout Essay-** FCP **Hank Voegtle** had good news to report that we have candidate entry. Also, back in November he presented four Eagle Scout Certificates. **Color Guard Activities-** Commander **Kittrell** outlined the upcoming events (as listed above). **CAR Liaison-** FCP **Nick Harper** said that we should have an essay entry shortly. **Secretary-** December minutes approved by voice vote.

President Watts noted that current Webmaster Montie Monzingo has requested to be replaced ASAP, and asked for a volunteer to take over. Robert Tanner, Jr. stated that he would be available in April (after a current business project was completed at his work). Bill also added that it should be recorded that **FCP Whitelock** nominated & the Chapter voted approval for Compatriot **John Greer >>** to be our candidate for *COLOR GUARDSMAN of 2018*



He also reminded the membership that there was a special “*Raffle*” to be held at the SAR Texas Society State Conference in April. He showed everyone the 1777 French Charlesville (replica) Musket, Bunker Hill Sword and a hand-forged Trapper’s “Tomahawk “ Axe. He offered up tickets at \$5.00 each or five for \$20.00.

FCP Tom Smith asked the President to please assure that he or the color guard commander recover and secure our Chapter’s two donated muskets for future use in parades or events.



<Marshall Scantlin

New transfer compatriot (from Austin), said that the membership should definitely plan to attend next month’s meeting to hear the fantastic true story from an outstanding guest speaker – his wife **Marye Scantlin.**

Drawing for door prizes was conducted by President **Watts** and **Tracy Pounders** gave the Benediction followed by the SAR Closing. Adjournment 9:20 am

Respectfully submitted by,
TOM M. WHITELOCK, Secretary

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