

THE MINUTEMAN

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President's Message

by Tracy Pounders





In the movie "Gladiator," General Maximus calls his soldiers into a bloody battle by telling them "What $oldsymbol{\perp}$ 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

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American Dentistry.

For future program suggestions, please feel to call 1st VP Tom

Yewly-inaugurated Dallas Chapter President Tracy Pounders 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 \$27,082.02 Ritchie Fund:

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.

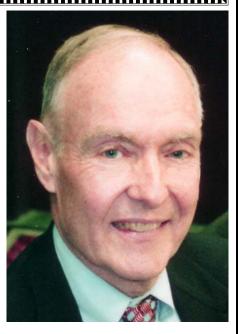
Dallas Chapter Meeting News



Tracy Pounders President

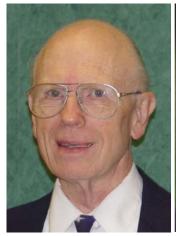


Tom Whitelock 1st Vice President



Tom Smith 2nd Vice President

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







bove: 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



eft 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.



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orth 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."

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214-368-8767, or **Dr. Charles**Baker, Editor, at 214-343-0717.

Answers to Last Month's George Washington Trivia Quiz

- 1.c. Congress's reaction to the Battle of Lexington & Concord on April 19, 1775, led to the appointment of George Washington as Commander in Chief of the Continental Army.
- 2.e. Richard Henry Lee spoke the famous Eulogy which had been written by John Marshall.
- 3.a. Washington's last words were, "'Tis well."
- 4.b. Washington served two terms.
- 5.d. Martha Washington's maiden name was Dandridge. Her married name from her first marriage was Custis.

ervice Opportunities: If you don't have a Revolutionary War Uniform or other period clothing, contact Compatriot Ralph McDowell today about ordering yours: 214-348-8737. You may direct questions about items on the order form to Ralph or to Charles Baker. (2) Sign up to present awards and medals while wearing your new duds at various school events this spring. (3) Honor American Patriot John Abston on April 10 by helping mark his grave in Collin County. (4) Participate in our Flag Show at Providence Christian School, 5002 West Lovers Lane on April 21.

Inside: Echoes in Eternity

Date	Time	Event	Place
Apr. 10	8:00 a.m.	Dallas Chapter Meet- ing. Fred Baker, DDS, will speak on "250 Years of American Dentistry	Crowne Plaza Suites, 7800 Alpha Road, Dallas
Apr. 10	2:00 p.m.	Revolutionary War Pa- triot <u>John Abston</u> Grave Marking	In Collin County; For directions: 214-343-0717
Apr. 21	8:00 a.m.	Color Guard & Flag Show for "Colonial Day"	Providence Christian Sch. 5002 W. Lov- ers Lane
May 31	1:00 p.m.	City of Dallas Memorial Day Service; Free lunch @ 11:30	Restland Me- morial Park