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President's Message

by Jack Carney



The New Year

January is named after the Roman god Janus. He was associated with beginnings and endings. He is pictured with two faces, looking back and looking forward. For the Dallas Chapter of the SAR, it is also an opportunity to look back at what we have accomplished in 2003 and forward to 2004.

In 2003 we presented Bronze ROTC medals to Dallas Schools, Bronze Good Citizenship awards to a Richardson school, and almost 200 Eagle Scout Certificates. The color guard has represented the chapter at Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day and Pearl Harbor Anniversary programs, as well as numerous other local events. SAR volunteers at the Jane Douglas Chapter Continental DAR House during the State Fair of Texas brought the names of almost 40 potential members to the Dallas Chapter and the State Society. The Dallas Chapter has continued to expand its veterans program.

One more reminder: Send in your activity reports so that we can take credit for them in the State competition. The year 2004 will be an even more eventful year for the Dallas Chapter. We will host the State meeting here March 12-14, 2004. July will be the 75th anniversary of the Dallas Chapter. This promises to be an outstanding time. Let me end this year with my best wishes to you and your family for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

January 10 Meeting

Speaker to be announced. **Cliff Slagle**, Chair of the Nominating Committee, will announce nominees for 2004 Chapter officers.

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

Survivor Paul Ferguson shared remembrances of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, during the December 13 meeting > > >



Registrar's Report:

Chapter membership: 297; 7 pending
Last Meeting: 33 Members, 19 Guests
Mel McCoy, Registrar

Treasurer's Report:

Checking & Cash: \$ 2202.83
Minuteman Fund: \$ 8199.02
Ritchie Fund: \$26,908.94

Tom Smith, Treasurer

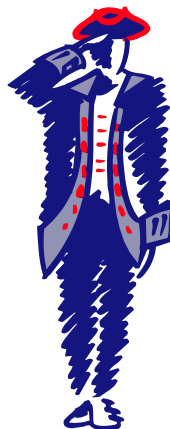
THE MINUTEMAN is the monthly newsletter of the Dallas Chapter of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, a non-profit organization. (Pictures by Charles & Barbara Baker.)

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: Two former TXSSAR State Presidents were surprised by M.G. **Dick Arnold** with promotions to the rank of Major General. Center: Judge **Nathan White** and right **Graham Martin**. Above right: New Compatriot **Michael David Peterson** was sworn in as the newest member of the Dallas Chapter by Registrar **Mel McCoy**. Right: **Martin Lyford** gave the Americanism presentation on "John Glover, Unsung Hero of the American Revolution." Below, right: V.P. **Tracy Ponders** presented speaker Paul Ferguson with a Certificate of Appreciation and a set of the quarters of the 13 Colonies. Below left: Compatriot **Tom Smith** shows off the new Navy Jack Flag that he has purchased to carry in Color Guard events. The Navy Jack has been flown on U.S. Navy ships during times of war since 1775. It is currently flown by U.S. Navy ships for the duration of the War on Terrorism.



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. Need to check an address or phone number of a Dallas Chapter compatriot? See <http://sardallas.org/compatriots>



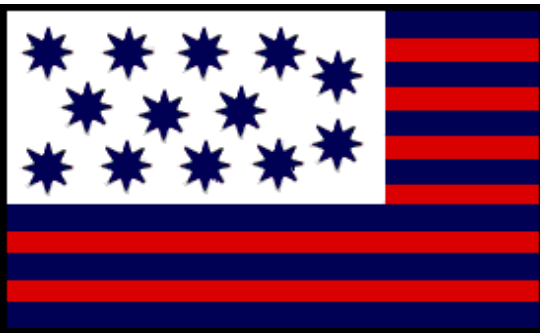
V.P. **Tracy Pounders** shows the Pearl Harbor poster that was featured in Paul Ferguson's talk. Poster sales (\$5) benefit the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association.

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.

There is a rank due to the United States, among nations, which will be withheld, if not absolutely lost, by the reputation of weakness. If we desire to avoid insult, we must be able to repel it; if we desire to secure peace, one of the most powerful instruments of our rising prosperity, it must be known that we are at all times ready for war.

— George Washington



The Guilford Courthouse Flag illustrates the rich diversity of the ways the "stars and stripes" were incorporated into early flag designs. The Battle of Guilford Courthouse, (North Carolina) between Greene's patriots and Cornwallis' British army, took place on March 17, 1780. Though technically a victory for the British, it so weakened Cornwallis' army that it set the stage for the British defeat at Yorktown 7 months later.

Compatriot **Pounders** (right) presented the remainder of the Certificates of Appreciation to those who worked at the State Fair table in the Jane Douglas Continental DAR House: **Tom Smith, Jim Templin, Paul Cooper, Ralph McDowell, Dick Arnold, Bill Welch, Mark Hansen, and Cliff Slagle.**



