



The MINUTEMAN



Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution — May-June, 2006

June 10 Meeting

Judge Nathan White, NISSAR President General Elect, will be our speaker at the June meeting.

No July Chapter Meeting

Special Center-Fold in this Issue

See Don Raney's Favorite Genealogy Sites on the Internet — pages 4 & 5.



Right in Our Own Backyard ...

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



Our National Congress is scheduled for July 8 through 12 right here in Addison at the Intercontinental Hotel on Dallas Parkway, North of LBJ Freeway. As "Host Chapter" for the Congress, we have certain important responsibilities:

1. Help serve at the "Welcome Desk" in the hotel each day of the Congress — colorful vests and hats will be provided.
2. Provide transportation in your car from the hotel to the Storybook Ranch in McKinney for one or more couples on Saturday evening for the barbeque dinner and entertainment. Not only can we show Texas Hospitality, but we can meet new friends.

While we want as many Dallas members as possible to register for the Congress, special rates for us have been established for those who don't register:

1. \$20 per person for the Saturday barbeque dinner and entertainment for those providing transportation.
2. \$55 per person for those attending the black tie banquet on Wednesday July 12 where Compatriot Nathan White will be installed as President General.

For these two events, send your check, payable to S.A.R., to Nathan E. White, Jr., PO Box 808, McKinney, TX 75070-0808

Color Guard Activities:

1. Sunday, July 9, Memorial Service at Perkins Chapel, SMU Campus, 2-3 PM, buses leave from hotel at 1:00 PM.
2. Monday, July 10, Opening Session, Crystal Ballroom of Hotel, 8:30 AM- assemble in Hamilton Foyer.

Color Guard uniforms are encouraged for both banquets in lieu of black tie.

Please plan to Register and attend and volunteer to assist wherever you can. It should be a lot of fun!

1776-2006 — Our Nation's 230th Birthday

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 mostly by Charles & Barbara Baker, Tom Whitelock, and Allen Christian. Page 6 Wylie High School picture, courtesy of the *Wylie News*.)

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. Fellow compatriots from other chapters and guests are always welcome.

DALLAS CHAPTER MEETING NEWS



No Chapter Meeting in July

Left to right, top to bottom: State President **Thomas Green III** spoke at the April 8 Meeting on "The First and Last Battles of the American Revolutionary War," after which he received a bronze Liberty Bell replica for his desk, and certificate, presented by Program VP **Charles Baker**. At the May 13 meeting, Genealogist Don Raney spoke on "Using Y-DNA to locate your ancestor," after which he received the traditional gift and certificate.

New Compatriot **Al Sloan** gave the Americanism presentation on "The Battle of Ramsour Mill," at which his patriot ancestor was killed. Judge **Nathan White**, SAR President General Elect dropped in at the May meeting to ask for our help at the National SAR Congress.

New Compatriot **Lawrence Alan Donihoo** was sworn in during the April meeting by Dallas Chapter Registrar Jim Templin, and Mrs. Donihoo applied the SAR Rosette.

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



Dallas Chapter and Dual Member Compatriot **Bertrand Desthieux** brought his father, Bernard Desthieux who is visiting from France, to the May 13 meeting. The Desthieux's are descendents of the French who assisted the American Patriots during the American Revolution. Pictured above are Dallas Chapter President **Tom Smith**, Bertrand, Second Vice President **Bob Clark**, and Bernard. Below left, **Bob Clark** "encouraged" chapter members to "Y'all git yore uniforms or else, ya hear?" Below right, TXSSAR President **Tom Green** "serves" TXSSAR Chancellor **Mark Hansen** some sugar for his coffee as wife Margo Green looks on. During the TXSSAR Annual Meeting in Sugar Land on March 16-18, the Annual Patriot's Fund Auction brought in a record amount of money. The proceeds were boosted considerably by President Tom Green who allowed himself to be auctioned off as a servant to various attendees from around the state. Dallas Compatriot Mark Hansen had won President Green with a bid of \$200. Servant Green wore a Texas "Red Hot Chili Pepper" apron.



