



# The MINUTEMAN



## Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society - Sons of the American Revolution



August 10, 2024

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### Ventana by Buckner South Tower, Grand Hall

8301 N US 75-Central Expressway - Dallas, TX 75225

Breakfast – 8:00am

Meeting – 9:00am

### AGENDA

#### **PRESIDENT**

Brent Harshman

#### **1st VICE-**

#### **PRESIDENT/PROGRAMS**

Thomas F. Van Fossen

#### **2nd VICE-**

#### **PRESIDENT/AWARDS**

J. D. Martin

#### **SECRETARY**

Bill Watts

#### **TREASURER**

Carl N. Harper

#### **REGISTRAR**

Mark Morgan

#### **CHAPLAIN**

Frank H. Pounders

#### **ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN**

Larry Luby

#### **HISTORIAN**

Tom Manning

#### **TRUSTEES**

Gary Sisson

David Temple

#### **COLOR GUARD COMMANDER**

Bill Watts

#### **Call to Order –**

#### **Rules of Engagement –**

This meeting is being filmed and recorded. By joining this in-person or virtual meeting of the Dallas Chapter of the TXSSAR, you acknowledge and agree that these proceedings may be made public.



President Harshman

#### **Invocation –**

George Washington’s Prayer that was read to the troops each day

*“I now make it my earnest prayer, that God would have the United States in his holy protection, that he would incline the hearts of the Citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to Government, to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow citizens of the United States at large, and particularly for their brethren who have served in the Field, and finally, that he would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all, to do Justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that Charity, humility and pacific temper of mind, which were the Characteristicks of the Devine Author of our blessed Religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy Nation. Amen”*

## Pledges

American Flag – John Morton

Texas Flag – J. D. Martin

SAR – Jerry Pinkerton

## Mission Statement – All

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

## Welcome –

We would like to welcome our guests David Temple and Bob Clark former State Presidents, Mark Harrison 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Americanism and Awards, Jerry Pinkerton Inland Registrar, Bill Watts Coastal Registrar, Tom Van Fossen Chairman of the Council of Chapter Presidents, District 11 VP and Secretary of the Council of Chapter Presidents Tom Milson from Mc Kinney, who is going to be our partner in the 2025 State Convention in Richardson, Paul Goodman World War II Veteran, Jim Akers the President of the Denton Chapter and Jack Haughton former 1<sup>st</sup> VP International and President of our new Ellis County Chapter and Chairman of the JROTC Committee and a very special welcome to any guests who are in attendance with us today.

## Americanism – 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - American Historic Moment

– *The Intolerable Acts*



## 250 Anniversary of the Fairfax Resolves



Brent Harshman attended this event and will give a report in a future meeting. The Fairfax Resolves were a direct result of the Intolerable Acts.

Newly placed plaque at Carlyle House Historic Park, Alexandria, Virginia, July 18, 2024.

## Introduction of our morning Speaker –



John is from Massachusetts, under graduate degree in Biology from Springfield College, Masters in Public Health from Yale University, MD degree from Georgetown University. Specialized in Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease.

Dr. John Maloney



Tom Van Fossen

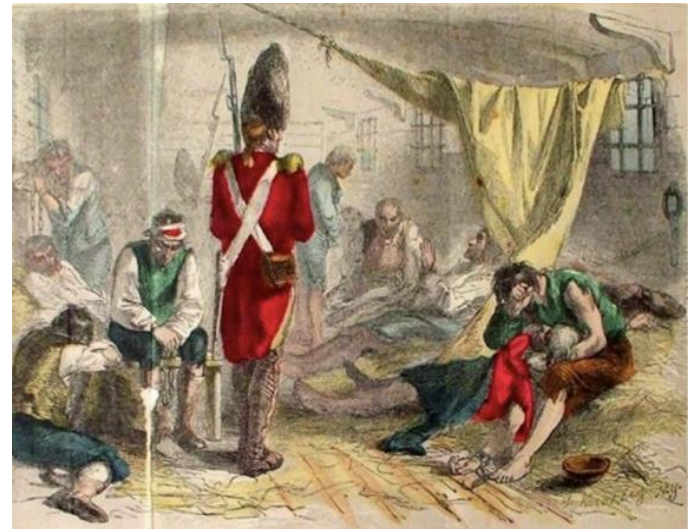
## *Disease and Pestilence and Their Impact Upon the Revolutionary War*

