



# THE MINUTEMAN

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## President's Message

by Cliff Slagle



### Have a Great Fourth

I hope everyone has plans for honoring our forefathers who, through their sacrifices, gave us our great nation. I will be attending the SAR National Congress through July 4, and hope to give a brief report of the proceedings at the July 13 Chapter Meeting.

There are a number of disturbing reports concerning the attitudes of the under 30 generation. Less than half of those questioned feel that the United States is on a par, or above, other Nations of the World. I attribute this to the total lack of knowledge of our educators (Elementary through University) of true conditions throughout the rest of the world. There is no country that offers its citizens the opportunities and benefits available to Americans.

We, as citizens, can help ease this problem by becoming more active in our children's and grandchildren's activities. Take an interest in school and civic functions. On occasion, read some of the history books presently in use to see how history is being rewritten in some text books. SAR Secretary General (soon to be President General) Rice Aston has been very active in combating the rewriting of history. There have been several articles in the SAR Magazine over the past three years concerning this problem.

**We need to do what ever it takes to awaken America now.**

### July 13 Meeting

Dr. and Mrs. James Johnson (both Ph.D.s) will speak on "Women who fought in the Revolution and men who didn't."

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

Patrick Henry, alias Com-patriot Dr. Gary Sisson, spoke at our June 8 meeting. He will also be featured in the old schoolhouse at Old City Park on July 4. ▶

#### Registrar's Report:

Chapter membership now stands at 309.  
May meeting: 40 members, 18 guests.  
Mel McCoy, Registrar

#### Treasurer's Report:

Checking & Cash: \$ 3043.74  
Endowment Funds: \$ 33,003.57  
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



Our newest Compatriot Arthur **Chalmers Omberg, Jr.** (above, center) was sworn in by Registrar **Mel McCoy** (right), and sponsored by **Don Hay** (left). Dr. **Charles Baker** and **Ralph McDowell** were granted commissions by the TXSSAR as Major and Captain, respectively, in charge of the North Texas Militia. Col. **Richard Arnold** is shown pinning the insignia on their epaulets. Compatriot **Bert Huls** (right) has lists of U.S. service personnel who need pen pals. Many personnel who join the armed forces to protect our great nation have no family back home. These lonely people need our support. Call Bert at 972-931-5658 for information.



Compatriots pictured above received Certificates of Appreciation for giving out JrROTC Medals and Good Citizenship Medals in the High Schools and Junior High Schools in the area: **Ralph McDowell, Graham Martin, Dr. Charles Baker, Richard Arnold, Tom Smith, Mel McCoy, Frank Pounders, Tracy Pounders, and Cliff Slagle.**

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.



**CONSTITUTION WEEK BRUNCH**  
 Saturday, September 21, 2002, 10 a.m.  
 Brookhaven Country Club, 3333 Golfing Green Drive  
 Sponsored by the Dallas Area Regents Council of the DAR  
 Program: Dallas Police Department Choir,  
 singing patriotic and colonial songs  
 Reservations: \$20 per person. Remit to Mrs. Carolyn Duckworth,  
 617 Liechty Ct., Heath, TX 75032-5364



The popular husband-wife team of Dr James Johnson and Dr. Mary Lynn Johnson will be our speakers on July 13, 2002.

Photo of the original "Star Spangled Banner" in the Smithsonian Institution



These compatriots traveled to Commerce, TX for the Commerce Community Memorial Service which was held in the First Baptist Church building. Pictured above: **Richard Arnold, Art Ingalls, Cliff Slagle, Mel McCoy, Dr. Charles Baker, Willie Walker, and Tom Whitelock**, Banner Bearer. Not pictured: **Elvin Brown**, Banner Bearer. Above: Judy McCoy models the gorgeous colonial costume that she made. (photos by Willie Walker)

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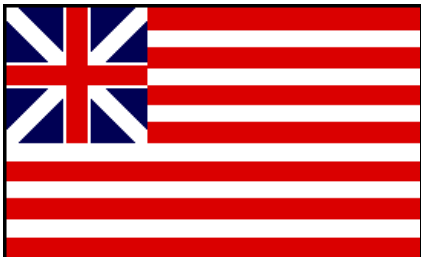
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### In this Issue: “Have a Great Fourth”

The Grand Union Flag, also called the Great Union Flag, or Cambridge Flag, was first raised over the Continental Army on January 1, 1776, near Cambridge, MA.



Being a full six months before our new nation severed ties with Great Britain, it contained the Union Jack so as not to unduly offend the British crown. This was our flag until replaced by the Stars & Stripes by the Flag Act of June 14, 1777.

Date	Time	Event	Place
July 4	9:00 a.m.	Lake Highlands Independence Day Parade down Church Rd.	Free breakfast at 8:15 at 9611 Woodmen Circle, for those in uniform or period costume, and for banner carriers
July 13	8:00 a.m.	Monthly Chapter Meeting. Dr. & Mrs. James Johnson will speak on “Women who fought in the Revolution and men who didn’t.”	Luby’s Cafeteria, 6221 E. Mockingbird
August 10	8:00 a.m.	Monthly Chapter Meeting. Jim Gatewood, author of “Decker,” the biography of Sherrif Bill Decker	Luby’s Cafeteria, 6221 E. Mockingbird

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