



# The MINUTEMAN



## Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution — March-April, 2006

### April 8 Meeting

Tom Green, 2006-7 President of the Texas Society of Sons of the American Revolution, will be our speaker.

### May 13 Meeting

Don Raney, a popular instructor in genealogy at Richland College, will speak on the subject or using Y-DNA Testing to Identify Your Ancestor.



## April: The Month of Patriots

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



In Massachusetts and much of New England, Patriots Day is celebrated as a State holiday on the third Monday in April, which this year falls on April 18. The Battle of Lexington and Concord was fought on April 19, following Paul Revere's ride of the night before. Our eagerness for long weekends means that this event will be remembered on Mondays. (How long until we celebrate Independence Day on the first Monday in July?)

This Battle of Lexington and Concord also reminds us of the importance of poetry in history. Were it not for Emerson's "Concord Hymn," we might never have heard of "the shot heard round the world." And who can forget the immortal lines in Longfellow's poem "Paul Revere's Ride"? (Google: "listen my children".) Were it not for these poems, people might think that Lexington and Concord are somewhere in East Texas. Ask some child you may know and see what happens.

This situation speaks volumes to our President General's direction for SAR to get more involved in the teaching of American History to the American people.

For the Dallas Chapter, April means much patriotic involvement in our community. Please volunteer to make at least one presentation of an ROTC medal and/or a Good Citizenship medal — check with Bob Clark, 2nd Vice President, for time and place.

There are many Color Guard events in April through July. April is the time to order your Color Guard uniform if you want it before the Fourth of July.

We have just returned from our state meeting where the Dallas Chapter received several prestigious awards for 2005 — BEST CHAPTER IN TEXAS (Tom Whitelock), BEST NEWSLETTER (Charles Baker), BEST POSTER by Sara Ludlow (John Morton), plus several others.

The National Congress of SAR is scheduled for July 8-12 at Addison's Intercontinental Hotel. As the local chapter we will be doing several things to showcase our city and chapter. Please plan to attend some of the events and volunteer your assistance.

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.

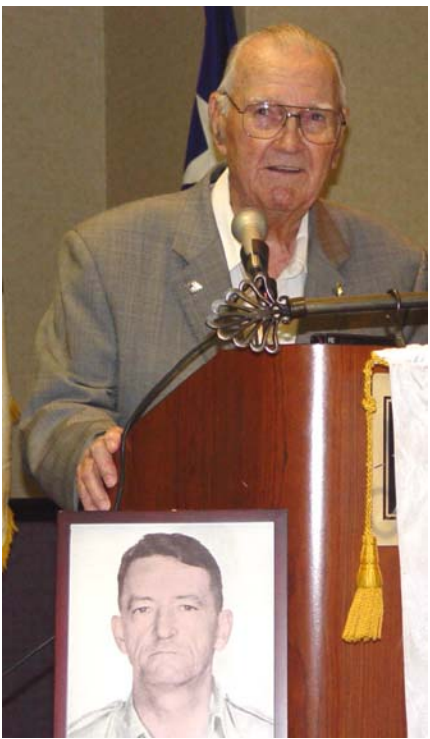
## DALLAS CHAPTER MEETING NEWS



**L**eft: Erica Lastufka, our Essay Contest winner, read her essay during the February 11 meeting. Right: Dr. Jody Potts, historian and author specializing in left-brain/right-brain principles, taught us how to remember the Bill of Rights during the February 11 meeting.



**B**elow left: Major General Charles R. Bond, USAF (Ret'd), part of the American Volunteer Group which became known as the Flying Tigers in 1941-42, showed a picture of his former boss, Gen. Clair Chennault during our March 11 meeting. Below right, **Rick Fawkes** posed with Gen. Bond and a painting of Bond's P-40 fighter, strafing lines of Japanese fighters that never managed to get off the ground during his raid. According to "A Flying Tiger's Diary," this happened at Chang Mai, Thailand, on March 24, 1942.

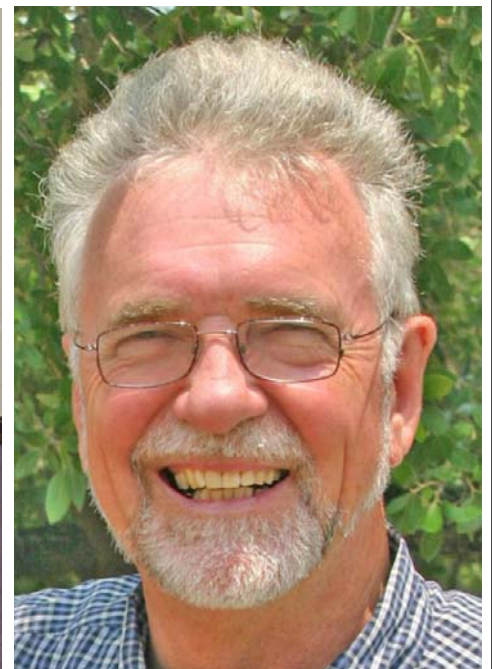


To see these pictures in brilliant color, check out our Chapter Website at <http://sardallas.org>. While you are there, you can get lots of other useful information. There are links to Chapter Minutes, to the DAR, CAR and other organizations of interest, Chapter Officers' e-mail addresses, **Minuteman** 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



