

December 2022 Highlights

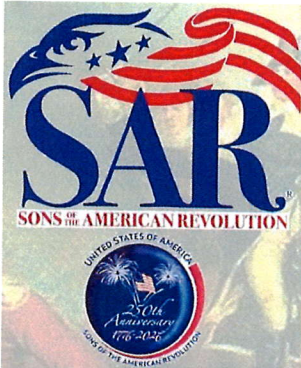
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Event

3 Color Guard Commander Bill Watts represented the Dallas Chapter in the Rockwall Christmas Parade.

10 The December Chapter meeting was held at Ventana by Buckner. Pat Thibodeaux served once again as an excellent speaker on Stamps and Windows. New member David Carothers was welcomed.

17 Wreaths Across America was a memorable event for the Dallas Chapter. This year Dallas Chapter assisted several DAR Chapters at Oakland Cemetery in Dallas.



The MINUTEMAN



Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society - Sons of the American Revolution



December 10, 2022

Volume 23, No. 12

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

Many Foxes grow grey, but few grow good.

Breakfast – 8:00am

Meeting – 9:00am

PRESIDENT

Mark H. Harrison

1st VICE-PRESIDENT/PROGRAMS

Thomas F. Van Fossen

2nd VICE-PRESIDENT/AWARDS

JD Martin

SECRETARY

Bill Watts

TREASURER

Carl N. Harper

REGISTRAR

Mark Morgan

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

Jerry Pinkerton

CHAPLAIN

Frank H. Pounders

HISTORIAN

Brent Harshman

TRUSTEES

Jerry Pinkerton

David Temple

COLOR GUARD COMMANDER

Bill Watts



The group is here and our Welcoming team has greeted Everyone!

Call to Order – President Harrison

Rules of Engagement –

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Invocation – Larry Luby

Pledges – American Flag – David Temple
 Texas Flag – Chalmers Omberg
 SAR – John Greer

Welcome – President Harrison

Visitors

State Presidents David Temple and Bob Clark, State Color Guard Commander Bob Kubin, Inland Registrar Jerry Pinkerton, Veterans Committee Chairman John Greer, and NSDAR State Regent Trisha McFarland of the Susannah Biggers Bibb Chapter.



Mark H. Harrison
 PRESIDENT

Introduction of our morning Speaker – Tom Van Fossen



Tom Van Fossen
 1st VP PROGRAMS

Pat Thibodeau has been with us many times. She belongs to many Linage Societies and this will be her 63rd presentation this year. It is with great pleasure I give you Pat Thibodeau – “Stamps and Windows, Why We Fought”.

Featured Speaker

Pat Thibodeau
 NSDAR, Neches River Chapter, Canton, TX

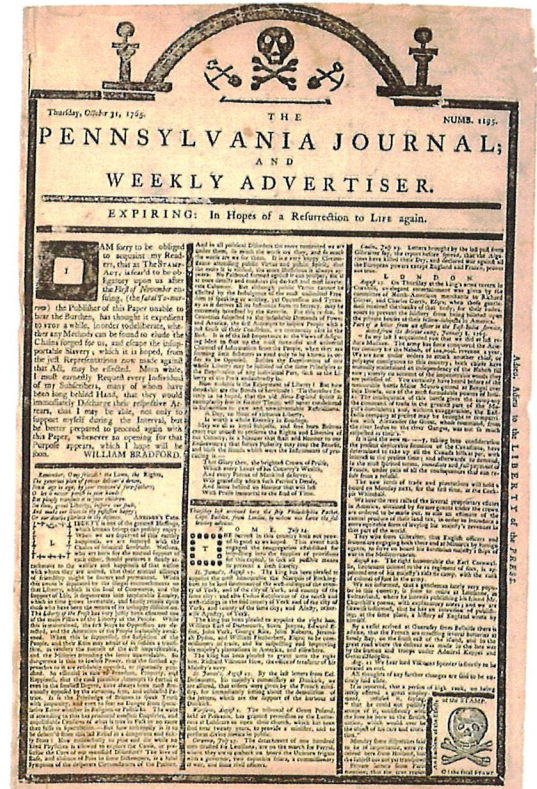
Stamps and Windows



The problems started with the Navigation Acts of Parliament intended to promote the self-sufficiency of the British Empire by restricting colonial trade only with England and decreasing

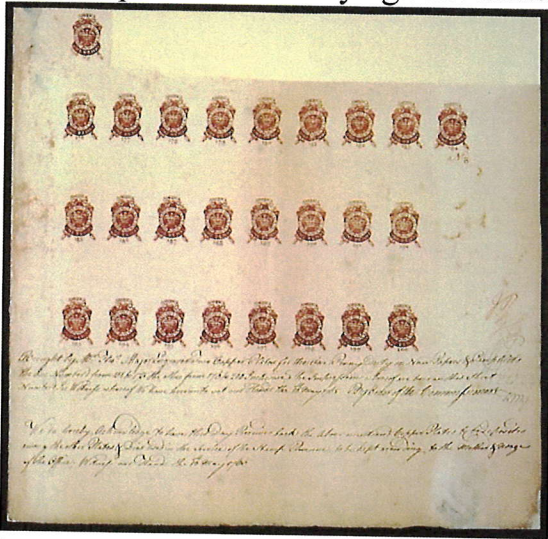
dependence of foreign imported goods. The colonies resorted to smuggling to continue their profitable trade and ignored Parliaments Laws. The violations of the Navigation Acts led to the passage of the Plantation Duty Act of 1673 to induce the colonists to export articles directly to England. This act was one of the leading factors leading to Culpeper’s Rebellion in 1677.

