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News & Minutes of Dallas Chapter
Texas Society - Sons of the American Revolution
Chapter Chartered July 4, 1929



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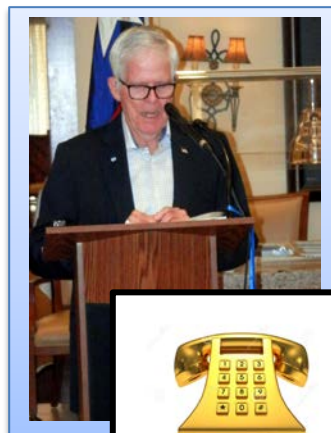
The monthly meeting of Dallas Chapter was gaveled to order at 8:34am in the dining room of Presbyterian Village North by 1st Vice President **Tom Van Fossen**. Prior to his asking Chaplain **Frank Ponders** to give the sick call and rendering an Invocation, **T2** offered up thanks & appreciation to Veteran Compatriots in attendance during this Veterans Day Week.

Pledges to the U.S. & Texas Flags were led by Compatriots **Van Fossen** and **James Fairbairn** respectively. Members then recited the *Affirmation to SAR*, followed by all singing the first stanza of *America* with **John Morton** as the song leader.

Head greeter **Ralph McDowell** and his assistant **Chalmers Omberg** welcomed 22 members & 6 guests (including East Fork Trinity Chapter President Les Anderson shown at far right >, with our President **Bill Watts**). Ralph also mentioned that he had received a rebate check for \$31.76 from Tom Thumb that he then turned over to the Treasurer.



Also attending were prospective members
< Kirby Tassle
&
Ray Fox v



<FCP **Robert Kittrell** stepped up to the microphone as today's "*Jokemeister*." His humorous story about the \$10,000 cost of using a GOLDEN PHONE in various churches to call Heaven gave everyone a good laugh and a thankful blessing that they live in God's country -TEXAS- where it is a local call of only thirty-five cents.

SPECIAL NOTICE #1

Wives of members are invited to the December 8th meeting and will receive a Holiday Gift.

Chapter Website:

www.txssar.org/dallas

BOM (Board of Managers) Report

The Vice President next gave a brief review of his observations and experiences at TxSSAR's recent Fall Conference in New Braunfels, TX. He arrived on Friday evening in time to attend the festivities and food at a German restaurant with dancing and many varieties of beer (a few of our Chapter's delegates sampled more than one blend).

Saturday was full of workshops, information sessions and the start of the general business meeting.



Prior that morning, Color Guardsmen joined with President Jackson in raising the SAR Flag in front of the Hotel

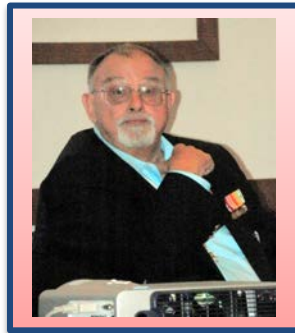


Two very special items came out of the committee sessions;

#1 **John Greer** ^ proposed:
That all Chapters' members have an opportunity to help design the **125th Anniversary Medal**.

#2 Dallas Chapter Compatriot FCP **Robert Kittrell** v was nominated and approved to receive the **PATRIOT MEDAL**.

CM&A V.P. **John Hamlin** > received approval to form a committee to review all TxSSAR members' suggestions & designs. Also he requested that a preliminary survey* form with draft ideas be sent out ASAP.



Vice President Van Fossen concluded his review of the BOM experience by outlining a number of programs he learned of from other Chapter members, as well as getting to truly enjoy meeting fellow Compatriots and gain more insight on his own lineage research.

SPECIAL NOTICE #2

**** If you haven't sent in the survey form attached to last month's newsletter, just bring it with you to the December meeting ...or fill out the one herein attached.***



GUEST SPEAKER

Major General
MARSHALL SCANTLIN

"I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God." Compatriot **Scantlin** emphasized that enlisted service men & women who (like himself) have felt it an honor to recite this oath that bonds them to all that served their country. The original version of that oath was first voted on 14 June 1775 as part of the act creating the Continental Army.

Tomorrow (Nov. 11th) we honor over twenty million living American veterans, and we continue the tradition established in 1918 of celebrating the end of WWI, starting our Dallas Parade **at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month.**

Veterans Day is the one special day (out of the many days of each year) that we salute & remember our veterans from times of war and times of peace. Remember that the history of the United States of America is about the *service and the sacrifice* for over two hundred & forty two years.



"All too often it takes a time of conflict to make us understand what service to our Country is all about – it takes the loss of a loved one to make us understand how deeply serious this business of keeping our Country free is...." We also need to remember that the families of service men & women likewise sacrifice and face an uncertain future.

