



# 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

Breakfast – 8:00am

Meeting – 9:00am

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#### COLOR GUARD COMMANDER

*Bill Watts*



The Four T's  
Whitlock  
Van Fossen  
Milson  
Manning



## AGENDA

**Call to Order –**

President Harshman



**Rules of Engagement –**

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**Invocation – Tracy Pounders**

Good morning Gentlemen and Ladies. It's my great pleasure to be here one more time. In the name of the Christ, and let you know that you are still loved. Whoever you are, whatever you do, whenever you get there, you are always loved. And in that love you may serve. Serve yourself, serve your friends, serve those you don't like, in such a way that you'll make the world a better place in which to live. And we give thanks to Christ for all that we have. In the name of the Christ, – Amen.

### **Pledges**

American Flag – Tom Manning

Texas Flag – Tom Van Fossen

SAR – Mark Harrison

### **Mission Statement –**

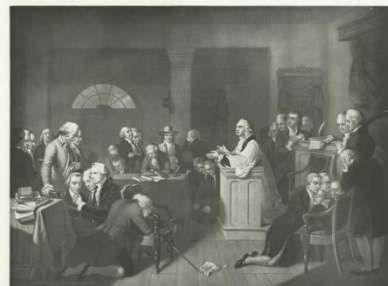
The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

**Welcome –**

We would like to welcome our guests Tracy Pounders, our State President, and Bob Clark, former State President, State VP Americanism and Awards, Mark Harrison, State Coastal Registrar, Bill Watts, Council of State Presidents Chairman, Tom Van Fossen, State Chaplain, Michael Goode former President of East Fork Trinity, Joseph Slonaker, a member who hasn't been here for a while, D'Auna van Heyst, Reagan van Heyst, Bob and Connie Hauah, Reagan's grandparents.

### **250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - American Historic Moment**

*“The First Continental Congress”*



## Special Award



## Reagan van Heyst – National Youth Color Guard Medal



Tracy Pounders, President Texas SAR presented Reagan van Heyst the National Youth Color Guard Medal at the Dallas Chapter meeting on September 14, 2024. Reagan, a member of the David Pendleton C.A.R. and the East Fork Trinity Chapter SAR attends Poteet High School. This is his 2<sup>nd</sup> National Medal having been awarded the Bronze 250 Medal last year. He is a past President of the David Pendleton C.A.R. and enjoys being a member of the Texas SAR Color Guard. He is now working on his Bronze Color Guard Medal.

## Introduction of our morning Speaker – Tom Van Fossen

Bill Watts is our speaker this morning but before he begins I'd like to tell you something about him. We talk about a lot of things and one of those is service. And this man stands for service. Let's go quickly here; besides all the stuff he did in his professional career. Construction and elementary teaching for many years, he also got involved with the SAR. He is a George Washington Fellow, he has been to 6 National Congresses, 5 District meetings, 5 State Conferences, 5 BOM's and is associate members of other chapters. Currently he is the State Coastal Registrar. The Dallas Chapter has both state registrars Jerry Pinkerton, Inland Registrar and Bill. He has worked on many other committees, Nationally, State and Chapter.



## *The 14<sup>th</sup> Colony*

In 1754 Ben Franklin in his "Join or Die" political cartoon referred to 9 American colonies; Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and New England.

The 13<sup>th</sup> colony was Georgia and when the Declaration of Independence was adopted the colonies became states.

There are a number of areas that people have claimed are the 14<sup>th</sup> Colony but you will need to hear the rest of the story to discover the answer to the question; “What is the 14<sup>th</sup> Colony?”

Tom Van Fossen gives Bill a Ben Franklin Commemorative Cup as Brent Harshman looks on.



