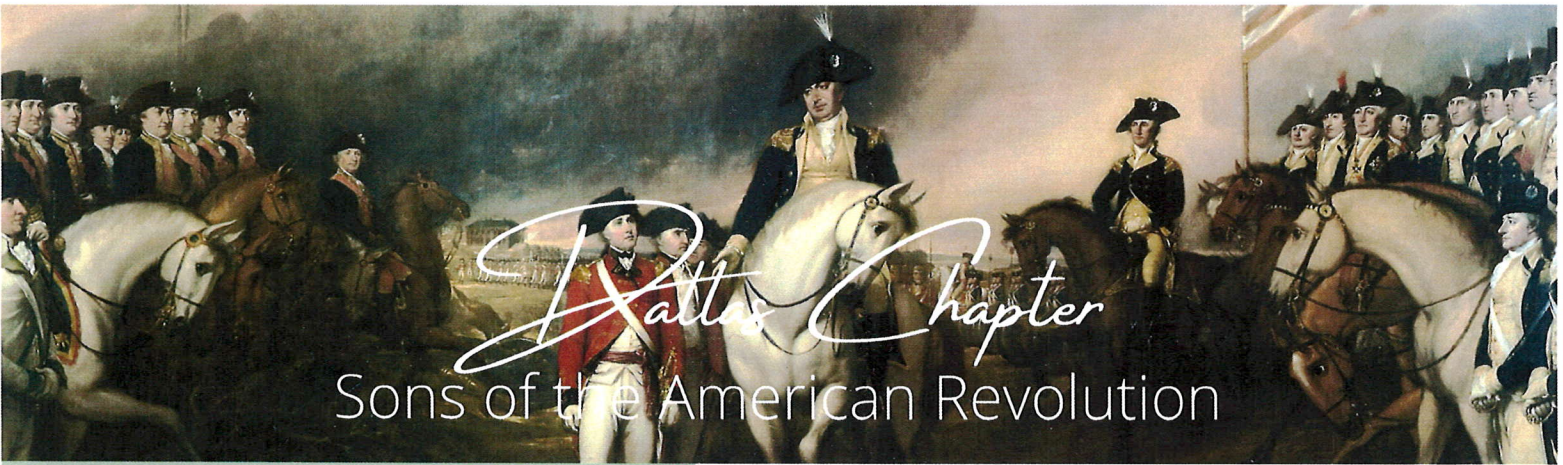


# January 2022 Highlights

- | <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u>   |
|-------------|--|
| 3           | Our Chapter Color Guard Commander, Bill Watts, attended the January Frisco Lakes Veterans Club Membership Meeting. Nick Gilliam of the SAR Plano Chapter delivered remarks for the club.   |
| 8           | The January monthly meeting of the Chapter was held at Ventana by Buckner and via Zoom for those unable to attend in person. Officers for 2022 were sworn in by former SAR State President Drake Peddie, and the Sisson Golden Sledgehammer Awards for 2020 and 2021 were announced. There was a delay in the announcements and awards due to Covid; for 2020, Mark Harrison was named, and for 2021, Brent Harshman was recognized. Pat Thibodeaux was our outstanding speaker for the day. |
| 15          | Chapter Color Guardsmen attended the creation of a new SAR Ark-La-Tex Chapter in Atlanta, TX. At the meeting Bill Watts, our Color Guard Commander, made a special contribution from the Dallas Chapter to the new chapter in Atlanta.   |
| 19          | Several Chapter members participated in the Texas SAR Archives / History / Yearbooks Committee Zoom Meeting chaired by John Anderson of the Arlington Chapter.   |
| 21          | Compatriot James J. Johnson, Jr. of the Denton Chapter passed away. Jim was a longtime friend of the Dallas Chapter and frequently joined our Zoom meetings over the past year.  |
| 29          | Texas SAR Region 4 Oration Contest was held January 29 at the British Flying Training School Museum in Terrell, TX. Dallas Chapter members Mark Harrison, Tom Van Fossen and Tom Whitelock presided and judged at this fine event.   |

Also on the 29<sup>th</sup> Texas Society Region 6 VP and former Dallas Chapter President Tom Van Fossen delivered greetings from the SAR in his address to the DAR's General Levi Casey Chapter on the celebration of their 70th Anniversary.



## 2022 OFFICERS

- **Mark Harrison** | President
- **Tom Van Fossen** | 1st Vice-President
- **J. D. Martin** | 2nd Vice-President
- **Bill Watts** | Secretary
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- **Bill Watts** | Color Guard Commander

## MEETING LOCATION

📍 Ventana by Buckner  
South Tower, Grand Hall  
8301 N US 75-Central Expressway  
Dallas, TX 75225

(see map attached for details of location and parking directions)

🌐 [www.txssar.org/Dallas](http://www.txssar.org/Dallas)

## MONTHLY MEETING

Join us for our next Chapter meeting:

- Saturday, 8 January 2022
- 08:00am - Breakfast buffet for \$10 including raffle ticket for door prize
- 09:00am - Meeting program

