



The MINUTEMAN



Dallas Chapter

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Texas Society - Sons of the American Revolution

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Ventana by Buckner South Tower, Grand Hall
8301 N US 75-Central Expressway - Dallas, TX 75225

Search others for their Virtues, thyself for thy Vices.

Breakfast – 8:00am

Meeting – 9:00am

PRESIDENT

Mark H. Harrison

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PRESIDENT/PROGRAMS

Thomas F. Van Fossen

2nd VICE-

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ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN

Larry Luby

HISTORIAN

Brent Harshman

TRUSTEES

Jerry Pinkerton

David Temple

COLOR GUARD COMMANDER

Bill Watts



AGENDA

Call to Order – President Harrison

Rules of Engagement –

This meeting is being filmed and recorded. By joining this in-person or virtual meeting of the Dallas Chapter of the TXSSAR, you acknowledge and agree that these proceedings may be made public.

Invocation – Frank Pounders



Posting of the Colors –
JD Martin, Color Guard Adjutant

Pledges –
American Flag – Tracy Pounders
Texas Flag – Mitch Singleton
SAR – Jon Tompkins

Welcome – President Harrison – Welcome to all.

Visitors

Bob Clark - former State President, Jack Hawkins – former State Secretary and VP International, Tracy Pounders - State President Elect, Frank Pounders - former State Chaplin, Jerry Pinkerton – Inland Registrar, John Greer – State Veterans Committee, Tom Van Fossen – Dist. 6 VP, and Jim Akers – Denton Chapter.



Introduction of our morning Speaker – Tom Van Fossen

Bill Covington, Arlington Chapter and TXSSAR 1st Vice-President & Historian

His topic today is 18th Century Origins of the Russia – Ukraine Conflict



Winston Churchill said, “I cannot forecast to you the action of Russia. It is a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma; but perhaps there is a key. That key is Russian national interest.”

Russia is so vast and looked at China for examples of how to govern and create their culture. In the 18th century Peter the Great and Catherin the Great began looking at the west and began creating the current Russia.

Peter realized that to be great you needed two things; have a strong military and keep power from the nobility. Thus he began building the military and began a series of laws to keep power out of the hands of the nobility.

He also realized that Russia needed an ice free port. He began a series of wars to gain a port.

Catherin began looking south towards the Black Sea. She also believed that the Russia needed a Navy. She also codified the law so punishment was directed towards all people without regards to nobility rank. She also set up a table of rank in the military taking away the ability of the nobility to become officers without any qualifications.

She began to look towards the Ukraine and hired John Paul Jones to fight for her.

All Russian leaders have looked to their past. They always try to be a better leader than the leaders of the past. That means a new leader will look to the past and try to make Russia great.



We had 4 inductions at this time

- ★ Roger Cunningham |
Paul Cunningham
- ★ Thomas Manning /
Aaron Bledsoe
- ★ Gary McFarland /
William Colvin
- ★ Harold Stanley /
Matthew Bowman



Memorial Approved



★ Ed Pinkerton, Jr. | *Elisha Garland*

Member Anniversaries

Kenneth Follansbee – 10 years
Carl Anderson – 35 years

Member passed away

Lawrence Bradley Camp
1973 – 2023
Member since 01 November 2007

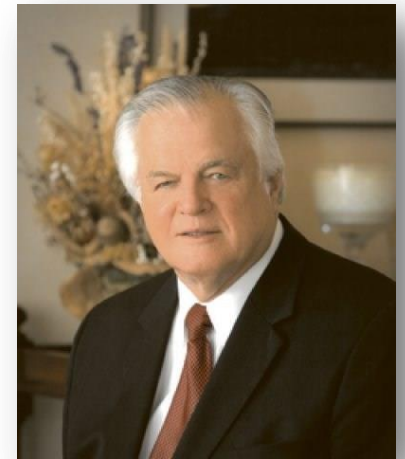
Americanism

Video of “Old Rugged Flag” & John Wayne’s America



John Greer – The Furlong Award
for presenting Flag Certificates

United States Navy Rear Admiral during World War II, who served as the Chief of Naval Ordnance from 1937 to 1941. After Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor, Furlong was tasked with the salvaging and repairing of the sunken U.S. ships.



