



# 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**

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*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 Patriot Medal.



The medal is sterling silver and bears the portrait of Compatriot General of the Army Douglas MacArthur on the obverse within the inscription, “The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.” The reverse is inscribed “Awarded to for Patriotic Service by the State Society SAR. The medal is suspended from a chest ribbon of royal blue color. The design for the medal was selected by Compatriot MacArthur. He received the first medal, presented posthumously at his tomb in Norfolk, Virginia, on October 19, 1964, where it is on permanent display.

The Patriot Medal is the highest award presented to a Compatriot by a State Society and recognizes long, faithful, outstanding, and distinguished service at the state and/or chapter level. The Patriot Medal is awarded only by a State Society and may be presented only to an individual. Service at the national level is not considered in making the award. It is desirable that it be presented at the annual meeting of the State Society. A representative cannot accept the Patriot Medal.

## 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 – Tom Manning

Texas Flag – John Morton

SAR – All

### **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 Presidents, Bill Watts Coastal Registrar, Jerry Pinkerton Inland Registrar, Mark Harrison State VP Americanism and former Counsel of Chapter Presidents Chairman Tom Milson.

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

250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Patrick Henry's speech, "Give me liberty or give me death" March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **First Responder Awards –**

Mark Harrison



## DFD-EMS Award Honorees 2025

★ **Firefighter/Paramedic Steven R. Clay** | EMS Commendation & Medal



★ **Lieutenant Michael D. Bernard** | Heroism Commendation & Medal

★ **Firefighter/Paramedic Marc Perez** | SAR Life Saving Medal



★ **Sr. Fire Prevention Officer Blair M. Bullard** | Fire Safety Commendation & Medal

## DPD Award Honorees

- ★ **Sr. Corporal Jamie Farmer #11602** | Heroism Commendation & Medal

Wife, Ellen and son, Blake accepted award



- ★ **Sr. Corporal Dung Nguyen #11009** | SAR Life Saving Medal



- ★ **Sr. Corporal Mayra Balderas #11166** | Law Enforcement Commendation & Medal  
Medal received by commanding officer

## History Volume III

The Texas SAR history volume is in progress. We would like all members to complete a biography. If you don't want to write a bio, Bill Watts has a pdf form that you can complete. Contact Bill and he can email you a copy of the form. Please contact John Anderson our State Historian for details or information. We would like to have a high participation from our chapter.

## Member Anniversaries

- ★ David Greig | 30 years
- ★ Charles Lemon III | 30 years
- ★ Michael Mamminga | 35 years
- ★ William Richardson | 35 years

## **In Memoriam**

**James Albert Prugel, Jr.** 1943-2024  
SAR National # 140327 TXSSAR # 7098 Dallas Chapter  
Patriot: Abner Lee Member since 02 March 1993

**William Preston Johnson, Jr.** 1935-2024  
SAR National # 205124 TXSSAR # 13314 Dallas Chapter  
Patriot: Ambrose Jeter + 2 Supplemental Patriots Member since 20 October 2017

## **Poster Contest Posters – John Morton**

Make sure you look at the posters at the back of the room.

## **OFFICERS REPORTS**

### **Secretary – Watts**

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

The Dallas Chapter history has been revised. New information has given the chapter a new date for its 'charter. That date is confirmed by an article in the National Magazine. Our charter date is November 10, 1928 and our first 3 presidents are 1928 – 1931 John T. Trezevant, 1931 - 1934 Charles J. Maxwell and 1935 – 1936 Horace P. Eller. We were a very active chapter during those years that were thought to be dormant.

### **Treasurer – Chapman**

We had 80 people in attendance at today's meeting. A great meeting.

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

### **Registrar – Morgan**

In Progress at Chapter — 22  
At National for Review — 12  
(5 Regular, 0 Junior, 7 Supplemental)  
Approved — 2

Closed — 19

We have a total of 55 Applications

New Members Approved — 1  
Memorial Applications Approved — 0  
Supplemental Applications Approved — 1  
Total 2

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

Total Active Chapter Members – we are in reconciliation therefore those numbers are not available.

**Historian** – Tom Manning

Send pictures of events for future yearbooks to:

**Tom Manning**    [tommanning.sar@gmail.com](mailto:tommanning.sar@gmail.com)

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

**Color Guard** – Commander Watts

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 – The first prize has been increased to \$800.00 from \$600.00. Tickets are on sale 1- \$10.00, 3 - \$25.00 and 12 - \$100.00

We will be participating in the presentation of the colors at the C.A.R. State Conference on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm at the Double Tree Hotel 1981 N Central Exp., Richardson

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

**JROTC**

We're in the JROTC Award ceremonies time period, with ceremonies scheduled between now and May 17. Here's the schedule, and JD Martin is making plans to cover the presentation requests.

Please volunteer to help. Contact JD at (214) 755-6842.

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|-----|-----------|------------|-----------------------------|
| 1.  | 4/1/2025  | 9:30 a.m.  | Wilmer Hutchins High School |
| 2.  | 4/4/2025  | 12:00 p.m. | Molina High School          |
| 3.  | 4/4/2025  | 9:00 a.m.  | Adamson High School         |
| 4.  | 4/4/2025  |            | Woodrow Wilson High School  |
| 5.  | 4/9/2025  | 6:00 p.m.  | Skyline High School         |
| 6.  | 4/10/2025 | 7:00 p.m.  | Bryan Adams High School     |
| 7.  | 4/11/2025 | 11:00 a.m. | David W. Carter High School |
| 8.  | 4/11/2025 | 6:30 p.m.  | W. T. White High School     |
| 9.  | 4/15/2025 | 11:15 a.m. | South Oak Cliff High School |
| 10. | 4/24/2025 | 2:30 p.m.  | Seagoville High School      |
| 11. | 5/1/2025  | 6:00 p.m.  | Hillcrest High School       |
| 12. | 5/2/2025  | 4:45 p.m.  | Sunset High School          |
| 13. | 5/13/2025 | 6:00 p.m.  | Nimitz High School          |
| 14. | 5/14/2025 |            | Faith Family Academy        |
| 15. | 5/17/2025 |            | Conrad High School          |

Thanks  
Wayne

## NEW BUSINESS –

Next Meeting — Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9am  
Mel Oller our new State President will be in attendance  
Golden Sledgehammer Award will be presented

## Old Business –



Tim Chapman sworn in by Tracy Pounders as the Treasurer of the Dallas Chapter.

## DOOR PRIZE –

Winners;

Tom Milson, Jim Battles, and Vin Hoey

Tim Chapman and Brent Harshman



Tim Davis

Told us about Francis Saucier a Veteran of World War II who passed away.



## Connect

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@sardallaschapter3011

**BENEDICTION** – Brent Harshman

**SAR RECESSIONAL** – All

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

Respectfully submitted,

*William B. Watts* 

William B. Watts, Secretary

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