## FEATURED SPEAKER



**Pat Thibodeau**

**NSDAR, Richard Bard Chapter, Mesquite, TX**

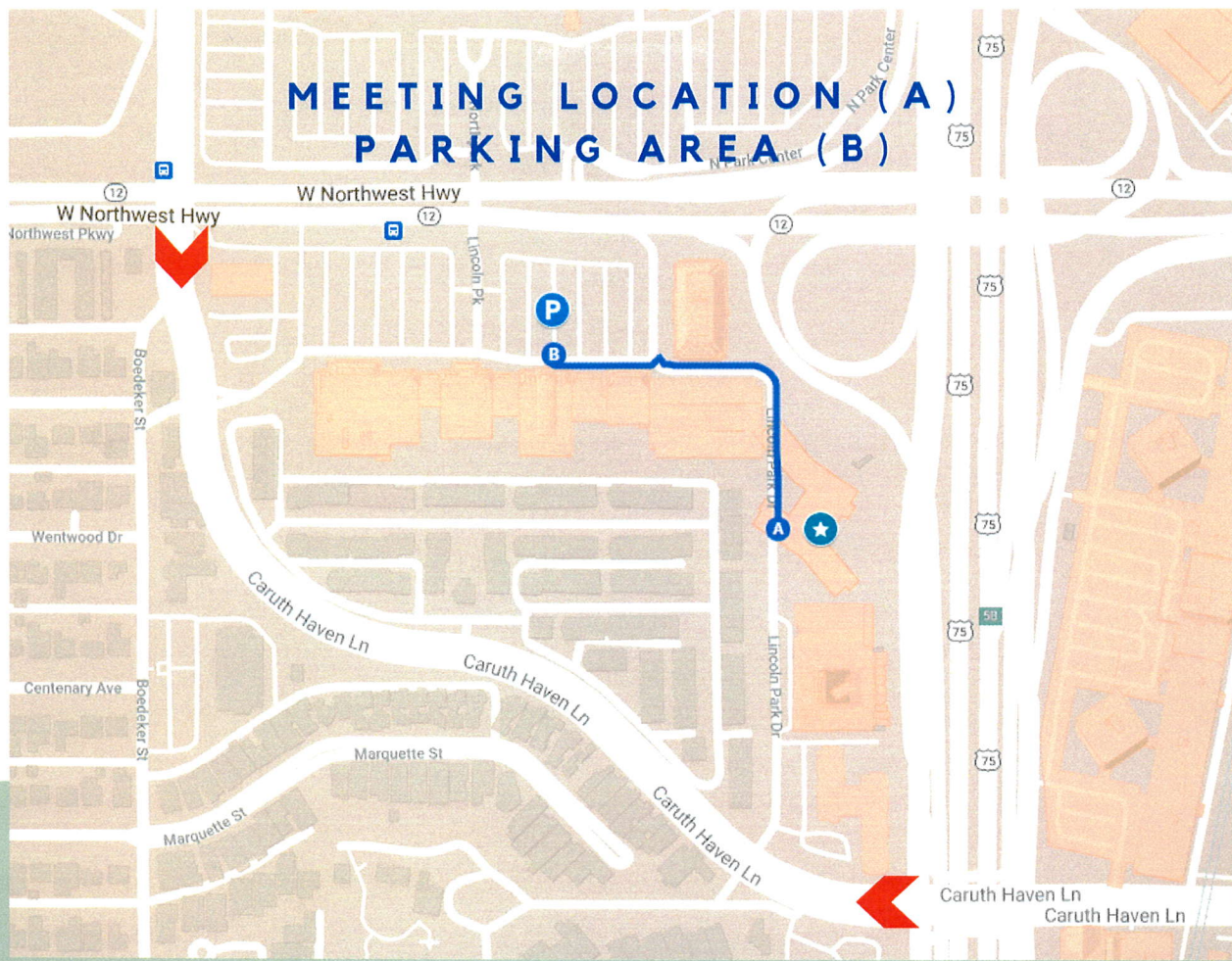
Born in Alabama, Pat holds several degrees with honors, majoring in Applied Space Technology, Human Behavior & Development, and Human Relations. She served 14 years in the military (1975-1989) in the US Navy Reserve, USAF, and USAF Reserve becoming the first woman to teach air traffic control radar repair in the Air Force.

Pat is a non-denominational ordained minister and published author. Since joining the NSDAR in 2010, Pat has served multiple roles at both the Chapter and State levels in chair and officer positions.

In addition, she is also a distinguished member of the TXDAR State Speakers Staff, logging 4,209 miles of travel in 2020 in that role.

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Induction of 4 New Members
- Formal Installation of New Officers for 2022
- Annual Awards Ceremony
- Sisson Golden Sledge Hammer Award Presentation



## DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION

If coming on North Central Expressway (Hwy 75) take the exit to Caruth Haven:

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- Ventana by Buckner is the third building. It is just past the Hyatt House.

If coming on Northwest Hwy (Loop 12) turn south onto Caruth Haven:

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- Follow Caruth Haven about ½ mile and turn left on Lincoln Park.

At 8301 Ventana by Buckner turn in and drive around the fountain. Drop off passengers then follow map to Lincoln Park Shopping Center parking. There is limited parking at Ventana. For those that have difficulty walking, you may use the valet to park your vehicle. No tipping is allowed if you use the valet.

Come into the fountain entrance (South Tower) and follow signs to our SAR meeting room. The valet will let you in. Masks are required for guests.

Check in at the SAR desk and purchase your breakfast when you enter the room.



