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President's Message

by Tracy Ponders



A Special Independence Day

Due to our busy work schedules, the only time that my family and I could go on vacation together included July 4th. So, this Independence Day we didn't march in a parade, or watch fireworks like we usually do; we weren't even in the U.S.A. We were floating in international waters out of Galveston on a cruise to the Mexican Riviera.

It was strange to be out of the country on the 4th of July. We kind of take Independence Day for granted, a day some call an "annual orgy of patriotism." We missed the parades and the fireworks, the songs and the waving flags. Instead we were on a boat with passengers mostly from Texas, but with a crew from every part of the globe — Ireland, Peru, Korea, Indonesia, Nigeria, South Africa, Canada, Croatia, Australia, Czech Republic, Scotland and Italy!

Marci and I realized that we were celebrating a very special Independence Day with the "Melting Pot." The crew had come from all over the world to live in Galveston and work on this ship. Many of them came here to learn American English, the language of international travel, trade, science and math. But all of them had come here for the benefits and the opportunities that America and Americans still give to people from all over the world.

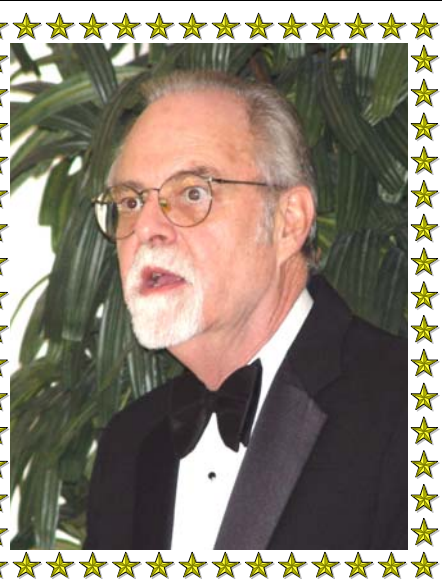
During our Independence Day dinner, our United Nations of waiters and wine stewards marched out on the floor, whooping and hollering, waving American flags, and singing "God Bless America." And they encouraged the Americans in their care to stand up and sing with them. Marci and I were proud to stand up, hands over our hearts, and sing side-by-side with these people from everywhere on the globe. God Bless America, My Home Sweet Home.

August 14 Meeting

Larry Powell, a columnist on local topics for the Dallas Morning News, will be our guest speaker at our August 14 Chapter meeting.

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

Program Chairman Tom Whitelock orchestrated an evening to remember at the Dallas Chapter's 75th Anniversary Celebration at Hackberry Creek Country Club, on July 10. > > >



Registrar's Report:
 Chapter membership: 300; 8 pending
 Last Meeting: 44 members, 30 guests
Mel McCoy, Registrar

Treasurer's Report:

Checking & Cash:	\$ 4,750.49
Minuteman Fund:	\$ 8,227.39
Ritchie Fund:	\$26,351.86
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.



Clockwise from above: TXSSAR President Roy Adams, Charles Windham & Tom Smith, Mrs. Joe (Betty) Hill, Bementa & Art Ingalls with Graham & Gloria Martin, parachutist Jack Pyland with giant flag at the July 5 parade in Lake Highlands, an excited Tracy Pounders, and Anitha & Dick Jones.





Diamond Anniversary Photo Album

July 10, 2004



Kevin and Mike Mamminga with Mrs. Joe (Betty) Hill



Judy & Mel McCoy with Chalmers & Mari Omberg



Youngest (Cole Youngman — 18)
& Oldest (Judge Bob White — 89)



Danny Wilson with Jean & Ralph McDowell



Part of the magnificent display
created by TXSSAR Historian
Tom Whitelock





Dick Arnold examines the "Golden Sledge Hammer" Exhibit



Bob Coker displays the Minuteman Medal he received at the SAR Congress



Judge John Marshall



Judge Tracy Pounders with wife Marci



Jack Carney and Tom Whitelock



Margaret & Frank Pounders



More of the display created by Tom Whitelock



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.



Boy Scouts from Troop 890 assisted the SAR Color Guard in the Lake Highlands Independence Day Parade on July 5, wearing the new sashes to identify their respective colony flags. Below, Pearl Harbor survivor Paul Ferguson marched with the Color Guard. Bottom, The Color Guard posed for a photo-op in front of the gazebo at Goar Park, following the Park Cities parade on July 3. Left to Right:: Paul Ferguson, Charles Baker, Dallas Windham, Tom Whitelock, Jim Templin, Tom Smith, Dick Arnold, Ralph McDowell, Charles Windham and Marvin Windham.



WHY WE MUST SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT IN TIME OF WAR

In his 1985 memoir about the Vietnam War, Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap, Commander of the North Vietnamese Army, wrote that if it weren't for the war protest organizations in the U.S., Hanoi would have surrendered to the U.S. North Vietnam knew that the nation with the strongest resolve would be victorious.

Fonda Speaks To Vietnam Veterans At Anti-War Rally



Actress And Anti-War Activist Jane Fonda Speaks to a crowd of Vietnam Veterans as Activist and former Vietnam Vet John Kerry (LEFT) listens and prepares to speak next concerning the war in Vietnam (AP Photo)