Total population of the Colonies 2.5 million

Total war deaths 25,000-70,000 (at least 1% of total population)

Equivalent today to 3.5-10 million fatalities

- KIA 6,800
- *At least* 17,000 died from disease
- 8,500+ seriously wounded-some later died
- 4-10x more soldiers died from disease than combat



\*Smallpox- most feared disease of 18th century, \*Malaria, \*Yellow Fever, Typhus: AKA Camp or Ship Fever, Typhoid, Dysentery, Influenza, Tuberculosis



### Diseases With the Most Impact Upon the War

Smallpox and the Northern, or Canadian Campaign

Malaria and Yellow Fever, and the Southern Campaign.

Multiple diseases on prison ships, which affected all campaigns

“Our misfortunes in Canada are enough to melt a heart of stone. The small-pox is 10 times more terrible than Britons, Canadians, and Indians together. This was the cause of our precipitate retreat from Quebeck [sic].” - *John Adams letter to wife, Abigail*



Smallpox “...more destructive than the sword.” - *George Washington*

Malaria - “Bad Air”

Malaria produced “intermittent” which were fevers that recurred every few days and incapacitated the soldiers for days at a time. Illness often lasted for weeks to months. Fulminant malaria killed troops within days of infection.

Continental troops who grew up in malaria infested areas **often had immunity**.



The longer the British troops stayed in the “low country” the worse the impact of malaria became. Garrisons in Savannah and Charleston often had 50+% of the troops incapacitated by malaria.

Yellow Fever also killed troops and was indistinguishable from fulminant malaria.

“Carolina was in spring a paradise, in the summer a hell, and in autumn a hospital.” - *Johann Shoepf*



## Conclusions

- Smallpox benefited the British until Washington mandated troop variolation.
- Smallpox likely contributed to the failure of the Canadian campaign.
- Washington's troop variolation was the first medical mandate in US history.

- Malaria aided the Continental Army and influenced Cornwallis's defeat at Yorktown.
- Cornwallis attributed his defeat more to sickness than enemy bullets.

## Award Presentation

Tom Van Fossen  
Dr. John Maloney  
Brent Harshman



Video of the 134<sup>th</sup> Annual National Congress was presented



- ★ Mark Foster | 5 years
- ★ Jonathan Harshman | 5 years
- ★ Paul Harshman | 5 years
- ★ Brent Harshman | 5 years
- ★ John Labanowski | 5 years
- ★ Michael Macon | 40 years
- ★ Richard Pitts | 25 years
- ★ Michael Seay | 20 years
- ★ Neil Smoak | 25 years

**In Memoriam**

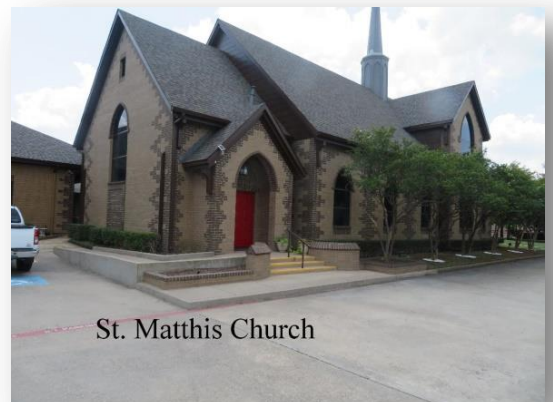


**Dr. George Alfred Monroe** December 10, 1939 – July 22, 2024  
 Member since June 15, 2006 Patriot: John Cochran

**Montye Whitelock** – Funeral Service  
 Saturday, August 17, 2024 10:30 am.  
 St. Matthias' Anglican Church  
 3460 Forest Lane Dallas



Side entrance- two  
 Color guard mebers  
 to greet attendees



St. Matthias Church

## Committee Member Opportunities to Serve

Public Relations & Publicity  
Member Recruitment & Retention  
DAR Liaison  
American History Teacher  
Color Guard Members  
CAR Essay Contest  
Knight Essay Contest (HS)  
Poster Contest (Elem)  
Greeter  
Video Contest (MS & HS)

