

July 2022 Highlights

Date

Event

- 1 Compatriot Brent Harshman's father, Raymond Harshman, was admitted as an SAR Memorial Member.
- 2 Bill Watts represented us well at a Parade in Heath.
- 3 Bill Watts also helped present the Colors at Sunnyvale Baptist Church.
- 4 Our Color Guard contingent joined in the Fourth of July Parade in Richardson this year. Tom Whitelock's Flag Truck pulled a trailer that was very useful in the hot temperatures. This was a great celebration of our national birthday!

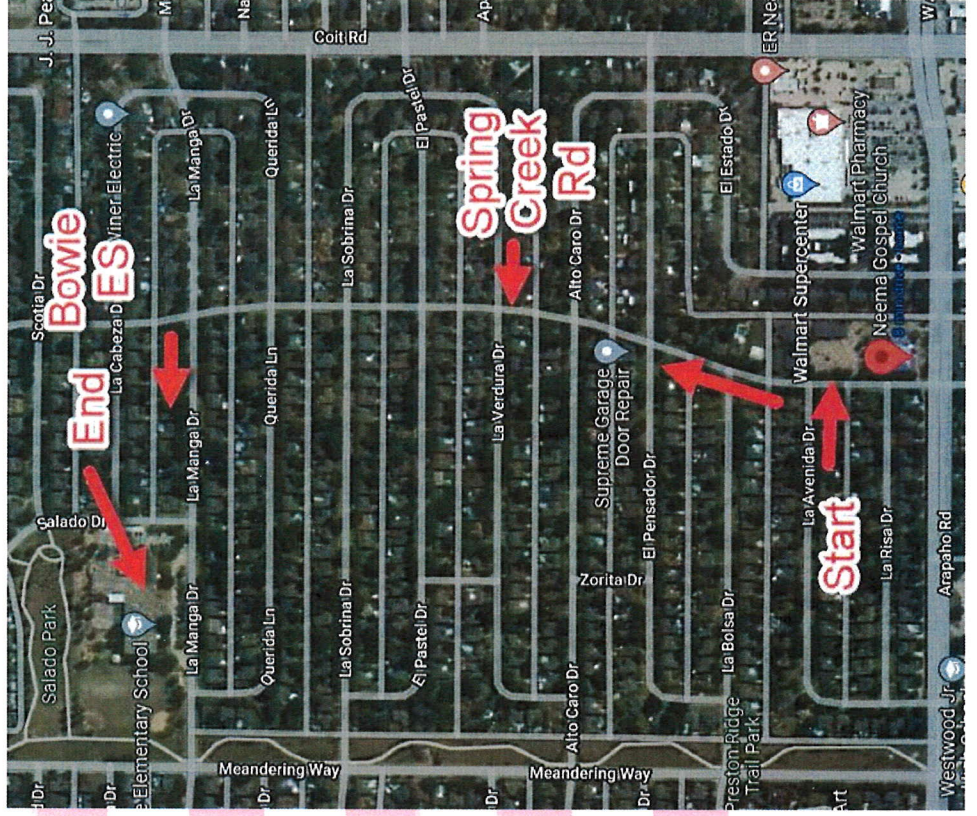
Tom Whitelock also posted the Colors at The Chapel of the Cross for the 19th annual "A Musical Fourth!"

- 9 Our regular monthly Chapter meeting was held at Ventana by Buckner. The guest speaker, William Covington, delivered an interesting talk called "The January 1776 Background to the Declaration of Independence." After enjoying the actual "Golden Sledgehammer" at his house for the first six months of 2022, Mark Harrison turned it over to Brent Harshman for the last six months of the year. These Compatriots shared custody of the heavy object in 2022.
- 10 – 13 The 132nd National Congress in Savannah, Georgia was the destination for several of our Chapter members. Bill Watts and Tom Van Fossen participated in a grave marking at Midway Cemetery.
- 29 The visitation and funeral service for Compatriot Ralph McDowell was held on the 29th after his passing on July 20. Members of the Dallas and North Texas Color Guard formed an impressive Funeral Honor Guard at the services.

Fourth of July

PARADE

We will muster at 9:30 AM at 7815 Arapaho Road in Richardson. Look for Tom Whitelock's Flag Truck in the parking lot of Neema Gospel Church just west of the Coit/Arapaho intersection.



Dallas Chapter Color Guard at July 4, 2022 Parade in Richardson, TX



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Tom Whitelock's Well Decorated Parade Truck

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Dallas Chapter Color Guard on Trailer at July 4, 2022 Richardson Parade



Dallas Chapter President Mark Harrison Directing Traffic at July 4, 2022 Richardson Parade







The MINUTEMAN



Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society - Sons of the American Revolution

July 9, 2022

Volume 23, No. 7

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

The Sting of a Reproach, is the Truth of it.

