



The MINUTEMAN

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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

PRESIDENT

Brent Harshman

1st VICE-PRESIDENT/PROGRAMS

Thomas F. Van Fossen

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT/AWARDS

J. D. Martin

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David Temple*

COLOR GUARD COMMANDER

Bill Watts



WREATHS — across — AMERICA



The **Dallas Chapter** is working with the **Jane Douglas Chapter DAR** to place a wreath on every Veteran's grave during the month of December. Please go to page 13 to make your purchase.

The Dallas Chapter November 9, 2024



AGENDA

Call to Order –

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 – Michael Goode District 6 VP, State Chaplain

Pledges

American Flag – Tom Manning
Texas Flag – Wayne Stewart
SAR – Mark Harrison



Mission Statement – All

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 Bob Clark former State President, Mark Harrison State Americanism Chairman, Bill Watts Coastal Registrar, Jerry Pinkerton Inland Registrar, Michael Goode District 6 VP, State Chaplain, Tom Van Fossen Chairman Council of State Presidents, former Denton Chapter President Jim Akers, Mike Connelly former Denton Chapter President and Chairman of Council of State Presidents, and a very special welcome to any guests who are in attendance with us today.

We want to take a moment and recognize our Veterans in attendance with us today.



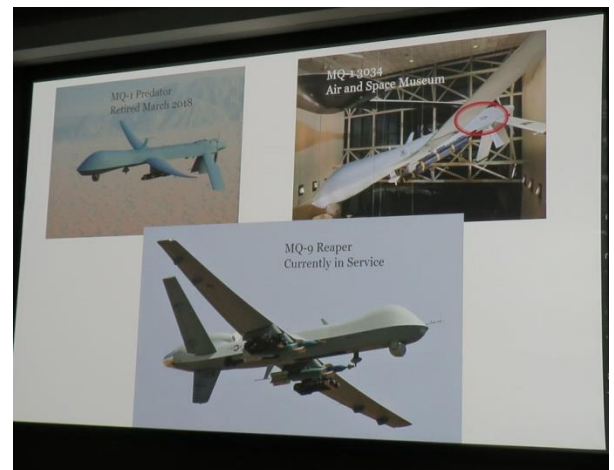
Introduction of our morning Speaker – Mark Hansen former Dallas Chapter President



Lt. General John H. Campbell, Ret.
Associate Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington, D.C

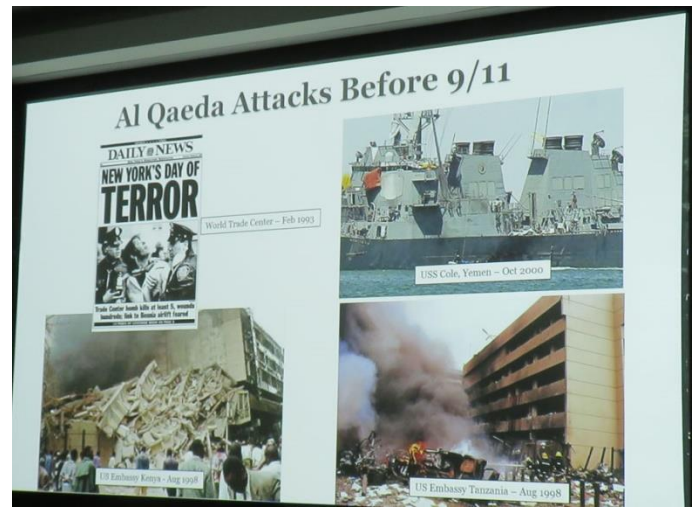
Drones and UAV's in the War on Terror

I'm going to talk about the Predator drone.



Where I worked at the CIA.

Before 9-11



MQ-1 Predator, armed with AGM-114 Hellfire missiles

The operations van.



The Battle of Takur Ghar was a short but intense military engagement between United States special operations forces and al-Qaeda insurgents fought in March 2002, atop Takur Ghar mountain in Afghanistan. For the U.S. side, the battle proved the deadliest entanglement of Operation Anaconda, an effort early in the War in Afghanistan to rout al-Qaeda forces from the Shahi-Kot Valley and Arma Mountains. The battle saw three helicopter landings by the U.S. on the mountain top, each met with direct assault from al-Qaeda forces. Although Takur Ghar was eventually taken, seven U.S. service members were killed and 12 others were wounded. The

battle is also known as the Battle of Roberts Ridge, after the first casualty of the battle, Navy SEAL Neil C. Roberts.

For their actions on Takur Ghar, Chapman, Cunningham, and Technical Sergeant Keary J. Miller were awarded the Air Force Cross, the second highest award for bravery. Chapman and Slabinski were, in 2018, awarded the highest and most prestigious personal military decoration in the US, the Medal of Honor. Electronics Technician Second Class Brett Morganti was awarded the Navy Cross.

