



The MINUTEMAN

Dallas Chapter

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Texas Society - Sons of the American Revolution



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“writing – the mother of memory”

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8301 N US 75-Central Expressway - Dallas, TX 75225

Breakfast – 8:00am

Meeting – 9:00am

PRESIDENT

Brent Harshman

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Thomas F. Van Fossen

2nd VICE- PRESIDENT/AWARDS

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Tom Manning

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Gary Sisson

David Temple

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Bill Watts

Members of the Sons of the American Revolution have the opportunity to receive medals from the National Society, Texas SAR and the Dallas Chapter. This year medals that you can earn through participation in events will be discussed in this newsletter during 2025. The first of these will be;

Sestercentennial Recognition Medal 250th Anniversary



More information concerning the Sestercentennial Recognition Medal can be found on page 9 of this newsletter.

The **Dallas Chapter** is looking for a few good men to serve as committee members!

AGENDA

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.

Call to Order –

President Harshman

The meeting was called to order 10 minutes early to give members time to present their reports before they left the meeting to attend the Wreaths Across American Celebration.



Invocation – Larry Luby

Pledges

American Flag – Joseph Slonaker

Texas Flag – Tom Van Fossen

SAR – J. D. Martin

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 Presidents, Mark Harrison VP, Jerry Pinkerton Inland Registrar, Bill Watts Coastal Registrar, Chairman of Council of Chapter Presidents Tom Van Fossen and a very special welcome to any guests who are in attendance with us today.

Progress Report on Nick Harper, Chapter Treasurer – Tom Van Fossen

Nick tripped and fell over a parking bumper. His lung was punctured from broken ribs and went to the hospital. He is recovering well and is at home. We are going over to visit on Thursday to let him know we miss him.

250th Anniversary - American Historic Moment

The “Election of 1796” by Tom Hand

Introduction of our morning Speaker – Tom Van Fossen

Brent Harshman, President Dallas Chapter Texas SAR was born in Alabama, moved to Tennessee where he got his undergraduate degree. He moved to Dallas to attend SMU where he received his law degree. He joined the SAR in 2019. This summer he traveled to Virginia where he participated in the 250th Celebration of the Fairfax Resolves.



The Fairfax Resolves



In the summer of 1774 Fairfax County, along with 45 other Virginia counties produced sets of resolves (resolutions) setting out the discontent of their citizens with British rule. These were a reaction to the Intolerable Acts passed by British Parliament after the Boston Tea Party in December 1773.

The first ten resolves asserted the rights of Virginia to the constitutional protections due subjects of the Crown.

The next thirteen resolves detailed a strategy to defend colonial rights, including a call “for a firm Union” of North American colonies.

Of Note In the Resolves;

- No mention of independence was made.
- Only a hint of support for armed resistance was offered.
- A threat against one colony was recognized as a threat against all.



Legacy of the Fairfax Resolves



- One of earliest and most emphatic rejections of British Parliament’s claim of supreme authority over American colonies;
- An early model of the representative democracy Virginia residents and other colonists wanted to create; and
- Laid the groundwork for the Continental Association of 1774 by the First Continental Congress.



Brent receiving Certificate from Tom

2025 CHAPTER OFFICER ELECTION

- ★ 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 Ponders
- ★ Trustee | Dr. Gary Sisson
- ★ Trustee | David Temple

We thank John Maloney and Mark Harrison for organizing the slate of officers. Motion made to approve was made by Jim Battles and seconded by Les Anderson. Motion approved.

New Member Inductions

Inland Registrar Jerry Pinkerton

- ★ **Vin Hoey, Jr.** | *Samuel Hoey*
- ★ **Keith McMenemy** | *Frederick Slemp*



SPECIAL AWARD

Henry J. Voegtle

Gold Henry Knox Medal & Certificate

In recognition of Outstanding Contributions & Achievements for Representing the SAR at the Scouting Jamboree 2023-2024.