250th Anniversary Medal

Les Anderson has earned the Gold 250th Anniversary Medal

Committee Updates

Marshall Scantlin isn't here today but he has asked that we continue to bring items for our Veterans. A list is attached to this newsletter. We have a collection table at the back of the room for any donations that you bring.

What flavor is Grand Marnier? Find the answer after Color Guard Report.



Larry Luby reported that our Oration Winner will be going to the National Conference.

Just as a reminder, we have a variety of committees and you have the opportunity to serve your chapter. So please consider serving on the committee of your choice.

Public Relations & Publicity
Community Service Awards
Member Retention
CAR Liaison
DAR Liaison
Annual Audit
American History Teacher
Web and Social Media
Color Guard Members

Brochure Contest (MS)
CAR Essay Contest
Eagle Scout Essay Contest
Knight Essay Contest (HS)
Oration Contest (HS)
Poster Contest (Elem)
Speaker's Bureau
Greeter

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary – Watts

Motion for approval – Jerry Pinkerton, Motion 2nd – Chalmers Omberg, Minutes Approved

Our rating for 2021 at the National Society is number 8, right behind San Antonio. I challenge all of you to keep a record of anything you do for our chapter and give it to our President Mark Harrison. We need to be Number 1 in Texas.

Treasurer – Harper

Financials

as of 31 May 2023

	Annual Budget	Actual TYD
Revenue	\$8,960	\$8,248
Expenses	\$8,704	\$6,367
Net Gain/Loss	\$256	\$1,871

Balance Sheet – Assets

Prosperity Bank Account

Opening Balance 31 Dec 2022	\$9,294
Net Gain/Loss	\$1,871
Closing Balance (31 May 2023)	\$11,165

North Dallas Bank & Trust Account

Richie Fund	\$30,017
Minuteman Fund	\$9,400

Remember; “Nothing ever gets built on schedule or within budget!”

Registrar – Morgan

In Progress at Chapter — 22
At National for Review — 8
(4 Regular, 4 Supplemental, 0 Memorial)
Approved — 14
Closed — 29
We have a total of 73 Applications

New Members Approved — 8
Memorial Applications Approved — 3
Supplemental Applications Approved — 3
Total 14

New Member Inductions YTD — 5
New Members Inducted Today — 4
New Members to be Inducted — 3
Total 12

Total Active Members 247



Historian – Harshman

Send pictures of events for future yearbooks to:

Brent Harshman

brentharshman@protonmail.com

When submitting photos, please identify the event, the date, and the location

Color Guard – Commander Watts

Flag Presentation at Lake Point Elementary
May 18th





May 18th Joe Bob Chamberlain a Vietnam Veteran

Services at Restland Funeral Home in Dallas

May 27th

Memorial Day in McClendon-Chisholm



Avenue of Flags in Lake Charles, LA

Grave Marking Ceremony in Lake Charles, LA





Jerry Pinkerton and John Greer talked about a Memorial Day Presentation at Ventana. Jerry Pinkerton and John Greer pinned over 20 Vietnam Veterans.



May 31st

New Member Induction For Charles Solomon



June 3 Grave Marker Cleaning at Big Springs Cemetery 6538 N Jupiter RD. Garland

Gary McFarland, Tom Manning, Tom Van Fossen and Bill Watts received certificates for their participation in the Historic Preservation at Big Springs Cemetery



The answer to; “What flavor is Grand Marnier?” Orange!