Breakfast – 8:00am

Meeting – 9:00am

DALLAS CHAPTER 2022 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Mark H. Harrison

1st VICE-PRESIDENT/PROGRAMS

Thomas F. Van Fossen

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT/AWARDS

JD Martin

SECRETARY

William B. Watts

TREASURER

Carl N. Harper

REGISTRAR

Mark Morgan

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

Jerry Pinkerton

CHAPLAIN

Frank H. Ponders

HISTORIAN

Brent Harshman

COLOR GUARD COMMANDER

William B. Watts

Hi Y'all!

Greetings from Savannah

Bob Milawee,

Tom Van Fossen,

Bill Watts

On the steps of a
Church that was
built in the 1750's



The 2022 Sons of the American Revolution
National Congress

AGENDA

Call to Order – President Harrison

Rules of Engagement –

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Mark H. Harrison
PRESIDENT

Invocation – Mark Harrison

Pledges – American Flag – David Scott
Texas Flag – Larry Luby
SAR – Mitch Singleton

Welcome – President Harrison – Welcome to all.

Visitors

David Temple past State President and Trustee for the Patriot Fund, Jerry Pinkerton our Inland State Registrar, Tom Milson the president of the McKinney Chapter, Nick Gilliam the past president of the Plano Chapter, Marshal and Mary Scantlin has their 50th wedding anniversary today.

Several of our members are going to the National Congress. David Temple will leave tomorrow and Tom Van Fossen and Bill Watts are on the way or already there.

Introduction of our morning Speaker – President Harrison

Bill Covington – Arlington ISD

The January 1776 Background to the Declaration of Independence.

Any event in history has background in it and so does our Declaration of Independence. Ben Franklin said after the document was signed, “We will all need to hang together or surely we all will hang alone.



5 Years



Alexander Webb
Clayton Webb
Gary Webb
John Webb
William Webb

Tom Whitelock talked about this day being the first time the Declaration of Independence was read.



The Golden Hammer Award

Golden Hammer award was presented to Brent Harshman the Dallas Chapter historian. The Gary Sisson Golden Hammer award was first given to Tom Whitlock for being the hardest worker. The award is given by the previous winner to an individual who works hard for the Chapter. Due to Covid19 we did not award the Golden Hammer in 2020. But earlier this year our President Mark Harman received it for 2020 and Brent Harshman now receives it for 2021. We presented it for half the year to Mark and the other half goes to Brent.

Previous Award Winners

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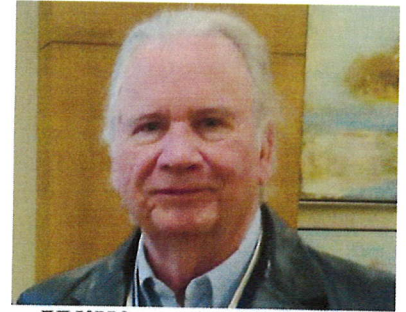
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Guard Report.**

Find the answer after Color

OFFICERS REPORTS

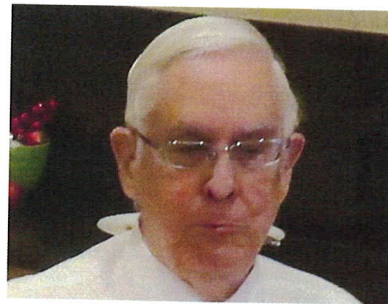
Secretary – Watts

Jerry Pinkerton made motion for approval
JD Martin 2nd
Minutes Approved



**William B. Watts
SECRETARY**

Treasurer – Harper



**Carl N. Harper
TREASURER**

as of June 2022

Annual Budget		Annual Budget		Actual YTD
Revenue	\$8,612	Revenue	\$8,242	\$6,550
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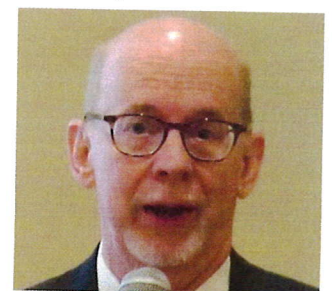
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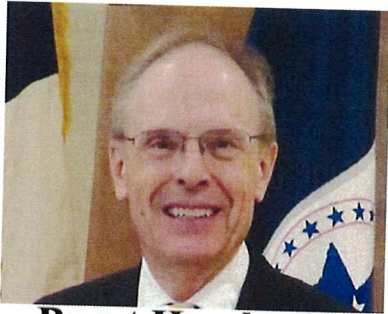
New Member Inductions YTD — 13
New Members Inducted Today — 0
New Members to be Inducted — 5
Total of 18 inducted

Total Dallas Chapter Membership

- ★ Current Paid – 240
- ★ Current Non-paid – 32

Please pay your dues as soon as possible to keep your membership active. Remember your dues help provide our youth activities and operate your Dallas Chapter.

Historian - Harshman



Brent Harshman
HISTORIAN

Send pictures of events for future yearbooks to:
Brent Harshman
brentharshman@protonmail.com

Color Guard – Commander Watts

COLOR GUARD EVENTS for June and July

Flag Retirement on July 11 after our Chapter meeting



Flags readied for inspection



Flags are inspected and readied for retirement.