The landowners in the colonies were sending their profits to Britain and at the beginning of the 18th century Parliament decided to get in on the profits and began taxing the colonists. These taxes on products produced in the



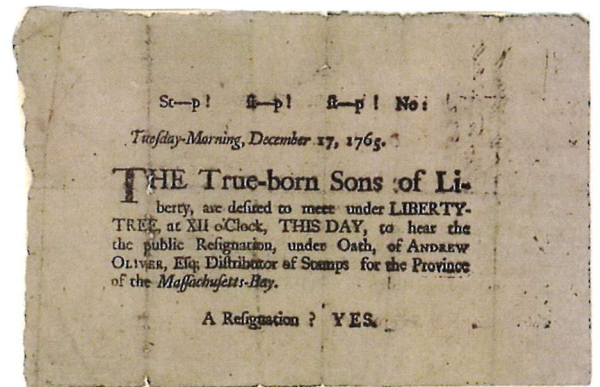
colonies were very high and smuggling or bribing customs officials became common place.

Parliament implemented a series of acts to prohibit the colonies from producing finished products in the colonies and required the colonials to purchase finished products from England. The act that produced the cry against taxation without representation began with the Currency Act. This act prohibited the colonies from issuing their own currency.



Adding insult to the colonies, the Quartering Act in 1765 required the colonies to provide barracks and supplies to British troops and the Stamp Act that was required on items to prove the tax had been paid angered the population so much that Parliament had to repeal the Stamp Act.

The first public defiance against the Crown was on August 14, 1765 at a large elm tree where effigies representing British ministers were hung in protest. This Liberty Tree



became a symbol or revolution.

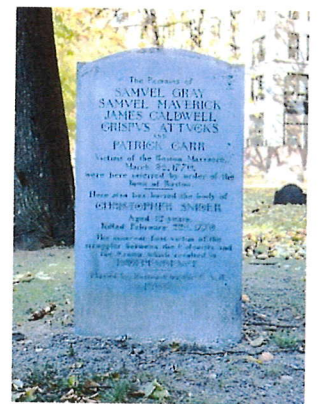
A secret organization known as the Sons of Liberty was created, aimed at intimidating the agents who collected Parliament's taxes.

The Stamp Act Congress passed a "Declaration of Rights and Grievances," which claimed that American colonists were equal to all other British citizens, protested taxation without representation, and stated that, without colonial representation in Parliament, Parliament could not tax colonists. In addition, the colonist increased their nonimportation efforts.

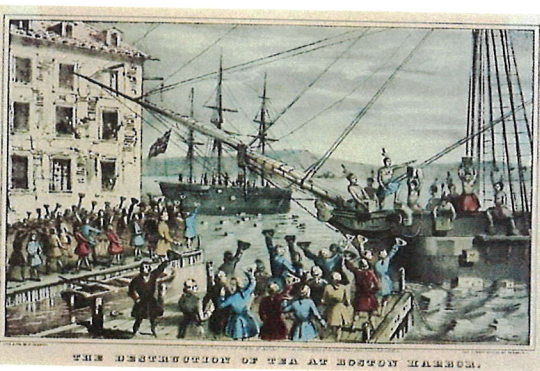


On February 22, 1770 a mob of patriots attacked a known loyalist's store. The store owner shot his musket and killed an 11-year-old boy further enraging the patriots.

On March 5, 1770, a fight broke out and a shot was fired. Among the casualties of the Boston Massacre were Samuel Gray, James Caldwell, Samuel Maverick, Patrick Carr and Crispus Attucks.



In 1773, Parliament decided to grant the East India Company a monopoly on the tax-free transport of tea to stop the Dutch "trade" from selling their smuggled tea. On December 16, 1773, colonists disguised themselves as Native Americans and boarded East India Company ships in Boston Harbor and threw crates of tea overboard. This famous protest became known as the Boston Tea Party.



British officials moved to enforce discipline and order in the colonies by closing the port of Boston and

implemented the Coercive Acts which attempted to place Massachusetts under direct British control. These laws were referred to in the colonies as the Intolerable Acts.

Governor Thomas Gage wrote London recommending suspension of the Intolerable Acts but London chose not to reply to his communications.

The mood in the colonies led to the First Continental Congress, the Articles of Association and the promotion of patriotism and home manufacturing, advising colonists to avoid luxuries, and lead a more simple life. Patriots began to set up their own committees in each colony. These committees successfully organized common resistance to the Tea Act and other oppressive measures by the British Parliament.

In July of 1776 we declared our independence from the Mother country. "And the rest, as they say, is History!"