Community Service Awards  
C.A.R. Liaison  
Annual Audit  
Web and Social Media  
Brochure Contest (MS)  
Eagle Scout Essay Contest  
Oration Contest (HS)  
Speaker's Bureau  
JROTC Members

## OFFICERS REPORTS



**Secretary** – Watts – Gary Sisson made a motion for approval of minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry Pinkerton

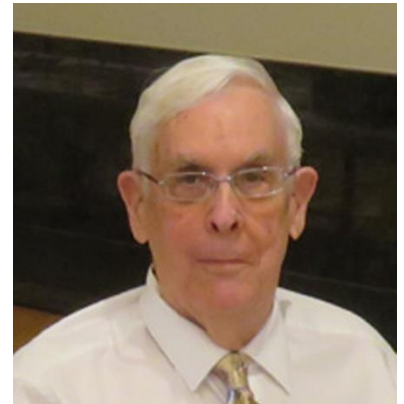
Approval of Meeting Minutes for July 06, 2024



**Registrar** – Morgan

**Treasurer** – Harper

Report was presented



In Progress at Chapter — 14  
At National for Review — 10  
(3 Regular, 7 Supplemental, 0 Memorial)  
Approved — 7  
Closed — 32  
We have a total of 63 Applications

Total 6

New Members Approved — 4  
Memorial Applications Approved — 0  
Supplemental Applications Approved — 3  
Total 7

New Member Inductions YTD — 6  
New Members Inducted Today — 0  
New Members to be Inducted — 0

Total Active Chapter Members – 244

At National Congress there was a vote to increase Application fees. The increase will be \$50.00 for all application fees. The application must **be reviewed by the State Registrar** and postmarked **by him** on or before August 31st.

**Historian** – Tom Manning

Send pictures of events for future yearbooks to:  
tommanning.sar@gmail.com

When submitting photos, please identify the event, the date, and the location.



Tom Manning



**Color Guard** – Commander Watts

I would like to introduce Gina Henderson, Levi Casey Chapter, NSDAR the daughter of Frank Pounders.

The Dallas Public Library Genealogy Department would like to invite all Veterans to “Tell Their Story”.

If you are a Veteran please go to the library Genealogy area and record your story. Take pictures with you and they will make a video recording of you telling your story inserting the pictures in the video.





## 2024 Events for July – August to the End of the Year

July 10 – 16, 2024      134 National Congress

August 3, 2024      Saturday      BOM Texas SAR

### Upcoming Events

August 17, 2024    Saturday – Services for Montye Whitelock St. Matthias Church 3460 Forest Lane Dallas, Texas at 10:30 am.

August 24, 2024    Saturday – Ellis County Chapter Meeting, Hamilton Apartments in the Poker Room, 880 Garden Valley Pkwy Waxahachie 9 am.

September 17, 2024      Tuesday – Preston Trails NSAR Constitution Week celebration 4:30 – 6:30 pm. 104 N. Main Street Pottsboro.

September 27, - October 20      Participate in the Recruitment for Membership in the Sons of the American Revolution at the Jane Douglas House Daughters of the American Revolution at the State Fair of Texas. The sign-up in on line at;

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C49A5AA2AABF85-49859288-texas/56576721#/>

October 4 – 5      44<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Hispanic Genealogical and Historical Conference at the Renaissance Dallas North Hotel 1590 LBJ Fwy Dallas in the Trinity Ballroom. We will have a table that will need to be manned. Further details will follow.

October 6, 2024    Sunday – Vietnam Veterans memorial service presented by the David Pendleton Society of the Children of the American Revolution at the State Fair Grounds. More information to follow.

October 30 – November 3 – 2024 Texas Council for the Social Studies at the Kalahari Resort 3001 Kalahari Drive Round Rock, Texas. We need volunteers to talk about the SAR during the conference. Contact Shiidon Hawley at [shiidon@gmail.com](mailto:shiidon@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating.

October 31 – 3      Texas SAR BOM in Austin Texas at the Holiday Inn Downtown, more information to follow.