Future Events

June 10th Audie Murphy Parade

June 14th Flag Day at the Elks Club, 3504 Westley Street, Greenville, TX. Anyone who wants to travel with me, meet at the Home Depot in Rockwall just off I30. I am going to leave at 4:30 pm so be at Home Depot by at least 4:25 pm. Muster time at Elks Club is 5:15pm. The **“Pause for the Pledge,” the moment at 6 p.m. local time when everyone across the United States is asked to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

June 17th Flag Retirement Ceremony 4125 W. Parker Rd. Plano muster at 10:30am

July 4th Parade Neema Gospel Church 7815 Arapaho Road Dallas, TX muster 9 am There will be a trailer but wear comfortable shoes.

16 July 2023

David Murrel Lewis

Date of Birth: 5 August 1922

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army Air Force, 345th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 98th Bombardment Group (Heavy), 9th Air Force

Killed In Action: 1 August 1943, Operation TIDAL WAVE near Ploiesti, Romania. Remains Identified: 11 May 2022

Remains to Lie in State: 9:30 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.

Memorial Service: 10:30 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

Featured Program of Old Saltillo Cemetery Memorial Day 2023

Old Saltillo United Methodist Church 664 County Road 3357 Saltillo, TX 75478

Interment to Follow the Memorial Service in the Old Saltillo Cemetery

JROTC update – JD Martin

We had a great turn out from the school but we needed more members attending the awards presentation. We have completed our JROTC program for the year.

NEW BUSINESS –

Tom Van Fossen reported that Bill Covington will be back on July 8th to make a presentation on a “Black Ops Operation during the Revolutionary War.”

On December 7th – write this down on your calendars, we are going to have our chapter meeting on the evening of December 7th at Ventana instead of our Saturday morning meeting. Details will be following! We will have dinner with our wives on Thursday, December 7th and the meal will be served by the staff here at Ventana in this room.

Jack Haughton has a special message for our chapter. I moved to Waxahachie and there isn't a chapter in the area. Therefore, we are going to start a chapter. If any of you are interested in joining, please let me know.

Merchandise Table – Tom Whitelock

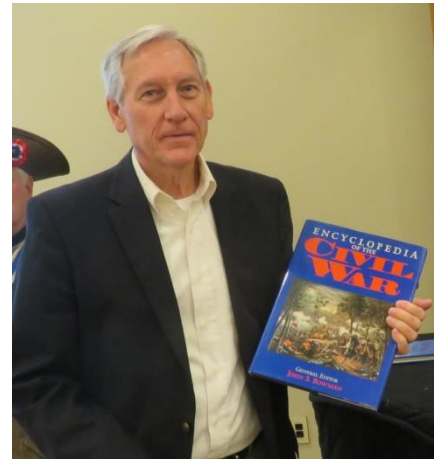
We have Metal and Wood Challenge Coins, 125th Anniversary Medal Set, and a Patriot House Banner to aid our Chapter in the efforts raise money for our youth programs.

DOOR PRIZE –



D’Auna van Heyst

Larry Moore



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

“That guy is really lubber for his age.” Sailors used the term and from it we therefore got the expression “land lubber,” an awkward man.

This morning, I was a real ‘lollopop.’ Check right here next month! I hope you are enjoying this little word play.

BENEDICTION – Frank Ponders



Tom Whitelock read “I am your Flag” to the chapter in honor of Flag Day, June 14th and our Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday, June 17th.

SAR RECESSIONAL – All

NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY July 8th @ 9:00AM

Join us at our next Chapter meeting:

08:00 am - Breakfast buffet for \$10 including raffle ticket for door prize

09:00 am - Meeting program

Committee Opportunities Available at the Dallas Chapter

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Public Relations & Publicity ▶ Community Service Awards ▶ Member Retention ▶ CAR Liaison ▶ DAR Liaison ▶ Annual Audit ▶ American History Teacher | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Brochure Contest (MS) ▶ CAR Essay Contest ▶ Eagle Scout Essay Contest ▶ Knight Essay Contest (HS) ▶ Oration Contest (HS) ▶ Poster Contest (Elem) ▶ Speaker's Bureau |
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**For more information concerning volunteer opportunities please contact;
Mark Harrison
Tom Van Fossen**

