



# THE MINUTEMAN

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## President's Message

by Jack Carney



### Two Greatest Days

**Cliff Slagle** related to me a comment from **Harry Post**: "The two greatest days in a chapter president's career are the day the outgoing president places the ribbon around your neck and the day you place it on your successor"

Between those two days there is the realization both of what has been accomplished before and of your responsibility for the Chapter's success in the upcoming year. The first thing you realize is that any accomplishment is due to the support and participation of each of the members. I would like to thank all of our chapter members for their support and contributions to the chapter programs, especially:

The Color Guard under the direction of **Charles Baker**, for having brought the SAR name and goals to numerous schools, parades and patriotic programs. **Ralph McDowell** our District Vice President, who has 10 years of perfect attendance at Dallas Chapter meetings, and who has been one of our most active compatriots. **Bill Welsh** and **Jim Kerr** who conducted our very successful essay and oration contests. **Tom Whitelock** has been there supporting every SAR activity. The list could go on through several pages, individually thanking each member who made this year a success. I am glad to say that we as a Chapter have had a successful year and hope the incoming president will have the same support I have received.

### March 20 Meeting

Since we were unable to muster a quorum of 20 at the February meeting, we will elect and install new Dallas Chapter Officers at the March meeting.

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

Compatriot **Art Ingalls** gave a detailed and exciting description of the Battle of Breed's Hill (also known as the Battle of Bunker Hill) at the February meeting. > > >



#### Registrar's Report:

Chapter membership: 300; 8 pending  
Last Meeting: 18 Members, 17 Guests  
**Mel McCoy**, Registrar

#### Treasurer's Report:

Checking & Cash: \$ 4,673.95  
Minuteman Fund: \$ 8,207.32  
Ritchie Fund: \$27,297.42

**Tom Smith**, Treasurer

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Meetings are held on the Second Saturday of each month at **Crowne Plaza Suites**, 7800 Alpha Road 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.

## Dallas Chapter Meeting News



Clockwise from upper-left: Chapter President **Jack Carney** presented a certificate and check to Oratorical Contest Winner **Elise Walker** of Richardson High School, for her oration on “The American Soldier”; Compatriot **Bill Welch** presented a certificate and check to **Arin Lastufka** of Life Walk Christian School for her winning essay on “American Constitutionalism — Developed from Consent of the People.” The bleak but gorgeous snow scene partially explains why the lack of a quorum to elect new officers at the February 14 meeting. Compatriot **Ralph McDowell** brought “Colonial Cookies” for all brave souls who were present — baked by wife Jean from a colonial recipe. Henrietta Slagle asked for volunteers to bake cookies and staff the hospitality room during the TXSSAR State Convention. Please respond to Henrietta by calling 972-380-1500, or e-mail her at [hslagle@airmail.net](mailto:hslagle@airmail.net)



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>

## George Washington Trivia Quiz (Answers on Page 4 next month)

1. What event led to the appointment of George Washington as General and Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army? a. Battle of Bunker Hill b. British reaction to the Boston Tea Party c. Battle of Lexington & Concord d. His election to the First Continental Congress e. His crossing the Delaware
2. "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen, he was second to none in humble and enduring scenes of private life." Who spoke this famous Eulogy of George Washington? a. Alexander Hamilton b. John Adams c. Henry Knox d. Thomas Jefferson e. Richard Henry Lee
3. Washington's last words were: a. "Tis well." b. "E Pluribus Unum." c. "Hallelujah" d. "Sine Die." e. "Laus Deo."
4. How many terms did Washington serve as President of the United States? a. 1 b. 2 c. 3 d. 4
5. What was Martha Washington's maiden name? a. Parke b. Custis c. Lee d. Dandridge e. Washington

### More Dallas Chapter Meeting News

At our January meeting, FCP **Cliff Slagle**, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced the following slate of Chapter Officers for 2004: **Tracy Ponders**, President; **Tom Whitelock**, 1st VP; **E. Thomas Smith**, 2nd VP; **Charles Baker**, Secretary; **Elvin Brown**, Treasurer; **Mel McCoy**, Registrar; and **Frank Ponders**, Chaplain. The annual election will be held at the March 20 Chapter meeting.

The Color Guard from the SAR North Texas Militia presented the colors at the Opening Ceremonies of the Daughters of 1812 State Convention on February 7. Left to Right are Compatriots **Jim Templin**, 15-star Star Spangled Banner; **Ralph McDowell**, Guilford Courthouse Flag; **Dick Arnold**, Bennington Flag; **Charles Windham**, Fort Moultrie Flag; **Chris Casey**, Betsy Ross Flag; **Charles Baker**, Continental Flag; **Mel McCoy**, 13-Star Flag; **Jim Johnson**, Gadsden Flag; and **Tom Smith**, Navy Jack. Front Row (with weapons) are **Peter Rowley**, **Tom Whitelock**, **Rick Fawkes**, and **Mike Radcliff**.



