



# THE MINUTEMAN



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## President's Message

by Cliff Slagle



### What Census?

The Census program mentioned at the April meeting is properly named **The Census of Qualified SAR Prospects** and is designed to provide tangible assistance to Chapters in recruiting new members by providing them with long lists of "qualified" prospects living in their areas. These prospects will require minimal additional documentation, and those documents will be on most recent generations.

Within the next few weeks the Census will start with the mailing of Census Report Forms to the first 10,000 SAR members on the alphabetical mailing list of the SAR Magazine. A covering letter from the President General, a sheet of explanations, and a return envelope addressed to the National Census Coordinator will accompany the form.

The completed Census Report Forms should list somewhere between 5 and 10 qualified SAR prospects each. These prospects will all be "qualified" by virtue of being relatives of SAR members and descendants of the same Revolutionary War Patriot Ancestors.

This program offers a method to expand our membership, increase our dues income, and thereby broaden our civic activities. I feel that it will be a very beneficial program deserving our full support, and I urge all members to complete and submit the forms in a timely manner.

### May 11 Meeting

**J**im Robertson, the new President of the Texas Society of SAR (TXSSAR), will be our speaker.

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

**M**ike Holbrook, a Dallas radio personality, discussed reenactments as "Living History" at the April Meeting. Mike reenacts Civil War battles. ▶ ▶

#### Registrar's Report:

Chapter membership now stands at 299.

April meeting: 36 members, 8 guests.

**Mel McCoy**, Registrar

#### Treasurer's Report:

Checking & Cash: \$ 3727.14

Endowment Funds: \$ 32,759.92

**Tom Smith**, 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



**A**bove: During the April meeting, Ms. Cynthia Moore received SAR recognition as the American History Teacher of the Year in Dallas; speaker Mike Holbrook had a pensive moment; and David Studebaker received a Flag Certificate from former State President **Dick Arnold**.

**B**elow: During the March meeting, the following compatriots received Perfect Attendance Certificates: Arthur Ingalls, Dr. Charles Baker, Tracy Ponders, Tom Whitelock, and (perennially) Ralph McDowell.



**C**ompatriots: It's not too late to call and order your new Minuteman uniform or period costume for Flag Day and Independence Day activities! We need more men who will come out to these activities, to carry our new Dallas Chapter parade banner and show who we are. This is terrific publicity for 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.



About 40 first-graders at Providence Christian Academy participated in a “Colonial Day” on Friday, April 26. Upper left and clockwise, the period-costumed children said the Pledge of Allegiance and sang My Country ‘tis of Thee, led by Dallas Chapter Compatriots Dr. **Charles Baker**, **Tom Smith**, **Dick Arnold**, and **Mel McCoy**; then the children heard storytime; a bonneted first-grade girl assisted the story-teller;



Dallas teacher Bill Covington (an SAR prospect) taught the children about patriot soldiers’ clothing and equipment. A young lad learns the fine art of hoop-rolling, while another practices the colonial sport of “graces.” Many other activities were taught by parents dressed in colonial garb, including quilting and various other crafts. At left, using quilts over the windows, two mothers turned a classroom into a colonial kitchen featuring homemade bread, fresh-churned butter, apple pie, gingerbread, fruits, and other wonderful tastes for a day that will be long remembered in the lives of 40 children and many others.



