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President's Message

by Jack Carney



PEACE ON EARTH

The message proclaimed to the shepherds two thousand years ago is also a message of hope that still endures today. The hope of peace on earth was with George Washington when he entered his winter quarters at Valley Forge on December 19, 1777. The rigor and hardships of Valley Forge would have vanquished any other man but General Washington. Almost 3,000 of the men were unfit for duty because they were barefoot and destitute of clothing. Many times there was less than one day's provisions for men or horses. Throughout that winter, Washington alone held the army together.

In the midst of this poverty and privation, Baron von Steuben began his work of drill and discipline. He aroused the enthusiasm of the officers, resulting in an astonishing increase in morale and efficiency. Within months, this training led to turning the tide at Monmouth, and to changing the course of the Revolution.

On December 7, 1941, America was thrust into another war lasting over three years. Once again a nation hoped for Peace on Earth. On December 7th this year, the North Texas Color Guard will participate in a Pearl Harbor memorial program. This year as in many past we will welcome the holiday's proclamation and hope of Peace.

December 13 Meeting

Paul Ferguson, President of the North Texas Chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, will address the Dallas Chapter.

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

Compatriot Dr. Charles Baker spoke about "The Turning Point of the Revolution: The Battle of Trenton" at the November meeting. > > >



Registrar's Report:

Chapter membership: 297; 7 pending
Last Meeting: 27 Members, 7 Guests
Mel McCoy, Registrar

Treasurer's Report:

Checking & Cash: \$ 2625.14
Minuteman Fund: \$ 8195.32
Ritchie Fund: \$27,052.42
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 in Dallas, near LBJ & Coit Road. 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: Chaplain **Frank Ponders** gave the Americanism presentation on the Mayflower Pilgrims and the signing of the Mayflower Compact on November 11, 1620. ("Besides Veterans Day, this was the 'other significant event' of 11/11.") Vice President **Tracy Ponders** looked dapper in his new Color Guard uniform as he presented Certificates of Appreciation to the compatriots who manned the recruiting table in the Jane Douglas Continental DAR House during the 2003 State Fair. Former Chapter President **Art Ingalls** told another funny story. Below: In spite of the conflicting Board of Managers Meeting in Kerrville, the following compatriots were present to receive their certificates: **Tom Whitelock, Paul Cooper, Martin Lyford, Charles Baker, Mel McCoy, Danny Wilson**, and President **Jack Carney**. Not pictured: **Dick Arnold, Robert Coursey, Mark Hansen, Don Hay, Ralph McDowell, Cliff Slagle, Tom Smith, Bob Spence, Jim Templin, and Bill Welch**.



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.



Notice of Proposed Bylaws Change

This notice is to inform compatriots of a Bylaws proposal to be voted on at the January 2004 Dallas Chapter meeting, whereby Chapter officer tenures would be realigned with those of the State Society; i.e., January to December.

The North Texas Color Guard on Veterans Day, 2003, set a record thirteen participants for a weekday (workday) morning. This year, we were number one in the parade line-up, right behind the lead police car! **Glen Toal** and **Dallas Windham** carried the banner, followed by **Richard Arnold** (50-Star Flag). Third row in parade: **Peter Rowley** (Musket), **Mel McCoy** (13-Star), **James Templin** (15-Star), **Cliff Slagle** (Continental or Grand Union), **Charles Baker** (Betsy Ross), and **Mike Radcliff** (Musket). Fourth Row in parade: **Ralph McDowell** (Betsy Ross), **Tracy Pounders** (Washington Camp Flag), **Charles Windham** (Fort Moultrie), and **Tom Whitelock** (Bedford). The picture of the Commemorative Air Force flyover is on page 4.