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Members	Guests
Scot MacBee	Scott Higgins
Michael Wisner	
10 JP Wilson	Donna Martin 10
John Russell	Judith Leach
10 Tracy Pouchard	
10 Frank H. Ponder	
Roger Cunningham	
Fred Long	
10 Wayne Stewart	
10 GARY M'FARLAND	TRICIA M'FARLAND 10
10 Jim Battles	
10 Leslie Anderson	
10 MARK HANSEN	
10 William Richardson	

MEM 14
GUEST 4

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Members	Guests
10 Nick Harper	
20 Mark Harrison	
0 Jerry Pinkerton (Vet)	
10 Mark Winger	
20 Tom Van Fossen	
Tom Whitebeck	
10 Dave Faulstich	
10 John W. Sauer	10 Larry Moore
20 Bill Watts	Diana van Heyst 10
10 Charles Quinn	10 Steve O'Brien
10 Tom Manning	5 Cindy Manning
10 Jim Akers	
10 Jan Tompkins Vertema	
10 Karin Ellis	
0 Miki Singleton	
	10 Timothy D. Chapman

MEM 12
GUEST 9
VET 2

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Members	Guests
10 Robert Curry	10 Jeanette Puska
0 Brett Harshorn	Bill Hatchie 5
10 JOHN MORTON	
0 Bill Eastwood vet	
10 Bob Clark	
10 Harold Wofford	
10 Mike Pittman	
10 Todd Fanning	
10 John Bligher	
0 John J. Roark	Ventura
5 Robert Mendon	
0 Paul Redman	

MEM 7
GUEST 1

Respectfully submitted,
William B. Watts, Secretary

William B. Watts

Wants and Needs Listing

Comfort Items (Travel Size and Regular)

- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush (*Single pack*)
- Denture Cream
- Denture Cleaner
- Shower Gel/Wash (no bars)
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Lotion
- Powder
- Medicated Powder
- Shaving Cream
- Razors
- Manicure sets
- Hairbrushes
- Combs
- Hair Clips/Pony tail Holders
- Feminine Products
- Shower Shoes
- Lip Balm
- Hair Gel/Mousse

**** If making a donation for comfort items, please remember all comfort items donated need to be new items.***

Other items needed for patients

- Phone Cards
- Envelopes #10
- Small writing tablets and Pen/Pencils
- Gas/Gift Cards for patients
- Reading Glasses (*Variety of Strengths*)
- Canteen Books
- Puzzle Books
- DART/TRE Passes
- Mailing Stamps
- Lap Robes
- Wheelchair bags
- Stoma Covers
- Bags/Luggage (new)
- Books

- Magazines (*no magazines over a year old will be accepted*)

Clothing (Gently worn items or new)

- Jackets
- Winter Coats
- Pants/Slacks
- Jeans
- Shirts
- T-Shirts
- Sweat Suits
- Skirts/Dresses
- House Shoes (new)
- Gloves (new)
- Winter Caps (new)
- Blouses

Undergarments for men and women (New Only)

- Underwear / Boxers (*variety of sizes needed*)
- Panties (*variety of sizes needed*)
- Sports Bras (*variety of sizes needed*)
- Men's undershirts (*variety of sizes needed*)
- Mens Socks
- Womens Socks

Equipment Needs

- TV's
- DVD Players
- DVD's
- Wii/ Wii Games
- Refrigerators (*Small and Full Size*)
- Coffee Pots (*12 cup and larger*)
- Laptops
- Microwaves
- Fax Machines

Fund for Coffee Cart and Supplies

- Coffee
- Coffee Filters
- Sugar
- Artificial Sweetener (Equal/Splenda/Sweet and Low)

DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION MEETING LOCATION (A) PARKING AREA (B)