2023 Officer Elections

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2023 Trustee Nominations

- ★ Jerry Pinkerton
 - ★ David Temple
- Elected position to be voted on at Jan 2023 meeting

Tom Whitelock announcing the slate of officers for 2023 along with appointed positions. A motion by Jack Carpenter was



made to accept the slate and seconded by John Morton. A vote was taken and was passed. The Trustee nominations were brought forward by Tom Whitelock. Moved by Bill Watts and seconded by Tom Van Fossen. The vote will be taken at our next meeting.

Mark Harrison talked about needing members for the appointed positions.

2023 Appointed Positions

- ★ Color Guard Commander
- ★ Sergeant-at-Arms
- ★ Assistant Chaplain
- ★ Veterans Committee Chairman
- ★ Public Service Committee Chairman
- ★ Assistant to 2nd Vice-President
- ★ Oration Contest Chairman
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- ★ C.A.R. Liaison
- ★ DAR Liaison
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- ★ Chapter Merchandise Chairman
- ★ Assistant Historian

New Members



- ★ David Beall Carothers | Matthew Patten



December 2022 Milestone Anniversaries

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 - ★ James Perkins
- ★ 35 Years
 - ★ Richard Brock
 - ★ Harry Moore

How many years are celebrated by a pearl anniversary? Find the answer after Color Guard Report.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary – Watts – Minutes moved by Jim Battles – 2nd by Gary Sissen Approved

Treasurer – Treasurer Harper was out.

Financials

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Registrar – Morgan August

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Memorial Applications Approved – 4

Supplemental Applications Approved – 44

New Member Inductions YTD – 18

New Members Inducted Today – 1

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Total Dallas Chapter Membership

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Historian - Historian
Harshman

History Projects

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for future yearbooks to:
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Patriot Research System



Welcome to the
Patriot Research System (PRS)

Now Recruiting

Volunteers needed to input newly approved applications

<https://sarpatriots.sar.org/>

Color Guard –
Commander Watts

- ★ **Silver Galvez Medal**
 - ★ Tom Van Fossen
- ★ **C.A.R. Certificates of Appreciation**
 - ★ Reagan van Heyst
 - ★ Karalynn van Heyst
- ★ **250 Anniversary SAR Medal**
 - ★ Gary Sisson
 - ★ Jerry Pinkerton



Bob Kubin presenting Tom Van Fossen his Silver Galvez Medal

Bill Watts presents Kara and Reagan van Heyst Certificates of Appreciation for their participation in the Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony of James Carter.



Bill Watts presents Gary Sisson, gold, silver and bronze and Jerry Pinkerton bronze 250 Anniversary SAR Medal.

Activities for November and December 2022

November 13, 2022 Sunday - Massing of the Colors in Fort Worth, Texas



December 3, 2022 Saturday – **Christmas Parade** in Rockwall Texas



Bill Watts, Randall van Heyst, Ben Roper, Reagan van Heyst, Benson Roper, David Powell, Dennis Vierling, and Ben Roper



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March 18, 2023 Saturday – Patriot Grave Marking for James Lemmon Edgewood Cemetery Lancaster, Texas Muster at 2 pm.

March 31, 2023 TXSSAR Annual Conference March 30 - April 2

The answer to; How many years are celebrated by a pearl anniversary? 30!

OLD BUSINESS –

Merchandise Table – Tom Whitelock



New Dallas Coffee Mugs



SAR Porch Banner



125th Anniversary Medal Set



New Dallas Challenge Coin



Wood Challenge Coin

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.

Remember; “If you’ve been fishing for several hours and haven’t caught anything except an old rubber boot, remember: you’re still better off than the worm.”

NEW BUSINESS –

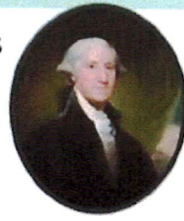
Next Meeting — January 14th @ 09:00am

DOOR PRIZE –

Two books - “Room where it Happened” and “Those Soldiers”
Winners are Tricia McFarland and Harold Stanley.

Special Presentation

The Right Honorable George Washington’s
Right Way to Celebrate Christmas with
Captain Wright



Everyone won a prize!

Dallas Chapter December 10, 2022 Meeting

Member Name	Venona Resident (X)	Guest
Tom Whitlock	()	
Mike Anderson	()	Tom Whitlock
Ray Barden	()	Ray Barden
Tom Van Fossen	()	Pat T. Tindler
	()	Tom Manning
Bill Lott	()	Dave Fairbrother
John L. Linn	()	Reagan van Hoyt
Bob Barden	()	Ken van Hoyt
Kevin Ennis	()	Andrew Farris
Scott Mackay	()	
Mark Hagan	()	
Charles Smith	()	Steve O'Neil
Mark Wilson	()	GARY McFARLAND
Paul Miller	()	IRIS McFARLAND
William Richardson	()	Revere Curry
Tom Bantles	()	Gail Richardson

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Dr. Gary N. Gibson	()	
Michael Smith	()	
Tom Linn	()	
Charles Anderson	()	
Tom Farris	()	
John Simpson	()	
Bob Clark	()	
Paul Carpenter	()	
Paul Carruth	()	
Steve Watson	()	
John Linn	()	
Bill Lott	()	
David Temple	()	Harold Stanley
Mark Luby	()	

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

“Macaroini” That means; “Fancy” When Yankee Doodle called that featherd hat “macaroni,” he wasn’t being a weirdo. **Macaroni** was a term used at the time to refer to a particular men’s fashion from **England** that was intentionally flashy, over-the-top, and androgynous.

