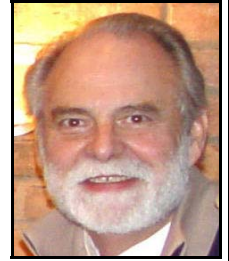




# The MINUTEMAN

Dallas Chapter TXSSAR  
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## Appealing, isn't it ?

by Tom Whitelock, President, Dallas Chapter,  
 Sons of the American Revolution

As might be expected, I guess I will comment on the multitude and justifiable purposes of the variety of "appeals" that have or will have been heard by all of us from August thru November. The Katrina and Rita disasters are of prime importance since they have a radiating effect on almost every aspect of our professional and personal lives. We have faced a barrage of appeals for food, clothing, public service and financial donations. There has recently been an SAR-TALK-L appeal for each Compatriot throughout the Nation to contribute an additional five dollars to help cover the dues' cost of Chapter members in the affected States. In addition, damage to or loss of historical records, libraries and veteran's facilities are cause for major concern.

Our TXSSAR Compatriot publication will have no less than ten various appeals in the next issue — all for good and just purposes. One is requesting Perpetual Members to help offset the loss of investment funds by their contributing back \$34. Four other separate category appeals are all on one page hosted by the State Historian and are truly needed. A final appeal appears on the next-to-last page and is vital to our future membership retention and activities.

Sure, you're going to balk at responding to any survey that comes your way, but this is an honest effort to improve our operations and attitudes for all Compatriot members (past-present-future) and is a very just appeal which deserves your attention and response. Oh, yes, I, too, could say that Dallas Chapter needs you to contribute over and above your yearly dues (which by the way is just around the corner) to aid us in covering the increasing costs of printing, postage, membership supplies and youth awards. I even feel that next year's budget should include a stipend for the Chapter President's travel funds to attend TXSSAR meetings.

God knows that we also have a massive number of appeals in our daily prayers and like those listed above and the ones yet to come, each author hopes his appeal or cause will be answered. I offer this simple consideration: Be proud and thankful for that with which we have been blessed and consider answering each or all of the appeals to whatever extent you can.

### October 8 Meeting

Our main speaker will be Richard Breithaupt, President of the Aztec Club founded in 1847.

Please note that new Dallas Chapter Meeting Location is in the Mesquite Ballroom of the Embassy Suites Hotel, 13131 N. Central Expressway.

<b>Registrar's Report:</b> (Jim Templin)	
Membership:	306
Last Meeting:	27
Guests:	7
<b>Treasurer's Report:</b> (Allen Christian)	
Checking & Cash:	\$ 1,024.64
Minuteman Fund:	\$ 7,918.06
Ritchie Fund:	\$26,877.26

**THE MINUTEMAN** is the bi-monthly newsletter of the Dallas Chapter of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, a non-profit organization. (Pictures by Allen Christian and Charles & Barbara Baker)

*Meetings are held on the Second Saturday of each month, in the Mesquite Ballroom of the Embassy Suites, 13131 North Central Expy. Coffee and tea served with fellowship at 7:30, breakfast at 8:00, meeting from 8:30 until about 9:45. Guests are welcome.*

## DALLAS CHAPTER MEETING NEWS



Upper left, at the August meeting, Larry and Lara Seaberge spoke about American clothing and uniforms of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. Upper center, PCP **Ralph McDowell** recognized and thanked Boy Scout John Housewright, Troop 890, for his role in organizing his fellow scouts to participate with the SAR Color Guard in the Lake Highlands Independence Day Parade. John lined up a record number of 19 scouts as flag and banner carriers for the parade. Upper right, Pearl Harbor Survivor Paul Ferguson, a last-minute substitute speaker for the September meeting, provided a somber description and pictures of the Japanese surrender marking the end of World War II sixty years ago on September 2, 1945. Below, new Compatriot **Rev. Dale Garmen** (center), a former military chaplain, was sworn in by Compatriot **McDowell** at the August meeting. It was discovered that there were three other former military chaplains present, and they were invited to stand with Rev. Garmen. They were past chapter chaplain **Art Ingalls**, current chapter chaplain **Frank Pounders**, and current chaplain of the Blaine L. Wilhoite Sr. Chapter, Rev. **Ralph 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 information.

## Color Guard News



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 ★ Welcome the Troops! There is a daily ★  
 ★ arrival of troops on R&R from Iraq at ★  
 ★ DFW's International Terminal D, Level 2, Inter- ★  
 ★ national Arrival Area. Call 972-574-0392 after ★  
 ★ 5 p.m. on the day before to learn the next-day ★  
 ★ arrival time. Free-Parking coupons will be ★  
 ★ available at the arrival area. ★  
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**A**rt Ingalls, Dick Arnold and Charles Baker took part in the monthly memorial service at the Dallas VA Medical Center. At right, Charles Baker, Art Ingalls, Ralph McDowell, Tom Smith, Tracy Pounders, and Charles Windham participated in the first-ever Constitution Week observance at SMU on September 21. At the podium is Dr. Jim Caswell, V.P. of Student Affairs. Below, the Kissin Colonel lays one on a surprised soldier returning from Iraq on R & R, and a couple is reunited after 6 long months of separation. These are just a few of the touching sights you will see at a DFW R&R arrival.



The picture and caption at right appeared in the SMU Daily Campus on September 22.



**Photo by Austin Kilgore, The Daily Campus**  
 Ralph McDowell, a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, examines a replica of the United States Constitution during SMU's celebration of Constitution Day Wednesday afternoon.



