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President's Message

by Jack Carney



Taking Our Closing Seriously

Every month we say, "Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court and a Nation of free men." As we say our meeting closing, how easy it is to take this statement for granted, and to overlook how unique our system really is.

On September 17, 1787, the 55 delegates to the Constitutional Convention held their final meeting. Only one item of business occupied the agenda that day, to sign the new Constitution of the United States of America.

This quotation, I believe, says it all: "No matter how much we argue about the details of its meaning today, in the opinion of many, the Constitution signed in Philadelphia on September 17, 1787 represents the greatest expression of statesmanship and compromise ever written. In just four hand-written pages, the Constitution gives us no less than an owners' manual to the greatest form of government the world has ever known." (Author unknown)

This year we will again join with the DAR to commemorate Constitution Day in a brunch at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 20. (Details appear on Page 2.) The DAR only asks us for our financial help once a year. It will be a great program, and tickets are only \$20. We should remember that we live in the land of the free, and as long as the Constitution stands, we always will. Let's support this worthy project.

September 13 Meeting

John Slate, Dallas Municipal Archives, will speak on "The Treasures of the Archives"

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

Frank Wilson, Chief Operating Officer of the Dallas Historical Society, gave interesting facts about Dallas at our August 9 meeting. > > >

Registrar's Report:

Chapter membership: 294, 6 pending
Last Meeting: 37 Members, 14 Guests
Mel McCoy, Registrar

Treasurer's Report:

Checking & Cash: \$ 4068.58
Minuteman: \$ 8182.42
Ritchie: \$27,052.42
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



Clockwise from above left: FCP **Arthur Ingalls** received a large membership certificate from **Jack Carney** in recognition of many years of faithful service to the SAR; Pearl Harbor Survivor Paul Ferguson received a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Cavanaugh Flight Museum from FCP **Richard Arnold**; Elizabeth Reed of the Old Chisholm Trail Chapter of DAR announced the Constitution Week Brunch; The “Beat the Peach” was unveiled by **Tom Whitelock** (See p. 4); **Hank Goldwire** received a certificate of Appreciation for his annual door prize contribution of “Patriotic Jelly.”



Service Opportunities: (1) Help the DAR by attending the **Constitution Week Brunch** at Oak Cliff Country Club, 2200 W. Red Bird Lane, at 10 a.m. on September 20; send \$20 per person to Mrs. Nancy Bowen, 5725 Clarendon Dr., Plano 75093-8548, by September 9. (2) Help recruit new SAR members by signing up for a half-day or full day at the **SAR table at the 2003 State Fair of Texas** (See Cliff Slagle). (3) Spend a half-day at the **Vietnam Memorial in Fair Park** during the 2003 State Fair; greet visitors and help them find their loved ones’ names on “The Wall”; can be emotional; get into the Fair free; call Jeanette Prasifka at 214-319-9936.

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.



Upper left: A remnant of the North Texas Color Guard prepare to disperse after receiving an introduction and warm applause from a large crowd in Goar Park following the Park Cities Fourth of July Parade. Left to right: **Art Ingalls** with rifle, **Charles Baker** with 50-star, **Jim Templin** with 15-star, **Tom Smith** with Betsy Ross, **Dick Arnold** with Betsy Ross, **Mel McCoy** with 13-star, **Ralph McDowell** with Grand Union, **Charles Windham** with Fort Moultrie, and **Tom Whitelock** with Bedford Flag and musket. (Picture by Judy McCoy)



Center Left: Boy Scout Andrew Meaders received a personal Certificate of Appreciation for his work in organizing the scouts of Troup 890 to march in two July 4 Parades; **Ken Meaders**, Assistant Scoutmaster and member of the Dallas Chapter of SAR accepted a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of Troup 890; John Withers, Scoutmaster of Troop 80 accepted a Certificate on behalf of his troop.

Below: FCP Cliff Slagle presented Certificates of Appreciation to six people who helped to make the recent Board of Managers Meeting an outstanding success: **Ralph McDowell, Tom and Barbara Smith, Henrietta Slagle, and Monte and Tom Whitelock.**



