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President's Message

by Tracy Pounders



Honoring Luke

I want to tell you about Luke Boatright, the nephew of a friend of mine. Luke was a good kid who grew up in Collin and Grayson Counties. His parents raised him well, instilling in him the courage and strength it takes to be a man. He graduated from Frisco High School and joined the Army in 1999. He married a beautiful girl and had three daughters. And he was recently promoted to Sergeant, assigned to serve in Iraq with the 1st Cavalry Division, scheduled to return home in early February.

On Saturday, December 4th, Luke was killed by a roadside bomb in Baghdad. He was 24. His funeral, with full military honors, was on Monday, December 13th in Frisco; he was later interred at the Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.

Luke was a patriot. He loved his country. He served it willingly. And he gave his life to keep us safe. We should honor his life for that.

We must also honor the other persons that have given patriotic service with Luke. His parents, who dedicated their lives to seeing that he became a man, but will not know the man that he could have been. His uncle Curt, who loved him as a son. His three daughters, who will grow up knowing their father was a brave and courageous patriot, but won't see him on the sidelines at their soccer games, or walk with him down the aisle. And his wife, who has lost her companion in life.

These loved ones have also given a life in the defense of this nation. Please join me in honoring Luke and his loved ones by living lives that are deserving of their sacrifices.

January 8 Meeting

January will mark the installation of the new Dallas Chapter officers. Also, various awards will be given to chapter members.

For future program suggestions, please feel free to call our chapter's 2005 1st VP **Tom Smith** at 214-691-8023.

Christopher Still, Associate Principal Trumpeter with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, gave a fascinating talk and demonstration of trumpet and bugle calls from Colonial times.

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Registrar's Report:

Chapter membership: 298; 7 pending
Last Meeting: 47 members, 15 guests
Mel McCoy, Registrar

Treasurer's Report:

Checking & Cash: \$ 1,295.28
Minuteman Fund: \$8,265.39
Ritchie Fund: \$26,731.36

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 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 MEETING NEWS



Upper Left: 2nd VP **Tom Smith** holds the medal, and President **Tracy Pounders** helps hold the certificate for the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Award, presented to Dallas Fire Department Officer **Chuck Lee** for his many years of service to Dallas in teaching adults and children about fire safety. Upper Right: Dallas Police Department Lieutenant **Jimmy Vaughn** looks on as **Compatriot Smith** presents the SAR Law Enforcement Award and medal to Officer **Gloria Doll**, for her work in helping capture a bank robber last September, while she was working security at the Inwood National Bank. Below: **Compatriots Ralph McDowell** and **Cliff Slagle** both received SAR Service to Veterans Certificates and Medals. **Christopher Still** blew the bugle Call to Breakfast Mess as the first of many military bugle calls of the morning.



Bottom, Left to Right: New **Compatriots Robert Ball, Charles Christian, Thomas Blake, and Michael Blake** were sworn in by Registrar **Mel McCoy**, as their respective sponsors looked on.



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.



Left: Three generations of Tanners attended the December meeting: Robert Tanner, Sr., Robert Tanner, Jr., and Chandler Tanner, age 6. The older Tanners' membership applications are pending. Chandler will make a great CAR member, and someday an SAR Compatriot. Right: Compatriots **James Fairbairn**, **Garland Fairbairn**, and **Grady Fairbairn** celebrated the 224th Anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain on October 7, by laying a wreath in the Kings Mountain National Military Park in South Carolina. On the following day, they went to the old family cemetery at Mineral Springs, NC, to mark the grave of patriot ancestor Philip Wolf who was wounded in the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Americanism Trivia Quiz — Match the quotes to the Speakers — Answers next month

1. "Mr. President, it is natural to man to indulge in the illusions of hope. We are apt to shut our eyes against a painful truth, and listen to the song of that siren till she transforms us into beasts. Is this the part of wise men, engaged in a . . ."
 2. "I am now set down to write to you on a subject which fills me with inexpressible concern, and this concern is greatly aggravated and increased when I reflect upon the uneasiness I know it will give you. It has been determined..."
 3. "I like much the general idea of framing a government, which shall go on of itself, peaceably, without needing continual recurrence to the State legislatures. I like the organization of the government into legislative, judiciary, and . . ."
 4. "On the shore dimly seen through the mist of the deep, where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes, what is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep, as it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?"
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| a. Paul Revere | d. John Adams | g. George Washington | j. Alexander Hamilton |
| b. Benjamin Franklin | e. Patrick Henry | h. James Madison | k. Thomas Jefferson |
| c. Francis S. Key | f. Nathan Hale | i. James Munroe | l. Henry W. Longfellow |

Welcome the Troops! There is a daily arrival of troops on R&R from Iraq at DFW Terminal B, Gate 35. Call 972-574-0392 after 5 p.m. to learn the next-day arrival time. **Welcomers are always needed.**

