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President's Message

by Jack Carney



Hats off to Jane Douglas!!

The 2003 State Fair of Texas is over, but during the Fair, the Dallas Chapter received the names of over twenty potential Chapter members and over forty for the State.

Once again this year we were invited by the Jane Douglas DAR Chapter to use a table in the Jane Douglas DAR House at Fair Park. I would like to thank the members of the Jane Douglas DAR Chapter for their invitation to utilize their facilities. In particular I would like to thank Regent Jamie Arney, Fair Project Co-Chairwoman Jeanette Prasifka and Fair Personnel/Parking Co-Chairwoman Sarah Coursey. Without their assistance we could not have had such a successful membership-recruiting project.

At the November meeting of the Dallas SAR Chapter, we will present a Certificate of Appreciation to Jamie Arney, Regent of the Jane Douglas DAR Chapter. We look forward to seeing several DAR representatives at our November meeting.

Ralph McDowell coordinated the manning of the SAR table. Thanks to Ralph and the SAR members who participated: **Dick Arnold, Charles Baker, Jack Carney, Paul Cooper, Robert Coursey, Don Hay, Mark Hansen, Martin Lyford, Mel McCoy, Ralph McDowell, Cliff Slagle, Tom Smith, Bob Spence, Jim Templin, Bill Welch, Danny Wilson and Tom Whitelock.**

November 8 Meeting

Willis Winters, Assistant Director of the City of Dallas Park Department and Fair Park Historian, will discuss the "History of Fair Park."

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

Dr. Edward Countryman, SMU Distinguished Professor of History, discussed "The USA Under the Articles of Confederation" at our October meeting. > > >



Registrar's Report:

Chapter membership: 295; 10 pending
Last Meeting: 32 Members, 12 Guests
Mel McCoy, Registrar

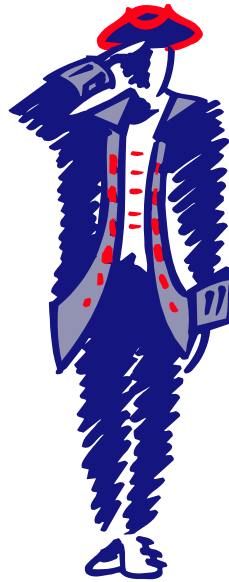
Treasurer's Report:

Checking & Cash: \$ 2772.04
Minuteman: \$ 8190.71
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



Above, left: Our newest Compatriot **James Edward Blake** (Patriot Hezekiah Keeler) was sworn in and presented his membership certificate by Registrar **Mel McCoy** (left). Compatriot Blake was sponsored by Ralph McDowell. Above, right: Compatriot **Rick Fawkes** is shown being sized up by Darlene Newhaus of American Revolutionary Uniforms in Fort Worth. Darlene has provided uniforms and period clothing for most of our color guard. Lower Left: Compatriot **Brad Nace**, a former student of Dr. Ed Countryman, beams as his former professor is introduced as our speaker. Lower right: Speaking of beaming, that's what Compatriots **Ralph McDowell** and **Frank Ponders** did when serenaded with "Happy Birthday."



Pentagon, 9/12/01



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.

Editorial:

Period Clothing Has Surprising Benefits to the SAR

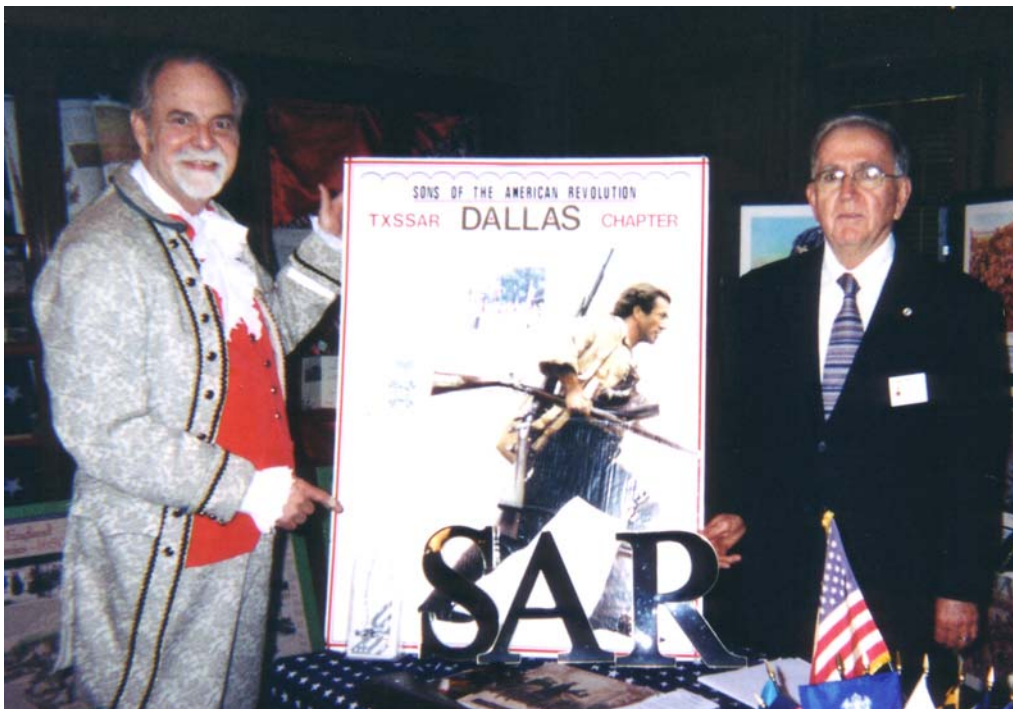
by Major H. Charles Baker, Commander
North Texas Color Guard

Some of you have heard me address this subject so many times that you probably think I have nothing else to think about. Not so! My first knowledge of the SAR came when I read the obituary of my good friend I. W. Santry and noted his membership in the Dallas Chapter. At his funeral, I saw two men in Revolutionary War uniforms and asked questions about the organization. Had they not chosen to wear their uniforms, I would not be in the SAR today.

Whenever I represent the SAR to other organizations, I wear the uniform. This includes not only parades, but also ROTC and junior high school medal presentations, flag ceremonies, and the like. The appearance of this unusual and distinctive apparel always provides a springboard for discussion about genealogy and the SAR.

However, a new benefit of the uniform recently emerged. I responded to an invitation to participate in uniform at a U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony in front of the Jane Douglas DAR House during the State Fair. Coincidentally, this was the same Saturday afternoon for which I had already signed up to be at the SAR table in the Jane Douglas DAR House, so I decided to wear the uniform there also. *The results were dramatic!* I have sat at that table on Saturdays during Fairs for the last five years, usually getting from zero to two good prospective members in four hours. This year, during my three hours on duty (not counting the Flag Retirement Ceremony), I got three *excellent* prospects: One is a descendent of John Hart, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, one is a member of the Mayflower Society, and one is a son of a DAR member.

Compatriots, you can provide a great service to the SAR if you will obtain and wear a uniform or other period clothing at appropriate occasions. *It's one of the best marketing tools we have.* For ordering forms and information, contact Color Guard Captain **Ralph McDowell**, 214-348-8737.



Compatriots **Tom Whitelock** and **Mel McCoy** manned the SAR table in the Jane Douglas DAR House during their time slot at the 2003 State Fair of Texas. As mentioned in the Presidents Message on p. 1, we received leads of over 20 potential members for the Dallas Chapter during the Fair's 24-day run.