Above: Registrar **Jim Templin** swore in five new compatriots during our February meeting: **David James Bender** and son **Bradley David Bender**, **Alpheus Sloan III**, **Randall Bracken Jones** and son **Patrick William Jones**. At right, below, Compatriot D. A. Sharpe has "stepped up to the plate" and accepted the role of Historian of the Dallas Chapter, relieving Tom Whitelock of a seemingly career appointment. Below, John Morton, Poster Contest Coordinator, introduced Sarah Ludlow, this year's Chapter winner. This year's theme for the contest was "Winter at Valley Forge." Sarah's excellent research and imaginative artwork provided an impressive poster. Sarah is a fifth-grade student at William B. Travis Elementary School. She is shown receiving a certificate, a check in the amount of \$50, a \$2 bill featuring the picture of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and an application for a U.S. Savings Bond. She later won the Texas State competition. (See page 6.)





Hats off to the Gaylord Texan! Members of the Dallas Chapter Color Guard participated in the opening of the International Gas Producers Association at the Gaylord Texan Hotel on March 6. Posing in front of the full-scale mock-up of the Alamo in one section of the Gaylord Texan lobby are Compatriots **Ralph McDowell, Tom Whitelock, Tom Smith, Allen Christian, Laurie Crapo, and Charles Baker.**



These Compatriots of the Dallas Chapter attended the TXSSAR Annual Meeting in Sugar Land, TX. Bob Coker, Cliff Slagle, Chuck Bragg, Charles Windham, Tom Smith, Wayne Wende, Ralph McDowell, and Charles Baker. Not pictured: Mark Hansen, Dick Arnold, and Tom Whitelock. For a list of the awards brought home by the Dallas Chapter, see Page 6.

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 ★ 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.  
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Following the February 11 meeting, compatriots gathered for a group picture. Front Row, left to right are: Compatriots Tom Smith, John Morton, Tracy Pounders, Wayne Wende, James Fairbairn, Byron Christian, & Tom Whitelock. Second Row: Arthur Ingalls, Robert Clark, Frank Pounders, Ralph McDowell, Cliff Slagle, Bob Spence, Henry (Hank) Goldwire, John Warterfield, & C.W. "Tom" Bohanan. Third Row: Patrick Jones, Grady Fairbairn, Randy Jones, Robert Smith, Donald Hay, Mike McKinney, Martin Lyford, Allen Christian, & Robert Ball. Back Row: Charles Windham, Gerald Tyler, Frank Stacy, Glenn Toal, Al Sloan, Bert Huls, William Barnard, Richard Jones, William Richardson, James Templin, Charles Baker, & Lou Patterson.

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### Registrar's

#### Report:

**(Jim Templin)**

Membership: 316  
Last Meeting: 30  
Guests: 13

### Treasurer's

#### Report:

**(Byron Christian)**

Checking & Cash: \$ 3,230.69  
Minuteman Fund: 8,111.44  
Ritchie Fund: 27,097.29

### Report of Dallas Chapter Awards and Honors at the TXSSAR Annual Meeting

At the 2006 Annual Meeting in Sugar Land on March 17-19, the Dallas Chapter received the following awards and honors:

- ◆ Outstanding Texas Chapter.
- ◆ Outstanding Chapter for Service to Veterans.
- ◆ Best Americanism Program.
- ◆ Best Chapter Newsletter.
- ◆ Second Best Yearbook.
- ◆ Our poster contest entry won the TXSSAR Poster Contest and advanced to National
- ◆ Ralph McDowell and Mike Radcliff were awarded the Patriot Medal.
- ◆ Charles Baker was appointed TXSSAR Webmaster.
- ◆ Henrietta Slagle received the Martha Washington Medal for her work with the Auxiliary.

### Inside: April: The Month of Patriots

Date	Time	Event	Place
Apr.	Many	Presentations of ROTC and Good Citizenship Medals	School Awards Programs
Apr. 8	8:00 a.m.	TXSSAR President Tom Green will speak.	Embassy Suites, 13131 N. Central at the High-5
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May 13	8:00 a.m.	Genealogist Don Raney will speak on "Using Y-DNA Testing to Identify Your Ancestor"	Embassy Suites