# The MINUTEMAN



## Dallas Chapter

*Founded July 4, 1929*

*Texas Society - Sons of the American Revolution*

January 8, 2022

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## DALLAS CHAPTER MEETING TXSSAR

Ventana by Buckner South Tower, Grand Hall  
8301 N US 75-Central Expressway Dallas, TX 75032

*"The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance, it is the illusion of knowledge."  
– Stephen Hawking*

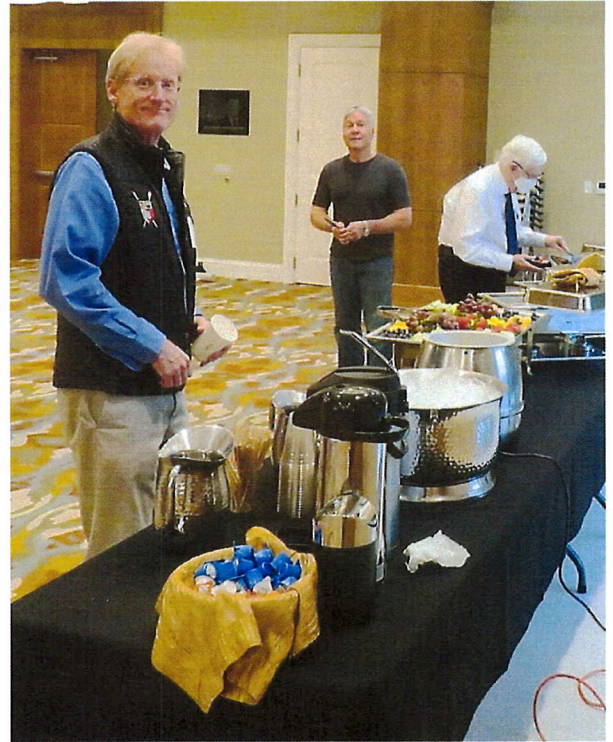
### AGENDA

Breakfast – 8:00am

Meeting – 9:00am



**The Dallas Chapter Meeting is about to start!**



**Call to Order** – President Van Fossen



**Rules of Engagement** – President Elect Harrison

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**Invocation** – Frank Pounders

**Pledges** – American Flag, Texas Flag, and SAR

**Welcome** – President Van Fossen – Welcome to all.

## Visitors

From the DAR Margaret Anderson with husband Leslie.



Ora Jane Johnson and our speaker Pat Thibodeau

## 2022 Officer Installation

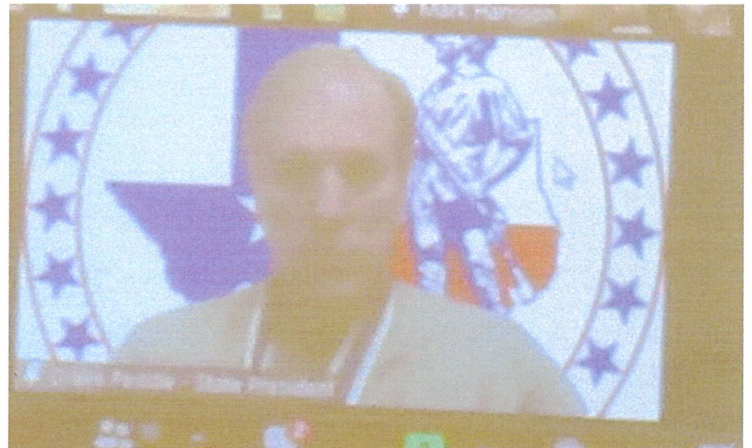
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- ★ Immediate Past President | Tom Van Fossen



Tom Van Fossen, J D Martin, Brent Harshman, Frank Pounders, Bill Watts, Nick Harper, Jerry Pinkerton, Mark Harrison and Mark Morgan

All incoming officers received the Dallas Chapter Service Medal.



The Dallas Chapter Officers were sworn in by Texas State President Drake Peddie



The peaceful transfer of power from outgoing President, Tom Van Fossen to incoming President Mark Harrison was consummated when Van Fossen received his past President's pin from President Harrison.

# Award Presentations



## The Sisson Golden Hammer Award

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Dr. Gary Sisson swings in with the Hammer.

And this year's Sisson Golden Hammer Award goes to;

