

The MINUTEMAN



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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

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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 Ben Franklin Medal.



The Benjamin Franklin Medal is awarded by the National Society to recognize financial support for the SAR Genealogical Library. The funds generated by sales of the medal are used to increase the endowment and provide funds for additional library and genealogical acquisitions. The medal is awarded to those Compatriots and non-members who become Benjamin Franklin Subscribers of the SAR Genealogical Research Library by;

Donating \$300 or more

Contributions of at least \$500 or more will be recognized with a Campaign Bar

Contributions of \$ 1,000 “Life Member”

Contributions of \$ 2,000 “Benefactor”

The medal is gold in color. The obverse features a picture of Benjamin Franklin sitting at a desk holding a quill. The reverse has the words “For Support of the SAR Genealogical Research Library.” The drape or ribbon is dark blue with thin white and yellow equal lines defacing the drape in following pattern: dark blue, white, yellow, dark blue, white, yellow, dark blue. The medal is available in full size and in miniature.

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 – Larry Luby

Pledges

American Flag – Mark Hansen

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.

250th Anniversary - American Historic Moment

The Legacy of George Washington

www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_W_Unxlip48&t=89s



Welcome –

We would like to welcome our guests David Temple and Bob Clark former State Presidents, Bill Watts Coastal Registrar, Jerry Pinkerton Inland Registrar, Mark Harrison State VP Americanism and former Chapter President, Counsel of Chapter Presidents Chairman Tom Van Fossen, Jack Haughton former Secretary General International Chapter and President of our new Ellis County Chapter and Chairman of the JROTC Committee and a very special welcome to any guests who are in attendance with us today. Jack Carpenter has a guest Clement George.

Introduction of our morning Speaker –

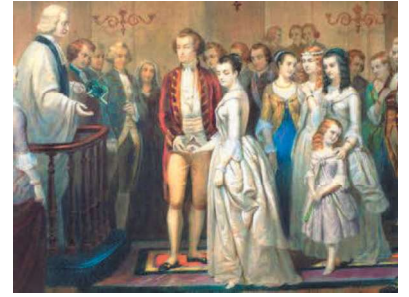
Salina B. Baker, Author, Historian – on the board of directors for Brandywine Trust

George Washington: The Indispensable Father of Our Country





We will be celebrating the 193rd of George Washington on February 22nd. The early life of Washington was discussed along with pictures of him during his life.



The Marriage of George Washington and Martha Dandridge Custis

The presentation continued with the war and Washington’s presidency. The presentation ended with his death, December 14, 1799.



Brent Harshman and Tom Van Fossen presented Salina with a certificate and gifts.

2025 Chapter Officer Inductions

President | Brent Harshman
 2nd Vice-President | J.D. Martin
 Registrar | Mark Morgan
 Treasurer | Tim Chapman
 Trustee | Dr. Gary Sisson

1st Vice-President | Tom Van Fossen
 Secretary | Bill Watts
 Historian | Tom Manning
 Chaplain | Frank Ponders
 Trustee | David Temple



Supplemental s

- ★ Tom Manning | *Jeremiah Reeves*
- ★ Tom Manning | *John Sams*
- ★ Tom Manning | *Robert Wright*

Member Anniversaries

Robert Duckworth – 35 years

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



Our Members in Attendance



Last night's dinner

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary – Watts

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Larry Luby and seconded by Charles Vinton. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.



Treasurer – Chapman

The chapter will be receiving the deposit from Texas SAR in the near future.



Registrar – Morgan



In Progress at Chapter — 18
At National for Review — 13
(6 Regular, 1 Junior, 7 Supplemental)
Approved — 1

Closed — 18

We have a total of 93 Applications

New Members Approved — 0
Memorial Applications Approved — 0
Supplemental Applications Approved — 1
Total 1

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

Total Active Chapter Members 254

Gus Hinojosa received the Texas SAR Recruitment Pin for bring 4 applications to our Chapter.



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

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

February 22, 2025 Saturday- George Washington Birthday Parade Laredo

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

March 27 – 30 Thursday-Sunday – TXSAR State Convention

Volunteers are needed for the Silent Auction, Registration, Youth Awards Luncheon and help where needed.

Donations for the Silent Auction go to Brent Harshman. All money earned by the Silent Auction go to the Patriot Fund.

Raffle Tickets are on sale 1- \$10.00, 3 - \$25.00 and 12 - \$100.00

April 9, 2025 Wednesday – Providence Christian School Patriots Day

OLD BUSINESS –

JROTC

Wayne Stewart reported that we have 31 high schools. We will need volunteers to present the medals to the individuals who are nominated. JD Martin is in charge of scheduling.

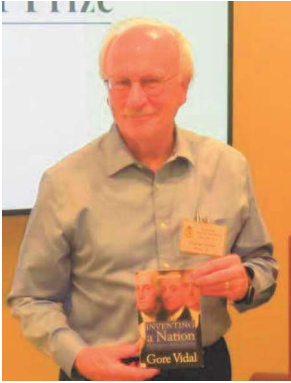


Our new JROTC Program requires an essay and other requirements. We have a winner who will be introduced at our next meeting.

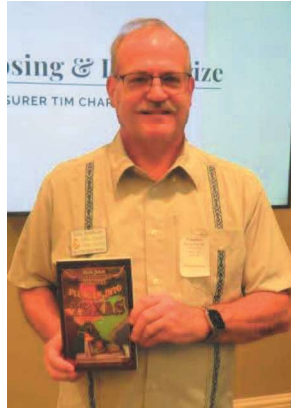
NEW BUSINESS –

Next Meeting — Saturday, March 8th @ 9am
1st Responders Award Ceremonies
Youth Poster Contest Judging

DOOR PRIZE –



Charles Vinton



David Fautheree



Scot MacRae

BENEDICTION – Larry Luby

SAR RECESSIONAL – All

NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY March 8th @ 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)