A Final Salute!



Jeanette Prasifka and Robert Curry receive a plaque from Tom Whitelock for their efforts to keep the Flag Retirement Ceremonies going for many years.



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July 1st **SNIPE HUNTING** season officially began!

PLEASE NOTE – PLASTIC BAGS ARE BANNED

The

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE

Reminds you that

SNIPE SEASON

In **SC** will officially open

July 1st through July 31st

Nightly bag limit: 2

(mature snipes only)

Flashlights are permitted

Spot lights are **NOT**

No hunting from vehicles

Fabric and paper bags only: No plastic

These laws are strictly enforced.



July 2nd - Parade in Heath, Texas with East Fork Trinity Chapter



July 3 – Sunneyvale Baptist Church Present Colors

July 4 – Parade in Dallas, Texas



Mark trying to get a ride with the DAR



Tom is trying to get his money back on his used truck



Robert raised his hand to volunteer to walk, Brent asked Robert to carry his flag, JD and Jerry refused to walk



Our Crew ready to go!

Future Events for the Dallas Chapter

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The answer to; “What’s the difference between one yard and two yards?”

A Fence!

OLD BUSINESS –

Merchandise Table – Tom Whitelock

We have Metal and Wood Challenge Coins, 125th Anniversary Medal Set, and a Patriot House Banner to aid our Chapter in the efforts raise money for our youth programs. Our NEW DALLAS CHAPTER mug is now available!



New Dallas Coffee Mugs

NEW BUSINESS –

Good News !– Our Web Page is up to date! – www.texssar.org/dallas/

Check it out today!

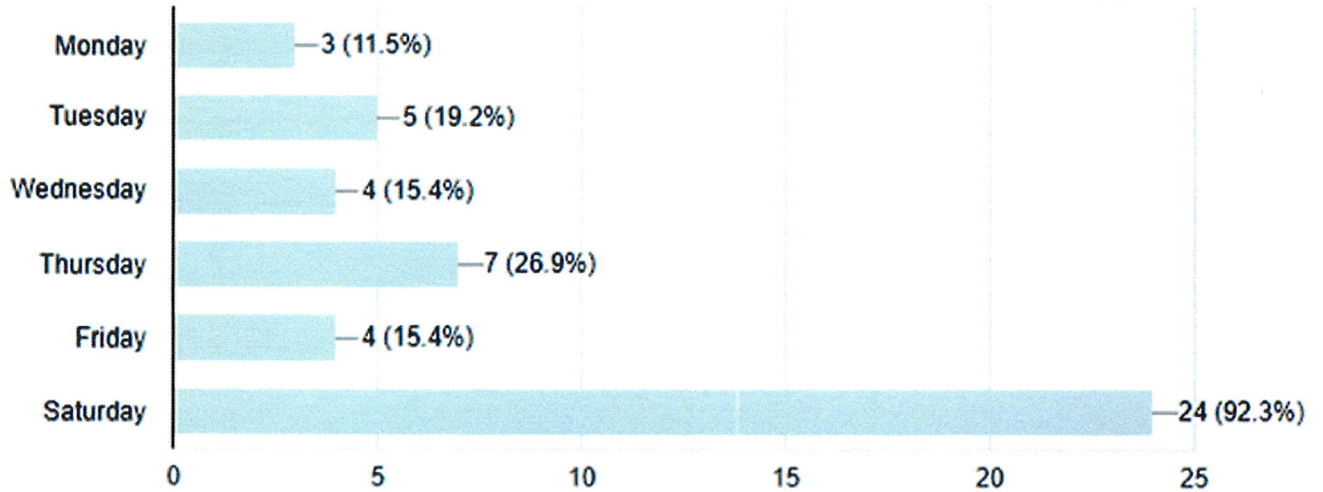
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Meeting Preferences

