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President's Message

by Tracy Pounders



Nine-Eleven

Three years ago, the lives of several thousand people came to an end, and the lives of several hundred million others were changed permanently. Our nation was attacked — the weapons were our own, and they came from the sky. We all stared in disbelief as it happened. And we were all stung by its sad, senseless brutality.

It is said that time heals all wounds. I think we all assumed that three years would be more than enough, but I find that that event of three years ago still bothers me more than I thought it would, and I find that this national wound still hurts many of us in ways we may not yet know.

But that event of three years ago brought to this Nation a unity not seen in decades. We vowed to take the fight to the enemy rather than wait for that enemy to return. Several hundred thousand of our young fighting men and women answered the call and are making a difference. Now, a thousand of them have paid the ultimate price to bring peace to this wounded planet. We can never repay the debt we owe, but we can remember them, we can give them our respect, we can give them our prayers, and we can enjoy and hold dear the Freedom that they have made and continue to make possible.

October 9 Meeting

George Susat will speak and give personal experiences and observations at our October 9 meeting on the subject of Revolutionary War reenactments.

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

Genealogist-General, Judge Edward Butler gave the Dallas Chapter a history lesson on the origins of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. > >

Registrar's Report:

Chapter membership: 291; 14 pending
Last Meeting: 37 members, 8 guests
Mel McCoy, Registrar

Treasurer's Report:

Checking & Cash: \$ 2,003.64
Minuteman Fund: \$ 8,240.48
Ritchie Fund: \$26,766.78

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, and Jim Templin.)

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 above: New Compatriots **Jack Blase** and **Richard Reed** were sworn in by Judge **Edward Butler**, as Registrar **Mel McCoy** and President **Tracy Pounders** looked on. Compatriot **Allen Christian** gave the Americanism presentation. President **Pounders** presented **Bill Welch** a Certificate of Appreciation for his three years as Essay Contest Chairman. Future Compatriot **James Henderson**, president of the Three Forks of the Trinity Chapter of Children of the American Revolution, visited the meeting. The following received Certificates of Appreciation for helping assure success of the 75th Anniversary Celebration: **Elvin Brown**, **Charles & Barbara Baker**, and **Sara & Jack Carney**.



To see these pictures in brilliant 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.



Members of the Dallas Chapter and others helped to “Welcome Home” troops from Iraq at DFW Airport on August 31, as they began a two-week leave for Rest and Relaxation. In the three pictures directly above, we followed the anticipation and joy of one wife/mother and her two daughters they waited for the moment of arrival of husband/daddy,



These Dallas Chapter Compatriots assisted in the marking of the grave of Revolutionary War Patriot Thomas Blair Hogg in the Hogg State Park east of Rusk, Texas: Richard Arnold, Tom Whitelock, Charles Windham, Rick Fawkes, Arthur Ingalls, and Charles Baker. See page 4.

