

**July 11, 2020**

**Dallas SAR Chapter Meeting Minutes**

**President Van Fossen** called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. He welcomed 23 people to the Zoom broadcast.

**FCP Whitelock** gave the Invocation, followed by **Registrar Jerry Pinkerton** leading the Pledge of Allegiance, **Historian Brent Harshman** led the Pledge to the Texas Flag and Van Fossen led the SAR Pledge.

Van Fossen stated that last month's very first Zoom meeting had been well received, with many compliments for finding a way to stay connected during this time of quarantine.

**Vice President Mark Harrison**, who is the Technical host for the meeting, then introduced the morning's speaker, **Mark Nelson**.

Nelson joined the Plano Chapter of TXSSAR in 2019, after retiring from a 36-year career in the Oil and Gas industry. He moved back to North Texas from overseas three years ago, where he spent half of that career on international assignments. In his retirement, Mark has had more time to pursue the study of his family tree, family history and discover links to patriots of the Revolutionary War.

Raised in Dallas, he is a proud alumni of Texas A&M University. His presentation was "The Role of the Scots in the American Revolution".

He explained there were two sets of Scotts involved in the Revolution, the Highland Scots and the Lowland Scots.

The Highland Scots....were defeated by the British during the Jacobite Rebellion at the Battle of Culloden in 1746. This forced many of them to immigrate to America.

The Lowland Scots.....being mostly Presbyterians or dissenters of the Church of England, left for religious freedom.

Both groups settled along the eastern edges of the Allegheny and Appalachian Mountain chains. They both had strong feelings toward the British Crown and eventually made up 25+% of the Colonial Army. By 1775, there were more than 200,000 Scottish immigrants in the 13 colonies. Their contributions to the cause of Freedom helped the Continental Army win victories against a much larger force of British soldiers at the Battles of Kings Mountain, Cowpens and eventually Yorktown.

**Van Fossen gave a brief update on Chapter activities since our last meeting.**

1. **The State SAR Meeting** planned for July 30 to August 2, will be discussed at a special BOM Zoom meeting this coming Monday evening, July 13<sup>th</sup>. Details will follow that meeting.
2. **The South Central District Meeting**, scheduled for August 28 +29, hosted by the Dallas Chapter here in Richardson will also be discussed. State President Drake Peddie was on the broadcast and stated that currently, the Hyatt Hotel in Richardson is beginning to book reservations for rooms, after re-opening after being closed since March 15<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow on that as well.

3. **Future Meeting Sites**....The Chapter BOM has visited 2 possible locations for future face-to-face meetings, when we are able to do so. No decision has been made as yet. To that end, VP Harrison and President Van Fossen met with the Presbyterian Village North Staff Manager to retrieve all of the Chapters meeting materials, flags, banners and various items stored there. This is in preparation for meeting somewhere other than PVN. We were encouraged to know that, when the PVN Board of Directors again allows outside groups to meet there, we would be welcomed back.

### **Officer Reports :**

**Secretary** – the minutes from the June Meeting have been distributed and will be posted on the Chapter Website next week.

**Treasurer** – the Chapter Treasurer’s report thru June 30<sup>th</sup> is on file with the President.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – the JROTC project is on hold until the area schools open in the fall.

**Registrar** – Compatriot Pinkerton has 9 approved applications ready for induction when we next meet. These may be done at an off-site or home venue if they can be scheduled. Additionally , there are 14+ applicants/interested applicants in various degrees of the approval process. Jerry has been very busy working for the Chapter during the Pandemic.

**Historian** – Brent Harshman continues to gather and catalog items for this year’s Chapter scrapbook.

**Color Guard** – On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, four members of the Chapter Color Guard, preformed a mini parade for the residents of the Lentana Apartment Complex at Northwest Highway and 75. The residents were given a brief history of each flag carried by the Color Guard members (Whitelock, Harshman, Pinkerton and Van Fossen) did the Pledge of Allegiance and all sang “ **God Bless America** “.

There was no Old Business or New Business to be discussed, so Compatriot Whitelock selected a winner of the monthly door prize ....Jim Battles...!!!!

Van Fossen then offered the Benediction and led the SAR Recessional and adjourned the meeting at 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Van Fossen, temp. Secretary