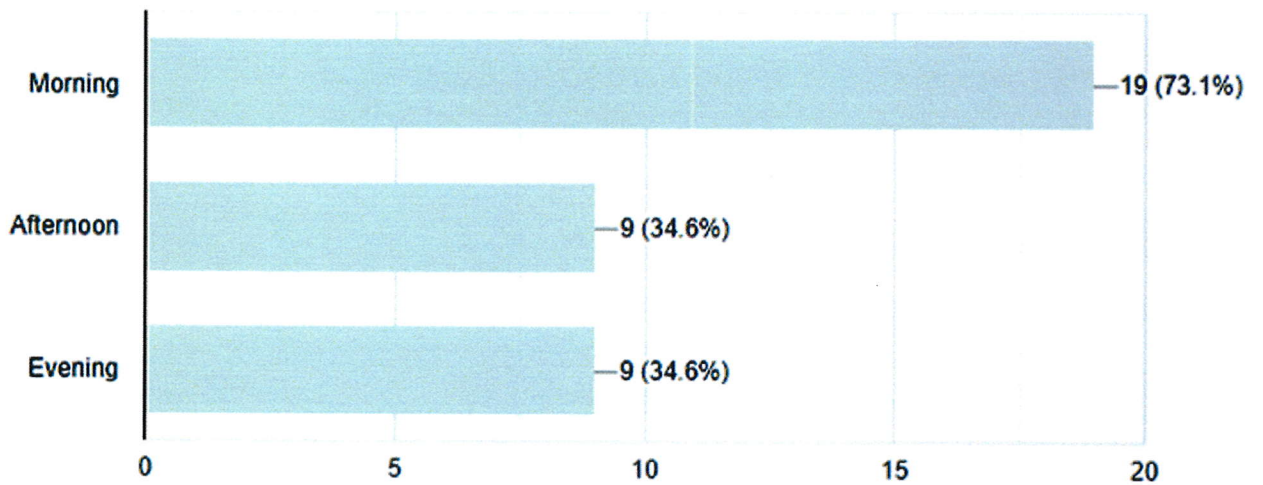
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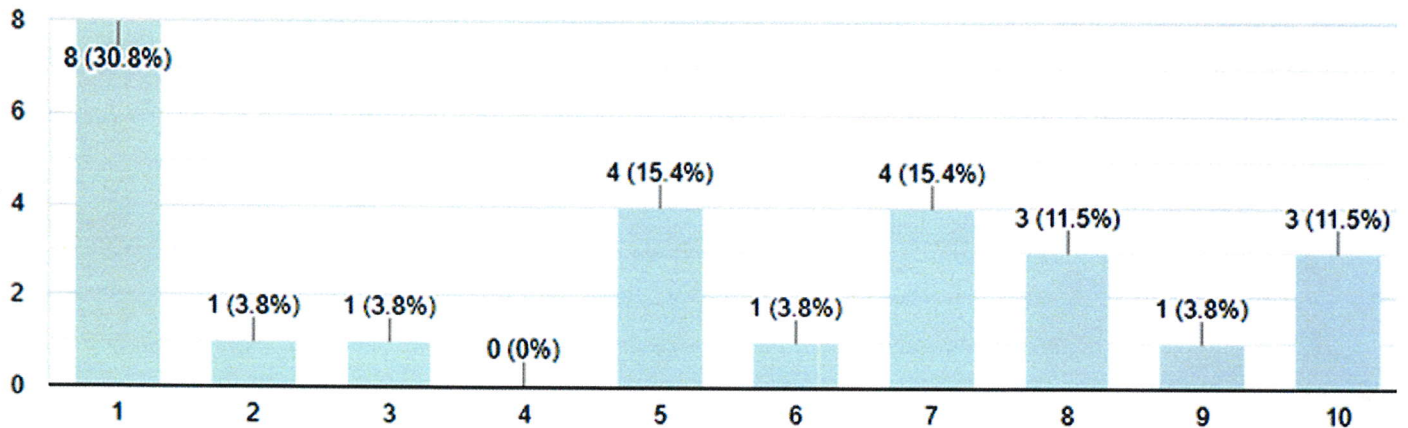
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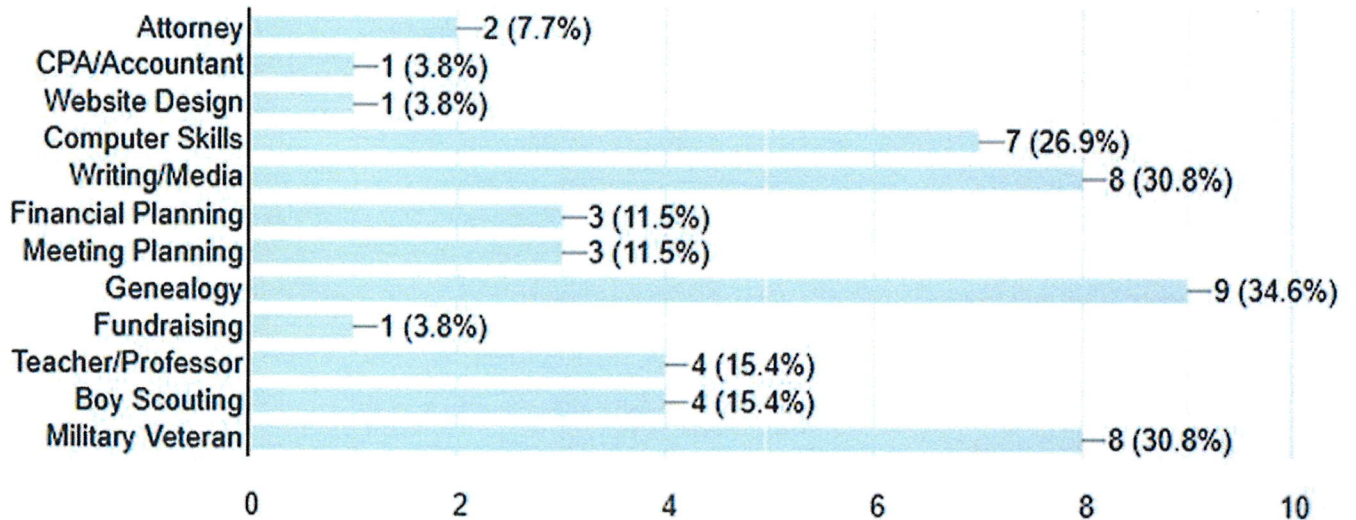
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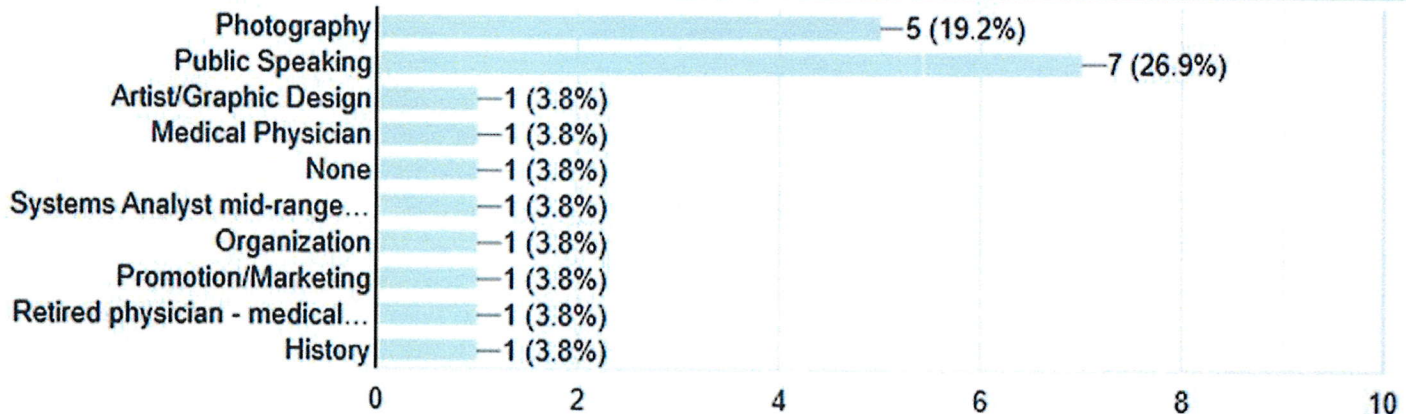
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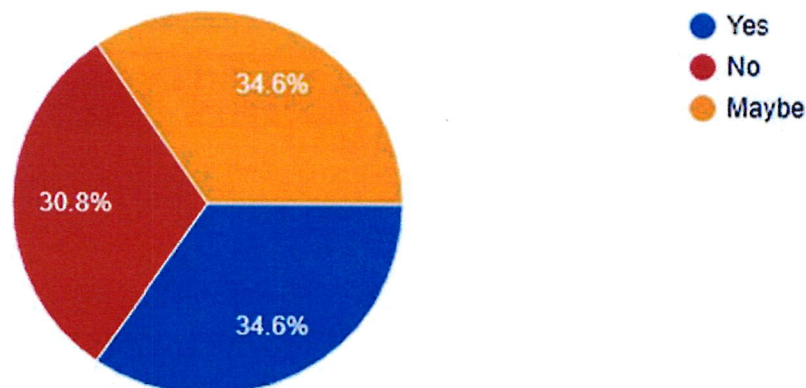
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Committee Opportunities