Awards from the National Society

★ Dallas Chapter

Partners in Patriotism and Wreaths Across America Certificate

★ Dallas Chapter

The President General's Education Outreach Streamer

Member Anniversaries

- ★ Aaron Garrett | 5 years
- ★ Brandon Martin | 5 years
- ★ J. D. Martin | 5 years
- ★ Christopher Rolland | 10 years

In Memoriam

Spencer Cole Mihm 2000 — 2024

SAR National # 205864 Texas SAR # 13390 Dallas Chapter

Patriot: James Carr Veale Member since 31 December 2017



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

A Special Presentation



Reagan van Heyst presented Mark Morgan with a Certificate of Appreciation for the gift of a complete set of Colonial Clothes. Consisting of a Frock Coat, Waistcoat, Shirt, Neck Sock and Breeches that Reagan can wear when he participates in Color Guard activities.

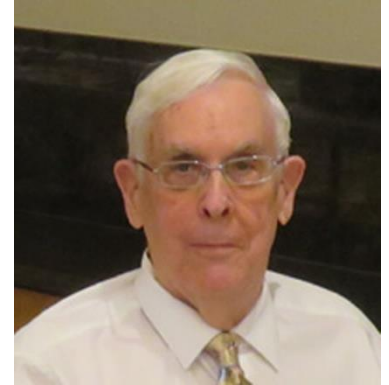
OFFICERS REPORTS



Secretary – Watts

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

Treasurer – Harper



The Chapter Budget will be voted upon at our next chapter meeting. A copy of the proposed budget is on the back table.



Registrar – Morgan

In Progress at Chapter — 35
At National for Review — 11
(2 Regular, 1 Junior, 8 Supplemental)
Approved — 15
Closed — 38

We have a total of 93 Applications

Total Active Chapter Members 250

New Members Approved — 8
Memorial Applications Approved — 0
Supplemental Applications Approved — 7
Total 15

New Member Inductions YTD — 8
New Members Inducted Today — 2
New Members to be Inducted — 0
Total 11

Historian – Tom Manning

Send pictures of events for future yearbooks to:
tommanning.sar@gmail.com

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

Please Remember to Pay Your Dues! *A friendly reminder from your President.*



Events for November - December.



November 8, 2024 Friday – Scott Elementary Veterans Day Celebration in McKinney.

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



November 11, 2024 Monday – Veterans Day Ceremony, Present the Colors at Kaufman County Veterans Memorial park.



November 11, 2024 Monday – Veterans Day Ceremony, Present the Colors at Rush Creek Yacht.

November 16, 2024 Saturday – Fields of Honor Event at Red Tail Pavilion at Oak Point Park in Plano.



Events for Next Year 2025

January 13, 2025 Monday – Educational opportunity to present Revolutionary War artifacts to Cornerstone Christian Academy in McKinney at 9 am muster time is 8:30 am to sign in, bring an ID.

January 23, 2025 Thursday – Educational opportunity to present Revolutionary War artifacts at Malvern Elementary at 5:30 pm Muster time is 5 pm.

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. Bill Watts will continue to participate as a member of the Color Guard.

JROTC

J. D. Martin and Wayne Stewart

We are involved in a pilot program for the JROTC that will provide money for the Outstanding Cadet. This program will be a comprehensive outline of all of the Cadets accomplishments during the first 3 years of JROTC. The cadet will compete through a 5 part contest including an original essay.

J. D. Martin will be asking you to participate in this program in the near future.



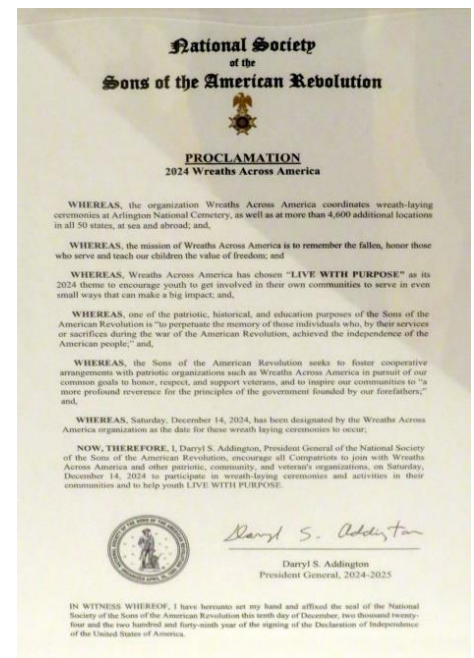
Veteran Activities

Each year the Veterans Administration provides a list of items that are needed by the patients at VA Hospitals. Local Chapters pledge money to purchase the items and chapter members go to the party provided by the hospital to distribute the gifts to the patients at the Community Living Centers. For many of these Veterans this is the

only thanks they get at Christmas. There were around 20 Volunteer Groups participating this year.