2020 Mark Harrison

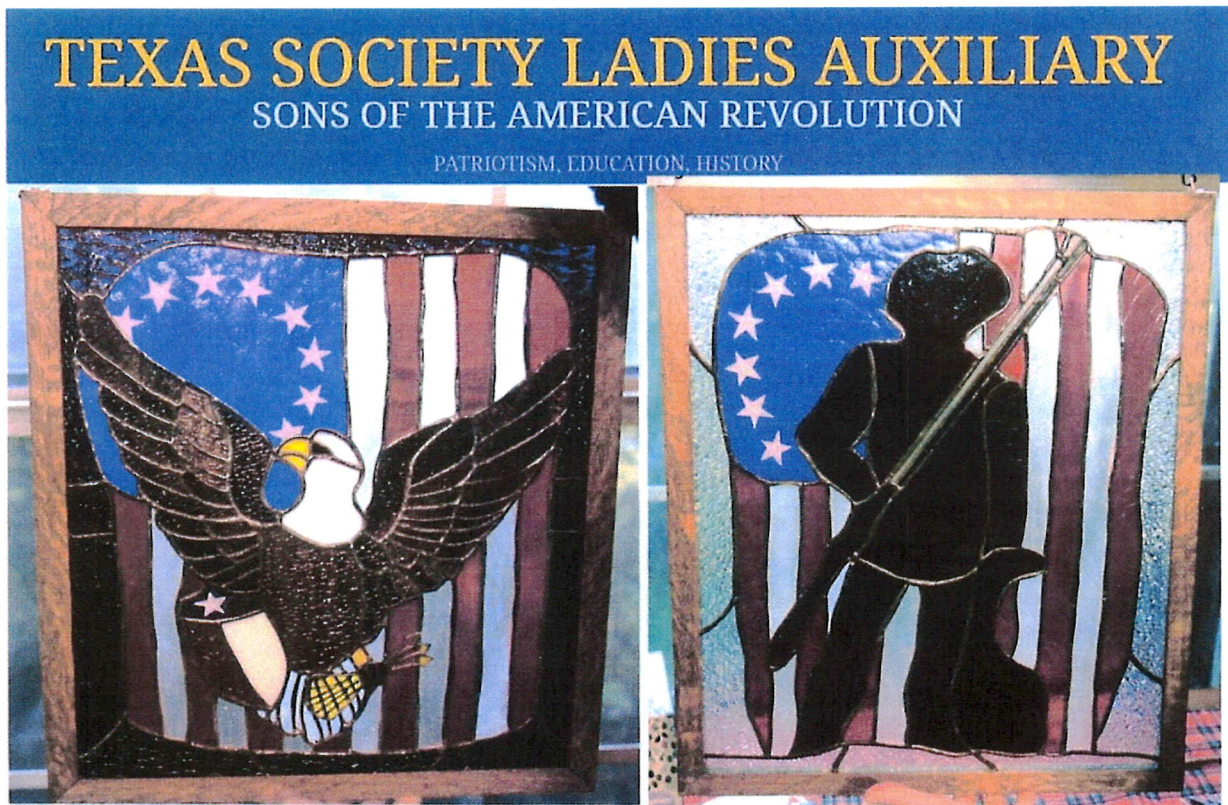
2021 Brent Harshman

Dr. Sisson wanted to create a way to honor members of the Dallas Chapter who have made an outstanding commitment of service during the year. The Golden Hammer was born in 1999 and the first was given to Tom Whitelock in 2001. The Golden Hammer is given each year to individuals who make an outstanding contribution and service to the Dallas Chapter during the year.





**Margaret Anderson** the LATXSSAR liaison talked about the **Texas Society Ladies Auxiliary** raffle for the SAR Museum. She presented this flyer with more information.



The 2021-23 Fundraising Project is designated to support the SAR Museum in Louisville. The SAR Museum Committee, under Museum Committee Chair Kent Gregory, started a program to supplement the existing artifact collection with Revolutionary War period artifacts. The program has successfully added some wonderful pieces to the collection. They periodically publish a list of artifacts they have identified as available and others that they wish to have. The Committee has developed very good relationships with collectors and vendors which can assist potential donors. The LATXSSAR has chosen this program as the benefactor of their 2021-23 Fundraising. See below just a few of the donations.

The "tickets" are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20. Ask a LATXSSAR member for more information.



## Introduction of our morning Speaker – President Harrison

Pat Thibodeau of the NSDAR, Richard Bard Chapter, Mesquite, Texas

### A Mother's Heartbreak –

Elizabeth Burgin fed prisoners of ships in the New York harbor that were being used to hold American prisoners during the Revolutionary War.



Colonel Benjamin Tallmadge contacted Elizabeth concerning her aid in helping the prisoners escape from one of the prison ships.



She was arrested by the British.

Later she gained her freedom and earned a pension after the war.





Tom Van Fossen and President Mark Harrison present a certificate and an Eagle to Pat Thibodeau of the NSDAR, Richard Bard Chapter, Mesquite, Texas for her presentation to the Dallas Chapter.

The **Lydia Darragh Medal** was presented to Ora Jane Johnson by Tom Van Fossen and Mark Harrison.



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The Medal is given to a lady who worked behind the scenes supporting SAR programs, but whose service does not meet the requirements for the Martha Washington Medal.

## OFFICERS REPORTS

**Secretary** – Watts Minutes Approved – Jim Battles moved for approval and was seconded by Tom Van Fossen

**Treasurer** – Treasurer Harper  
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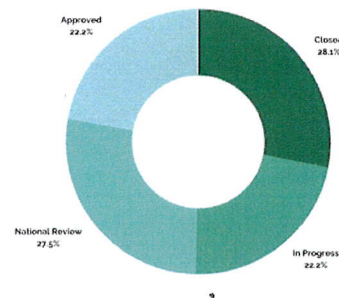
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**Historian - Historian Harshman**

Send pictures of events  
for future scrapbooks to:  
Brent Harshman  
[brentharshman@protonmail.com](mailto:brentharshman@protonmail.com)

**Color Guard – Commander Watts**

**December – January Color Guard Events**



December 18, 2021 Saturday - Wreaths Across America  
Rest Haven Cemetery Tom Van Fossen, Bill Watts and  
John Greer

December 21, 2021 Tuesday – Presented medals to  
Fire Department station house 8 Bill Watts, Jerry  
Pinkerton, J D Martin, Tom Van Fossen, Mark  
Harrison, and Tom Whitelock



January 3, 2022 Monday – A presentation on  
how to become a member of the Sons of the  
American Revolution – Chapters represented  
were Plano, Sherman and Dallas.