“Sabby!” Check right here next month! I hope you are enjoying this little word play.

BENEDICTION – Larry Luby

SAR RECESSIONAL – John Morton

NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY January 14th @ 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

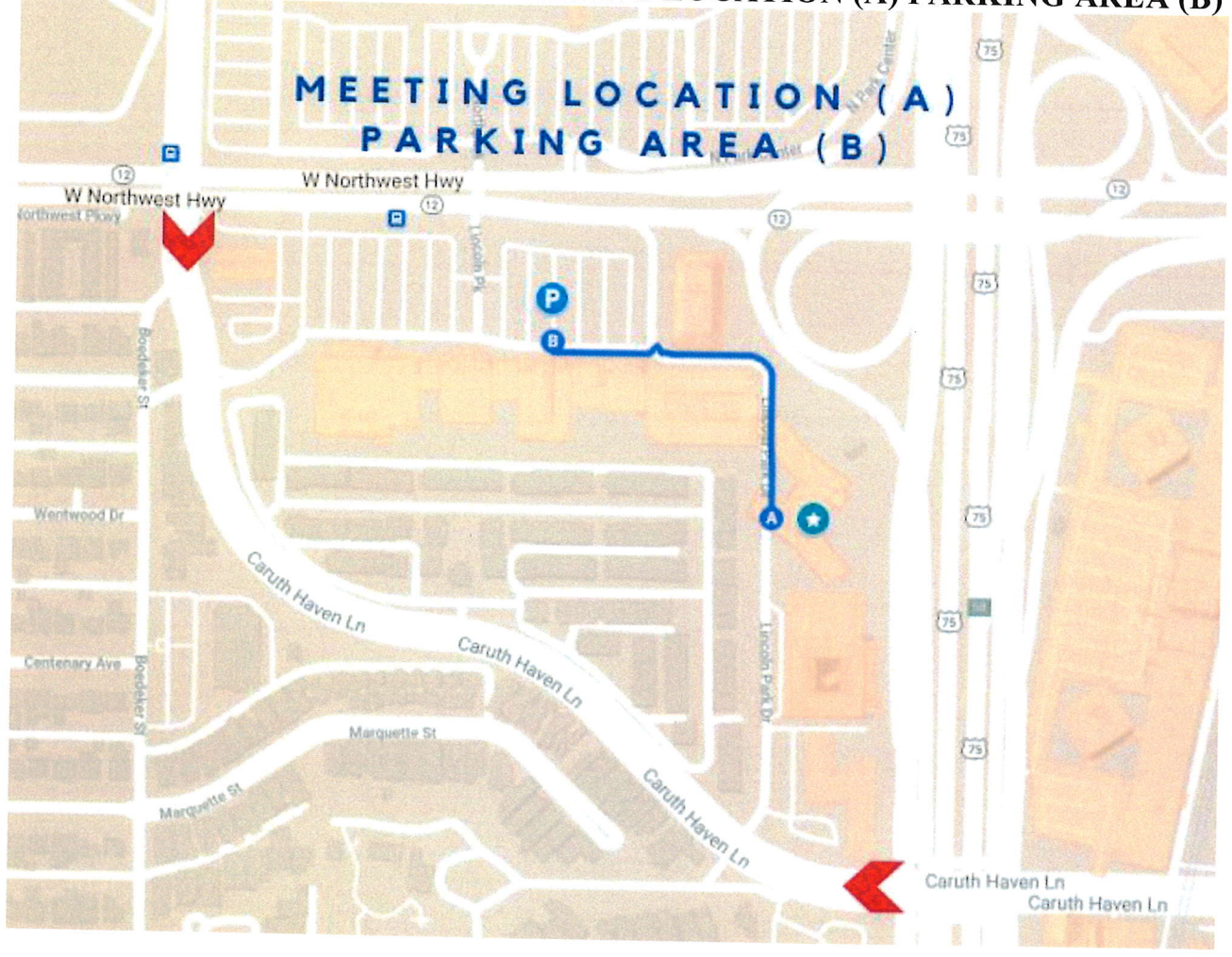
For more information concerning volunteer opportunities please contact;
Tom Whitlock tmwpro@live.com

Respectfully submitted,
William B. Watts, Secretary

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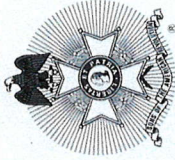


DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION MEETING LOCATION (A) PARKING AREA (B)



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

DALLAS CHAPTER



Saturday, 10 December 2022 | 09:00am

Agenda

- ★ Call to Order
- ★ Invocation
- ★ Pledges
- ★ Welcome
- ★ Featured Speaker
- ★ New Members
- ★ 2023 Officer Elections
- ★ 2023 Trustee Nominations
- ★ 2023 Appointed Positions
- ★ Member Anniversaries
- ★ Officer Reports
- ★ Old & New Business
- ★ Closing & Door Prize
- ★ Benediction
- ★ Recessional