The following are the **first two pages** of Don Raney's **12-page** list of "Best Genealogy Sites on the Internet." The full list appears at <sardallas.org>. Permission is granted by Don Raney for personal use only — not for profit.

BEST GENEALOGY SITES ON THE INTERNET
 ©2006, Donald Raney
 (10 May 2006)

FAVORITE GENEALOGY SITES

LDS Family Search	http://www.familysearch.org
US GenWeb Project (state and county)	http://www.usgenweb.net
Ancestry (free and paid)	http://www.ancestry.com
RootsWeb World Connect Project	http://wc.rootsweb.com
HeritageQuest at DCCCD Library	http://www.dcccd.edu/Current+Students/Libraries/
Find County from Town	http://resources.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/townco.cgi
GLO Land Patent Records (search for ancestors land)	http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov
Southeast County Development Maps	http://www.segenealogy.com
Northeast County Development Maps	http://www.negenealogy.com
GNIS Query Form	http://geonames.usgs.gov/pls/gnis/web_query.gnis_web_query_form
Dallas Public Library	http://dallaslibrary.org
Dallas Genealogy Society	http://www.dallasgenealogy.org
Genealogy State & Name Links	http://www.linkpendium.com/genealogy/USA
Encyclopedia of Genealogy	http://www.eogen.com

Table of Contents

1. Genealogy Search Sites on the Internet	1
2. Posting Your Genealogy on the Internet	2
3. Land Records Sites on the Internet	2
4. Map Sites on the Internet	2
5. Texas Genealogy Sites on the Internet	3
6. Revolutionary War Sites on the Internet	3
7. Civil War Sites on the Internet	4
8. Other Military Sites on the Internet	4
9. Census Sites on the Internet	4
10. Immigration Sites on the Internet	5
11. Vital Records Sites on the Internet	6
12. Migration Patterns, Roads and Trails Sites on the Internet	6
13. Name Sites on the Internet	6
14. Newspaper and City Directory Sites on the Internet	7
15. Free Newsletter Sites on the Internet	7
16. Free Utility Sites on the Internet	7
17. Library Sites on the Internet	7
18. Information Sites on the Internet	8
19. Learning Sites on the Internet	8
20. Writing Help Sites on the Internet	9
21. Search Engines on the Internet	9
22. Scams Hoaxes and Urban Legends	9
23. DNA Sites on the Internet	9
24. The Master Genealogist Help and Tutorial Sites	10
25. State Archives and History	10

1. Genealogy Search Sites on the Internet

1. LDS Family Search<http://www.familysearch.org>
2. LDS Outline.....http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/rg/research/type/Research_Outline.asp
3. LDS Research Helpshttp://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/RG/frameset_rhelps.asp
4. LDS Batch No.....<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~hughwallis/IGIBatchNumbers.htm>
5. US GenWeb Project (state and county)<http://www.usgenweb.net>
6. RootsWeb (host for many genealogy sites)<http://www.rootsweb.com>
7. RootsWeb World Connect Project <http://wc.rootsweb.com>
8. RootsWeb Surname List (RSL) Database<http://rsl.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/rslsql.cgi>
9. RootsWeb Mailing List Finder<http://lists.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/findlist.pl>
10. Search Mailing List Archives<http://searches.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/listsearch.pl>
11. Search Surname Mailing Lists<http://boards.ancestry.com/>
12. Social Security Death Index (RootsWeb +) <http://www.stevemorse.org/ssdi/ssdi.html>
13. Find County from Town <http://resources.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/townco.cgi>
14. Find Towns in County <http://www.naco.org/counties/counties/index.cfm>
15. Europe Find Country from Town <http://www.jewishgen.org/ShtetlSeeker/loctown.htm>
16. GenServ (one search free, \$6.00/year)<http://www.genserv.com>
17. Genealogy Sleuth <http://www.progenealogists.com/genealogysleuthb.htm>
18. Linkpendium (Directory of Genealogical Resources)<http://www.linkpendium.com/>
19. Access US Genealogyhttp://www.accessgenealogy.com/us_genealogy.htm
20. Google Genealogy Search<http://www.genealogy-search-help.com/>
21. GeneaNet Search Genealogical Database Network<http://www.geneanet.org>
22. GenTree Genealogical Database Index<http://www.gentree.com>
23. Surname Helper<http://surhelp.rootsweb.com>
24. Books We Own (Volunteer Lookups)<http://www.rootsweb.com/~bwo>
25. GenLookup (Volunteer Lookups) <http://www.genlookups.com/>
26. GeneaSearch (Volunteer Lookups) <http://www.geneasearch.com/research.htm>
27. Genealogy Lookup Forum <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~genealogylookup>
28. GenCircles<http://www.gencircles.com>
29. Genealogy Sites on the Internet http://www-personal.umich.edu/~cgault/gen_web.html
30. Genealogy Explorer Links to Web Sites <http://www.mycinnamontoast.com>
31. Free Advice for Genealogy Searches <http://www.genealogy-search-advice.com/>
32. 1600s Ancestors Database <http://www.firstfamilies.org/db/>