## Up-coming Dallas Color Guard Events

January 15, 2022 Saturday – Post and retrieve Colors at a New Chapter creation ceremony at the American Legion Post for ARK-LA-TEX Chapter

February 19, 2022 Saturday – George Washington Celebration Parade Laredo has been **cancelled**.

### OLD BUSINESS –

None

### NEW BUSINESS –

None.

Merchandise Table – Tom Whitelock

We have Metal and Wood Challenge Coins, 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal Set, and an SAR House Banner to aid our Chapter in the efforts raise money for our youth programs.



125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal Set



SAR Porch



Dallas Challenge Coins



Wood Coin

### DOOR PRIZE –

President Mark Harrison - Via Zoom – winner is Russell Wendell

Treasurer Nick Harper - At meeting – Dr. Gary Sisson

BENEDICTION – Frank Pounders

SAR RECESSIONAL – The Dallas Chapter Members attending

### [NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12th @ 9:00AM](#)

Join us at our next Chapter meeting: Bill Watts will be presenting a program on Colonial Clothing and accessories.

08:00 am - Breakfast buffet for \$10 including raffle ticket for door prize

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# Committee Opportunities Available at the Dallas Chapter


- ▶ Public Relations & Publicity
- ▶ Community Service Awards
- ▶ Member Retention
- ▶ CAR Liaison
- ▶ DAR Liaison
- ▶ Annual Audit
- ▶ American History Teacher
- ▶ Brochure Contest (MS)
- ▶ CAR Essay Contest
- ▶ Eagle Scout Essay Contest
- ▶ Knight Essay Contest (HS)
- ▶ Oration Contest (HS)
- ▶ Poster Contest (Elem)
- ▶ Speaker's Bureau

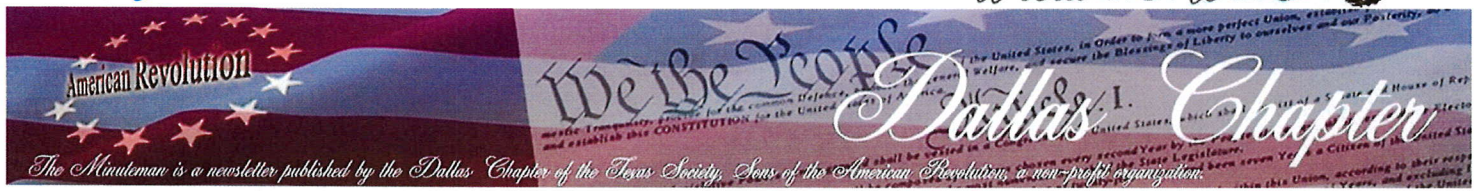
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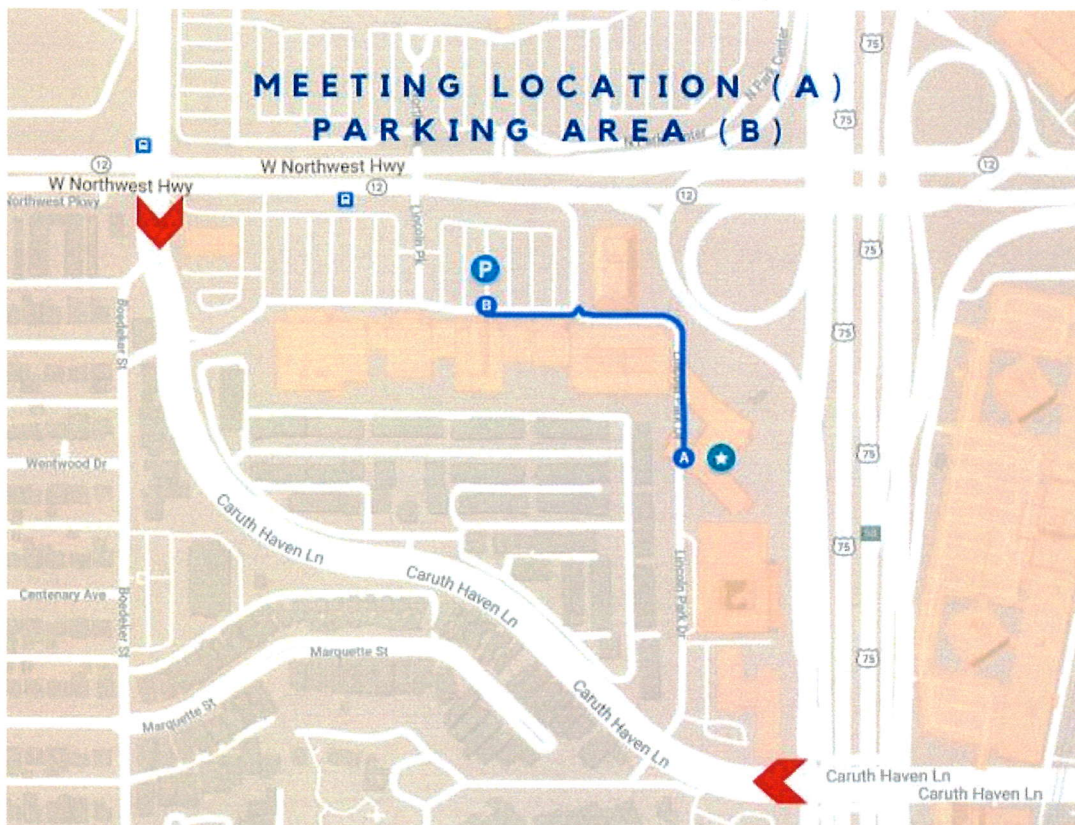
President Mark Harrison:      [mharrison.sar@gmail.com](mailto:mharrison.sar@gmail.com) 214-733-7078