OLD BUSINESS –

We received a Proclamation for 2024 Wreaths Across America from PG Darryl S. Addington.





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.

Merchandise Table

Merchandise for your enjoyment. Remember every purchase is a donation to our Youth Awards Programs. So, please take a look at the merchandise and make a purchase.

2025 Raffle at the State Convention

Please talk to Tom Whitelock for more information.

NEW BUSINESS – Sestercentennial Recognition Medal

250 submission information and form can be found at [250th-Anniversary-Form.pdf](https://www.txssar.org/250th-Anniversary-Form.pdf)

The medal is easy to earn;

The recognition program is designed to encourage and recognize those compatriots, chapters and societies that participate in local, state, national and international events which publically educate, and recognize, honor, and celebrate the events and heroes of the period surrounding the American Revolution. Participation involves the planning and execution of these events, as well as attendance. The medal covers the celebration of any event's 250th anniversary where said event related directly to acts of resistance to British attempts to coerce the residents in America: from the first Parliamentary Acts protested after the conclusion of the French and Indian Wars, through the armed struggle of the American War for Independence, to the ratification of the Treaty of Paris by the Continental Congress. This therefore will cover any public celebrations in the period from 2014 to 2033. Form may be submitted to cover multiple years and following the first submission be submitted in multiple years, only covering activities since the previous submission. Scorekeeping is the responsibility of each compatriot and awarding authority. You will receive an email authorizing the purchase from merchandising. **The guidelines and points are described below:**

PLEASE SUBMIT TO: 250AnniversaryRecognition@sar.org

► Awards are based on activity and the awarding of points for each type of activity:

- Directing, chairing or co-chairing an event or sub-committee for the duration of the event. (20 points)
- Participation in the planning, financing, promotion or conduct of an event other than directing, chairing, or co-chairing an event. Those that do direct, chair or co-chair an event and also serve as a regular member of a committee or sub-committee in a non-leadership role, may also earn points. (10 points)
- Attending an Event (3 points)
- Attending an event in Colonial Attire (5 points)



► **SAR Members may be awarded the Medals for achieving the following levels:**

- a. Bronze Medal: 25 promotion points as certified by his chapter, state, district or national society.
- b. Silver Medal: Compatriots who earn 60 promotion points as certified by his chapter, state, district or national society.
- c. Gold Medal: Compatriots who earn 150 promotion points as certified by his chapter, state, district or national society.

► **Non-SAR members may also be awarded these medals:**

- a. The chapter may present bronze awards to its Partners in Patriotism, and may recommend its Partners to the state or national society for higher recognition.
- b. The state and district may present silver awards to its Partners in Patriotism, and may recommend its Partners to the national society for higher recognition.
- c. The district or national society may present gold awards to its Partners in Patriotism.

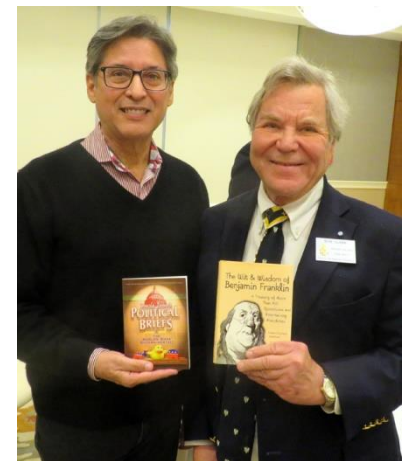
Members of the Dallas Chapter have already earned the Bronze, Silver and Gold 250 Anniversary Recognition Medal. All you need to do is complete your form **TODAY!**

DOOR PRIZE –

Door Prize winners

Gus Hinojosa

Bob Clark



BENEDICTION – Larry Luby

SAR RECEPTIONAL – All

NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY January 11th @ 9:00 AM

★ **Next Meeting — Saturday, January 11th @ 9am**

Speaker: Carl Flowers

If They Want To Start a War — the Story of Lexington & Concord

★ **2025 Officer Inductions**

Connect

For more information concerning volunteer opportunities please contact;

Mark Harrison

Tom Van Fossen

Respectfully submitted,
William B. Watts, Secretary

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

