



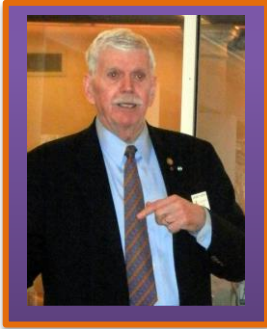
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APRIL 13, 2019
News & Minutes of Dallas Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution
Chapter Chartered July 4, 1929



Minuteman

With the crashing thud of the gavel at 8:31, Chapter President **Van Fossen** called the monthly meeting to order followed by his requesting Chaplain **Frank Ponders** to give the sick call and offer up an *invocation*. T2 and **Mark Howell** led the pledges to U.S. & Texas Flags respectively, followed by **John Morton** having everyone join him singing the first stanza of *America*.



TxSSAR Inland Registrar, <**Jerry Brown** agreed to start the members off in the *Affirmation to SAR*.



The Chancellor and Head greeter **Tracy Ponders** & **Ralph McDowell**> got all attendees to sing *Happy 76th Birthday* to our Chapter President.

Having heard the services for the Society's National organizations, the our very own **David Temple** membership as today's guest



outstanding list of past Dallas Chapter, State and new TxSSAR President and was hardily welcomed by the speaker.

And speaking of membership, he stated that topic was to be one of his main administrative concerns. *Recruitment, Retention & Reinstatement* are the "Three R's" that both the State and Chapters need to always concentrate on in order to grow our Society. NSSAR forwarded over 800 prospects to Texas last year of which we processed 300 into our Compatriot ranks. Our retention efforts are the toughest task each year (as FCP Ralph McDowell well knows). This major project falls mainly on the shoulders of each Chapter and requires active members' support as well as State and National's sincere interest promoting the advantages of participation in the various *Patriotic * Historical * Educational* activities and events.





David received a special EAGLE as the Chapter's "Thank You Gift".

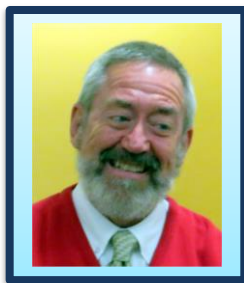
President **Temple** emphasized that we not only need to, but should continue to reach out to members that dropped their membership to reconsider, since the Society continues to increase the benefits to them and their heirs – as an example, the larger youth contest scholarship amounts. Taking an interest in what our Compatriots do, what they have done and in what areas they are interested to participate in SAR activities or positions, will be an important project by a number of Compatriots.

Upon a question by Registrar Brown, related to how members attending a State Conference can best learn what committee meetings they should attend, the

President suggested that they might start with what they have an interest in, followed by sitting in on activity & project committee sessions that their Chapter have an interest in or need help with.

Guests Linda Harrison & David Aldrich were introduced to the members. ▼

In concluding his remarks, he called forward State Chaplain **Frank Ponders** > to award him the *Silver Roger Sherman* medal for continual service to the Society.



Officers & Committee

Chairmen Reports

President- In reviewing his first time (full schedule) State Conference, he expressed surprise in how much he learned as well as delight in being called forward to accept so many high-ranking State awards for the Chapter's 2018 performance. *PATRIOT Medal-Kittrell, FIRST Place American History Teacher- Mason, SECOND place Middle School Brochure Contest-Sherwood, FIRST place Yearbook-#2 Slonaker, > FIRST Place Eagle Scout Essay-Burke, FOURTH Place Oration Contest-Burke, FIRST Place Newsletter- #2 Whitelock >*

2nd Vice President- Said he needed help, as the requests for JROTC & Citizenship presentations are quickly increasing and time is short. *See photos on last page.*



1st Vice President- Next month's Guest Speaker is a former Naval Officer and airline executive, **John Burhoe**, who will speak on the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Secretary- Minutes of previous March Meeting were approved by voice vote.

Treasurer- Financial reports were handed out to members prior to today's meeting. **Historian-** was awarded a special "Thank you gift", from T2, for his outstanding service to the Chapter- an official TXSSAR T-shirt. **Chaplain-** No report, but he's "still marching on." **Color Guard-** Had a fun time presenting a flag > program at the Providence Academy. Then enjoyed their time at the Naturalization Ceremonies posting Colors and welcoming new citizens >

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.....but, we were most saddened to hear of the passing of good friend and dual Dallas Chapter member, **Montie G. Monzingo** who participated in a number of Color Guard activities & events. >

Upcoming CG Events

MAY 25 – Ennis Polka Parade 9:30am

JUNE 22 – Farmersville *Audie Murphy* Parade 9:00am



President **Van Fossen** recognized Color Guard Commander and FCP



Robert Kittrell (<left) and TXSSAR District Six Vice President

Gary Lovell (<right) ...as this year's recipients of the high honor of our State Society – The **Patriot Medal.**

Veterans Affairs- Flyers listing the various items VA Hospitals need, were handed out.

CAR- Chapter liaison **Nick Harper** and perpetual welcome DAR guest, Bradley Sue Howell reported that the *David Pendleton Society* appreciated Dallas Color Guard posting the Flags at their State Conference and are looking forward to a successful 2019 year of activities. Dick Eastman (Genealogy) is digitizing the War of 1812 patriot records & has "A thru P" thus far.

The Secretary reminded all that we still plan to celebrate our Chapter's 90th Anniversary in July

There being no further old or new business – Door prizes were drawn for and the Chaplain gave the Benediction.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:57pm after reciting the SAR Recessional.

Respectfully submitted by
TOM WHITELOCK



Other Monthly Events.....

JROTC PRESENTATIONS

Van Fossen at Skyline



Whitelock at Pinkston



Fairbairn at W.T. White



Each living veteran who served at any time on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, regardless of location, during the period of **November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975** is eligible to receive one *Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin* > on behalf of a grateful nation, as a Commemoration and authorized by Congress.

Notify President Van Fossen **ASAP** if you qualify to receive one, since we plan to have the North Texas “Partners” Chapter Representative make a presentation at an upcoming meeting.