George Washington at Princeton
by Charles Wilson Peale, 1779
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Call to Order

PRESIDENT MARK HARRISON

Meeting Rules

Public Notice

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Invocation

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

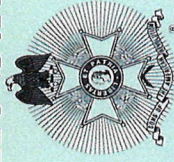
ALL ATTENDEES

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

Pat Thibodeau

NSDAR, Neches River Chapter, Canton, TX

Stamps and Windows



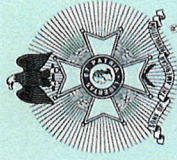
Welcome

PRESIDENT MARK HARRISON

New Members & Patriots

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR JERRY PINKERTON

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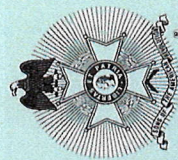
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Tom Whitelock

New Supplemental Patriots



★ Cameron Alfred Aiton | *Theodore Catlin*

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- ★ Color Guard | **Bill Watts**
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Meeting Minutes

Approval of Meeting Minutes
for
12 November 2022

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RESULTS
2022-23 FIVE
85 Wreaths Sponsored
2022-23 FIVE
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Help Us Help Our Country

DONATE or VOLUNTEER at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/TX1200

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- ★ **March 30-April 2, 2023, Friday to Sunday** – TXSSAR Annual State Conference

More information will follow as these events unfold.

Upcoming Programs

- ★ Next Meeting — **January 14th @ 09:00am**
- ★ Installation of New Officers
- ★ Upcoming Speaker —
Bill Watts
Color Guard Commander, Dallas Chapter
A Year in Review



Tom Van Fossen

Tom Whitelock

Merchandise Table



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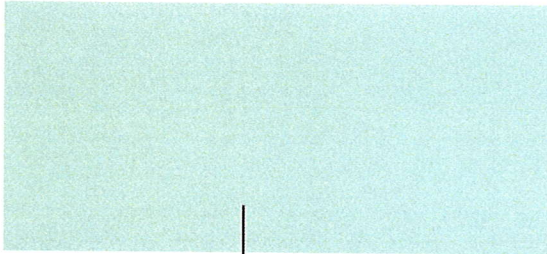
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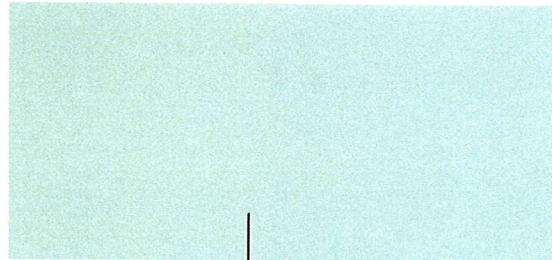


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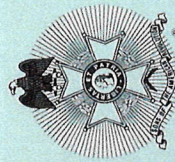


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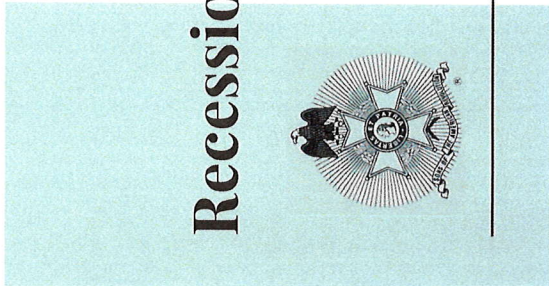
SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!
Saturday, January 14th @ 9:00am



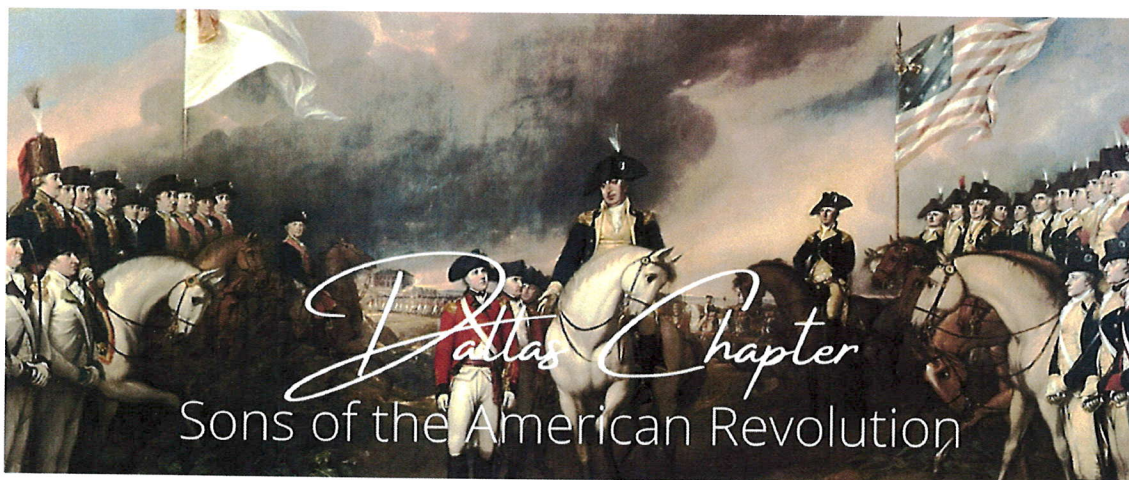
Recessional



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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Wreaths Across America Event

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Muster is at 10:15 am. Hope to see you there.

