



The MINUTEMAN



Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution — January-February, 2006

February 11 Meeting

Dr. Jody Potts, a noted historian and textbook author will show you how to tie left-brain and right-brain functions together to help you remember facts, as she speaks on "Remembering the Bill of Rights."

March 11 Meeting

Major General Charles R. Bond, USAF (Retired) Vice Squadron Leader under General Claire Chennault, of the famous Flying Tigers during WWII, will speak.

Program Ideas? Call 1st V.P. **Charles Baker** at 214-343-0717.

February: The Month of Presidents

*by Tom Smith, President, Dallas Chapter,
Sons of the American Revolution*



In February of 1776 the cannon from Fort Ticonderoga had just arrived outside of Boston after a very difficult 300 mile haul. A 25 year old bookseller named Henry Knox accomplished the remarkable task with the help of hundreds of men en route. The cannon were placed around Boston and they hastened the British withdrawal on March 17.

Our country has long celebrated George Washington's birthday on February 22. In the 1960's the Presidents' Day holiday was created by combining Washington's and Lincoln's holidays.

February and March are active months for SAR. On February 11 our Essay Contest winner, Erica Lastufka is scheduled to be part of our meeting program. (You will recall Erica won our Oration Award last year.) The annual state meeting is scheduled for March 17-19 at Sugarland. See TXSSAR.org for details.

I am honored to serve as your President. We have an excellent chapter officer group of dedicated SAR members again this year. Thank you for your continued support.



Newly-installed Dallas Chapter officers were sworn in by Former State President **Graham Martin** (in background). Right to left: **Tom Smith, Charles Baker, Bob Clark, Allen Christian, Byron Christian,** and **Frank Ponders**. Not Pictured: **Jim Templin** and **Robert Tanner, Jr.** See Page 2 for details.

1776-2006 — Our Nation's 230th Birthday

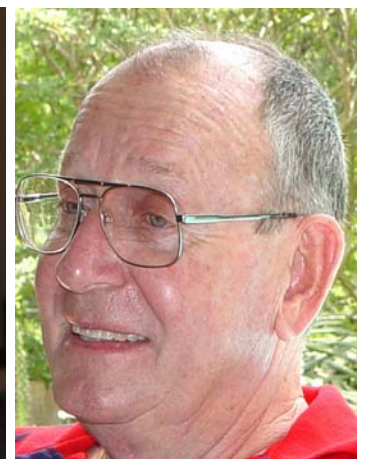
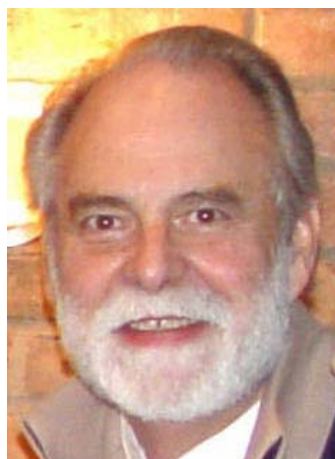
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Meetings are held on the Second Saturday of each month, in the Mesquite Ballroom of the Embassy Suites, 13131 North Central Expy. Breakfast served with fellowship at 7:30, program from 8:00 a.m. until about 9:30. Guests are welcome.

DALLAS CHAPTER OFFICERS FOR 2006



Clockwise from above: **Tom Smith**, President; **Charles Baker**, First Vice President (Programs); **Robert Clark**, Second Vice President (awards); **Allen Christian**, Secretary; **Byron Christian**, Treasurer; **Jim Templin**, Registrar; **Frank Ponders**, Chaplain; Appointees: **Tom Whitelock**, Historian; and **Robert Tanner, Jr.**, Sgt.-at-Arms.



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' e-mail addresses, **Minuteman** Newsletter archives, and lots of other good information. You can also click on "Meetings" to find out about the next Dallas Chapter meeting program.

DALLAS CHAPTER MEETING NEWS



Catherine Turocy of the New York Baroque Dance Company, and a world renowned authority on Eighteenth Century dance, appeared at the December meeting. She gave an intriguing demonstration of various subtleties in dancing with a fan. Afterward, she received the traditional Liberty Bell from **Tom Smith**, and she performed a *pas de deux* with **Tom Whitelock**.

Right, **Tom Whitelock** swore in two new compatriots **Robert Baylis** and his son **Brad Baylis** during the January meeting. Sponsor **Charles Baker** and Mrs. Robert (Barbara) Baylis looked on.



Below right, Former State President **Graham Martin** conducted the Installation Ceremony for the new 2006 Chapter officers. Left to right: **Tom Smith** (President), **Charles Baker** (Vice President—Programs), **Robert Clark** (behind Baker) (Vice President—Awards), **Allen Christian** (Secretary), **Byron Christian** (Treasurer), and **Frank Pounders** (Chaplain). **Tom Whitelock** was installed as Chapter Historian. Registrar **Jim Templin** and Sgt.-at-Arms **Robert Tanner, Jr.**, were unable to attend.





Clockwise: **James Fairbairn** received special recognition for his service to veterans; **Tom Smith** received the President's Ribbon; **Charles Baker** received the Chapter Service Medal; Ron Bergstrom, President of Presbyterian Village North, received an SAR Flag Certificate for proper display of the U.S. Flag; along with the Gary Sisson Golden Sledgehammer Award as the Chapter's Hardest Working Member, **Tom Smith** received a collage of pictures and cartoons depicting his many contributions to the SAR; Compatriots **Chalmers Omberg** and **Robert Clark**, who are also members of the Society of Cincinnati, were found reading the Dallas Chapter Newsletter, *The Minuteman*, while in the Society's Anderson House in Washington, DC.



★ Welcome the Troops! There is a daily arrival of troops on R&R from Iraq at DFW International Airport. Call 972-574-0392 after 5 p.m. on the day before to learn the next-day arrival time, terminal and gate number, all of which vary from day to day. ★ Free-Parking coupons will be available at the arrival area. ★

Marine Lance Corporal Karl Klammer: SAR Member # 166148



Karl Klammer has had a long history of activity with the SAR. Upper Left: In September, 2001, he visited the Dallas Chapter with other CAR members and showed his grandfather's SAR membership certificate. At left, he carried one end of the new Dallas Chapter parade banner in the July 4, 2002 Lake Highlands parade. Upper Right, he held the Grand Union Flag with the SAR Color Guard at a Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow in October 2002. Below, he was the Grand Marshall of the July 4, 2005 parade, representing the service men and women from Lake Highlands who have served in Iraq. The two pictures at lower left show him being sworn in (sponsor Martin Lyford looking on) as a Dallas Chapter Compatriot in a special ceremony on December 17, 2005. This special meeting, prior to his second Iraq deployment, was attended by 27 people, including six other present and former Marines pictured in the lower left corner: Cpt. **Mark Hansen**, Maj. **Mike Yarbrough**, Karl, Col. **Art Ingalls**, Sgt. Damien McGee, Cpt. Kenny Mezell and MSgt. **Paul**