November 9, 2024 Saturday      Fields of Honor Event at Red Tail Pavilion at Oak Point Park in Plano 2801 E Spring Creek Pkwy Plano Muster time is open at the present time. **National Event**

November 16, 2024      Saturday      Veterans Day Event at Red Tail Pavilion at Oak Point Park in Plano 2801 E Spring Creek Pkwy Plano Muster time is open at the present time. **National Event**

November Sunday – Massing of the Colors 9100 N Normandale Street Fort Worth at 2 pm  
muster is at 1 pm more information to follow. **National Event**

December Saturday – Dickens on the Strand Parade **State Event**

December 14, 2024 Saturday – Wreaths Across America at 3900 Oakland Circle, Dallas at 11  
am. Muster is at 10 am more information to follow. **National Event**

### **JROTC Program Update -- Tom Van Fossen**

Jack Haughton began the JROTC program 35 years ago. He is now the State Chairman of the JROTC program and is updating the offerings that we have to enhance the program in the future.

#### JROTC

Committee Updates

- ★ **J. D. Martin | Manpower**
- ★ **Wayne Stewart | Administration**
- ★ **Tom Van Fossen | Education**

### **OLD & NEW BUSINESS –**

New Colonial Flag Sponsors

- ★ Delaware | **Tom Whitelock**
- ★ Pennsylvania | **Tom Van Fossen**
- ★ New Jersey | **John Maloney**
- ★ Georgia | **William Watts**
- ★ Connecticut | **John Russell**
- ★ Massachusetts | **Mark Harrison & Paul Ridenour**
- ★ Maryland | **Charles Armstrong**
- ★ S. Carolina | **Gary Sisson**
- ★ New Hampshire | **John Greer**
- ★ Virginia | **Tim Chapman**
- ★ New York | **Brent Harshman**
- ★ N. Carolina | **Jerry Pinkerton**
- ★ Rhode Island | **Frank & Tracy Pounders**



Men standing purchased flags



Tom Whitelock presented a book containing the 13 Original States coin collection to Charles Armstrong.

In the future we will be auctioning off a collection of Pewter plates that are inscribed with images of the Revolutionary War.

Tom Van Fossen has purchased new poles and stands for all our flags. He also obtained the tags for our flags with the name of the Colony and the person who purchased the flag.



### Merchandise Table

New Dallas Chapter Ball Cap - \$25.00

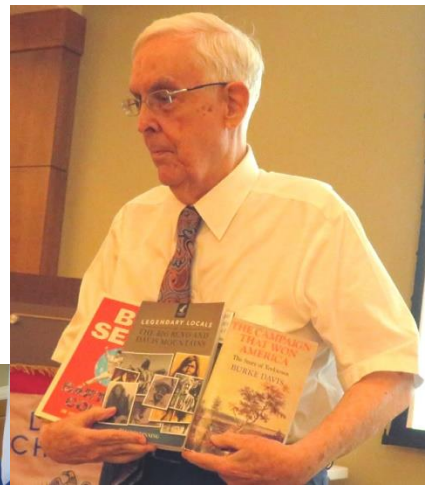
**Chapter Meetings** – When you receive the email invitation for our chapter meetings please RSVP. We need to get a count of how many are going to attend so we can order our meal. We have to write a check to Ventana for our meal and unless we have an accurate we have a hard time determining how much we need to pay.

We have some really nice brochures for our contests, so please take some and advertise our program to your friends and family. The success of our contest is up to you, our chapter members.

### DOOR PRIZE –

Nick Harper

Door Prize winners



The Story of Yorktown,  
Big Sexy and  
Big Bend and Davis Mountains.



# Connect

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**Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1692158937849494>

**YouTube**

@sardallaschapter3011

The 4 T's

Whitelock, Van Fossen, Milson, & Manning

**BENEDICTION** – Frank Pounders



**SAR RECEPTIONAL** – All

**NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY September 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM**

**Bill Watts – *The 14<sup>th</sup> Colony***

**For more information concerning volunteer opportunities please contact;  
Mark Harrison  
Tom Van Fossen**

Respectfully submitted,  
William B. Watts, Secretary

*William B. Watts* 

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