## Member Anniversaries

- ★ Robert Ball | 20 years
- ★ Robert Curry | 10 years
- ★ David Fisher | 20 years

## In Memoriam



**Roald “Skip” T. Gustafson**  
**1940-2024**  
**SAR National # 165261**  
**TXSSAR # 9610**  
**Dallas Chapter & Athens Chapter**  
**Patriot: John Snavely + 17 Supplemental Patriots**  
**Member since 12 July 2005**

## Committee Member Opportunities to Serve

Public Relations & Publicity  
Member Recruitment & Retention  
DAR Liaison  
American History Teacher  
Color Guard Members  
CAR Essay Contest  
Knight Essay Contest (HS)  
Poster Contest (Elem)  
Speaker’s Bureau  
Greeter

Community Service Awards  
C.A.R. Liaison  
Annual Audit  
Web and Social Media  
Brochure Contest (MS)  
Eagle Scout Essay Contest  
Oration Contest (HS)  
Video Contest (MS & HS)  
JROTC Members

## OFFICERS REPORTS



**Secretary** – Watts

Approval of Meeting Minutes for 10 August 2024

Mark Harrison moved to approve the minutes and JD Martin seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a voice vote of yes. None opposed the motion.



**Registrar** – Morgan

**Treasurer** – Harper

Financial information is on the back desk.



In Progress at Chapter — 15  
At National for Review — 15  
(4 Regular, 11 Supplemental, 0 Memorial)  
Approved — 7  
Closed — 34  
We have a total of 71 Applications

New Members Approved — 4  
Memorial Applications Approved — 0  
Supplemental Applications Approved — 3  
Total 7

New Member Inductions YTD — 6  
New Members Inducted Today — 3  
New Members to be Inducted — 0  
Total 6

Total Active Chapter Members – 248

### Upcoming Registrar Activities

- ★ 2025 dues notices will be going out from State shortly and due by 12/31/2024
- ★ Dallas Chapter dues will be \$88 and include a State special assessment of \$3 per member to host the proposed 2029 National Congress in San Antonio
- ★ Dallas Chapter has been selected to participate in a pilot evaluation of a new billing system being tested by National — **Club Express**. Look for upcoming announcements and instructions on creating your account. You may pay using the new Club Express system online or use the existing invoice system mailed to you. But, choose only one.
- ★ With the recent National application fee increase and new \$3 State fee, a new member application processing fee will now be \$276
- ★ Perpetual members, Junior members and Emeritus members will not have to pay the assessment.

**Historian** – Tom Manning

Send pictures of events for future yearbooks to:

**Tom Manning** tommanning.sar@gmail.com

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



**Color Guard** – Commander Watts

Before I give my report I would like to add that we need money to support the National Congress in San Antonio in 2029, so I'm going to go ahead and contribute \$10.00. I suggest that any of you perpetual members who have an extra \$10.00 go ahead and contribute. That money goes to helping Texas put on the Congress. Without that money we can't put on the congress. That's just my little suggestion. Just for your information the Dallas Chapter was the first Chapter in Texas to host a National Congress in the South in 1940.

For the third volume of the Texas SAR history we have to come up with two pages of 20 years of Dallas Chapter history. I will be sending out those two pages in January or February of next year for you to proof. I am challenging all of you to help me get the document together by proofing the document. When you receive them please give me your suggestions to improve our entry.

**2024 Events for August - September to the End of the Year**

August 17, 2024 Saturday – Services for Montye Whitelock, St. Mathias Church

August 24, 2024 Saturday – Ellis County Chapter Meeting



Chapter President Jack Haughton introducing the program.

Tom Whitelock talking about the Bedford Flag



Tom Van Fossen talking about his flag



Members of the Color Guard



## Upcoming Events

September 17, 2024 Tuesday – Naturalization Ceremony UT Dallas-Richardson 800 W Campbell Rd Richardson Muster 9:30 am, Event at 10:30 am Davidson Gundy Alumni Center parking PS1 across from the building.

September 17, 2024 Tuesday – Preston Trails NSAR Constitution Week celebration 4:30 – 6:30 pm. 104 N. Main Street Pottsboro.

