

Dallas Chapter ZOOM Meeting Minutes

Saturday November 7th, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by **President Van Fossen**. **VP Mark Harrison** discussed the Zoom Meeting Guidelines for the attendees.

FCP Tom Whitelock gave a tribute to **FCP Tom Smith** who had passed away on Friday October 30th from a short illness. Whitelock told of Tom's 60+ years as a Member of SAR. He had served our Chapter as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Trustee, member of the Color Guard and most recently as a Member of the current Presidents Advisory Board. Whitelock also informed the Chapter that **Compatriot Sidney Gunter** has also passed away back in August. We had just been informed last week of his passing. Our prayers for both families.

Chaplin Frank Ponders gave the Invocation and **Compatriot Brent Harshman** lead the Pledges to the American Flag, the Texas Flag and The SAR. President Van Fossen welcomed our meeting guests : **State President Drake Peddie, Plano Chapter President Nick Gilliam and Denton FCP Jim Johnson**.

State President Peddie thanked the Chapter for agreeing to move our regular scheduled meeting time up one week (from

the scheduled 14th to today, the 7th) so we did not conflict with the State BOM Meeting to be held next Friday and Saturday. The Friday evening session will consist of speeches from next years National Office seekers. Each candidate will get 3-5 minutes to outline their credentials and desire to be elected to their chosen National Office. Peddie reminded the membership that the 2021 dues statements are now in the mail. Dues must be paid by 12-31-2020 for the coming year. If they are not received at National by 1-31-2021, your SAR membership will be dropped. By paying by this year-end, it gives the State Treasurer the month of January to gather and transmit our entire State dues to National for crediting. Peddie also stated that the 2021 Texas State Meeting is scheduled to be held on April 14th-18th at the Richardson Hyatt Hotel @ 75 and Campbell. More information to come after the New Year.

VP Harrison next introduced **Compatriot Dr. Jim Battles**. Jim is a published Genealogist , with membership in many lineage societies e. g. SAR, Mayflower Descendants, etc.. Dr. Battles is a graduate of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, he has his Master's Degree and Ph. D. from The Ohio State University. Jim discussed various ways and some vendors to use when you wished to publish your own family history. Jim has written many of his own family histories and published them as well. With interest that was gained from Jim's presentation, his contact information for our Chapter members who wish to

discuss your own family history and how to get it published is listed here :

JAMES B. BATTLES email jamesbattles66@gmail.com

OFFICERS REPORTS

1st Vice President – Mark Harrison reported that at our December Meeting we will hear a talk from a newly rejoined member, Allen Clark discussing his new book **”SOLDIER’S BLOOD AND BLOODIED MONEY: WAR AND THE RULING ELITES”** We will also be voting on our 2021 Chapter Budget and our 2021 Chapter Officers.

2nd Vice President – Jack Carpenter gave us an update on the ROTC activities for this year, prior to their being interrupted by school closings due to the pandemic. Jack was able to contact and mail 4 medals and certificates out of the 25 schools he had been working with.

Registrar – Jerry Pinkerton, with the help of **Mark Morgan**, has been busy with both new member and supplemental applications. Currently we have 4 applications with our Inland Registrar for review and submission to National as well as 13 supplemental applications. Since October 15, Jerry and members of the Chapter Color Guard have inducted 10 new members either in person or by ZOOM, with more to come.

Historian – Brent Harshman has created a monthly outline of our Chapter activities to use in the construction of this years Chapter scrapbook. This outline is also under consideration for

distribution to the membership, once it is completed. It would be especially helpful for new members in conjunction with the new membership training-information program that has been developed by **Advisory Board Member Marshall Scantlin**. This program has been in development for some time and is now being merged and reviewed with the training program from National for new members. If you have information, photos or details of your own activities that can be included in our Chapter scrapbook, please contact email Brent at:

BRENT HARSHMAN email brentharshman@protonmail.com

Treasurer – Nick Harper has prepared the 2021 proposed Budget. This will be distributed to the membership prior to our December meeting and will be voted on at that time.

Color Guard – Bill Watts has been very busy scheduling our Chapter upcoming activities. He made a report on the Wreaths Across America coming in December, Massing of the Colors and new member inductions and graveside services. Anyone wanting to be more active in our Color Guard or need information about Color Guard attire/muskets/presentations, contact Bill at

BILL WATTS email bill_watts@att.net

OLD BUSINESS

FCP Whitelock reviewed the 2021 Chapter Officers ballot. This will be distributed to the membership prior to our December 12th meeting. Whitelock explained that prior to our vote at the

December meeting, nominations from the floor will be invited. Then the membership will vote by hand count at the ZOOM meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

DOOR PRIZE

The winner this month was **John Drake**, a new member since August of this year....**CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN....!** Your bottle of **The Federalist** wine is reserved for you.

Chaplin Frank Ponders provided the meeting Benediction and Chapter Van Fossen led the SAR Recessional.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17am.

See you all on DECEMBER 12th,2020 @ 9:00am.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Van Fossen, acting Secretary