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President's Message

by Cliff Slagle



A NEW CHALLENGE

As my term in office is coming to an end, I want to thank the Officers who have helped carry the load this past year. The elected Officers, and a number of volunteers, have been a great help in conducting the Chapter's business. Compatriots Charles Baker, Ralph McDowell, and Tom Whitelock have put forth a yeoman effort publishing and mailing the Minuteman which we all appreciate. There are other compatriots with specific responsibilities who have been very helpful.

The Dallas Chapter will host the 109th Texas Society State Conference March 13,14, and 15, 2004. Much planning and coordination with the State Meetings Committee has already occurred. A facility has been selected, approved by the Chairman of the State Meetings Committee, and contract negotiations are near completion. The 109th State Conference Committee will be contacting you during the next few months for assistance in the many details involved in conducting the Conference. It has been over a decade since the State Conference was held in Dallas and we need to put forth an effort worthy of the largest chapter in the world. Your willing response to requests for assistance is vital to the success of our efforts. And please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Conference.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President this year, and I look forward to continue being of service to the chapter in any way I can.

March 8 Meeting

Richard L. Robinett, new TXSSAR President, will install our new chapter officers and will provide a few remarks. Various awards will be given.

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

At the February 8 meeting, Jug (B. G.) Burkett discussed his book, "Stolen Valor: How the Vietnam Generation Was Robbed of its Heroes and History." ▶ ▶

Registrar's Report:

Chapter membership stands at 315.
Last Meeting: 41 Members, 9 Guests
Mel McCoy, Registrar

Treasurer's Report:

Checking & Cash: \$ 1,470.35
Endowment Funds: \$ 35,160.58
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



Clockwise, above: (1) Compatriot **Charles L. (Chuck) Hale** of the Blaine C. Willhoite, Sr Chapter received a Certificate of Appreciation from President **Cliff Slagle**. Chuck presented our chapter with a flag and a document certifying that the flag had been flown in a combat mission in Afghanistan. (2) B. G. "Jug" Burkett received the traditional speakers' certificate and Liberty Bell replica from V.P. **Jack Carney**. (3) Rebecca Lowenstein, winner of the Dallas Chapter Essay Contest, read her winning essay: "The Struggle for a Bill of Rights — The Ideas and Politics of the Constitution." Becky is a Junior at Richardson High School. (4) Compatriot **Don Hay**, Chairman of the Essay Contest Committee, introduced Becky. (5) President **Cliff Slagle** presented Martha Washington Medals and Certificates to Henrietta Slagle (left) and Jeanette Prasifka (center). Judy McCoy was presented an SAR Medal of Appreciation *en absentia*. All three ladies are members of the Jane Douglas Chapter of the DAR.



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, CAR and other organizations of interest, Chapter Officers, Minuteman Newsletter archives, and lots of other good info.

Americanism Trivia Quiz (Answers in next month's issue)

1. The author of the Bill of Rights was:
 - a. George Mason
 - b. Benjamin Franklin
 - c. James Madison
 - d. Thomas Jefferson

2. The first ten Amendments to the U.S. Constitution form the "Bill of Rights." How many amendments were actually submitted to the states for ratification?
 - a. 10
 - b. 12
 - c. 14
 - d. 16

3. The Sixth Amendment guarantees
 - a. speedy trial by jury
 - b. right to bear arms
 - c. freedom of speech
 - d. protection against unreasonable search

4. The Bill of Rights derives from
 - a. The Magna Carta
 - b. The English Bill of Rights
 - c. Virginia's 1776 Declaration of Rights
 - d. All of these

(Thanks to Barbara Baker for submitting these questions.)

Any Questions?

Editor of THE MINUTEMAN, Dr. **Charles Baker**, reports that the **Americanism Trivia Quiz** has been well-received, but that we need more good questions (and answers). Here are the rules: Questions should center on facts from the Revolutionary Period, there should be a mixture of easy and hard questions, and questions should be in either multiple choice or matching format. Correct answers should be supplied with questions. Questions and answers may be e-mailed: <hbaker@engr.smu.edu> If interest continues, we might form a committee and run a contest. Any volunteers?

Slate Elected

Dr. **Gary N. Sisson**, PPOOOFY* and chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of nominees at the January 11 meeting. At the February 8 meeting, the entire slate was elected and will be installed by the TXSSAR President at the March 8 meeting.

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| President: | Jack Carney |
| First Vice President (Programs): . | Tracy Ponders |
| Second Vice President (Awards): | Hank Voegtle |
| Secretary: | Tom Whitelock |
| Treasurer: | Tom Smith |
| Registrar: | Mel McCoy |
| Historian: | Rusty Ballard |
| Chaplain: | Frank Ponders |

* Pronounced "PaPOOOFFie"
(Past President Out Of Office First Year)



Sign in a mortuary window:
"We would rather provide services for 10,000 terrorists than for one American."