Medal of Honor



Engaged two enemy bunkers during the Battle of Takur Ghar, enabling a pinned rescue team to move to cover and break enemy contact. Inadvertently left behind after being knocked unconscious, he was later killed providing covering fire for an arriving quick reaction force.



Senior Chief Slabinski repeatedly exposed himself to deadly fire to personally engage the enemy and orient his team's fires in the furious, close-quarters firefight.



Mark Hansen, Lt. General John H. Campbell, Ret. and Dallas Chapter President Brent Harshman

American Historic Moment



Byron Egan
Compatriot, Dallas Chapter SAR

Business Law Before and After the Revolution

After the Revolutionary War the New Nation had to construct laws for the people of the nation. These laws became the foundation for the United States legal system that we know today.

Jerry Pinkerton, Byron Egan and Dallas Chapter President Brent Harshman.



New Members

- ★ Gus Hinojosa | *Jose Manuel Hinojosa*
- ★ Byron Bennett | *Nathaniel Grigsby*



Jerry Pinkerton, Alex Martinez (Cousin of Gus Hinojosa), Gus Hinojosa, Byron Egan (accepting on behalf of his grandson Byron Bennett), and Brent Harshman

Member Anniversaries

- ★ Eric Miller | 15 years
- ★ Bruce Perryman | 10 years

OFFICERS REPORTS



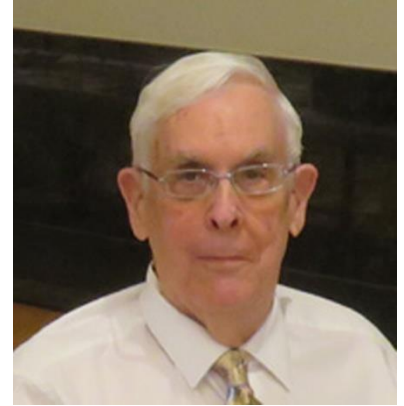
Secretary – Watts

Mark Harrison made a motion to approve and was seconded by Jerry Pinkerton; the minutes were approved by all in attendance.

Treasurer – Harper

The review of our financials has been completed.

Nick Harper is in the hospital due to an injury and will be home soon.



Registrar – Morgan

In Progress at Chapter — 30
At National for Review — 13
(1 Regular, 1 Junior, 11 Supplemental)
Approved — 12

Closed — 38

We have a total of 93 Applications

New Members Approved — 8
Memorial Applications Approved — 0
Supplemental Applications Approved — 4
Total 12

New Member Inductions YTD — 6
New Members Inducted Today — 2
New Members to be Inducted — 3
Total 11

Total Active Chapter Members 250

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

The Dallas Chapter will need a Color Guard Commander for 2025, for the administration and scheduling the programs of the chapter. Please volunteer to be the Color Guard Commander for our Chapter. I will continue to participate as a member of the Color Guard.

Events for October - November



October 19, 2024 Saturday – Participate in presentation of Colors at the rededication of the Real Daughter Grave Marking of Nancy Barbee Mayes with the John Abston Chapter NSDAR at Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney.

A Real Daughter is the daughter of an American Revolutionary War Veteran. The DAR is marking all daughters that they can find buried in Texas.





October 20, 2024 Sunday -
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.

November 1 – 3, 2024 Texas SAR BOM
in Austin Texas.



Events for November - December.

November 8, 2024 Friday – Present the colors at a Veterans Day Celebration at Scott Elementary School 10550 Millbend Drive McKinney, at 2:15 pm Muster is at 1:45 pm. **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. Bring your flag with you to fly along with many others at this wonderful event. **National Event**

November 11, 2024 Monday – Veterans Day Ceremony, Present the Colors at Rush Creek Yacht Club 320 Rush Creek Yacht Club Drive, Heath Muster 4 pm program will start at 4:30pm.

November 16, 2024 Saturday – Fields of Honor Event at Red Tail Pavilion at Oak Point Park in Plano 2801 E Spring Creek Pkwy Plano 2:30, If you are going to present a flag at the program please let me know the kind of flag you are presenting. The Flag program will begin at 3:30. Please note; you can honor your family Veteran by going to;<https://planoflagsofhonor.com/about-pfoh/> and complete the form, they will hang a tag on a flag with your Veteran information. **National Event**

December 14, 2024 Saturday – Wreaths Across America at 3900 Oakland Circle, Dallas at 11 am. Muster is at 10 am more information to follow. **National Event**

We are working with the Jane Douglas DAR for Wreaths Across America.

