



# THE MINUTEMAN

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## President's Message

by Jack Carney



### Our Flag's Birthday

Although the Fourth of July is the Birthday of America, June 14<sup>th</sup> is the Birthday of the American Flag. The flag was officially adopted on June 14, 1777. Celebration of this date did not begin until 108 years later when a schoolteacher in Fredonia, Wisconsin, began a campaign of articles and speeches advocating the celebration of "Flag Birthday" or Flag Day.

The SAR was an early advocate of Flag Day, when in 1893, Colonel J. Granville Leach, historian of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of The American Revolution, suggested to the Colonial Dames of America to adopt a resolution requesting Philadelphia commemorate Flag Day. Two weeks later the Pennsylvania Society endorsed the resolution of the Colonial Dames. School children were assembled, each carrying flags, patriotic songs were sung and speeches presented. Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson officially established Flag Day in 1916, and in 1949 President Harry Truman signed the Act of Congress designating June 14<sup>th</sup> of each year as National Flag Day.

We are meeting this month on Flag Day, and the North Texas Color Guard under the leadership of Maj. Charles Baker will participate in a Flag Day Program at the Valley View Mall. The color guard will present the historic flags of the United States and Charles will narrate the history of each.

The meaning of the Flag can best be expressed by the words of Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, at a Flag Day program in 1914, when he repeated what he said the flag had spoken to him that morning: "I am what you make me, nothing more. I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself".

### June 14 Meeting

Mona Neil, Deputy Chief of the Tactical Division, Dallas Police Dept., will speak on Dallas' approach to Homeland Security.

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

Marci (Mrs. Tracy) Ponders gave an educational and insightful talk on "A Day in the Life of a Colonial Kentucky Housewife" at our May meeting. >>>>>>

#### Registrar's Report:

Chapter membership stands at 294.  
Last Meeting: 38 Members, 9 Guests  
Mel McCoy, Registrar

#### Treasurer's Report:

Checking & Cash: \$ 4010.44  
Endowment Funds: \$ 34,523.90  
Tom Smith, Treasurer



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*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



Above, left to right: New Compatriots **Louis Dorfman, Jr.**, and **Mark Pachecko** were sworn in by Registrar **Mel McCoy** (not pictured). Compatriot **Hank Voegtle** gave the Americanism presentation and also discussed the awards program. Compatriot **Tracy Pounders** introduced his bride Marci who gave our program. Jeannette Prasifca of the Jane Douglas Chapter, DAR, urged SAR members to sign up to make a presentation at the Jane Douglas Continental DAR House during the Texas State Fair. Below: At the March meeting, Our own **Dick Arnold** and new State President **Dick Robinett** surprised each other with Promotions to Majors General, as authorized by State Color Guard General John Knox.



BEFORE

AFTER

The United States of America

Although the politicians continue to act like politicians, have you noticed how much more united we the people are since 9/11/01?



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)

See if you can match the quotes at left with the patriots at right.  
Not all of these quotes were said during the Revolutionary Period.

1. "The Revolution was effected before the War commenced: The Revolution was in the minds and hearts of the people; a change in their religious sentiments of their lives and obligations."
2. "These United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states."
3. "Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes"
4. "Mankind, when left to themselves, are unfit for their own government."
5. "I have no objection to go over the same life from its beginning to the end; requesting only the advantage authors have, of correcting in a second edition the faults of the first."
6. "The boisterous sea of liberty is never without a wave."
7. "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."
8. "Sir, I have not yet begun to fight."
9. "If they mean to have a war, let it begin here."
10. "I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know of no way of judging the future but by the past."

- A. George Washington
- B. John Parker
- C. Benjamin Franklin
- D. Richard Henry Lee
- E. Nathan Hale
- F. John Paul Jones
- G. John Adams
- H. Patrick Henry
- I. Thomas Jefferson
- J. William Prescott



Compatriots Glen Toal, Art Ingalls, Charles Baker, Jim Templin, Mel McCoy, Ralph McDowell, Rusty Ballard, and Tom Whitelock were the official Color Guard for the PolkaFest Parade on May 24 in Ennis. Leading off in front of over 100 floats, and seen by over 24,000 people, the parade gave Tom an opportunity to debut his new Bedford Flag.