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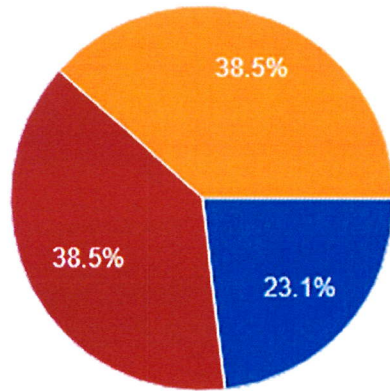
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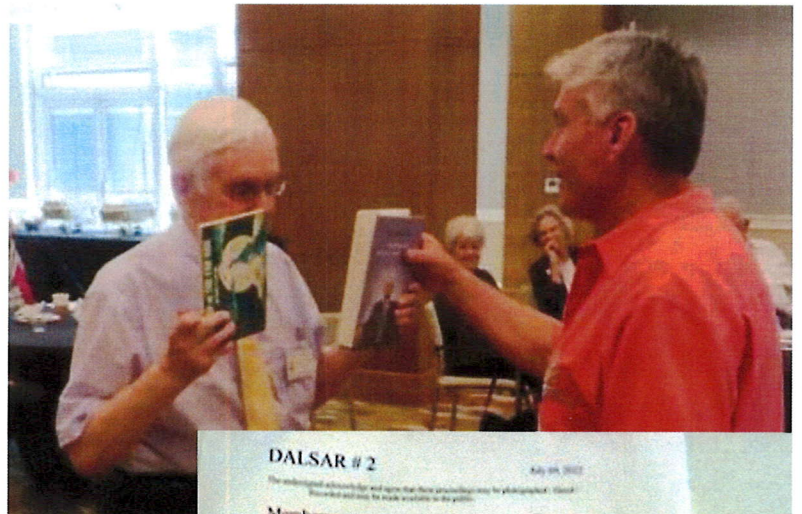


- Yes
- No
- Maybe

DOOR PRIZE – Biography of the Life of Putin – Wayne Stewart



Tanner DVD – JD Martin



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

“You’re Chuffy!” That means; “You’re a surly or impolite person.” Or in today’s language you’re a jerk.

