



**THE**  
**JANUARY 12, 2019**  
**News & Minutes of Dallas Chapter**  
**Texas Society - Sons of the American Revolution**  
**Chapter Chartered July 4, 1929**



# MINUTEMAN

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President **Van Fossen** called the monthly meeting to order at 8:40am and informed the membership that President Watts is on his way. Chaplain **Frank Ponders** asked all to join in prayer to remember our former Compatriots (*Charles Ames, Lloyd Bockstruck, Olin Lancaster Jr., Dwight Sharpe & Arthur Ingles*) who passed away during 2018. He next offered up the Invocation.

*.....Hail, hail – the gangs all here*

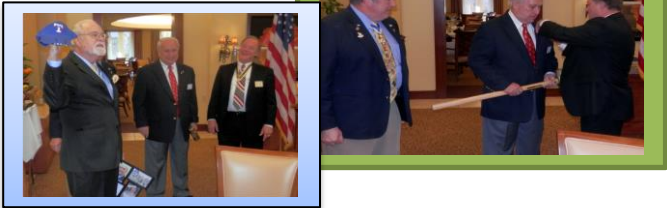


**Marshall Scantlin** and **Jerry Brown** respectively lead us in pledges to the U.S. and Texas Flags, followed by Dist. 6 VP **Lovell**'s *Affirmation to the SAR*. **Tracy Ponders** was in good voice leading all in singing *America*.

FCP **Mike Petridis** came forward to introduce and award the winner of the 2018 *Sisson Golden Sledgehammer Award* – **Tom Van Fossen** aka.T2. FCP **Dr.Gary Sisson**> related the history & purpose of the “20year old heavy mallet” and the recognition lapel pin. FCP **Tom Whitelock** also added to T2’s awards a Raze Frame and baseball cap.v



Past Winners on  
 Chapter website:  
[www.txssar.org/Dallas](http://www.txssar.org/Dallas)



Having arrived, President **Watts** took over the “Gavel” to express his appreciation to Officers and members for their patience during his extended absence from duties while in recovery from surgery. He next asked TxSSAR President-Elect **David Temple** to please swear in the 2019 Chapter Officers: **President-Tom Van Fossen, 1<sup>st</sup> VP-Mark Harrison, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Alan Prather, Secretary-Tom Whitelock, Treasurer-Nick Harper, Registrar-Jerry Pinkerton** (out of town), **Historian-Joseph Slonaker, & Chaplain-Frank Pounders.**



After the official presentation of the President’s Ribbon by Bill to Tom, Tom in turn reciprocated with a Certificate of Appreciation to Bill. >



District Six Vice President Gary Lovell presented Texas Society Certificates of Appreciation to T1 and T2 for their exceptional service to the Society during the last year. T2 also received the State’s Bronze Service Medal.



Certificate Awards for “perfect attendance during 2018” were presented to Nick Harper, John Morton, Robert Kittrell, Arthur Omberg, Joseph Slonaker, Tom Smith, Tom Whitelock & Ralph McDowell.

Ralph shows of his special Certificate for having had **Twenty Five Years** of perfect attendance at Dallas Chapter meetings



## *Officers and Committee Chairman Reports*

**1<sup>st</sup> VP** – **Mark** stated that our February guest speaker will be MARK GRAVIT of the *North Texas Patriot Guard Riders* and that the Americanism program will be presented by our Essay Contest winner- TREVOR BURKE. **2<sup>nd</sup> VP** - **Alan** alerted all, the awards have been ordered for the March presentation to our community service “first responders” in **Law-Fire-EMS**. **Secretary** – Tom received approval a voice vote approval for December Minutes. **Treasurer** – **Nick** noted that a financial statement had been handed out at the start of the meeting. FCP **Mike Petridis** stated that in last year’s budget there was a line item that the Chapter had voted

to donate \$200 to the *Dallas Homeless Veterans Society*. He made a motion that we contribute \$100 this year to the Dallas Chapter of Military Order of World Wars (May 17<sup>th</sup> Golf Tournament) which benefits the DHVS. Second by **J. Morton** –Voice vote approval. **Historian** – **Joe** reported that he had just completed the 2018 Chapter Scrapbook that will be entered in the State Contest. He excited everyone with the announcement that Dallas now has its own **youtube** channel at **SAR Dallas Chapter** which should help in recruitment.

Also, he has a digital flash drive for sale that covers the scrapbook, > all meeting videos, special events, & photos. Contact **Nick Harper** for additional details and costs. Joe expressed appreciation for **Mitch Singleton** volunteering to assist him in recording our activities during 2019.



**Registrar**– TxSSAR Inland Registrar **Jerry Brown** stepped in to induct new members: (L to R) **Mark Morgan, Haskell Kirkpatrick, Jr. & Haskell Kirkpatrick III.**

**Membership** – **Ralph** said that he worked the glad-handing duties by himself this morning, however he asked all compatriots celebrating a January birthday to please stand so that we could sing Happy Birthday to them. **Poster Contest** – **John** asked everyone to be sure to stay around after next month’s meeting to help judge the various student art entries that will be displayed in the backroom. **Brochure Contest** – **Marshall** said no entries yet. **Oration** T1 reported that Trevor Burke will be our Chapter Winner (although he couldn’t enter the Region 4 competition) we’ll try getting him in the State Contest through another Region that didn’t have a student representative. Trevor will also be our entry in the State finals for Essays. **Veterans Affairs** After John thanked all for bringing donations each month, T1 mentioned that a recent charity drive to acquire warm clothing and coats for homeless people was spearheaded by Compatriot **Warren Johnson** & his wife Carmen and that a portion of the articles collected will be added into our VA hospital winter donations. **CAR** – Mrs Bradley Sue Howell (DAR) reported that the David Pendelton Society and Jane Douglas DAR Chapter will hold their *George Washington Tea* on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

FCP Watts presented the Chapter with a “Partners in Patriotism” Certificate from NSSAR for our participation in *Wreaths Across America*. He also awarded lapel pins to those of us who were involved and contributed time and/or monetary donations.



He followed up with presentations to 2018 Chapter Officers/Chairmen of Service Medals & Certificates.

There being no further old or new business – Door Prizes were drawn for and the Chaplain gave the Benediction and meeting was adjourned at 9:57pm After reciting the SAR Recessional.

*Respectfully submitted by*  
**TOM WHITELOCK**

