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President's Message

by Tracy Ponders



Echoes in Eternity

In the movie "Gladiator," General Maximus calls his soldiers into a bloody battle by telling them "What we do in life, echoes for an eternity!" As members of a body that is sworn to remember what our American Patriots have done, we know the truth in this. How different our lives, indeed the world, would be had the Heroes of the Revolution made decisions on the basis of self-interest rather than on what was right for the new nation. These men and women were servant-leaders like none had been seen before. They took their inspiration from God, not a king or lord, and they valued Right more than life and wealth. We owe a debt of gratitude to them.

But let us not lose sight of the servant-leaders of today, who also sacrifice much to make our lives and community better. Many of these are among us, like our immediate Past President **Jack Carney** who gave us all so much during the past year, and will continue to serve the chapter as DAR Liaison this year. And **Hank Voetgle** who served us so well as 2nd VP and Awards Chairman and in many other capacities. And **John Warterfield**, who has served as DAR Liaison for so many years, and who will be so missed by the ladies. And so many more who have worked so hard, and who continue to work hard for us all; I apologize that the size of this page is insufficient to mention them all.

What we do in life does echo for eternity. As we approach our seventy-fifth anniversary as a local chapter of this Society, let us reaffirm our commitment to remembering the deeds and sacrifices of our Founding Patriots and how they touch us, even today. But let us also remember and appreciate the deeds and sacrifices of the Heroes of Today, the servant-leaders whose works also echo for eternity.

April 10 Meeting

Fred Baker, DDS, and Professor at Baylor College of Dentistry, will speak on "250 years of American Dentistry."

For future program suggestions, please feel free to call 1st VP **Tom Whitelock** at 214-534-3476.

Newly-inaugurated Dallas Chapter President **Tracy Ponders** received the president's neck ribbon from former chapter president **Jack Carney**. >>



Registrar's Report:

Chapter membership: 284; 11 pending
Last Meeting: 39 Members, 10 Guests
Mel McCoy, Registrar

Treasurer's Report:

Checking & Cash: \$ 4,312.36
Minuteman Fund: \$ 8,211.01
Ritchie Fund: \$27,082.02

Tom Smith, Treasurer

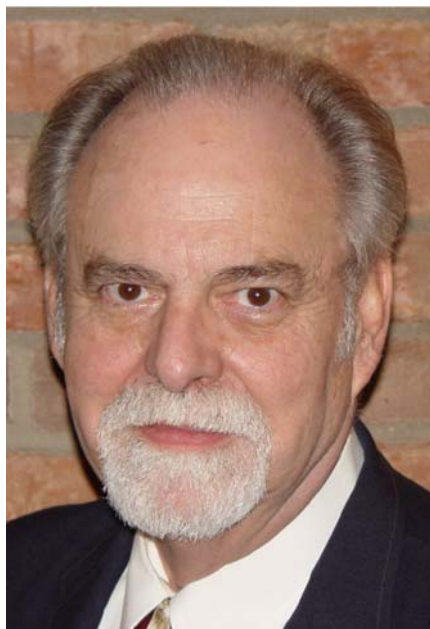
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Meetings are held on the Second Saturday of each month at **Crowne Plaza Suites**, 7800 Alpha Road in Dallas, near LBJ & Coit Road. Coffee served with fellowship at 7:30, breakfast at 8:00, meeting from 8:30 'til 9:45. Guests are welcome.

Dallas Chapter Meeting News



Tracy Pounders
President



Tom Whitelock
1st Vice President



Tom Smith
2nd Vice President

The following Compatriots were sworn in as the new Dallas Chapter officers for 2004: **Tracy Pounders**, President; **Tom Whitelock**, 1st VP; **E. Thomas Smith**, 2nd VP; **Charles Baker**, Secretary; **Elvin Brown**, Treasurer; **Mel McCoy**, Registrar; and **Frank Pounders**, Chaplain.



Dr. Charles Baker
Secretary



Elvin Brown
Treasurer



Melvin McCoy
Registrar



Frank Pounders
Chaplain

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>

Dallas Chapter @ the TXSSAR Convention



Above: Dallas Chapter representatives accepted a Certificate of Appreciation from TXSSAR President **Dick Robinett** for all of the work done by the Chapter in preparation for the Convention. **Cliff Slagle** received the Distinguished Service Medal. **Mark Hansen** (left) and **Ralph McDowell** received Meritorious Service Medals.



More Dallas Chapter Meeting News



Left above: On receiving his 10-year perfect attendance award, **Ralph McDowell** thanks everyone for helping to paper his house. Left below: New Compatriot **James Fairbairn** was sworn in.



North Texas Militia Commander **Charles Baker** was promoted to Lt. Colonel by Col. **James Johnson**. At left, **Baker** was honored with the Golden Sledgehammer Award by 2003 recipient **Ralph McDowell**. The award goes to the "Hardest Worker in the Chapter."