“I’m gut-foundered!” Check right here next month! I hope you are enjoying this little word play.

BENEDICTION – Mark Harmon

SAR RECESSIONAL – John Morton

DALSAR #2		July 24, 2012
The undersigned acknowledge and agree that these proceedings may be photographed, filmed, recorded and used for public relations or publicity.		
Members	Guests	
William Armstrong	Edgar White	
Mark Harper	Ronan Powell	
Milly Singleton	Steve Tison	
John Beethley	George Throck	
Alan Gussner	Judy Pinkerton	Visitor
David Temple	Dodie Stewart	
Marshall Scauffman	Marge Scauffman	
Wayne Stewart	Steve Wilson	
John Tompkins		
Tom Allen (McKays)		
J.D. Miller	Donna Martin	
SOHO MONTROO		
Dean Surr		
Evon Scott		
Larry Luby		
Members	Guests	
Brent Harshman	Members	Guests
Leslie Anderson	Members	Guests
Robert Kittrell	Members	Guests
Bill Eastwood	Members	Guests
BOB KUBIN	Members	Guests

NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY August 13th @ 9:00AM

Join us at our next Chapter meeting:

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

09:00 am - Meeting program

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



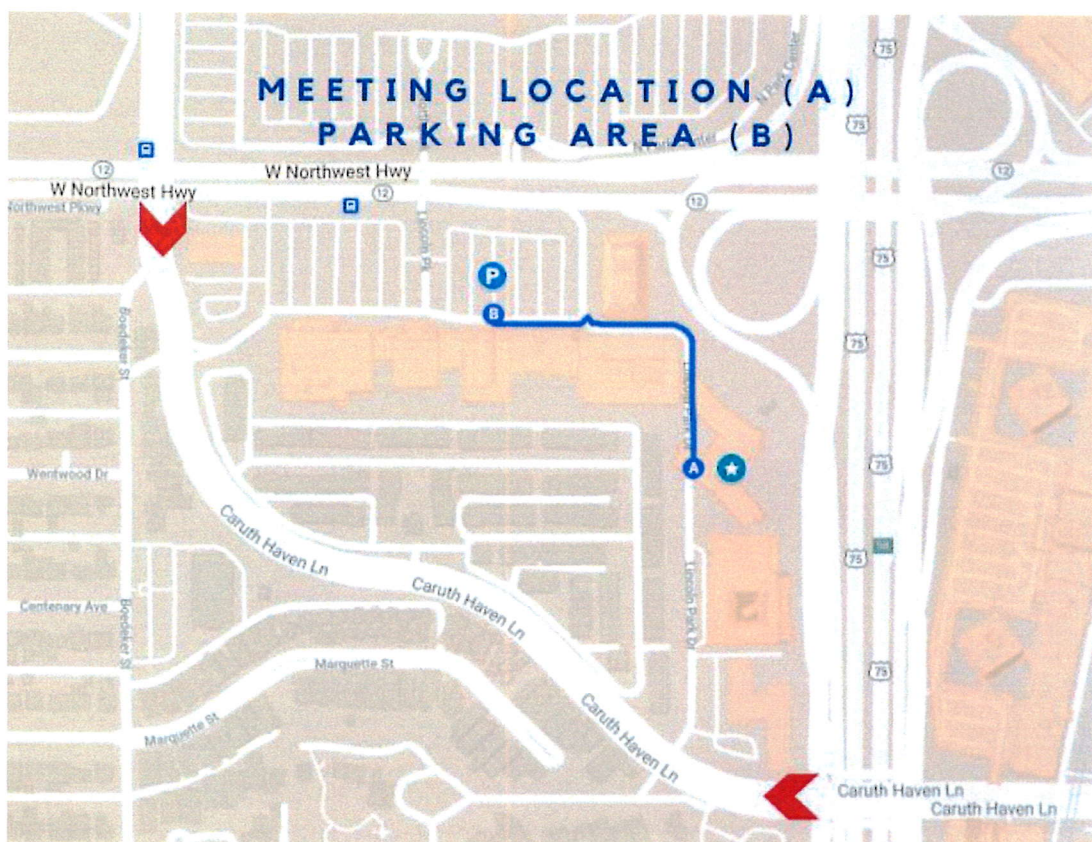
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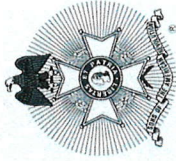
Respectfully submitted,
William B. Watts,
Secretary

**DIRECTIONS TO
LOCATION MEETING
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SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

DALLAS CHAPTER



Saturday, 9 July 2022 | 09:00am

Meeting Rules

Public Notice

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Agenda

- ★ Call to Order
- ★ Invocation
- ★ Pledges
- ★ Welcome
- ★ Featured Speaker
- ★ Member Anniversaries
- ★ Officer Reports
- ★ Old & New Business
- ★ Closing & Door Prize
- ★ Benediction
- ★ Recessional



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

Call to Order

PRESIDENT MARK HARRISON

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.