September 27, - October 20 - Participate in the Recruitment for Membership in the Sons of the American Revolution at the Jane Douglas House Daughters of the American Revolution at the State Fair of Texas. The sign-up is on line at;

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C49A5AA2AABF85-49859288-texas/56576721#/>

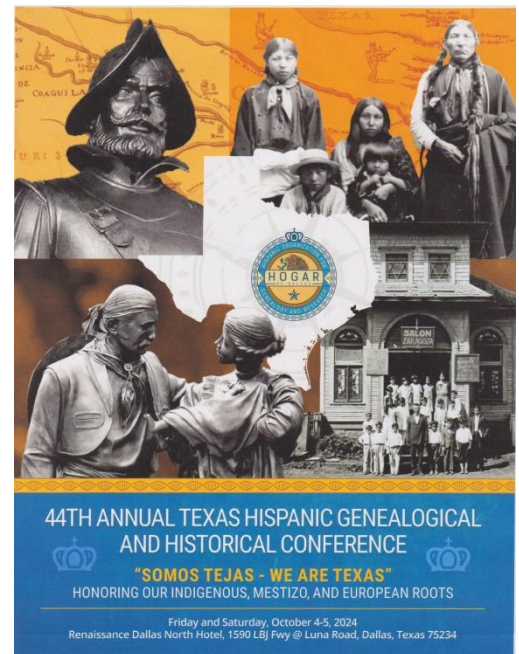


September 29, 2024 - Sunday – Vietnam Veterans memorial service presented by the David Pendleton Society of the Children of the American Revolution at the State Fair Grounds muster at 1:00 pm in front of the Jane Douglas House.

October 4 – 5 - 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Hispanic Genealogical and Historical Conference at the Renaissance Dallas North Hotel 1590 LBJ Fwy Dallas in the Trinity Ballroom. We will have a table that will need to be manned. Further details will follow.

October 31 – November 3 – 2024 Texas Council for the Social Studies at the Kalahari Resort 3001 Kalahari Drive Round Rock, Texas. We need volunteers to talk about the SAR during the conference. Contact Shiidon Hawley at [shiidon@gmail.com](mailto:shiidon@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating.

November 1 – 3, 2024 - Texas SAR BOM in Austin Texas at the Holiday Inn Town Lake 30 North I-35 512 472 8211



November 9, 2024 Saturday - Fields of Honor Event at Red Tail Pavilion at Oak Point Park in Plano 2801 E Spring Creek Pkwy Plano Muster time is open at the present time. **National Event**

November 10, 2024 - Sunday – The 44th annual Massing of the Colors, co-hosted by the Ft Worth Chapter MOWW and the Ft Worth ISD JROTC is being held at Birchman Baptist Church, 9100 N. Normandale St, Ft Worth, at 2 pm muster is at 1 pm. **National Event**

November 11, 2024 - Monday Veterans Day Parade Fair Park

November 16, 2024 - Saturday Veterans Day Event at Red Tail Pavilion at Oak Point Park in Plano 2801 E Spring Creek Pkwy Plano Muster time is open at the present time. **National Event**

December 7, 2024 – Saturday Dallas Chapter meeting is being moved to this date because we are going to participate in the Wreath Across America

December 4, 2024 Saturday – Dickens on the Strand Parade **State Event**

December 14, 2024 - Saturday – Wreaths Across America at 3900 Oakland Circle, Dallas at 11 am. Muster is at 10 am **National Event** Order your wreath at; [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/TX0918P](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/TX0918P)

## Traveling Trunk

The National Society calls it a “Traveling Trunk” and many chapters have a trunk with a lot of artifacts in it. But it’s too heavy for me to lift, so I have mine in plastic containers weighing about 40 pounds.

We have many opportunities to make presentations around our area. The problem is the fact that there are only two members that I can count on to participate from the Dallas Chapter. I need you to volunteer to help.

You do not need to be in uniform to help – all you need to do is be able to talk about American History and the artifacts that I have.

We need you because this may be the only time that students will hear that “America is a great place.” Too often they are taught that American is **NOT** a great place where someone with nothing can, with hard work become successful.