Please purchase your wreath at;

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/164782/Overview/?relatedId=171591&fbclid=IwAR2JF-XRLxdpuEMWHPztxDCFysytB5qY46xAO61p1eOqhn74Vc2TE3qo>

Go to page 13 for instructions on how to make your purchase at the WAA web page.

OLD BUSINESS –

Please bring Coffee for the Veterans at the next Dallas Chapter meeting in December

NEW BUSINESS –

2025 Chapter Officer Nominations

- ★ President | Brent Harshman
- ★ 1st Vice-President | Tom Van Fossen
- ★ 2nd Vice-President | J.D. Martin
- ★ Secretary | Bill Watts
- ★ Registrar | Mark Morgan
- ★ Historian | Tom Manning
- ★ Treasurer | Tim Chapman
- ★ Chaplain | Frank Pounders
- ★ Trustee | Dr. Gary Sisson
- ★ Trustee | David Temple

Election of officers will take place in December.

Committee Member Opportunities to Serve

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| Public Relations & Publicity | Community Service Awards |
| Member Recruitment & Retention | C.A.R. 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) | Video Contest (MS & HS) |
| Speaker's Bureau | JROTC Members |
| Greeter | |

We will be sponsoring the 2025 State Conference along with the McKinney Chapter. We will need your help, so please volunteer to help us at the conference. We will have many opportunities to help.

Please remember to pay your dues. As an additional reminder, there is a \$3.00 addition to your State dues for the next 3 years to help pay for the 2029 National Congress taking place in San Antonio. The members who purchased the Life Time Membership are exempt from this \$3.00 fee. Bill Watts asked the members who are Life Time Members to go online and make a donation of \$9.00 to the 2029 National Congress.

New Member Name Tags

\$20 each

Magnet badge for use with all clothing and uses the new Eagle SAR logo.

It is all white with blue lettering.

The Chapter will collect the \$20 and put the members name on a list to have them made in Plano.



Dallas Central Library Exhibit

**Friday, November 1 to Saturday, November 30
J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
Concourse, 1st floor**



The countdown is on to the 250th anniversary of the war for independence. To commemorate the occasion, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the American Battlefield Trust have partnered to bring a special traveling exhibit, "The American Revolution Experience" to towns across the nation. The Jane Douglas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is excited to feature it at the J Erik Jonsson Central Library throughout the month of November.



Please remember the Dallas Chapter Merchandise Table

DOOR PRIZE –

Door Prize Winners for Today!



UPCOMING PROGRAM

- ★ Next Meeting — Saturday, December 7th @ 9am
Speaker: Brent Harshman
Fairfax Resolves
2025 Officer Elections
- ★ December Meeting – Due to a scheduling conflict, the December meeting has moved to December 7th. Mark your calendars accordingly.

Connect

President | Brent Harshman

brentharshmanSAR@gmail.com | 512-217-3798

Website

www.txssar.org/Dallas

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1692158937849494>

YouTube

@sardallaschapter3011

BENEDICTION – Michael Goode

SAR RECEPTIONAL – All

NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY December 7th @ 9:00 AM

For more information concerning volunteer opportunities please contact;

Mark Harrison

Tom Van Fossen

Respectfully submitted,
William B. Watts, Secretary

William B. Watts 

Please purchase your wreath at;
<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/164782/Overview/?relatedId=171591&fbclid=IwAR2JF-XRLxdpuEMWHPztchxDCFysytB5qY46xAO61p1eOqhn74Vc2TE3qo>

Step 01

Go to Wreaths to Sponsor and order the number of Veteran's wreaths you want to sponsor!



What does it mean to sponsor a wreath? Sponsoring a veteran's wreath is a personal gift of gratitude and remembrance for someone who served this country so that we can be free.

Your sponsorship supports the yearlong mission to remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach the next generation the value of freedom, while making new and existing free programs available to the masses. With each sponsorship made, a veteran's wreath will be placed to honor an American hero at participating locations

1. Wreaths to Sponsor

- 1 WREATH
- 5 WREATHS
- 12 WREATHS
- CUSTOM

Please choose the number of veterans' wreaths you would like to sponsor or click **CUSTOM** to specify your desired number of wreaths, dollars or boxes. **Important:** *If you're adding customizations, you will need to add each wreath individually.*

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| 1 Wreath * \$17.00 | \$17.00 |
| 5 Wreaths * \$17.00 | \$85.00 |
| 12 Wreaths * \$17.00 | \$204.00 |

Wreaths 0 Wreaths Wreath(s) * \$17.00 - \$0.00 \$0.00

Step 2

Once you choose the number of wreaths you are going to sponsor, make sure it's Jane Douglas, because the Dallas Chapter is working with Oakland Cemetery in Dallas.

