



# THE MINUTEMAN

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## President's Message

by Jack Carney



### The American Soldier

The Dallas Chapter conducted its chapter competition for the Joseph S. Raubamgh Historical Oration Contest on January 14. Compatriot Jim Kerr was the Chairman and the judges were **Jim Kerr**, **Mark Hansen** and myself. This year there were four contestants, as follows:

Contestant	Topic
Elise Walker	"The American Soldier"
Jessie Harpham	"All Men Are Created Equal"
Myra Rodriguez	"The American Revolution Today"
Johanna Morales	"Taxation Without Representation"

Each of the orators delivered a five to six minute presentation on an event, a personality, or a document pertaining to the Revolutionary War, showing the relationship it bears to America today. I was impressed with the quality of each presentation and the research they had done to compose their oration.

The winner of the Chapter competition was Elise Walker. Miss Walker will compete in the Regional competition in Plano on January 25, 2004. The winner of the Regional Oration contest will compete at the State Meeting here in Dallas in March.

Our February Chapter meeting will feature Miss Walker's oration. Also, we'll have our 2004 Chapter election. The Nominating Committee slate is shown on Page 3. Please join us.

### February 14 Meeting

Elise Walker will present her winning oration, "The American Soldier," as our Americanism emphasis. Main speaker to be announced.

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

Compatriot **Ralph McDowell** spoke on "Fun With Ben" at the January 10 Chapter meeting. He quoted sayings from "Poor Richard's Almanac. > > >

#### Registrar's Report:

Chapter membership: 298; 6 pending  
Last Meeting: 37 Members, 11 Guests  
**Mel McCoy**, Registrar

#### Treasurer's Report:

Checking & Cash: \$ 2279.82  
Minuteman Fund: \$ 8203.10  
Ritchie Fund: \$27,181.52  
**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, New Compatriot **William Barnard** (with wife, Ruth) was sworn in by Registrar **Mel McCoy** at the January meeting. Major General **Richard Arnold** surprised Former State President **Robert Coker** with a certificate of Promotion to the rank of Major General. Above right, Bob inspects his new set of stars. Below, second from left, Compatriot **Wayne Davis Wende**, our chapter's youngest member, who was sworn in during the June 2003 meeting, was presented the first Silver ROTC medal ever presented by the Dallas Chapter. Here, he is flanked on the left by Dallas Chapter First Vice President Tracy Pounders, and on the right by his parents.





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>

### More Chapter Meeting News

In a flurry of new business, members attending the Dallas Chapter January meeting amended Chapter Bylaws to line up the chapter officers' terms of office to match those of state officers which happen to match the calendar year. Also, the March 2004 Chapter Meeting was moved to the third Saturday to avoid conflict with the State Conference. The July, 2004 Chapter Meeting was moved to the evening of July 17, to avoid conflict with the National Convention. This July 17th meeting will celebrate our chapter's 75th Anniversary.

FCP **Cliff Slagle**, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced the following slate of Chapter Officers for 2004: **Tracey Pounders**, President; **Tom Whitelock**, 1st VP; **E. Thomas Smith**, 2nd VP; **Charles Baker**, Secretary; **Elvin Brown**, Treasurer; **Mel McCoy**, Registrar; and **Frank Pounders**, Chaplain. The annual election will be held at the February 14 Chapter meeting, during which nominations may be made from the floor.



Next to Highway 25 in Adair County near Greenfield, Iowa, a large rock was a perpetual target of graffiti until amateur artist Ray "Bubba" Sorenson II painted the rock. Since completion of his project, there have been no further incidents of graffiti, thus proving that Bubbas can be useful, and also proving that people in Iowa may have more respect for America than some of the politicians running for president. The remarkable artwork on the rock, shown here in several views, contains names and images of fallen soldiers under their draped flag; quotes by George W. Bush, John F. Kennedy and Thomas Jefferson; images of New York Firefighters on 9-11, a fighter pilot, an aircraft carrier and Washington crossing the ice-laden Delaware; and a tribute to POW/MIAs. If you would like to see larger views of this awesome work of art, go to: <http://www.ticz.com/homes/users/bob/On-A-Rock/On-A-Rock.htm> The "On-A-Rock" items are case sensitive, so be sure to enter the web address exactly as shown.