Tom Van Fossen, T. L. Holden, Dave Fatheree, Bill Graham, Tom Milson, and Bill Watts



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We are a service organization and there is help available for our members to learn about the different programs where they can serve. One of those places is at Archives – [Courses – National Society Sons of the American Revolution \(sar.org\)](#)

To learn more about the Color Guard and access video training [Color Guard Committee – National Society Sons of the American Revolution \(sar.org\)](#)

## JROTC



- ★ J. D. Martin | Manpower
- ★ Wayne Stewart | Administration
- ★ Tom Van Fossen | Education



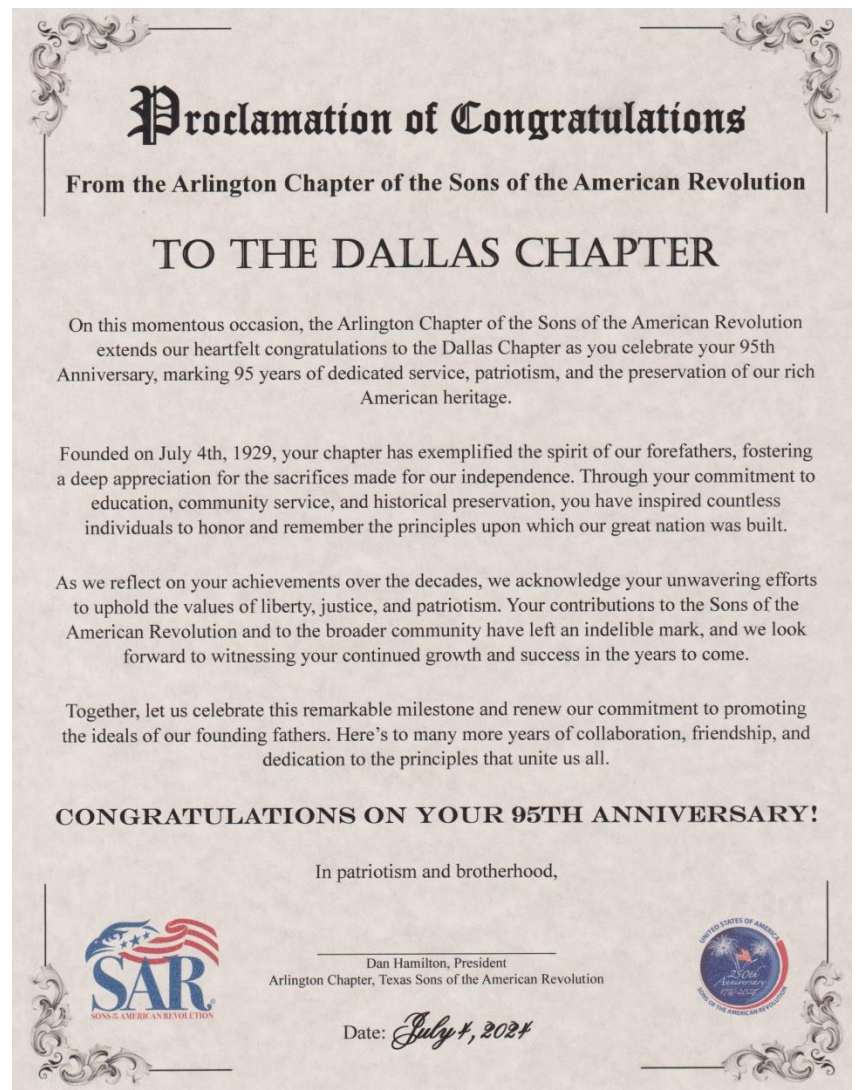
We will be visiting 33 high schools to talk with the Commanders about the new program.

## Veterans

We still need donations. Coffee is always appreciated.

## New Business

Dan Hamilton from the Arlington Chapter Presented a Proclamation.



