



# THE MINUTEMAN



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## President's Message

by Dr. Gary N. Sisson



### Virtue

Merriam-Webster's Online Collegiate Dictionary provides the following definitions for virtue:

- ◇ A conformity to a standard of right
- ◇ A particular moral excellence
- ◇ Manly strength or courage (my personal favorite)

Definitions aside, the writings of our Founding Fathers are rife with references to the practice of virtue:

- "Were the pictures which have been drawn by the political jealousy of some among us faithful likenesses of the human character, the inference would be that there is not sufficient **virtue** among men for self-government..."-James Madison, *The Federalist*, #60, 1788
- "The existence of such a government as ours for any length of time is a full proof of a general dissemination of knowledge and **virtue** throughout the whole body of the people."-John Adams' Inaugural Address, March 4, 1797
- "Whether this [liberty] will prove a blessing or a curse will depend upon the use our people make of the blessings which a gracious God hath bestowed upon us. If they be wise, they will be great and happy. If they are of a contrary character, they will be miserable. Righteousness alone shall exalt them as a nation. Reader! Whoever thou art, remember this, and in thy sphere practice **virtue** thyself, and encourage it in others."-The concluding lines of a note found with Patrick Henry's will after his death in 1799

Perhaps the time has come to re-acquaint our society with virtue, beginning with ourselves. Compatriots, be virtuous---and please, be involved! It has been a pleasure to serve as your President.

### March 16 Meeting

Please note that the March meeting is the 3rd Saturday, not the 2nd Saturday. At this meeting, the new Chapter officers will be installed and awards given.

For future program suggestions, please feel free to call 1<sup>st</sup> VP Jack Carney at 972-401-1830.

Barbara Baylis of the James Billingsley Chapter, NSDAR, spoke at the February meeting on "Women in the DAR." She cited several women who have impacted American history. ▶ ▶ ▶ ▶



#### Registrar's Report:

Chapter membership now stands at 315.  
February meeting: 42 members, 24 guests.  
Don Hay, Registrar

#### Treasurer's Report:

Checking & Cash: \$ 763.62  
Endowment Funds: \$ 32,907.50  
Tracy Ponders, Treasurer

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*Meetings are held on the Second Saturday of each month at Luby's Cafeteria, 6221 E. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas. Coffee served with fellowship at 7:30, breakfast at 8:00, and meeting from 8:30 'til 9:45. Guests are welcome at our meetings.*

## Chapter Meeting News



**F**ormer Chapter President **Mark Hansen**, left, chaired the Nominating Committee that presented the slate of Dallas Chapter officer candidates to the January meeting. They were **Cliff Slagle** for President, **Jack Carney** for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Programs, **Tracy Ponders** for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Awards, **Henry (Hank) Voegtle III** for Secretary, **Tom Smith** for Treasurer, **Melvin McCoy** for Registrar, **Tom Whitelock** for Historian, and **Frank Ponders** for Chaplain. There being no nominations from the floor at the February meeting, all nominees were unanimously elected.



**C**lockwise, from upper left, Camden Gilman and Mysti Raz gave their Dallas Chapter first and second place winning orations; Ashley Howie read her Dallas Chapter winning essay. New members sworn in in February and January were **William "Rusty" Ballard** (February), **Bill McKnight** (February), **Dennis White** (January), and **James Templin** (January). In February, Dallas Police Department Sergeant Clark Allen, below right, received the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate, Deputy Police Chief Floyd Simpson, looking on.

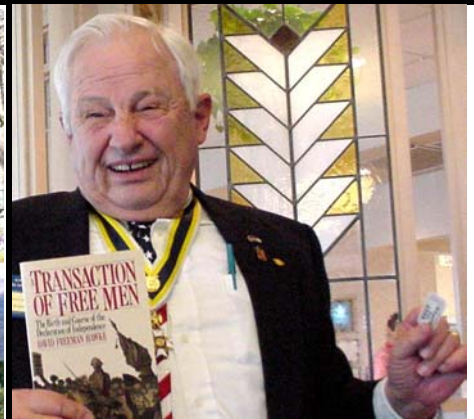


**T**he new Dallas Chapter Parade Banner, shown at right on Page 3, was unveiled during the February meeting. The \$300 cost was mostly covered by donations at the December meeting. We still need an additional \$65. Please make your tax-deductible check to the SAR. ►

To see these pictures in color, check out our Chapter Website at <http://sardallas.org>

While you are there, you can get lots of other useful information. There are links to Chapter Minutes, to the DAR and other organizations of interest, Chapter Officers, Minuteman Newsletter archives, and lots of other good info.

There is no better time than NOW to order your Minuteman uniform or period costume and march behind the new Chapter parade banner (below) or appear in upcoming civic and patriotic events like school award presentations, Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Independence Day. A complete lightweight polyester uniform costs less than \$300, including tri-corn hat and shoe buckles. Order yours by calling Darlene at 817-496-4160.



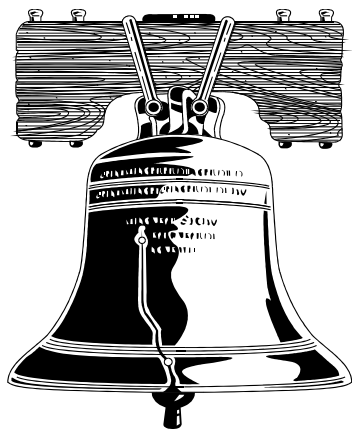
Who'd a thought it? Compatriot Art Ingalls holds the door prize that he won when he drew his own ticket at the January meeting!



Compatriots Dick Arnold and Charles Baker were the color guard at the planting of a new Stephen F. Austin Live Oak Tree at the Dallas Arboretum on Arbor Day. The event was attend by many civic leaders and school children, and it provided GREAT publicity for SAR. Among those present were about 75 children from the Providence Christian Academy, all of whom helped plant the tree. At right, Ryan Lynch of Providence Academy added his signature to the portrait of Stephen F. Austin. The tree, shown at right in the picture above, was grown at Texas A&M University from an acorn gathered on Austin's property.



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Date	Time	Event	Place
Mar. 16	8:00 a.m.	Installation of Dallas Chapter Officers for 2002-3, and awards.	Luby’s Cafeteria, 6221 E. Mockingbird
Apr. 13	8:00 a.m.	Monthly Chapter Meeting	Luby’s Cafeteria, 6221 E. Mockingbird
May 11	8:00 a.m.	Monthly Chapter Meeting	Luby’s Cafeteria, 6221 E. Mockingbird
May 27	1:00 p.m.	City of Dallas Memorial Day Program	Restland; Free lunch at 11:30 for those in uniform or period costume
July 4	9:00 a.m.	Lake Highlands Independence Day Parade	Free breakfast at 8:15 at 9611 Woodmen Circle, for those in uniform or period costume

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