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President's Message

by Jack Carney



LOOKING BOTH WAYS

I want to thank you again for giving me the honor of being the President of the largest and best SAR Chapter.

The new program year offers both an opportunity to look back at the accomplishments of the past, and to anticipate new challenges. Dallas is the largest SAR Chapter in the world and is larger than the state societies of several states. The Chapter was recognized with numerous awards for accomplishments at the State Conference. Looking forward to the National Convention, Dallas is in contention for **the** outstanding chapter.

Over the next several months, we will be presenting ROTC and Good Citizenship awards in the Dallas area schools. We will be presenting the Annual Police and Fireman awards and are seeking nominations from you. The Color Guard has been extremely active and will participate in patriotic programs for Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4th Veterans Day and many others.

Ongoing annual SAR projects include the Eagle Scout Award, Oration Contest, Essay Contest, and Poster Contest. During the State Fair of Texas we will be recruiting at the Jane Douglas DAR House at Fair Park. This has been a great source of potential members for us in the past.

In what other areas do you see an opportunity to promote the objectives of the SAR? Let me hear from you.

April 12 Meeting

Compatriot **Lloyd Bockstrup** will be our speaker. As Supervisor of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library, he has built one of the finest collections in the US.

For future program suggestions, please feel free to call 1st VP **Tracy Pounders** at 214-368-8767.

Richard L. Robinett, the new TXSSAR President, installed our new officers and provided a few remarks on a theme of recommitment to America and the SAR.▶

Registrar's Report:
Chapter membership stands at 278.
Last Meeting: 36 Members, 11 Guests
Mel McCoy, Registrar

Treasurer's Report:
Checking & Cash: \$ 871.42
Endowment Funds: \$ 35,235.58
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 & Barbara Baker)

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 ELECTION NEWS



Here are the new 2003-2004 Dallas Chapter Officers who were sworn in at the March meeting. Above: **Jack Carney**, President; **Tracy Ponders**, Vice President (Programs), **Hank Voegtle**, Vice President (Awards); **Tom Whitelock**, Secretary; Below: **Tom Smith**, Treasurer; **Mel McCoy**, Registrar; **Rusty Ballard**, Historian; and **Frank Ponders** (file photo), Chaplain.



Speaking of the French:

"I would rather have a German division in front of me than a French one behind me." -- General George S. Patton

"Going to war without France is like going deer hunting without your accordion." -- Norman Schwartzkopf

"As far as I'm concerned, war always means failure" -- Jacques Chirac, President of France

"I don't know why people are surprised that France won't help us get Saddam out of Iraq. After all, France wouldn't help us get the Germans out of France!" -- Jay Leno

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)

- Which of these was NOT among those appointed to draft the Declaration of Independence?
 - John Adams
 - Roger Sherman
 - Benjamin Franklin
 - George Washington
- Copies of the Declaration of Independence were signed by John Hancock, President of the Congress, and this man, its Secretary.
 - Richard Henry Lee
 - John Adams
 - Charles Thomson
 - Charles Carroll
- Why was Thomas Jefferson chosen for the actual writing of the draft?
 - He had the most time to devote to it.
 - He was the best writer
 - He was from Virginia
 - He was respected by King George III
- One member of Congress who did NOT sign the Declaration was John Dickinson. Why?
 - He was hoping for reconciliation with Britain.
 - He disagreed with the wording.
 - He was ill.
 - He was afraid of the consequences.

No Change of Meeting Place this Month



The Dallas Chapter was recognized with several awards at the 108th Annual State Conference in Houston on March 1. Representing the Chapter and holding some of these awards were (Back Row) Compatriots **David Hill**, **Tom Hill**, **Richard Arnold**, **Tom Whitelock**, **Hank Voegtle**, (Front Row) **Mark Hansen**, **Jack Carney**, **Graham Martin**, **Cliff Slagle**, **Roy Adams**, and **Ralph McDowell**. Attending but not pictured: Dr. **Gary Sisson**.

