



# THE MINUTEMAN

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## President's Message

by Tracy Pounders



### Grassroots Kids

Congressional redistricting in the Dallas area has pitted two incumbent Congressmen, Republican Pete Sessions and Democrat Martin Frost, against each other. It's looking like it's going to be a tight race. I was recently asked to help one of those candidates' campaign as a precinct captain, and knowing the candidate I agreed to help.

This last week (8/7-8/12), I walked the 24 streets of my precinct contacting independent voters. I didn't do it alone though - my kids, Alex who is 9, and Elizabeth who just turned 16, were with me. We did a lot of walking, knocking and talking! About 500 homes. And it was hot and we sweat a lot!

Now, Alex and Elizabeth are normal kids. They would have preferred to stay home and watch TV, play video games and listen to their CDs. But I gave them campaign tee shirts, showed them how to use door hangers and put them to work! They knew I wanted to help the campaign, and they wanted to help me help. They're great kids!

Some people might be critical of me putting my kids to work in a political campaign. But I believe it is important that my kids, as Americans, be involved in their community. I believe that they need to take a stand in life, whatever it may be, whatever their politics or party, and be ready to back it up with action and hard work. And I believe they need to know that politics isn't about TV ads, speeches and conventions - it's about people; it's about your neighborhood; it's about your neighbors; it's about sharing and helping.

### September 11 Meeting

Judge **Edward Butler**, SAR Genealogist-General will speak on "The Origins of the Constitution and Bill of Rights."

For future program suggestions, please feel free to call 1<sup>st</sup> VP **Tom White-lock** at 214-534-3476.

Larry Powell, a columnist for the Dallas Morning News, spoke at our August meeting about historical events in Dallas. >>>

#### Registrar's Report:

Chapter membership: 287; 11 pending  
Last Meeting: 38 members, 12 guests  
**Mel McCoy**, Registrar

#### Treasurer's Report:

Checking & Cash: \$ 2,117.40  
Minuteman Fund: \$ 8,233.98  
Ritchie Fund: \$26,701.94

**Elvin Brown**, 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.

## DALLAS CHAPTER NEWS



Clockwise starting at left: Compatriot **Cole Youngman** gave the Americanism presentation using a clever Olympics analogy; 2nd V.P. **Tom Smith** presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Judd Fruia, General Manager of Pappas Brothers Steakhouse for hosting dinner for 350 active troops of the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps; Compatriot **Hank Goldwire** received a Certificate of Appreciation and a bottle of Thirsty Lizard Australian Wine in appreciation for his annual presentation of 4th of July homemade Patriotic Jelly at August Chapter meetings. Speaker Larry Powell got high marks for his featured presentation at the Chapter meeting. Scouter-Compatriot **Ken Meaders** received thanks and \$2 bills for the 17 scouts of Troop 890 who helped with the July 4 parade; seven of the 13 compatriots who each sponsored a sash for the Boy Scouts to wear in the parade each year were present to receive Certificates of Appreciation from North Texas Militia Commander Charles Baker: Compatriots **Jim Templin, Don Hay, Ralph McDowell, Mel McCoy, Tom Whitelock, Cole Youngman, Tom Smith, and Graham Martin.**



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.

## DAR's CONSTITUTION WEEK BRUNCH

Saturday, September 18,  
10:00 a.m. at the Mesquite Con-  
vention Center. 1700 Rodeo Dr.

Guest Speaker: Michael Schuster  
U.S. Department of Homeland  
Security

Remit \$20.00 per person by Sep-  
tember 10, 2004 to:

Janis Wilbur, DARC Treasurer  
6563 Windy Knoll  
Dallas, TX 75243  
(Make Check to DARC)

## GREET A SOLDIER!

This week is your chance to greet a soldier as he or she arrives straight from Kuwait at DFW Airport on the way to two weeks of R & R! Meet them with **applause, hugs** and "Thank-You's." Offer them a cell phone or a phone card to call a loved one at home, to tell them when their flight gets in, etc.

The SAR, DAR and CAR Chapters in the Metroplex have been invited to meet the troops every day this week, August 30 through September 5. The Dallas Chapter's special emphasis is August 31, but we need greeters all week!

Meet all flights at Terminal B, Gate 35 International Arrival Area. Do **NOT** go through security to do this. Do **NOT** park in the one-hour parking. You will receive a parking voucher.

To find out the touch-down time, call 972-574-0392. The troops will go through an expedited customs check and be in the International Arrival Area about 15 minutes after the plane touches down.

## More Pics of July Activities

July was certainly an event-filled month for the Dallas Chapter. Here are some pictures we just couldn't squeeze into the August newsletter. Left and Right: FCP and Mrs. Ted Anderson, and Charles Windham and Tom Smith attending the 75th Anniversary Celebration on July 10. Below: M.G. Dick Arnold and the North Texas Color Guard led off the Park Cities Parade on July 3, which was said to have been viewed by 25,000 people. Charles & Marvin Windham carried the banner.



