



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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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

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HISTORIAN

Tom Manning

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*Gary Sisson
David Temple*

COLOR GUARD COMMANDER

Bill Watts

Each month a new medal that anyone in the Sons of the American



Revolution can earn will be presented in this newsletter. We continue with the **Service to Veterans Medal**. This medal is presented to SAR members who have embraced the essence of serving veterans by accumulating 5,000 Stark Award points. The medal may be awarded by an SAR chapter or a state level society only to SAR members who have given long and exemplary service to veterans while serving as a representative of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). The medal is awarded when a member has accrued 5,000 Stark Award points (these points can be a combination of time volunteered, clothing and/or money

donated, or achievements in other areas based on the USS Stark Award Score Sheet). The Service to Veterans Medal will be awarded at the chapter (or society) level following the Chapter Veterans Committee Chairman's (or State-level Society Veterans Committee Chairman, as necessary) approval of the member's documentation. Each individual seeking to qualify for this award is responsible for recording his personal point accumulation and providing that documentation to the Chapter Veterans Committee Chairman (or State-level Society Veterans Committee Chairman) for verification.



Dallas Chapter Members

AGENDA

Call to Order –

President Harshman

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, Texas SAR Chaplain



Remember Frank Ponders the Dallas Chapter Chaplain in your prayers, he fell and is recovering from the fall.

Pledges

American Flag – Mark Harrison

Texas Flag – Bill Watts

SAR – Jerry Pinkerton

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 Bob Clark former State President, Mark Harrison, Texas SAR Vice-President Awards and Medals and former Dallas Chapter President, Michael Goode Texas SAR Chaplin, District 6 VP and former President of East Fork Trinity and a very special welcome to any guests who are in attendance with us today.

A very special welcome to Betsy Mason Bloodworth a direct descendent of George Mason a key author of the Fairfax Resolves, 1774.



250th Anniversary - American Historic Moment

George Washington's first term as president

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mUb1Fe-Og28&t=22s>



Big Red Ohio State

Jim Battles and Tom Van Fossen Ohio State Fans

Tom Van Fossen, Jerry Pinkerton and John Greer received the 250th Anniversary Youth Education Challenge Coin.

Introduction of our morning Speaker – Bill Watts presented “Young People at War.”



Who was the youngest person to serve in the Revolutionary War?

Bill receiving a certificate of appreciation from Tom Van Fossen and Brent Harshman

Chapter Officer Inductions are postponed until next month due to our weather.

Member Anniversaries

- ★ Beckett Battles | 10 years
- ★ Holden Battles | 10 years
- ★ James B. Battles | 10 years
- ★ James E. Battles | 10 years
- ★ Liam Battles | 10 years
- ★ Oliver Battles | 10 years
- ★ Timothy Battles | 10 years



OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary – Watts



Motion to approve the minutes was made by Tom Van Fossen and seconded by Jerry Pinkerton. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

The chapter has a report that we complete each year. It's called the Stark Report. We need everyone to tell us what you did to help Veterans last year. Many of you brought coffee last year. Please send Bill Watts an email listing what you gave, the cost and how many miles you drove.

Treasurer – Chapman

The proposed budget was moved forward by Bill Watts and seconded by Jerry Pinkerton. A vote was unanimous to approve the budget for 2025.



Registrar – Morgan

In Progress at Chapter — 36
At National for Review — 11
(3 Regular, 0 Junior, 8 Supplemental)
Approved — 16
Closed — 38

We have a total of 101 Applications

Total Active Chapter Members 254

New Members Approved — 9
Memorial Applications Approved — 0
Supplemental Applications Approved — 7
Total 16

New Member Inductions YTD — 10
New Members Inducted Today — 0
New Members to be Inducted — 2
Total 12

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 location.



Color Guard – Commander Watts



Brent Harshman and Tom Van Fossen received a special Challenge Coin for their participation in 15 CG events out of the 32 that the chapter participated in last year.

The following men are being promoted. Brent Harshman is promoted to Corporal and Mark Harrison has been promoted to Corporal as well.



Passed out Certificates for Color Guard Participation, Wreaths Across America and participating at the State Fair. Gave each man a 250th Anniversary Color Guard Challenge Coin for participation in the color guard.

January 13, 2025 Monday – Cornerstone Christian Academy, 808 S College Street, McKinney 9 am muster 8:30 am Traveling Trunk

January 23, 2025 Thursday – Malvern Elementary Multicultural Fair 1100 Eldorado Pkwy, McKinney Muster 5:30 pm Traveling Trunk

February 22, 2025 Saturday- George Washington Birthday Parade Laredo 9 am

February 28 – March 2 Friday –Sunday – REVED 1776 2940 W Lake Houston Pkwy Kingwood More to follow

March 27 – 30 Thursday -Sunday – Texas SAR State Convention

April 9, 2025 Wednesday – Providence Christian School 5002 W Lovers Ln, Dallas Muster 7:45 am. Patriots Day

Raffle Tickets 3 for \$25 or 12 for \$100 You can win a complete uniform. Women can win as well.

