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President's Message

by Jack Carney



One More Word About The French

Word of America's treaty with France reached George Washington in April 1778, and he wrote to Congress, "I believe no event was ever received with more heartfelt joy."

The Battle of Saratoga had changed everything. General Burgoyne and his army were prisoners of war, and Congress sent Jonathan Austin to Versailles to tell the French about the victory. Two days later the French government asked Benjamin Franklin and the other American representatives to renew their request for a formal alliance. A few days later, an official from the French Foreign Office came to Franklin to report that the king's advisers had agreed to a formal alliance with America.

The culmination of that alliance came at Yorktown on October 18, 1781. Washington chose a field between the American camp and the trenches for the ceremony. Washington led his army on to the plain accompanied by General Rochambeau at the head of the French troops. Benjamin Lincoln accepted the sword of surrender and the British forces marched out to the tune of "A World Turned Upside-down."

America has likewise responded to France's need in two World Wars. The 75,000 Americans buried in France attest to that response.

It seems so unfortunate that the current government of France should choose to ignore over 200 years of French-American alliance for political posturing.

May 10 Meeting

Our speaker for our next meeting on May 10 will be Mrs. Tracy Ponders, speaking on colonial life and customs.

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

Compatriot **Lloyd Bockstruck**, Head of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library, gave a fascinating talk on Prisoners of War during the American Revolution. ▶ ▶



Registrar's Report:
Chapter membership stands at 294.
Last Meeting: 41 Members, 18 Guests
Mel McCoy, Registrar

Treasurer's Report:
Checking & Cash: \$ 4385.59
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 Crowne Plaza Suites, 7800 Alpha Road, Dallas, Texas. Coffee served with fellowship at 7:30, breakfast at 8:00, meeting from 8:30 'til 9:45. Guests are welcome.

Chapter Meeting News

New Meeting Place: Past President **Cliff Slagle** announced that the May, 2003, Chapter meeting will be at the Crowne Plaza Suites, 7800 Alpha Road. This location is near the northwest corner of LBJ at Coit, behind the Harvey Hotel. Luby's Cafeteria will be opening to the public for breakfast, leaving us no private place to meet there. Due to "high-five" construction, there is no LBJ exit to Coit.



Above: New compatriot **Billy Wolfe** was sworn in at the April meeting. **Tom Smith** gave the Americanism talk on New York City in the Revolution. Speaker **Lloyd Bockstruck**, holder of numerous miniature Liberty Bells from past SAR presentations, was happy to receive a set of quarters of the 13 colonies (presented by **Tracy Pounders**, right). Below: Teacher Dana Maddox received a Certificate of Appreciation, and Momma Warren swelled with pride, as 5th-grader Adam Warren received prizes for his winning poster from **Tom Whitelock**: First Prize for Chapter, and Second Prize for State. At the March meeting, Major **Charles Baker** presented **Mel McCoy** with a certificate signifying his promotion to Captain in the North Texas Color Guard, as State President **Dick Robinett** and **Dick Arnold** looked on. **Dick Robinett** and **Dick Arnold** then surprised each other with promotions to Majors General.



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)

Our quiz this time is very simple. Sort the following American Revolutionary War battles in chronological order, earliest first. By the way, do you recognize the location of the upper picture on page 4?

Battle of Trenton, NJ	Battle of Bennington, VT
Battle of Saratoga, NY	Battle of Guilford Courthouse, NC
Battle of Bunker Hill, MA	Battle of Germantown, NJ
Battle of Kings Mountain, SC	Battle of Fort Ticonderoga, NY

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A naïve radio talk show host said, "I would boycott French products, but I don't buy anything from France." **Really?** Here's a list of French companies and brands that are popular in the U.S.: Air France, Air Liquide, Airbus (airplanes), Alcatel, Allegra (allergy medication), Aqualung (Spirotechnique, Technisub, US Divers and SeaQuest), AXA Advisors, Bank of the West, Beneteau (boats), BF Goodrich, BIC (razors, pens, lighters), Biotherm (cosmetics), Black Bush, Bollinger (champagne), Car & Driver Magazine, Cartier, Chanel, Chivas Regal (scotch), Christian Dior, Club Med (vacations), Culligan, Dannon (dairy foods), DKNY (clothing), Dom Perignon (champagne), Durand Crystal, Elle Magazine, Essilor Optical Products, Evian (water), Fina (petroleum products), First Hawaiian Bank, George Magazine, Givenchy, Glenlivet (scotch), Hennessy (liquors), Houghton Mifflin (books), Jacobs Creek, Jameson (whiskey), Krups (coffee makers), Lancome (cosmetics), Le Creuset (cookware), L'Oreal (health & beauty), Louis Vuitton (clothing), Marie Claire, Martel Cognac, Maybelline (cosmetics), Mephisto (shoes & clothes), Michelin (tires), Mikasa (crystal), Moët (champagne), Motel 6, Motown Records, MP3.com, Mumms (champagne), Nissan Automobiles (majority owned by Renault), Nivea (cosmetics), Normandy Butter, Parents Magazine, Peugeot (automobiles), Pierre Cardin (clothing, etc.), Playstation Magazine, ProScan, Publicis Group (including Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising), RCA (TV & electronics), Red Magazine, Red Roof Inns, Renault (automobiles), Roquefort cheese, Rowenta (small appliances), Royal Canadian Solomon (skis), Sierra Software, Sofitel (hotels), Sparkletts (water), Spencer Gifts, Suite 6, Sundance Channel, Taylor Made (golf equipment), Technicolor, T-Fal (kitchenware), Total Gas Stations, UbiSoft (computer games), Uniroyal (tires), Universal Studios, US Filter, Veritas Group, Veuve Clicquot Champagne, Vitell, Vivendi, Wild Turkey (bourbon), Woman's Day Magazine, Yoplait (dairy), Yves Saint Laurent (clothing), Zodia Inflatable Boats. Do **you** buy anything from France?



"Cubs, salute" was the command as 300 McKinney Cub Scouts attending their annual Blue and Gold Banquet on February 28 saluted the 15-star "Star Spangled Banner" and sang our National Anthem. Shown are Compatriots **James Templin** (15-star), **Mel McCoy** (13-star), **Ralph McDowell** (Betsy Ross), and **Tom Smith** (Grand Union). Not shown: **Charles Baker** (Washington Flag), **Rick Fawks** (flintlock), and **Art Ingalls** (rifle).

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**Answers to last month's
 Americanism Trivia Quiz**

- 1. d. George Washington was fighting the British; he couldn't have worked on the draft.
- 2. c. Charles Thomson was the Secretary of the Congress.
- 3. b. Thomas Jefferson was a gifted writer.
- 4. a. Dickinson was hoping for reconciliation with Britain.



"I'll take it from here."

Date	Time	Event	Place
May 10	8:00 a.m.	Chapter Meeting, Mrs. Tracy Pounders, Speaker	Crowne Plaza Suites, 7800 Alpha Road
May 24	10:00 a.m.	Polkafest Parade. Gather in period clothing at 9:30	National Polkafest, Ennis, TX
May 26	1:00 p.m.	City of Dallas Memorial Day Service; Members in period clothing have free lunch at 11:30	Restland Memorial Park
June 14	8:00 a.m.	Chapter Meeting	Crowne Plaza Suites, 7800 Alpha Road
June 14	11:00 a.m.	Annual Flag Day Program	Valley View Mall