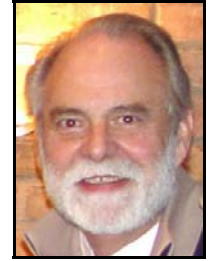




# THE MINUTEMAN

Dallas Chapter  
TXSSAR  
Founded July 4, 1929  
February 2005



## The Next Seventy-five

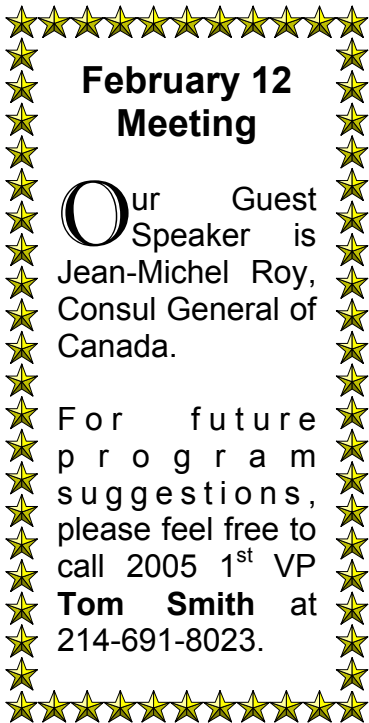
by Tom Whitelock, President, Dallas Chapter

Knowing full well that 2005 and the years ahead hold both growth potential and exciting challenges for our Chapter, this opening commentary could just as easily have been titled "A Call to Arms" — each and every Compatriot called upon, however small the task, to aid in our cause and purpose. And what is that cause and purpose you ask? Simply put; they are the very objectives we promote in SAR.

We value and subscribe to fostering the patriotic, historical, educational ideals and activities; which in turn perpetuate the memory of ancestors who helped achieve our country's independence during the war of the American Revolution. We descendents promote fellowship within our Society membership, maintain and extend our institutions of freedom and celebrate anniversaries of the prominent events that led to the establishment of our great nation. I sincerely hope that each of you will join in this cause and purpose.

It really goes beyond being a proud member of a national organization. It requires that each of us participate (even in the smallest of ways) to gain full benefits. You can start by attending at least one of our fun-filled & informative monthly meetings during the year, by bringing along a fellow Dallas member (that we haven't seen for some time), or even stepping up to the podium for a brief 5 minute Americanism presentation. Serving on a committee doesn't take that much time and your sharing helps our Chapter "purpose" as a whole. Visiting the bedside of a hospitalized Veteran, joining in on a community holiday parade, and marking military gravesites with flags all add to our "cause."

I am honored to have been selected to serve along with Compatriots who volunteered for our various Chapter offices and committee chairmanships, however, we still need to fill a few vacancies and I hope even our newest members will step up to assist. I'm looking forward to an award winning year and God willing, each of you will join me in recording the start of our Chapter's Next Seventy-five Years.



### February 12 Meeting

Our Guest Speaker is Jean-Michel Roy, Consul General of Canada.

For future program suggestions, please feel free to call 2005 1<sup>st</sup> VP Tom Smith at 214-691-8023.

<b>Registrar's Report:</b> (Mel McCoy)	
Membership:	301
Last Meeting:	36
Guests:	11
<b>Treasurer's Report:</b> (Allen Christian)	
Checking & Cash:	\$1263.74
Minuteman Fund:	\$8,265.39
Ritchie Fund:	\$26,731.36

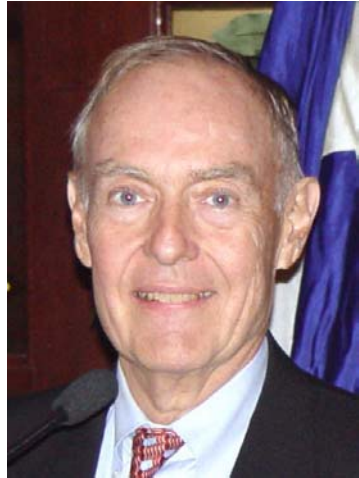
THE MINUTEMAN is the monthly newsletter of the Dallas Chapter of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, a non-profit organization. (Pictures by Allen Christian and Jim Templin.)

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.

## MEET YOUR NEW DALLAS CHAPTER OFFICERS



**President  
Tom Whitelock**



**1st Vice President  
Tom Smith**



**2nd Vice President  
Charles Baker**



**Secretary  
Bob Clark, Jr.**



**Treasurer  
Allen Christian**



**Registrar  
Mel McCoy**



**Chaplain  
Frank Ponders**

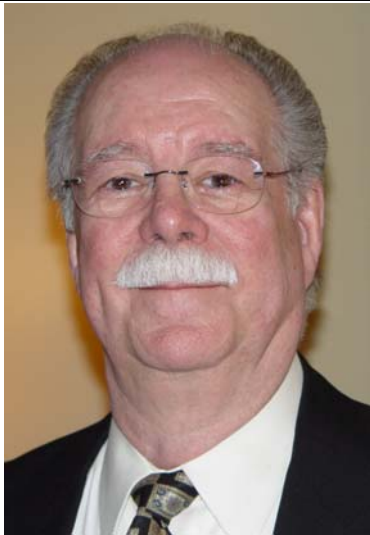


**Historian  
Alan Pickens**



The new officers were installed at the January 8 meeting by Compatriot Judge **Nathan White**. FCP **Tracy Ponders** looks on, with pensive relief, at right.

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.



Compatriot **Mike McKinney**, pictured at left, will Chair next year's Rumbaugh Oration Contest among Dallas-Area high school students. For SAR membership purposes, Mike's Patriot Ancestor is John Goheen, an immigrant from Wales who settled in Pennsylvania Colony. It was from Philadelphia County that he joined the Continental Army and served as a private in Captain William Neilson's Company.

Another line of Mike's ancestry reaches to Peterfield Jefferson, a politician in the Virginia Colony who was a first cousin of Thomas Jefferson V, author of our Declaration of Independence and third President of the United States.

The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest is open to all students attending public, parochial, or private high schools who are in their sophomore, junior or senior year of study during the contest year. The contest is designed to explore the influence of the Revolutionary War on present day America. Rumbaugh was the first Chairman on the NSSAR Oration Committee.



Above Left: President-Elect **Tom Whitelock** swore in new Compatriot **Garland Fairbairn**, as Registrar **Mel McCoy** looks on. Above Right: FCP **Danny Wilson** received the large membership certificate from **Ralph McDowell** and **Tom Smith**.

### Americanism Trivia Quiz (Answers Next Month)

1. George Washington's horse was named: Trigger; Dobbin; Hero; Mr. Ed; Champion; Nelson; Slicker
2. Which President of the U.S. used to swim nude in the Potomac River almost every day?
3. Which two signers of the Declaration of Independence became presidents of the United States?
4. George Washington produced over 10,000 gallons of an alcoholic beverage at Mount Vernon. Was it beer, wine, whiskey, rum, or gin?
5. What was Dolly Madison's favorite flavor of ice cream?
6. Which President of the U.S. kept two bears in a cage at the White House?

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.**