Regards,

Bill Watts

Color Guard Commander
SAR Dallas Chapter

Texas SAR Past President West Death Notice Message

From Members <dada@txssar.org>
To brentharshman@protonmail.com
Date Friday, December 16th, 2022 at 11:04 AM

Texas SAR Past President West Death Notice

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Compatriots:

We are saddened to hear of the passing of Past President George West on Thursday December 15. Compatriot West was President of our Society in 2007/2008.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 10:30am at Dreamland Cemetery in Canyon Texas. Canyon Texas is located between Lubbock and Amarillo.

A true Compatriot and friend to so many. He will be missed. Our loss is surely heaven's gain. Please keep the family in your prayers.

"Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him." 1 Thess. 4:13

Rest in Peace - Past President West.

Jim Kuykendall, President
Texas Society SAR
pres@txssar.org



Compatriot George Thomas West

June 11, 1938 – December 15, 2022

George Thomas West, 84, of Canyon, passed away on Thursday, December 15, 2022. Memorial services will be at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, December 19, 2022, at the First Presbyterian Church in Amarillo with Sean Blacksten and Murray Gossett, associate pastor, officiating. Public interment will be in Dreamland Cemetery on Monday at 10:30 A.M. The family will receive friends from 3:00 to 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, December 18, 2022, at Brooks Chapel in Canyon.

George was born on June 11, 1938, in Coffeyville, Kansas to Daniel and Margaret (O'Connell) West. He grew up in Corpus Christi and graduated from high school there. He received his bachelor's degree in physics at St. Edwards University in Austin, Texas in 1961.

After teaching two years in high school, George was offered a scientist position at what is today the Department of Energy's Pantex Plant near Amarillo, Texas. His work included research and development with high explosives that are used in today's nuclear weapons. The last 20 years of his career at Pantex were devoted to highly classified intelligence activities, and George served as a member of a team that was awarded 2 National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Citations by the Director of Central Intelligence.

During the 1990's, George was a member of several delegations involving technical visits to nuclear weapon related facilities in Russia and in England. In 1992, he served as an expert consultant for the 14th IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) inspection in Iraq, under the supervision of the UN Security Council. He retired from Pantex in 2005 after 42 years of service. He was re-hired at Pantex in 2006 as a contractor consultant analyst in the Office of Counterintelligence, finally retiring again at the end of 2010.

George joined the Panhandle Plains Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution in 1993, and proved seven supplemental ancestors, including two women. He has been awarded numerous medals by his chapter and the Texas Society. George held offices at chapter, state, and national levels. He served as TXSSAR State President from 2007-2008.

George became a pilot in 1971, which was his childhood dream, and was an active member of the Civil Air Patrol. He was also a member of the Confederate Air Force and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Amarillo, where he served as an usher and enjoyed serving on the Welcoming Committee.

George loved flying, photography, reading, and sitting on the porch watching sunsets. He was passionate about genealogy research and writing his family history. He played baseball as a child and loved watching the Texas Rangers.

George is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, James William West, and Daniel Cornelius West.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Judy West of Canyon; their 8 children, Thomas Joseph West of Haltom City, TX, Paul Gregory West and wife, Pam of Texarkana, TX, Theresa Ann West of Amarillo, Carolyn Jean West of Amarillo, Catherine Marie Brock and husband, Mark of Amarillo, Robert Henry West and wife, Leslie of Amarillo, Sean Carl Blacksten and wife, Shelley of Panama City, Panama, and Mark Jason Blacksten and wife, Dalena of Amarillo; ten grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. George is also survived by the mother of his children, Carole McKnight of Amarillo.

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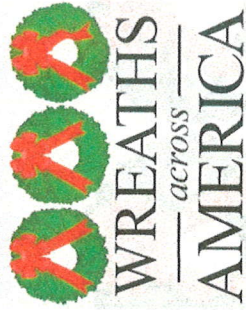
Oakland Cemetery

3900 Oakland Circle
 Dallas, Texas

December 17, 2022



Lucretia Council
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Welcome and Greetings

Tom Van Fossen

District VP Sons of The American Revolution

30 Seconds of Silence

Invocation

Bill Coburn

Chaplain

Presentation of Colors

Dallas Chapter Color Guard

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.

National Anthem

Tracy Settimi

Posting the Colors

Dallas Chapter Color Guard

Opening Remarks

Tom Van Fossen

Presentation of Honorary Wreaths

Marine

Robert Bell

Navy

Rafael Rivera

Army

Brad Todd and Gold Star

Mother, Kay Sanders

Air Force

Jay Fouts

Space Command

Ray Derstein

Merchant Marine

Gray Harrison

Coast Guard

Mike McCormack

POW/MIA

Johnny Sanchez

Closing Remarks

Tom Van Fossen

Speakers

Lillian Gregory

The Mission Continues Dallas Service Platoon Leader

Adam Bazaldua

District 7 Dallas City Council

Taps

Bill Coburn

Closing Prayer

Bill Coburn

Chaplain

Instructions for placing wreaths

Tom Van Fossen

District VP Sons of The American Revolution

We encourage every volunteer here today, who places a wreath on a veteran's grave, to say that veteran's name aloud and take a moment to thank them for their service to our country. Place the wreath with the ribbon at the 12 o'clock position. If there are family decorations on a veteran's grave please move on to the next veteran's grave.