1. Wreaths to Sponsor

2. Sponsorship Group to Support

Please click the **Next >** button below to confirm that TX0918P - Jane Douglas Chapter - DAR is the Sponsorship Group that you want to support.

Your Sponsorship Group

TX0918P - Jane Douglas Chapter - DAR

[Edit Your Selection](#)

< PREVIOUS NEXT >

1. Wreaths to Sponsor

2. Sponsorship Group to Support

3. Location to Place Your Wreaths

Please click the **Next >** button to confirm that you want your sponsored wreaths placed at TXOKLA - Oakland Cemetery, Dallas, TX 75215, United States.

Location Where Your Wreaths Will Be Placed

TXOKLA - Oakland Cemetery
3900 Oakland Circle
Dallas, TX 75215, United States

Full Ceremony
Accepting Grave Specific

December 14, 2024 at 10:00 am (Wreath Placement Immediately Following Ceremony)

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Step 3

Add to Cart

✓ 1. Wreaths to Sponsor ▼

✓ 2. Sponsorship Group to Support ▼

✓ 3. Location to Place Your Wreaths ▼

✓ 4. Choose Customizations (Optional) ▼

Confirm & Add to Cart ▲

❗ Please review all the details for your item shown below, and if everything is correct, please click the **Add to Cart** button. If corrections are needed, click on the section above to make your changes.

- 1. Wreaths to Sponsor:** 5 Wreaths * \$17.00. At this level, you will be providing 5 veterans' wreaths and support for volunteers to honor the legacy of 5 American heroes. **\$85.00**

- 2. Sponsorship Group to Support:** Your sponsorships will credit TXog18P - Jane Douglas Chapter - DAR sponsorship group.

- 3. Location to Place Your Wreaths:** Your sponsorships will be placed at TXOKLA - Oakland Cemetery.

- 4. Choose Customizations (Optional):** No customizations selected.

Total
\$85.00

< PREVIOUS ADD TO CART

✓ 1. Wreaths to Sponsor ▼

✓ 2. Sponsorship Group to Support ▼

✓ 3. Location to Place Your Wreaths ▼

4. Choose Customizations (Optional) ▲

❗ If you want to customize your veterans' wreaths sponsorship, you may optionally select your customizations below. To learn more about each customization, click the "i" icon next to the customization. After making your selections, click **Next >** to continue.

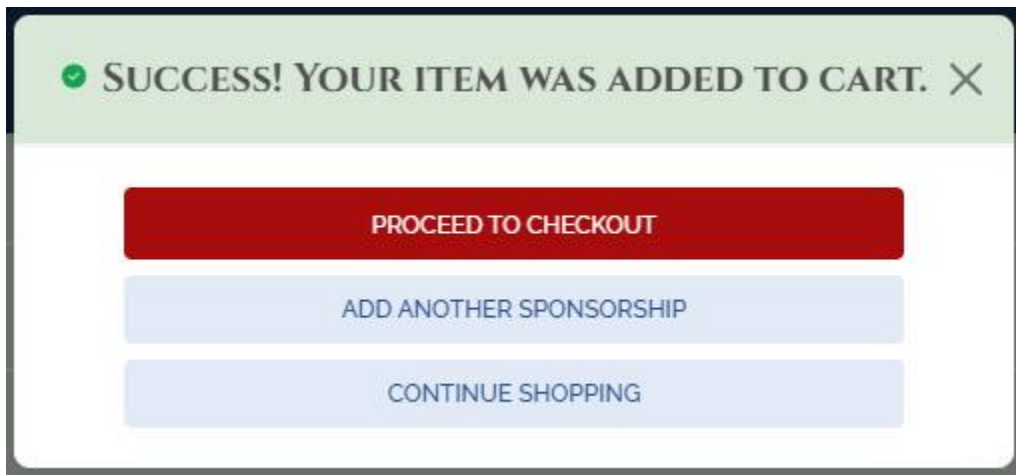
This does NOT apply to the Dallas Chapter - Please click on Next.

- Grave Specific:** Request a wreath to be placed on a *specific* grave. ⓘ
- Remember Wall:** Post a *photo* or *message* on our Remember Wall webpage. ⓘ
- Pair Wreaths:** Send additional wreath(s) to a home address. ⓘ
- e-Card or Mailed:** Send an e-Card or mail a card to a loved one or friend. ⓘ
- In Honor/Memory Of:** Sponsor *in honor of* a living veteran or *in memory of* one who has passed. ⓘ

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Click on Next to Proceed

Step 4



Continue to checkout to complete your order. The Dallas Chapter along with the Jane Douglas Chapter appreciates your support of Wreaths Across America!

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