*The best way to get a good cup of coffee in the morning is to  
wake up your wife first!*

*William B. Watts* 

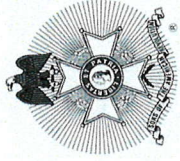


## DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION MEETING LOCATION (A) PARKING AREA (B)



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

# DALLAS CHAPTER



Saturday, 8 January 2022 | 09:00am

## Call to Order

PRESIDENT TOM VAN FOSSEN

- ★ Call to Order
- ★ Rules of Engagement
- ★ Invocation
- ★ Pledges
- ★ Welcome
- ★ Award Presentations
- ★ 2022 Officer Installation
- ★ Featured Speaker
- ★ Officer Reports
- ★ Old & New Business
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- ★ Benediction
- ★ Recessional



"George Washington at Princeton"  
by Charles Wilson Peale, 1779  
(Public Domain)

## Agenda

## Rules of Engagement

PRESIDENT-ELECT MARK HARRISON



# Meeting Rules

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# Pledges

ALL ATTENDEES

# Invocation

CHAPLAIN FRANK POUNDERS

# Pledge of Allegiance



I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

# Pledge to the Texas Flag

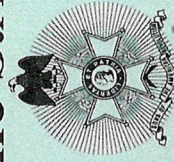


Honor the Texas flag:  
I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas,  
one state under God, one and  
indivisible.

## Welcome

PRESIDENT TOM VAN FOSSEN

# Pledge to the S.A.R.



We descendants of the heroes of  
the American Revolution, who by  
their sacrifices established the  
United States of America, reaffirm  
our faith in the Principles of Liberty  
and our Constitutional Republic,  
and solemnly pledge ourselves to  
defend them against every foe.

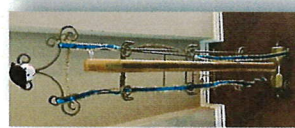
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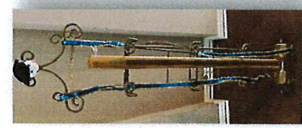
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Dr. Gary Sisson

# Sisson Golden Hammer Award



## New Award Winners

- ★ 2020 Mark Harrison
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Dr. Gary Sisson

# Featured Speaker

## Pat Thibodeau

NSDAR, Richard Bard Chapter, Mesquite, TX  
*A Mother's Heartbreak*



# Officer Reports

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# Lydia Darragh Medal



Award Winner

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Mark Harrison

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for  
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Bill Watts

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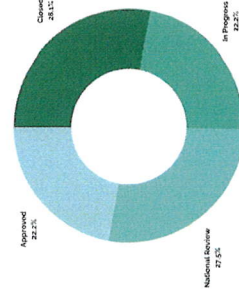
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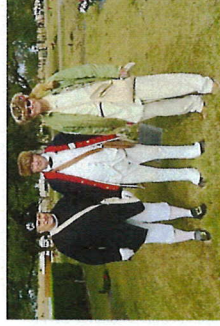
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## Color Guard Past Events



18 December 2021, Saturday  
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2500 State Highway 66 East in Rockwall

Bill Watts

## History Projects

Send pictures of events  
for future scrapbooks to:  
Brent Harshman  
[brentharshman@protonmail.com](mailto:brentharshman@protonmail.com)

Brent Harshman

## Color Guard Past Events



21 December 2021, Tuesday  
Presented 2020 medals to the Fire Department at  
Dallas Station House #8,  
1904 N. Garrett Avenue in Dallas

Bill Watts

## Color Guard Past Events



3 January 2022, Monday  
Presentation at Veterans Club of  
Frisco Lakes Retirement Community,  
7955 Anthem Dr. in Frisco

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Bill Watts

## Upcoming Programs

- ★ Next Meeting — February 12<sup>th</sup> @ 09:00am
- ★ Upcoming Speaker — To be announced

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Mark Harrison

## Future Color Guard Activities

- ★ 15 January 2022, Saturday – Post and retrieve Colors at a new chapter creation ceremony at the American Legion Post at 308 N. Louise St., Atlanta, TX — muster at 12:30pm. I will be leaving Rockwall at 9am. If you want to ride with me meet me at the Home Depot in Rockwall at 9am.
- ★ 19 February 2022, Saturday – George Washington Celebration Parade, Laredo, Texas, 9am to 1pm.  
**CANCELLED**

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Bill Watts

## Old & New Business

**PRESIDENT MARK HARRISON**

## Merchandise Table



125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal Set



SAR Porch Banner

Tom Whitelock

## Closing & Door Prizes

PRESIDENT MARK MORGAN (ZOOM)  
TREASURER NICK HARPER (ROOM)

## Merchandise Table



New Dallas  
Challenge Coin



Wood  
Challenge Coin

Tom Whitelock

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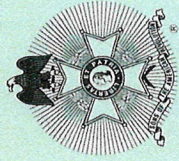




# ┌ Benediction

CHAPLAIN FRANK POUNDERS

# ┌ Recessional



Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a nation of Free Men.

