



# THE MINUTEMAN



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## President's Message

by Cliff Slagle



### First Cut

Compatriots, I am honored to have been chosen as President of the greatest Chapter in the State, but Dr. Sisson is a hard act to follow. The support group you have provided me is outstanding, and I look forward to our enhancing our position in both the State and National Societies. Through the efforts of Compatriots McDowell, Hay and their membership dues and reinstatement committees, we have maintained the highest chapter membership in the National Society. In fact, our chapter membership now exceeds that of twenty six individual State Societies.

Our chapter was well represented at the recent State Congress. Several were appointed to various committees. Dr. Gary Sisson will continue as State Registrar, Compatriot Mark Hansen will serve as Chancellor, Compatriot Ralph McDowell will continue as Vice President for District 6, and I will continue as State Treasurer.

We are in the season of highest activity with our awards programs. These provide us with an opportunity to serve our community and to encourage to local students. When Vice President Tracy Ponders presents his requirements for volunteers to make presentations at various schools I will offer to volunteer as often as my schedule permits. I encourage you to volunteer. In the past, our presenters have received many expressions of appreciation from parents for the encouragement we have provided the students. It is a most enjoyable and satisfying task.

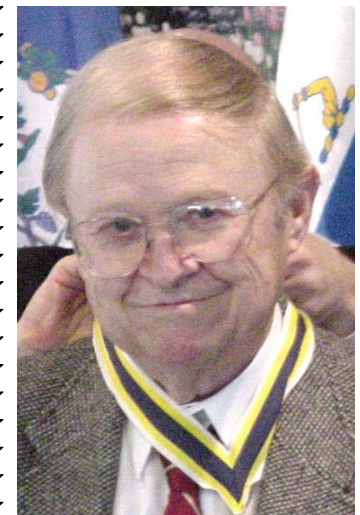
Dallas has been selected to serve as the host Chapter for the State Conference in 2004. The Conference will be held the last weekend in February. We will begin the planning functions and establishing committees at our April meeting.

### April 13 Meeting

Mike Holbrook, a Dallas Radio personality (Station WRR) will discuss "Living History." Mike is a Civil War Reinactor.

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

Cliff Slagle received the Chapter President's Neck Ribbon from Former President Dr. Gary Sisson after being sworn in at the March Meeting ▶ ▶ ▶ ▶



#### Registrar's Report:

Chapter membership now stands at 299.  
March meeting: 36 members, 8 guests.

Don Hay, Registrar

#### Treasurer's Report:

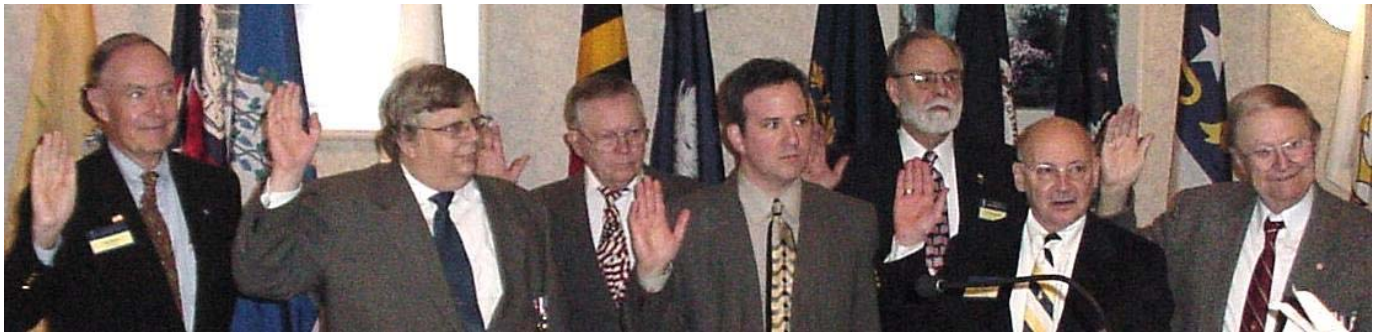
Checking & Cash: \$ 591.26  
Endowment Funds: \$ 32,643.42