Mark Harrison and Jerry Pinkerton presented a Flag Certificate to Highland Springs Veterans Organization on August 14, 2024



David Fautheree receives his Commission as Major in the Color Guard

Larry Luby receives a National Certificate of Appreciation for his service

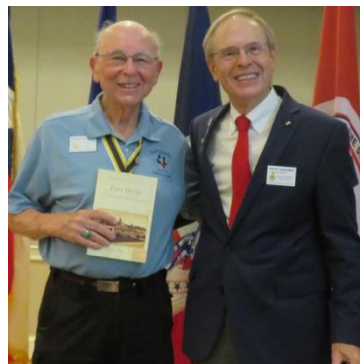


**Merchandise Table**

Please remember to purchase items at our Merchandise table. We have not sold anything for several months. Without your purchase we cannot fund our youth programs. So please be generous.

**DOOR PRIZE –** *“A Far Side Collection of Unnatural Selections, Fort Worth in Vintage Postcards, and The Founders and Finance”*

Door Prize winners



**BENEDICTION** – Michael Goode

**SAR RECEPTIONAL** – All

**NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY October 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM**

- ★ **Next Meeting — Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9am**  
**Speaker: Randall Bush**  
*Religion in the English Colonies and the Early American Republic - Part 1: The "Established" Churches and the Great Awakening*
- ★ **December Meeting – Due to a scheduling conflict, the December meeting has moved to December 7<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars accordingly.**

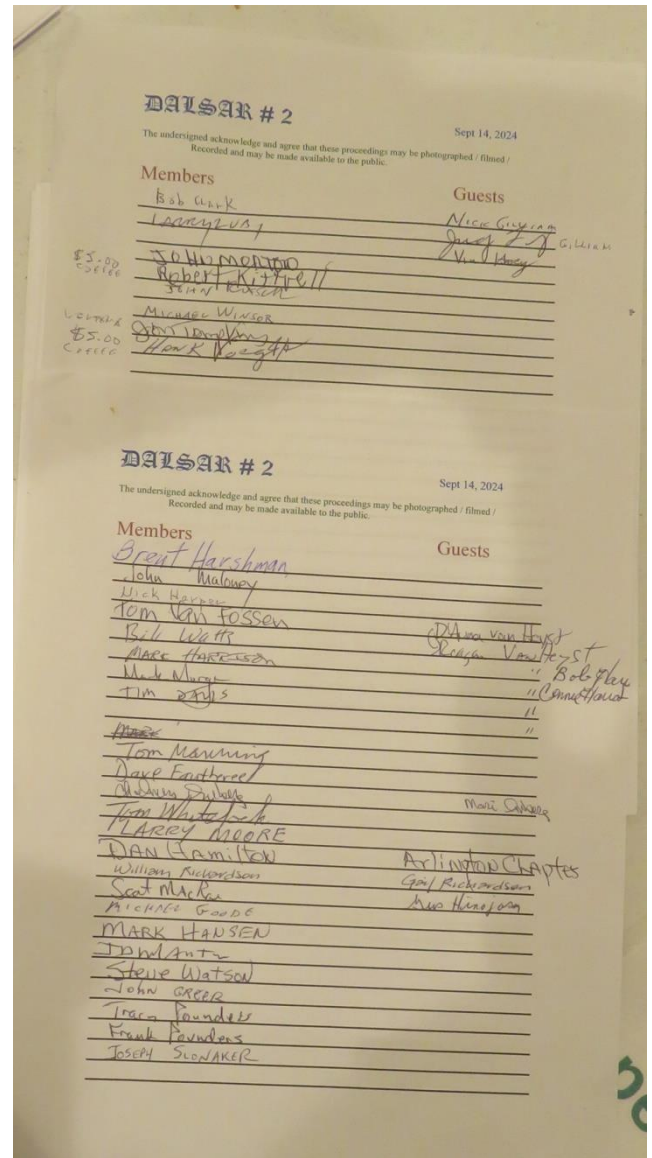
**For more information concerning volunteer opportunities please contact;**  
**Mark Harrison**  
**Tom Van Fossen**

Respectfully submitted,

*William B. Watts*



William B. Watts, Secretary



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