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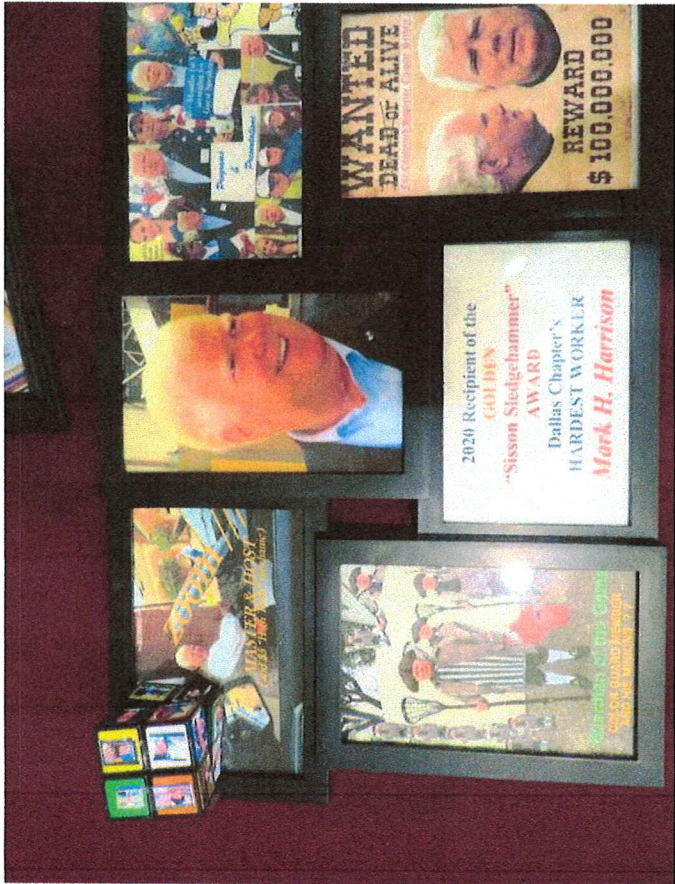
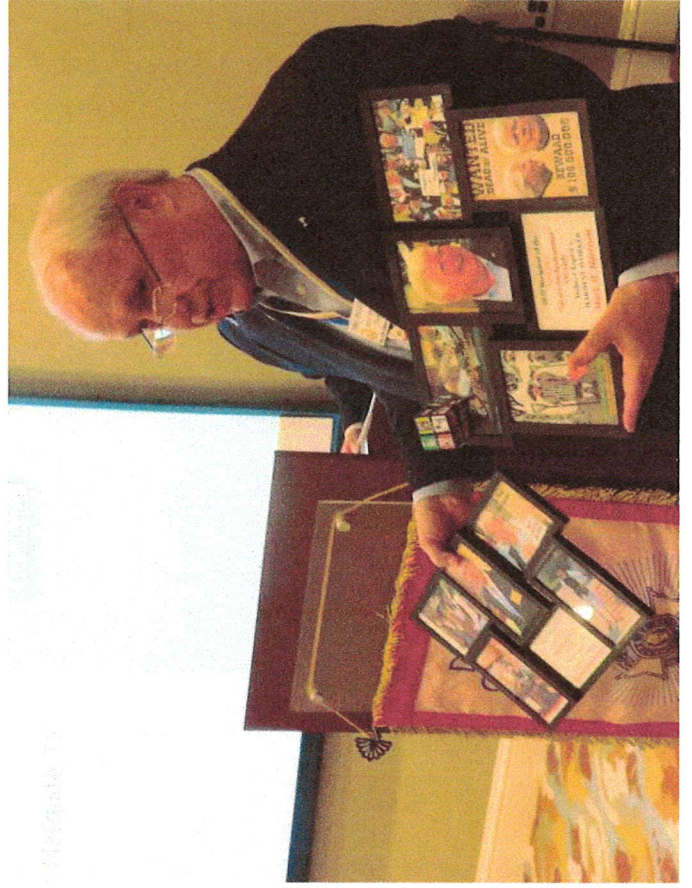
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# ┌ Meeting Adjourned

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!  
Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am



