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Denton Chapter #23 TXSSAR Inc. NEWSLETTER

October, 2001

Minutes of Meeting of September 6th, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 7 P.M. in the *Sky Theater Planetarium* on the University of North Texas Campus. Gerald Brenholtz led the opening pledges. An excellent program on the planetarium and the *Monroe Observatory and Robotic Telescope* was given by Dr. Chris Littler, Ron Dilulio, and Randy Peters of the University of North Texas. The highlight of the program was the re-creation of the heavens on the night of September 6th, 1776. The presenters were given George III coins in appreciation for the program. The Silver Good Citizenship Medal was presented to Mr. Monroe by James J. Johnson, President of Denton Chapter #23 TXSSAR. New members, George Burlage, Robert Richard, and William Wilkerson were presented membership certificates, rosettes, and were inducted into the society. Former Benjamin Lyon Chapter Regent NSDAR, Dorothy Bertine accepted the membership packet for her brother, William Wilkerson, who was unable to attend the meeting. Gerald Brenholtz conducted the SAR closing pledge. Tom Bailey, Chaplain, gave the closing prayer. Approximately twenty-five members and guests were in attendance.

COMPATRIOT JOHN DAVID MONROE AWARDED SILVER GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL

John David Monroe, a member of Denton Chapter #23 TXSSAR, was awarded the Silver Good Citizenship Medal for his outstanding community service and philanthropic contributions at the September 6th meeting. The Silver Good Citizenship Certificate was presented to Mr. Monroe by Judge Nathan White, President of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution at lunch at the Radisson Hotel on September 12th.

Mr. Monroe has donated land to the University of North Texas for an observatory site. According to an article in *SPECTRUM* (a publication of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Texas). "The importance of the new observatory and robotic telescope cannot be overstated." This land has been in the Monroe family since 1836. Compatriot Monroe also helped to underwrite the visit of well-known astronomer, Dr. David Levy, to the UNT campus. In addition to his many community and philanthropic projects in the North Texas area, he is also involved in projects at Duke University. Mr. Monroe is an investment and real estate broker dealing mostly in ranch properties with over 30 years experience.

JUDGE ED BUTLER, VP OF PROMOTION AND MEDIA RELATIONS TXSSAR TO BE SPEAKER FOR NOV. 1ST MEETING. Judge Butler's topic will be "TXSSAR Steps Boldly into the Third Millennium." Come early to the November meeting. The TXSSAR Gift Shop (brought by Judge Butler) will be open for business (see details in November newsletter).

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 7 P.M., GOOD SAMARITAN VILLAGE
PROGRAM: BILL BELL, "THE BRITISH ISLES DURING THE CRISIS"**

RECENT CHAPTER ACTIVITIES:

**Color Guard won 2nd Place In the 4th of July Parade...July 4.
Chapter President Received Constitution Week
Proclamation with Dorothy Bertine from Mayor...Sept. 4.
Members Read the Consttution with NSDAR on Old Court House
Lawn...September 17.**

**Lloyd Bockstruck & Judge Ed Butler will offer a Genealogical Workshop at the TXSSAR 2002
Convention in Tyler, Tex. Friday March 8, 2002. If you are interested in attending see the
TXSSAR web site or contact Judge Butler at 210-698-8964.**

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A CHAPTER OFFICER FOR 2002 SHOULD CONTACT
A MEMBER OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE: BAIRD, JOHNSON OR HAYNES.**

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*Reminder,
Compatriot
Bill Bell will speak
OCTOBER 4th 2001
7 P.M. Good Samaritan
"The British Isles During
the Crisis"*



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