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.*

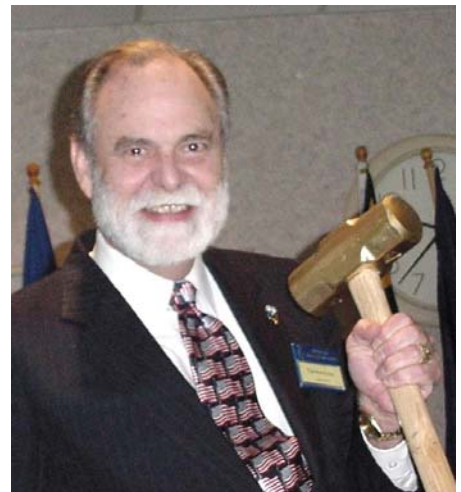
## Chapter Meeting News



New 2002-2003 Dallas Chapter Officers were sworn in at the March meeting. They are (left-to-right above) **Tom Smith**, Treasurer; **Henry (Hank) Voegtle III**, Secretary; **Frank Ponders**, Chaplain; **Tracy Ponders**, 2nd Vice President/Awards; **Tom Whitelock**, Historian; **Jack Carney**, 1st Vice President/Programs; and **Clifford Slagle**, President. (Not Pictured: **Melvin McCoy**, Registrar.)

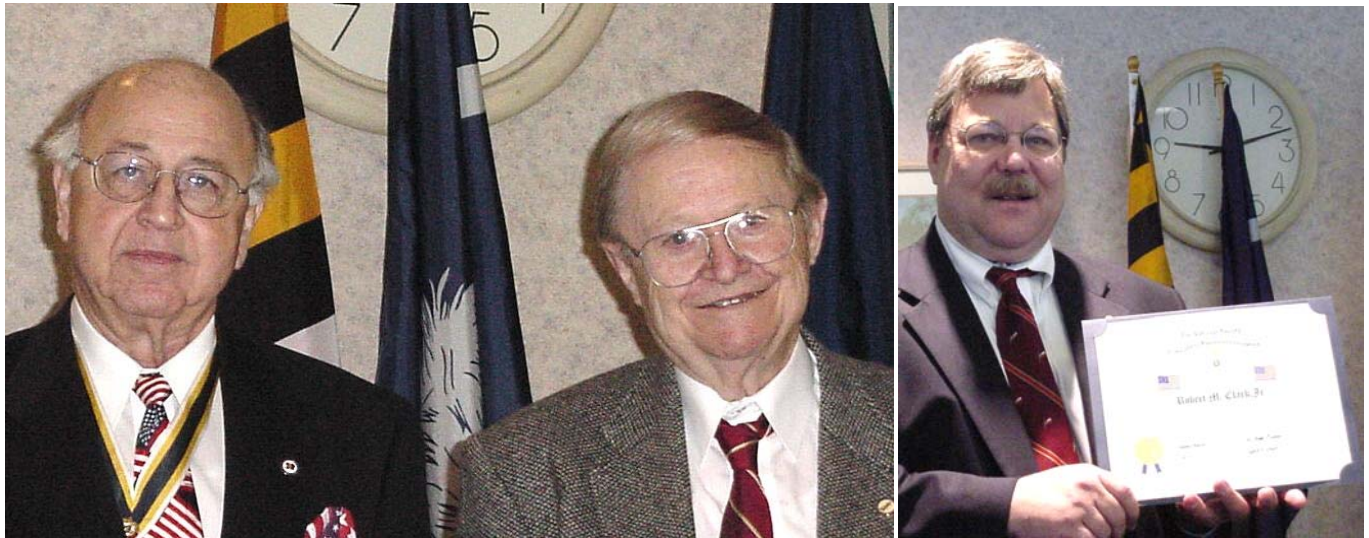


Left to right above: Ashley Clark, daughter of Compatriot **Robert Clark**, and Augie Voegtle, son of Compatriot **Hank Voegtle**, received \$2 bills as the youngest meeting attendees. New member **Roy Lee Pierce** was sworn in, sponsored by Compatriot **Cliff Slagle**. Barbara (Mrs. **Charles**) **Baker** received the SAR Medal of Appreciation for help with the Minuteman Newsletter, and Montye (Mrs. **Tom**) **Whitelock** received the Martha Washington Medal for help in taping, stamping and mailing the Minuteman (husband Tom Whitelock looks on). At right, **Compatriot Tom Whitelock** received the "Golden Hammer Award," the chapter's first Traveling Trophy for the hardest worker for 2001. This 8-pound sledge is not for wimps.



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.



Above Left: Compatriots **Ralph McDowell** and **Cliff Slagle** received the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and Certificate. Above right: Compatriot **Robert Clark** received a Flag Certificate. Below right: Compatriots **Tom Whitelock**, Dr. **Charles Baker**, and **Don Hay** received the Meritorious Service Medal and Certificate. Below Left: The unusual art work pictured here is on a building directly across the street from the World War II Museum in downtown New Orleans. It consists of a painting of the famous event of U.S. Marines raising the flag on Iwo Jima. A real flag comes out of the building at just the right angle.



Seen on a bumper sticker: "It's God's responsibility to forgive Bin Laden. It's our responsibility to arrange the meeting — U.S. Marine Corps"