Pledges

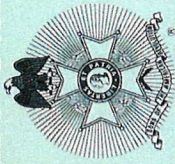
ALL ATTENDEES

Pledge to the Texas Flag



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

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.

Featured Speaker

William Covington

SAR Compatriot

The January 1776 Background to the Declaration of Independence



Welcome

PRESIDENT MARK HARRISON

Member Anniversaries

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July 2022 Anniversaries

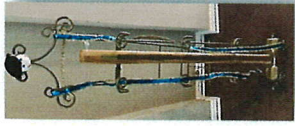
Happy Anniversary

★ 5 Years

- ★ Alexander Webb
- ★ Clayton Webb
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Sisson Golden Hammer Award



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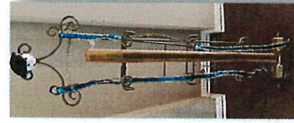
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Officer Reports

- ★ Secretary | Bill Watts
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- ★ Registrar | Mark Morgan
- ★ Historian | Brent Harshman
- ★ Color Guard | Bill Watts
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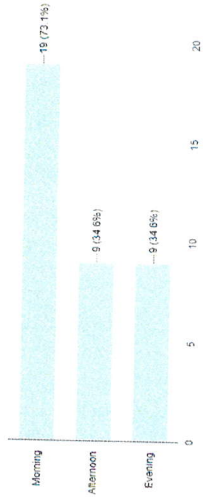
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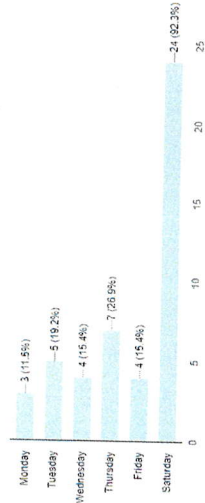


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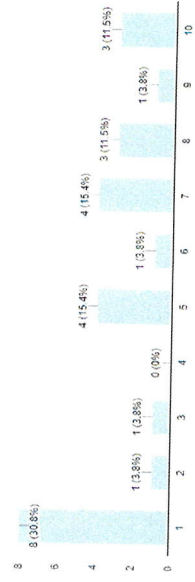


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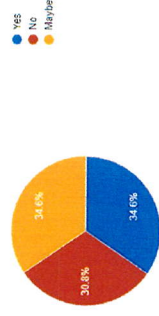


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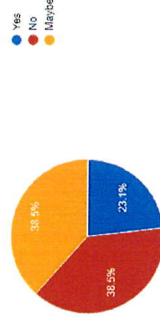


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Merchandise Table



New Dallas Coffee Mugs

Tom Whitelock

Merchandise Table



New Dallas
Challenge Coin



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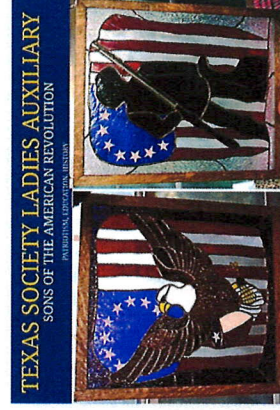
125th Anniversary Medal Set



SAR Porch Banner

Tom Whitelock

Merchandise Table



2021-2023 Fundraising Project
Supporting the SAR Museum in
Louisville, KY (SAR HQ)

2 Stained Glass Panels

Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20

Tom Whitelock

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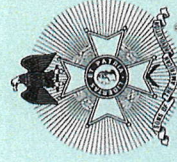
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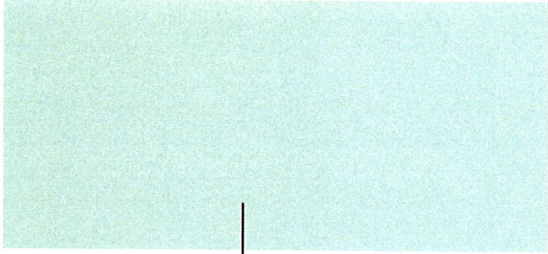
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Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a nation of Free Men.

Meeting Adjourned

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!
Saturday, August 13th @ 9:00am



SAR Dallas Chapter Monthly Meeting July 9, 2022



William Covington was the speaker at the July 9, 2022 monthly Dallas Chapter Meeting.



Mark Harrison passed custody of the Golden Sledgehammer to Brent Harshman for the last half of 2022.