2. Posting Your Genealogy on the Internet

1. LDS Family Search <http://www.familysearch.org>
2. RootsWeb World Connect Project<http://worldconnect.genealogy.rootsweb.com>
3. RootsWeb Surname List (RSL) Database<http://rsl.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/rslsql.cgi>

3. Land Records Sites on the Internet

1. GLO Land Patent Records (search for ancestors land) <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov>
2. Federal Land Patent Plat Books<http://www.arphax.com/>
3. Order Land Entry Files Online http://archives.gov/research_room/orderonline.html
4. Land Records Research Directory<http://www.land-records.com>
5. Public Land Survey Systemhttp://nationalatlas.gov/articles/boundaries/a_plss.html
6. Townships and Ranges <http://www.outfitters.com/genealogy/land/twprangemap.html>
7. Land Records Reference <http://users.erols.com/deeds/landref.htm>
8. Land Measurement Guide <http://hometown.aol.com/vikkigray/conversions.htm>
9. Cyndi's List Land Records<http://www.cyndislist.com/land.htm>
10. Texas Land Grants <http://www.glo.state.tx.us/archives/info.html>
11. Texas Land Grants (paid) <http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/inddb/5112.htm>
12. Kentucky Land Office Digitized Land Patents<http://www.sos.ky.gov/land/>
13. Illinois Township Plats <http://landplats.ilsos.net/Flash/Welcome.html>
14. Free Deed Plotter <http://www.genealogytools.net/deeds/>

(Additional 10 pages on our Dallas Chapter Website: sardallas.org)

