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President's Message

by Cliff Slagle



Where is Your Patriot?

There is a great lack of information on the location of burial sites of Patriots. Do you know where your Patriot is buried? Is the location of the grave known by others? Does the National Society know where the grave is?

After the National Conference in Nashville, my wife and I visited Eastern Tennessee and Kentucky to find the grave sites of some of our ancestors. In the search for my wife's Patriot's grave we discovered that the information available from NSSAR was somewhat short of adequate. When checking the SAR Revolutionary War Graves Register CD, it becomes obvious that information on the locations of a great number of the graves is either missing or inadequate. The SAR Revolutionary War Graves Committee is asking for assistance in improving their data base. In submitting updates for inclusion in the Register, specific travel directions to the grave site, and a photograph of the grave site, are recommended.

Compatriot Brakebill's book identifies more than 40 Revolutionary War Soldiers buried in Texas. Some are marked by the DAR, but all should bear SAR markings. As members it should be our responsibility to accomplish this. The bronze SAR Patriot Grave markers are available in selective forms and sizes.

The SAR has outlined a Patriot Grave Marking Program to place a bronze SAR marker at the grave site of every military veteran and civilian patriot of the Revolutionary War. There are also suggestions on procedures for Grave Marking in another state. If no tombstone of any sort exists, a grave of a Revolutionary War soldier can be marked with a U.S. Government headstone, or marker, available upon request through The Department of Veterans Affairs.

August 10 Meeting

Jim Gatewood, author of "Decker," the biography of Sheriff Bill Decker, will be our speaker.

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

Dr. and Mrs. James Johnson (both Ph.D.s) spoke at the July 13 Dallas Chapter meeting on "Women who fought in the Revolution and men who didn't." ▶ ▶

Registrar's Report:

Chapter membership now stands at 309.

May meeting: 42 members, 34 guests.

Mel McCoy, Registrar

Treasurer's Report:

Checking & Cash: \$ 3078.53

Endowment Funds: \$ 33,343.97

Tom Smith, Treasurer



THE MINUTEMAN is the monthly newsletter of the Dallas Chapter of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, a non-profit organization. (Pictures by Charles Baker and Tom Whitelock)

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.

Clockwise, starting below, left: **Ralph McDowell** receives his official commission as Captain of the North Texas Militia from Col. **Dick Arnold** (right); some of the 26 DAR visitors out of 34 total visitors at the July meeting; another view of the July 4 parade unit; **John Warterfield** (DAR Liaison) and Sandye Mailandt presenting information about the Constitution Week Brunch and inviting SAR members to participate; lining up to march on July 4. Can you find the brand-new TXSSAR flag in four of these pictures?



Chapter Treasurer **Tom Smith** reports that since Compatriot **Albert B. Welch's** death in the past month, a total of just over \$1000 has come in in his memory. His family graciously requested that monetary gifts be given to the Dallas Chapter in lieu of flowers.



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.



Behind the new SAR Parade Banner being held by CAR members **Colleen Coursey** and **Karl Klammer**, 13 Boy Scouts from Troop 890 carried the flags of the 13 colonies as a part of the July 4 parade: Colin Sanders, Trey Rackler, Kyle Johnson (not pictured), Ryan Johnson, Mark Langford, Robbie Stewart, Charles Shepherd, Collin Zreet, C.W. Ingram, Andrew Brown, Oscar Kincheloe, Eric Johnson, and Daniel Howard. The full SAR segment of the parade is shown below.

Col. Dick Arnold led the SAR segment of the July 4 parade, followed by the parade banner, Maj. **Charles Baker** carrying the 50-star, the flautist and drummer, other color guard members, colonial ladies, and the 13 colonial flags. The nice southerly breeze made the flags a spectacular site. The 13-star flag shown at far right is a rare replica of our nation's first official flag; it was hand-made by Judy McCoy.

Flautist: Emanuel Prodan
 Drummer: **Rick Fawkes**
 Color Guard: **David Hill, Tom Smith, Ralph McDowell, & Mel McCoy.**
 Colonial Ladies: Barbara Baker & Judy McCoy



These compatriots participated in the City of Dallas Memorial Day Service held at Restland Cemetery and attended by several thousand guests. Activities such as these are great publicity for the SAR, and this event marked the public debut of the new SAR banner. Pictured are Compatriots **Bill Bellomy, Dick Arnold, Cliff Slagle, Dr. Charles Baker, Art Ingalls, Graham Martin, Mel McCoy, and Bill McSpedden.**

