



# THE MINUTEMAN

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## President's Message

by Tracy Pounders



### It can happen in a . . .

As many of you know, our First VP **Tom Whitelock** had a heart attack on Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, while attending a Rangers game. There were a few tense moments there for our friend, but after a couple of procedures, he's recuperating at home now.

Tom does a bunch of things for all of us. Not only does he push me around as our 1st VP, he's our State Historian. He put together our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party. He's advanced the TXSSAR Archives Collection that was established at the University of North Texas through the efforts of Dr. James Johnson. And he does so many other things behind the scenes that I just can't list them all.

Marci and I visited Tom at the hospital on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, just as he was leaving. He looked tired, but was clearly glad to be getting out of the hospital. In addition to being subjected to constant probing by doctors and nurses, Tom had been subjected to several bad jokes from some of us, such as "The Rangers' game was a real heart-breaker, huh?" Tom was obviously amused by it all, which let me know that he was definitely on the road to recovery.

When I heard of Tom's heart-attack, I was very upset, and I stayed upset until I saw his smiling bearded face. I could see that the prior week had taken a great toll on both Tom and Montye. But I could also see the determination in their eyes to do what was needed to get better. Let our thoughts and prayers stay with him on his road to recovery.

### November 13 Meeting

Compatriot and Chapter Secretary Dr. **Charles Baker** will speak on the History of the U.S. Flag.

For future program suggestions, please feel free to call our chapter's 1<sup>st</sup> VP **Tom Whitelock** at 214-534-3476.

**G**eorge Susat, a Revolutionary War reenactor, gave personal experiences and observations, and discussed period weapons at our October 9 meeting. >>

#### Registrar's Report:

Chapter membership: 292; 13 pending  
Last Meeting: 28 members, 3 guests  
**Mel McCoy**, Registrar

#### Treasurer's Report:

Checking & Cash: \$ 1,736.23  
Minuteman Fund: \$ 8,247.66  
Ritchie Fund: \$26,766.78

**Elvin Brown**, 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



Clockwise, starting above: Dallas Chapter President **Tracy Pounders** spoke of **Tom Whitelock's** heart attack. He also gave the Americanism presentation. Speaker **George Susat** looked particularly formidable as he spoke of various weapons used in the American Revolutionary War. FCP **Ralph McDowell** proved his joke-telling ability as he substituted for **Art Ingalls** in that monthly chore. During our September meeting, Christian Missionary to the Philippines, **Deborah Kim** (originally from Korea), expressed heartfelt thanks to America for driving tyranny from her two homelands. She ended her remarks with a traditional Korean deep bow to the members who were present. **Allen Christian, Cliff Slagle, and Mel McCoy** manned the SAR table in the Jane Douglas Chapter Continental DAR House at Fair Park. On another date, **Charles Baker** and **Cliff** showed up in uniform to sign up prospects. The following members and guests received Certificates of Appreciation for their participation in the "Welcome the Troops" Project on August 31: **Henrietta Slagle, Cliff Slagle, Mel McCoy, Ralph McDowell, Martin Lyford, and Tom Smith.**



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.



### George Washington at Yorktown

Painting by George Peale

This remarkable 1782 painting is currently on public display for the first time ever at the Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth. It is of great historic interest for several reasons. It obviously lays to rest any question as to the colors of Washington's uniform which apparently match the colors of the uniforms of the Virginia troops. This authenticates the colors



Above, George Susat and his wife at a reenactment site. Below, a reenactment scene that he brought to the meeting, showing American Patriots about to face off against the elite British forces.

in the SAR lapel rosette. The presence of the Betsy Ross Flag in the background appears to validate its significance throughout the War. The Amon Carter Museum at 3501 Camp Bowie Blvd. in Fort Worth, is open daily except Mondays and major holidays. For operating hours and driving directions, see [www.cartermuseum.org](http://www.cartermuseum.org), or call 817-738-1933 for more information. The website has further information on the artist and how this significant piece of art came to be painted.



Welcome the Troops! Although August 31 was the specific date that our Dallas Chapter was assigned to participate in "Welcoming the Troops," there is a daily arrival of troops on R&R from Iraq at DFW Terminal B, Gate 35. Call 972-574-0392 to learn the arrival time. **Welcomers are always needed.**