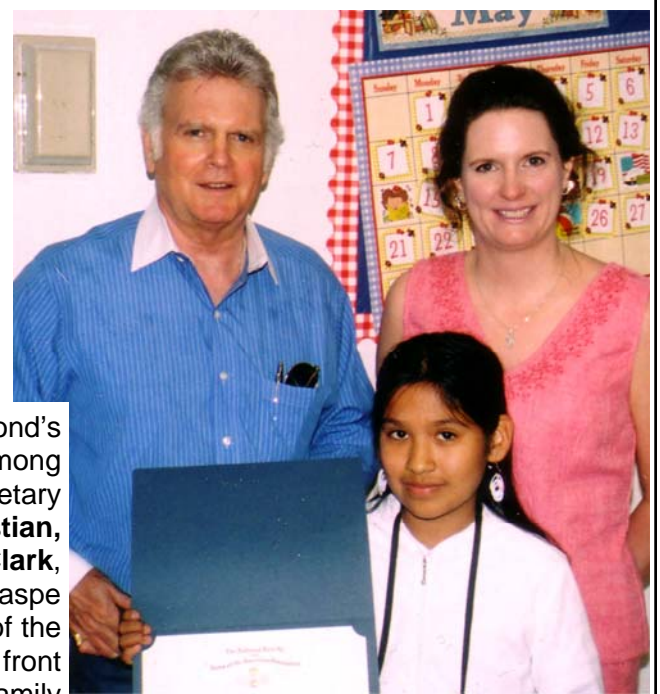


Above: SMU Police Officer Jerry Norris (Center) received an SAR Heroism Medal and certificate from **Tom Smith** as **Charles Baker**, SMU Police Chief Mike Snellgrove, and **Bob Clark** looked on. Right: Wylie High School Cadet Christian Lozada received the ROTC Medal from Compatriot **Tom Whitelock**.



Above left: Compatriots Dick Arnold, Charles Baker, Tom Whitelock, Art Ingalls, Charles Windham, Tom Smith and Ralph McDowell put on an opening flag show at Providence Christian School's Colonial Day on Patriots Day, April 19. Above right, Woodrow Wilson High School Cadet Monse Ortega received an ROTC medal from Compatriot Byron Christian.

 ★ 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 can vary from day to day. ★
 ★ Free-Parking coupons will be available at the arrival area. ★
 ★*****



Far Upper Right: and Below: Gen. Charlie Bond's appearance at the March meeting prompted a rush among compatriots to have their pictures made with him. Secretary **Allen Christian** and his brother, Treasurer **Byron Christian**, were part of the rush. Upper Left: **Charles Baker, Bob Clark, and Tom Whitelock** presented the colors as Kristie Raspe sang "The Star Spangled Banner" at the meeting opening of the Nancy Horton Davis Chapter of the DAR in the Clarks' front yard on May 13. Above: The Karl and Kim Klement family received an SAR Flag Certificate from President **Tom Smith**. That's Compatriot **D. A. Sharpe** at right. Right: **John Morton** presented 5th grader Sara Ludlow with a second check and certificate for winning the Texas State competition in the Poster Contest. On the right is Ms. Laba, Sara's teacher at William B. Travis School in Dallas. Below right: Color Guardsmen Michael Green, John Knox, and Dick Arnold prepare to enter the banquet hall at the TXSSAR State Meeting in March, 2006.



Dallas Chapter

Sons of the American
Revolution
9603 Estate Lane
Dallas, TX 75238

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

NOTE: Ideas, news or submissions for **THE MINUTEMAN**, should be given to **Tom Smith**, President, at 214-691-8023, or to **Dr. Charles Baker**, Editor, at 214-343-0717.

Registrar's Report: (Jim Templin)	
Membership:	293
Last Meeting:	32
Guests:	12
Treasurer's Report: (Byron Christian)	
Checking & Cash:	\$ 2,236.47
Minuteman Fund:	8,169.77
Ritchie Fund:	27,192.03



Dallas Chapter President **Tom Smith** participated in the Dallas Chapter Color Guard at the Opening Session of the Gas Producers International Convention at the Gaylord Texan Hotel on March 6. Each compatriot carried a national flag of a member of the GPI Association.

Inside: Right in Our Own Backyard ...

Date	Time	Event	Place
May 27	9:30 a.m.	Annual PolkaFest Parade, followed by lunch @ the Templin's Home**	Ennis, TX
May 29	9:30 a.m.	City of Duncanville Memorial Day Observance**	Main Street in Duncanville
May 29	11:30 a.m.	BBQ Lunch at Restland Cemetery Administration Bldg., Followed by City of Dallas Memorial Day Observance**	Field of Honor, Restland Cemetery
June 10	8:00 a.m.	SAR President-Elect Nathan White will speak at the Dallas Chapter Meeting	Embassy Suites Hotel
June 14	12 Noon	Flag Day Ceremony @ Valley View Mall**	Food Court Level
July 4		Various parades and color guard activities**	Dallas Area
July 8-12		SAR National Congress	Intercontinental Hotel, Addison

****Color Guard, Compatriots in Period Dress, & Wives**