Historic Fort Morris in Georgia near where the SAR National Congress met July 10 – 13, 2022



Tom Van Fossen and Bill Watts attended the 132nd National Congress in Savannah, Georgia in July.



Tom Van Fossen with Fort Morris cannon



Proud Patriot flag in front of the Harshman's house

Dallas Chapter Members:

I'm relaying this sad news regarding our long-time compatriot, Ralph McDowell.

More information about Color Guard plans will be forthcoming.

Mark Harrison

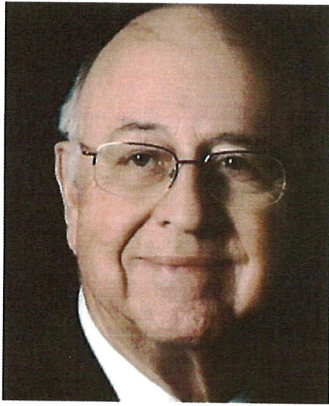
I'm sorry to inform Society members that our beloved Compatriot **RALPH McDOWELL (SAR 139629-10/12/1992 TX 7005)** passed away at 7:45 am on July 20, 2022.

His services are scheduled for Friday July 29 at Sparkman-Hillcrest Funeral Home on Northwest Hwy. Dallas at 11.00 am. (Visitation Thur. 28th 6-8pm)

Obit to be published Sunday DMN 7/24/22. (SAR uniforms or Colonial attire optional during chapel & grave site ceremonies).

Sympathy cards to be sent to wife JEAN & family at:

9603 Estate Ln. Dallas 75238.



Compatriot Ralph McDowell

October 10, 1928 – July 20, 2022

Ralph Lynn McDowell, of Dallas, passed away July 20, 2022, in Dallas, Texas after a brief illness. Ralph was born in Cherokee, OK on October 10, 1928. He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl William McDowell and Olive (West) McDowell. He is survived by his loving wife Jean (Black) McDowell of 61 years, his son, Robert McDowell and wife, Sallye (Reavis) McDowell of Fort Worth, daughter, Patricia (McDowell) Meachum and husband, Charles Meachum of McKinney; grandchildren, Megan Ann McDowell, Hollis Meachum (fiancé Atkyn Garza), Owen Meachum (Lillian), nephew Danny Farney of Burlington OK, and grandniece, Diana Hamilton of Waukomis, OK. Ralph graduated from Cherokee High School in 1946 where he was active in football and basketball- in his senior year he was chosen to crown the football queen. He graduated from Oklahoma A&M (now Oklahoma State) in 1950 with a BS degree, from Iowa State in 1951 with a MS degree, and he received his law degree from SMU in 1961. He participated in the ROTC program and was commissioned a 2nd Lt Commander of his officer's chemical warfare basic course. Later, he served with the 32nd AAA Brigade in England. He was selected to attend a special course at Oxford University in 1955 to study Western European Union. Ralph was discharged as a Captain in 1959 after 9 years of active and reserve service. After graduating from Iowa State in 1951, he worked for Oak Farms Dairies in Dallas & Austin. He was a third-generation participant in dairy manufacturing. After returning from active military service in 1957, he was employed by Pfizer Laboratories as a representative, hospital representative, and district manager. He attended the evening law school program at SMU on the GI Bill graduating in 1961. He practiced law in Dallas for more than 35 years before retiring. He was a partner in the law firm of Waldie, McDowell & Colvin, practiced for several years with the late Harold Adams, and maintained a solo practice for many years. He was a member of the Texas Bar, Dallas Bar, Dallas County Criminal Defense Bar, and was licensed to practice in several Federal courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States of America. Ralph held 60+ year memberships in Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Blue Key National Honor Fraternity, Alpha Zeta Honorary Fraternity, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, The Roy Stanley Masonic Lodge, Dallas Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and Hella Shrine. He was a member of the Audie Murphy Chapter of National Sojourners and was a member of The American Legion. He was an active member of the Sons of the American Revolution where he served as Dallas chapter president, Texas district vice-president, and was a member of the Color Guard. He was recognized for 25 years of perfect attendance at Dallas SAR chapter meetings, was first line sponsor for over 20 new members, and presented over 160 bronze medals to outstanding award recipients. He was awarded the Silver Good Citizenship and Patriot Medals from the Texas Society. His Patriot ancestor wintered at Valley Forge with George Washington's Continental Army. In addition to his interest in law and SAR, Ralph's special interests were his children, grandchildren, genealogy, the life of Benjamin Franklin, gardening, coin collecting, and his many friends. His favorite motto was from Ben Franklin's Poor Richard's Almanac, "A true friend is the best Possession." Ralph and Jean are members of the Lake Highlands United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Dallas Scottish Rite Hospital. Visitation will be from 6-8 PM Thursday, July 28; Service will begin at 11 AM Friday, July 29, both at Sparkman/Hillcrest Funeral Home, 7405 W. Northwest Highway, Dallas, TX 75225. Burial to follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Photo Collage for Ralph McDowell's Visitation & Funeral (Courtesy of Tom Whitelock)