JROTC

Wayne Stewart talked about the essay for JROTC that the cadets write. The Dallas Chapter sponsors 32 High Schools in 7 school districts. We are having discussions with several schools at the present time. The deadline is the end of January.

Mark Harrison reported that we have two candidates for the Oration Contest. The regional contest will be held at Ventana on February 15th. You are welcome to attend. We need judges. We have entries for the CAR and Knight Essay contests. There are two Eagle Scout entrants. We have one entry for the Video Contest. We also have Posters to be judged.

NEW BUSINESS –

Bill Watts asked for help reviewing a list of Chapter Presidents and the chapter history 2006 – 2025. Please check for errors, make suggestions and any corrections you feel are necessary.

★ **Next Meeting — Saturday, February 8th @ 9am**

Speaker: Salina Beth Baker

George Washington: The Indispensable Father of Our Country

★ **Dr. Gary Sisson Sledgehammer Award Presentation**

Committee Member Opportunities to Serve

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	

Bill Watts has been appointed the CAR Liaison and Tom Van Fossen has been appointed the DAR Liaison for the upcoming year.

Merchandise Table or Sutter's Table

DOOR PRIZE –

Portable Patriot, Tomas Jefferson, and First Blood

Did not get pictures

Brent Harshman – Portable Patriot

BENEDICTION – Larry Luby

SAR RECEPTIONAL – All

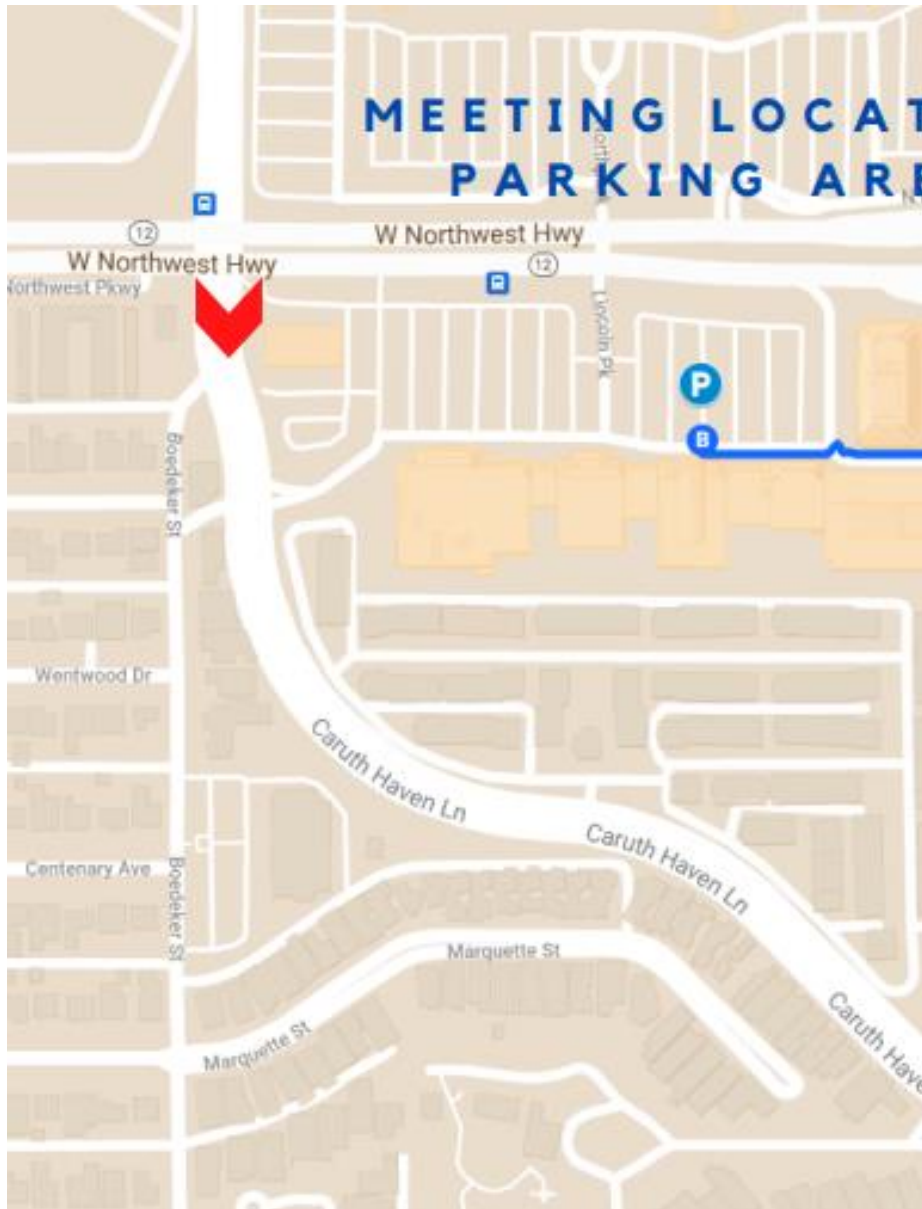
NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY February 8 @ 9:00 AM

**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)



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