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



# MINUTEMAN

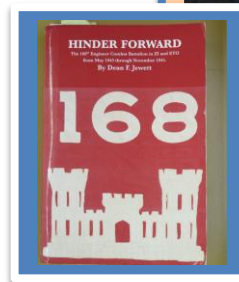
## *Celebrating Our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1929-2019*

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8:33 by President **Van Fossen** and Chaplain-for-the-day FCP **Tracy Pounders** offered up the *Invocation* followed by **T2** leading the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag. Registrar **Jerry Pinkerton** was called upon to Start us out in the Pledge to Texas Flag and Compatriot **William Richardson** led his fellow Compatriots in the *Affirmation to the SAR*. **John Morton** was our song leader for the first stanza of *America* this morning.

TxSSAR Officers and special guests were introduced.

## AMERICANISM

Compatriot **Brent Harshman** related history on his father's World War II experience of being captured and confined as a POW. His father, Ray Harshman was a member of the 168<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion and he was ambushed (along with his squad) by Germans on December 16<sup>th</sup> - as recorded by Dean Jewett, company clerk & author of *Hinder Forward*.



The educational and entertaining tales that Brent read about his dad's trials & tribulations left all of us fully understanding why we are truly fortunate and should never forget why they are called *The Greatest Generation*.



President **Van Fossen** next introduced our

*Guest Speaker* for the day.

**FCP Mike Petridis**

His topic was

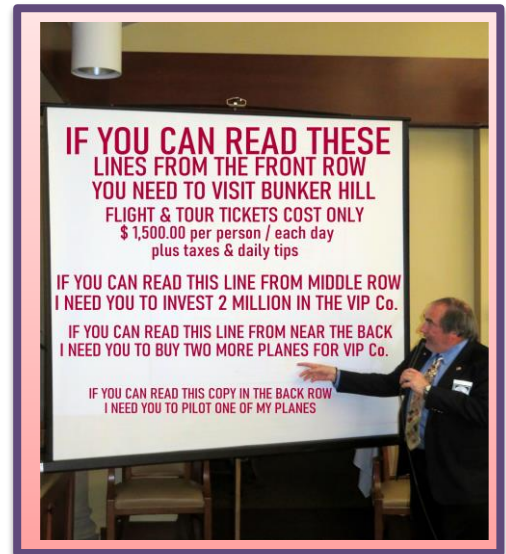
## ***THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL***

Before settling into his very learned lecture on the three hills that rose high above Charlestown, Mass.- Mike made his apologies for the difficulty in attendees seeing the projected images on the screen (that's other than his commercial ones.) It's definitely time to get a stronger projector so that we can read between the lines.

The actual battles were fought on *Breeds Hill* just in front of *Bunker Hill* and to the side of *Moultons Hill*. A third and final British attack and lack of ammunition (by the colonists) forced the Patriots to retreat toward Cambridge. Compatriot Petridis did his due diligence and made a very interesting presentation that earned him a Liberty Bell for his desk and a COA to hang on the wall.

*p.s. Some say the "Bunker Hill Monument" was erected on the highest of the three hills, do a little search to find out if that's where it stands !!!!*

<https://www.britannica.com/event/Battle-of-Bunker-Hill>



**Dallas Chapter Website >> [txssar.org/Dallas](http://txssar.org/Dallas)**

By the way, WHERE IN THE WORLD DID YOU TAKE YOUR "MINUTEMAN" ????



**Our President made sure  
seen as he traveled**



**that our Newsletter got  
throughout Europe**

# Officers & Committee Chairman Reports

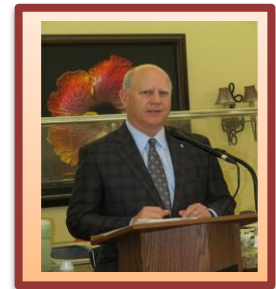
**President-** During his recent travels throughout Europe, he had worn his SAR Rosette Lapel Pin and more than not was asked what it was and why he was so proud to wear it. Needless to say, **T2** was more than happy to relate all he could about his Patriot and the organization. **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.-** Guest Speaker at December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting is Compatriot **Dan Reed** of the Plano Chapter. **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.-** No Rprt. **Secretary-** Compatriot **William Richardson** called for the minutes to be read, however the membership approved the



minutes as distributed. **Treasurer-** Had handed out the Finance (Oct Balance \$6,035.32) Statement when members arrived at the sign-in table. He next drew their attention to the proposed 2020 budget and noted that it was to be voted on at the next meeting. **Registrar-**

The newest member **Mark D. Foster** > was < inducted by President **Van Fossen** & Registrar **Pinkerton**. **Mark** mentioned that

his Patriot, Col. John Foster (and his Father Arthur both) fought in the Revolution, however John & his brother James were captured and spent nearly two years on a British Prison War Ship.



**T2** reminded everyone that the State Historian needs all Compatriots to fill out and file with him – the short survey being handed out by the Secretary. State Inland Registrar **Jerry Brown** also mentioned that a similar one is on the TxSSAR website. The primary purpose is to update data records and history on each Compatriot. We've had too many of our members pass away without us knowing or our not being able to honor them or being unable to contact their family.

**Color Guard-** Commander **Kittrell** reminded everyone that plans to participate in the Veterans Day Parade that we muster at 9:00 am even though it “kicks off” at 11:00 am. We are scheduled to be in the 75<sup>th</sup> position, but John Ray of Plano Chapter is bringing a trailer so our SENIOR members can ride instead of marching. **The Secretary is calling dibs on the front left side bale of hay.** **CAR-** Bradley Sue Howell informed us of various events that the David Pendleton Society planed for the next two months and also the history surrounding the young boy for whom the Chapter is so named. **Nick Harper** added that they will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Ten years older than our Chapter)

Under OLD BUSINESS – The President confirmed with *Minuteman Fund* Trustee **Tom Smith**, we would be able to draw up to \$1000 in order to supplement cost for the upcoming Installation Dinner on **January 14<sup>th</sup> at the Crown Plaza at Midway**. Under NEW BUSINESS – FCP **Petridis** reminded all that the deadline for selecting a student to represent our Chapter in the ORATION Contest is 12/31/19. We need to get the word out.

After the drawing for Door Prizes, FCP **Tracy Pounders** gave the Benediction followed by the President leading us in the SAR Closing.

Adjournment 10:12 am

Respectfully Submitted  
By

*Tom Whitelock, Secretary*





# *Other monthly events...*

Only the hardy brave  
the chilly winds of



VETERANS DAY PARADE

## COMPATRIOT JAMES FAIRBAIRN SERVICES



Attending James' memorial service (L>R)  
Compatriots Pinkerton, Van Fossen and  
Whitelock- (not pictured: David Temple,  
Mark Hansen, Ralph & Robert McDowell  
and Bill Fairbairn.

T1 & T2 honored Compatriot  
**Fairbairn** at his burial in the  
^DFW National Cemetery

# In Memory Of Our Past Chapter Compatriots

**James M. Fairbairn & Joseph R. Gorham**

**NSSAR 162244 \* TxSSAR 9359**

**NSSAR 137412 \* TxSSAR 6771**



***DOB-12/6/1931***

***DOD-11/12/2019***

***DOB-7/14/1935***

***DOD-11/9/2019***

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