In conclusion, Compatriot Scantlin read a lyric *In a Mother's Eye*, written by songwriter Andrew Dean, and it truly brought home for all to consider, that **FREEDOM IS NOT FREE.**



President Watts (L) and
V.P. Van Fossen (R)

present the General a
Certificate of Appreciation
& replica of the Liberty Bell

Officers Reports

FCP **Michael Petridis**, serving as Nominations Chairman, read the list of candidates that have volunteered to serve as **Chapter Officers** during

2019



(refer to attached pdf form showing list and positions)

Nominations from the "floor" will also be accepted

SPECIAL NOTICE #3

**We will be voting on the slate
of Officers at Dec 8th meeting**



Dr, James J. Johnson

President Tom Jackson



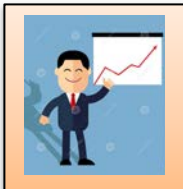
.... more reports

1st VP – Announced that a special holiday Americanism program *A Yankee- Doodle Christmas* will be presented by former UNT professor & SAR Compatriot **James J. Johnson, Jr. PhD.** Our guest speaker for the meeting is none other than Texas Society President, **Thomas Jackson** Member’s wives are invited to attend the meeting as are any North Texas Chapter Officers (call 972/965-7224 or 214/534-3476 to RSVP so that we can plan for seating and meals NLT Dec.6th.) **Secretary-** October’s meeting minutes were approved (with one spelling correction) as posted on website & distributed. In addition the Secretary

reminded members that a survey for suggestions as to the design for a TxSSAR Medal celebrating our 125th Anniversary, was sent to the membership to vote on. Ideas and proposed designs should be sent to CM&A V.P. Hamlin or delivered to Dallas Chapter Secretary next meeting for forwarding. **Treasurer-** The proposed 2019 Chapter Budget was amended to include a line item of \$200 for the purpose of yearly dues for selected members at the Board’s discretion. There being a quorum present and a motion for acceptance, approval was by voice vote. **Registrar-** **Jerry Pinkerton** (r) & District Six Vice President **Gary Lovell** (left)> came forward to induct our newest Compatriot - **Mark Harrison**.(c) Mark’s son **Gray Harrison** be sworn in at next month’s meeting along with **William Fulton**. **Historian-** Reninded members to turn in their summary of activities for the Annual Report and any photos related to Chapter events for the scrapbook. **Chaplain** – stated that for once he was “speechless”. **COMMITTEES....**



Membership-
We’re at 257



Color Guard-We plan to participate in the Dallas Veterans Day parade-
* **WEATHER PERMITTING***

on Monday November 12th (muster at 9:45am) with a start time of 11:00 am. The question of why we have to pay a \$200 entry fee and still wind up in the 129th position, was asked. The Board member (Nick Harper) of the Parade committee explained the regular fee is \$300 and that after paying project costs, the remaining funds collected go to the Veterans Hospital to aid patients & for needed supplies.

Veterans Affairs – Personal items (razors, tooth brushes & tubes of paste, socks/T-shirts etc.) are always in demand, as well as large cans of coffee. **Especially needed this winter are coats and warm clothing.** Compatriot **Warren Johnson** is also soliciting coats for Vets from other community locations, to add to the donations you bring to the meeting. Chairman **Morton** concluded his report by asking all member veterans in attendance to please stand for a “thank you applause.” **Brochure Contest -** Information letters have been sent out to over fifty Middle schools in the DISD metro area and we plan to contact private and home schooled associations.

Abrochure listing information on all SAR Youth Contests can be found on TxSSAR website:

<https://www.txssar.org/pdf/BrochureFYA.pdf>

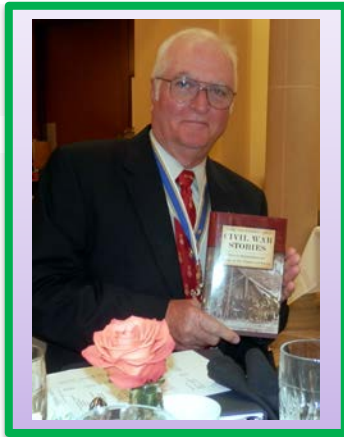
Special Event

A “Flag Retirement” program is scheduled for November 17th at 10:00 am in Plano at Fire Station #12. Sponsored jointly by “Old Worn Flags” organization, Plano & Dallas SAR Chapters, Lone Star Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America – the event will be open to the public and they will be invited to assist (along with Boy and Cub Scouts) in the solemn ceremony.



FLAG RETIREMENT
November 17, 2018

Vice President Van Fossen brought to members' attention a serious matter concerning the fact that an individual in another State had recently tried to scam our Treasurer out of over a thousand dollars. The same person had previously attempted to imply to other Officers, that payment for Chapter expenses were over due. In all cases, our ever-alert accountant caught erroneous details and "saved our bacon." Even T2 played a sharp gumshoe and found the guilty party.



District Six VP
Gary Lovell
shows off his
winning ticket
DOOR PRIZE

There being no further business, we proceeded directly to drawings for door prizes followed by Chaplain's Benediction and then the SAR closing recessional. Meeting adjournment was 9:43am

Respectfully submitted by
Tom M. Whitelock



*ps..... congrats' to Compatriots Robert Curry and
James Spell for their recent articles
in the Senior Living section of the DMN.*