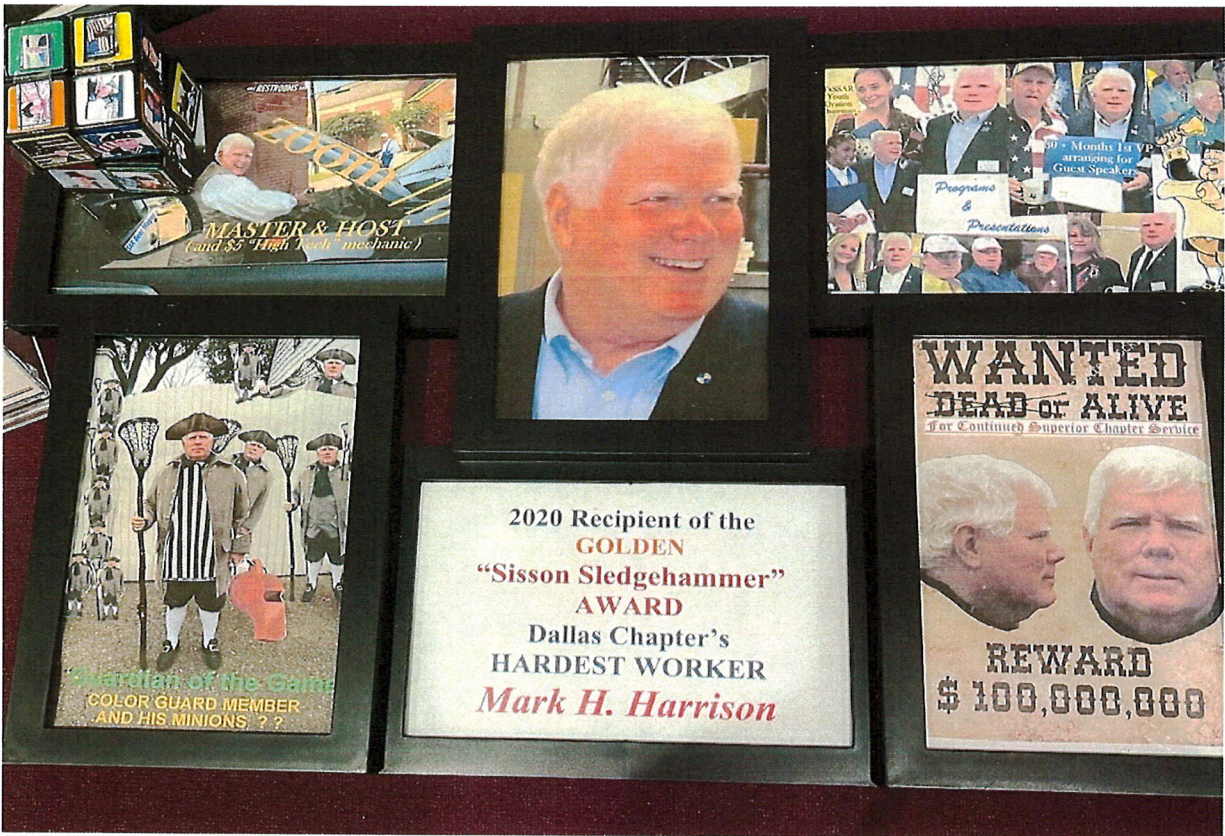
*Sisson "Old Man Sledgehammer" Award"*



2020

2021

# 2020 and 2021 Sisson Golden Sledgehammer Award Winners



2020 Sisson Golden Sledgehammer Award Winner Mark Harrison



2021 Sisson Golden Sledgehammer Award Winner Brent Harshman





# January 2022 Photos



Pat Thibodeaux was the outstanding speaker for the Chapter Meeting on January 8 at Ventana by Buckner.



On January 19 several Chapter members participated in the Texas SAR Archives / History / Yearbooks Committee Zoom Meeting chaired by John Anderson of the Arlington Chapter.

## A Message from Chapter President Mark Harrison - James J. Johnson 1-2-3

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From Tom Van Fossen <tvf1776@gmail.com>

To Tom Van Fossen <tvf1776@gmail.com>

Date Friday, January 21st, 2022 at 7:04 PM

Dallas Chapter Compatriots and friends :

I regret to inform you that Compatriot Jim Johnson (James J. Johnson, Jr.) of the Denton Chapter passed from this world this morning. Jim was a long-time friend of the Dallas Chapter and frequently joined our Zoom meetings over the last year.

James J. Johnson, Denton, Texas



James J. Johnson's self-portrait

This picture appeared in the SAR Magazine in the Fall 2020 edition.

Jim founded the TXSSAR Archive project with the University of North Texas Library. He was well known as a talented artist. Jim was featured with a two page write-up in The SAR Magazine's summer 2020 edition.

More information about his funeral service will be forthcoming.

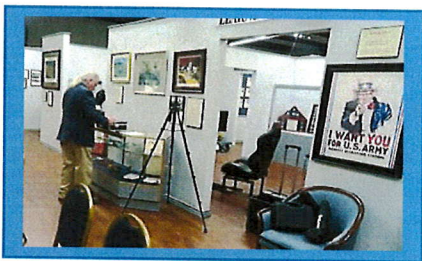


## History within History

You only needed to view the pride on the parents' faces and the educational wonderment in the eyes of friends in the audience, as **Region 4** participants presented their *ORATION*, to know that this youth contest event was very special.

While compatriot Bill Watts was setting up his video prior to recording each contestant's interpretation of

**history**, all attendees (including judges & guests) enjoyed touring the facility's many **historical** displays and memorabilia collections, as VP-C,M&A-TxSSAR Mark Harrison visited with all students & family members.



After confirming all contestants understood the rules & were fully qualified to compete, each drew a numbered slip for their speech order. As Peter McLellan & Bob Kubin took to their Judges' seats and Tom Whitelock set his stopwatch to time each student's performance, one relative from their family was selected to be the youth's "monitor/prompter. All of the American Revolution **History** topics or individuals contained in subject matter of the six speakers (who represented current **History**) were being presented in a facility honoring the **History** of a former generation.

Jason Day\*Peter McLellan\*Bob Kubin\*Tom Whitelock  
Amanda S.-Suvonna B.-Jocelyn R.-Kara S.-Terry K.-Dylon N.



# Texas SAR Region 4 Oration Contest



The Texas SAR Region 4 Oration Contest was held at the British Flying Training School Museum in Terrell, TX. Dallas Chapter members Mark Harrison, Tom Van Fossen and Tom Whitelock presided and judged at this exciting event on January 29, 2022.



**Texas Society Region 6 VP and former Dallas Chapter President Tom Van Fossen delivered greetings from the SAR in his address to the DAR's General Levi Casey Chapter on the celebration of their 70th Anniversary on January 29, 2022.**