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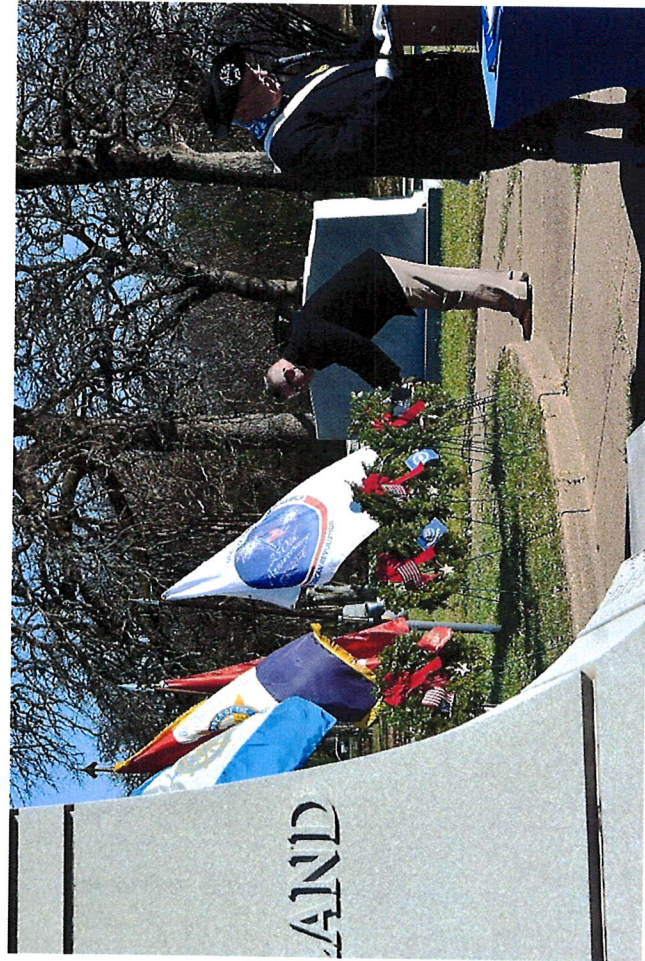
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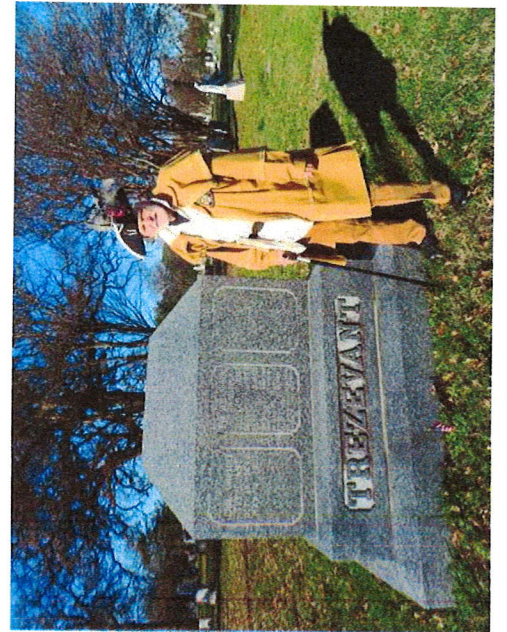


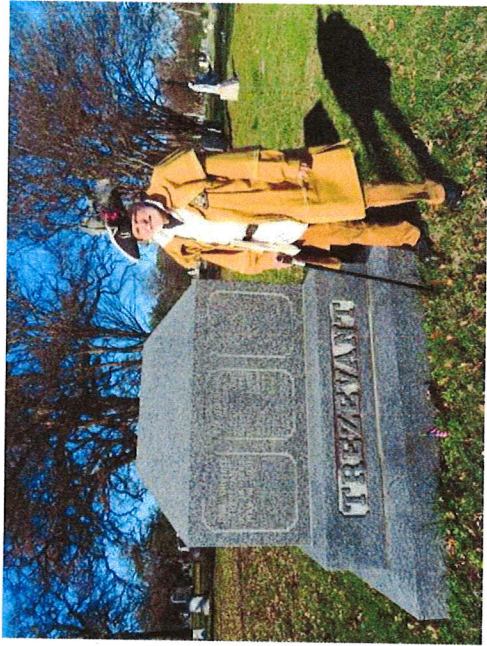
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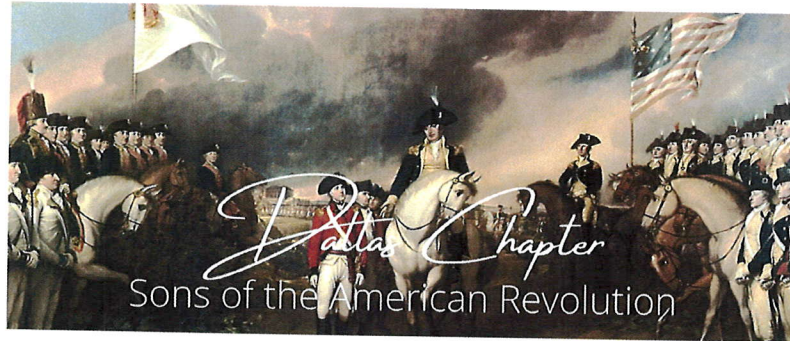
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2022 Year-end President's Letter

Dear Compatriot Harshman:

Wishing all of you a blessed and happy holiday season. I hope this finds you well.

The Dallas Chapter is wrapping up a very successful and busy 2022. Hopefully you've been able to participate in Chapter meetings as well as some of the other activities. This coming year promises to be just as busy with many activities planned.

You should receive the latest minutes/newsletter from the December 10, 2022, meeting very shortly. If you haven't been able to read these monthly newsletters, please take a few minutes to check out all that is going on.

With 1st Vice President Tom Van Fossen's assistance, we are preparing to compile the annual chapter report for submission to the Texas Society. This is a comprehensive report capturing much of what the chapter does. As we prepare for that, I need to ask for your assistance. Please send me a note listing any activities or donations that you made on behalf of SAR and the Dallas Chapter in 2022.

This would include any Color Guard activities, meetings attended, donations to the Patriot Fund or other SAR funds and any other Chapter activities. If you aren't sure if it should be included, please err on the side of over-reporting. This information is needed by January 5, 2023.

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming Chapter meetings and Color Guard events. Wishing you and your family a very happy, healthy and blessed Christmas and holiday season.

In Patriotism,

Mark Harrison

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Texas SAR Fall 2022 Texas Compatriot Message

From Members <dada@txssar.org>
To brentharshman@protonmail.com
Date Tuesday, December 20th, 2022 at 10:56 AM

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Texas SAR Compatriots,

The Fall edition of *The Texas Compatriot* is now available for your reading pleasure. Chapter news, committee news, state news, and color guard news remain topics that everyone in the Texas Society wants to read about. You have two ways to view the newsletter:

- [Click here for a direct link](#)
- Access current and past editions on the public website <https://www.txssar.org>
> About Texas SAR > Texas Compatriot Newsletter > 2022 > Fall 2022

Chapter Presidents...please consider forwarding the above options to all your chapter members to ensure that those who are not subscribed to the DADA list have the opportunity to read the newsletter.

Please share with me any comments or suggestions you might have for improving *The Texas Compatriot*. As always, please submit articles/photos you would like to see published.

Enjoy!

Best regards,

Ron Turner
Editor, *The Texas Compatriot*

Texas SAR Christmas Message from the President Message

From Members <dada@txssar.org>
To brentharshman@protonmail.com
Date Saturday, December 24th, 2022 at 12:56 AM

Texas SAR Christmas Message from the President

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Compatriots and Friends:

Christmas eve is coming upon us. Families are starting to arrive from near and far. Things that were already busy have increased as last-minute preparations are in full swing.

I have retreated back to my studio during a lull in the action to gather my thoughts so I can take the time to reflect and send you a Christmas message! I wanted to write a note to simply say how thankful I am. I am thankful for you! I am thankful for the time and efforts that each of you put into making our Texas Society the best in the nation. We have continued to maintain the membership and certainly continued the quality of the programs that we support and offer. For an organization as big as the Texas Society that's saying something!

There are so many moving parts in the Texas Society and each of them have numerous people working up-front but even many more working behind the scenes and all of them are just as important in their roll as I am in mine. I thank each of you for that service!

On a national level, an emphasis is starting for all of us to talk about "Our American Story." You'll hear more about it, but I can't help but reflect about "our American story" as it relates to Christmas. We as a country are so blessed – well above all other nations. We have been given so much and all our stories are steeped in family history, service and sacrifices throughout the years. Nothing represent these blessings more that the Christmas season.

I am thankful for all the men and women who serve or have served in our military. I gave a speech recently to a group of Veterans in Mincola Texas. In that speech I stated that I and so many others are who we are, and where we are today due to the Grace of God and the sacrifice and service of our Veterans. I believe that from the depths of my heart and know each of you agree.

Author William Haupt III said it best when he wrote about "How Christmas Eve 1776 Changed the World Forever." He wrote how General George Washington knelt in prayer on Christmas eve in 1776 in pelting sleet and snow and prayed for God to give him light. The next day he crossed the Delaware and won two battles. He turned around the morale and unified the army.

Haupt further stated: "The Lord guided Washington to victory on Christmas in 1776 at a time America needed a miracle to become a nation. He showed our founders how to form a more perfect union of states in 1787. He has continued to bless this nation in so many ways since 1776. Let us pray He will help us unite this divided nation so we can always defend our liberty. Merry Christmas."

I agree.

I pray God's greatest blessings upon you and your families in this holiday season. I pray that 2023 brings all of us the spirit of our forefathers as we strive to carry on the work that has been set before us.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Jim Kuykendall, President
Texas Society SAR