



The MINUTEMAN



Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution — November-December, 2006

Dec. 9 Meeting (8:30 a.m.)

Compatriot Lloyd Bockstruck, one of the best Genealogists around, will speak.

Jan. 13 Meeting (8:30 a.m.)

The January meeting is traditionally the time for swearing in the new officers and for various awards to be given. Pictures of officer nominees are on Page 2.



Tempus Fugit

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



Here we are at the end of 2006! It seems only yesterday that I was honored to be sworn in as President of the Dallas S.A.R.—what a great trip it has been! Highlights include the National Congress here in July, national recognition for our large and talented Chapter, community involvement with our youth and patriotic programs, two new flintlock muskets in our color guard “arsenal,” bringing the Liberty Bell to the Dallas Veterans Day Parade, the many outstanding chapter meetings, and statewide gatherings with our compatriot friends from other chapters.

To the many members who have assisted with our veterans and other important programs, kindly complete the Veterans’ Service Report and a brief memo summarizing your 2006 activities and bring these to our December Chapter meeting for inclusion in the Annual Report. Thank you very much for your time, help, and support this year!

A fine slate of 2007 officers has been submitted for your consideration and election at our December 9 meeting. Their pictures are on Page 2.

Chapter Officer Nominees for 2007:

President: Dr. H. Charles Baker	Secretary: Charles Byron Christian
1 st VP: Robert M. Clark Jr.	Treasurer: Henry J. Voegtle, III
2 nd VP: Dr. Allen L. Christian, Sr.	Registrar: Gerald W. Irion
Chaplain: Frank H. Ponders	Historian: Dwight A. Sharpe

Please consider a tax deductible donation to SAR when your dues notice arrives. The TXSSAR Perpetual and Patriots Funds, and the NSSAR Center for Advancing America’s Heritage Fund all need our support. If you wish, you may designate your donation to one or more of these funds.

In thanksgiving for our shared common heritage and for this great land in which we live—and with best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year,

Tom

1776-2006 — Our Nation's 230th Birthday

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 NEWS



Clockwise from above: **Lewis Eugene Willis, Sr.**, and **Louis Eugene Willis, Jr.**, were sworn in as new compatriots by **James Templin**, Registrar, at the October meeting of the Dallas Chapter. Compatriots Dr. Mary Lynn Johnson played colonial and revolutionary songs, and Dr. **James Johnson**, in the character of artist John Trumbull, showed us his self-portrait during the November meeting. Compatriot **John Greer** told the story of Timothy Murphy, "the best shot in the Revolutionary War," during the October meeting. Lower right: Compatriot **Al Sloan** (seated on trailer) was the chief bell-ringer during the Dallas Veterans Day Parade. **Dan Reed**, Cannon master for the Plano Chapter, stands next to the Plano Chapter's cannon during the parade. SAR Auxiliary members Barbara Baker and Sara Carney rode on the trailer with the Liberty Bell and cannon, and enjoyed waving to the crowd. The bell is the only traveling exact replica of the Liberty Bell at Independence Hall in Philadelphia.





These patriots lined up for a picture just before the November 11 Dallas Veterans Day Parade got underway. In front: James Fairbairn, Glen Toal, Art Ingalls, Ralph McDowell, Jim Templin, James Johnson, Tom Whitlock, Jack Carney, Randy Jones, Tom Smith, Harmon Adair, Bob Northcraft, David Hill, and Charles Baker. On trailer: Al Sloan, Dick Arnold, Alex Pounders, Tracy Pounders, Barbara Baker, Dan Reed, Sara Carney, and Laurie Crapo. The 2500-pound replica of the Liberty Bell, the trailer, and the truck were provided by David Hall, owner of the Bell. The replica of the American Revolutionary War cannon (shown in pictures on P. 3) was provided by the Plano Chapter with the help of Cannon master Dan Reed. The flintlocks carried by Tracy Pounders and Bob Northcraft were provided by the Dallas Chapter.

"Remember Pearl Harbor"

On this 65th anniversary of the Bombing of Pearl Harbor, we publish these never-before-seen photographs that were found in a Pearl Harbor Survivor's trunk after his death. At 0753 hours, the first wave of 40 Nakajima B5N2 "Kate" torpedo bombers, 51 Aichi D3A1 "Val" dive bombers, 50 high-altitude bombers, and 43 Zero fighters attacked U.S. Navy and other U.S. military installations at and near Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaii. A total of 2403 U.S. military personnel were killed, many having been on the USS Arizona when its magazine exploded following a direct hit, and 1178 U.S. military personnel were wounded.

The pictures below, clockwise starting at upper left: A Japanese Zero is seen surveying the damage following the first wave attack; the initial explosion that hit the USS Arizona; the explosion of the Arizona's magazine, causing the ship to sink immediately, carrying 1200 U.S. Navy personnel to their grave; and the USS Oklahoma capsizing and sinking. The second wave attack came about an hour later.

Total casualties in this attack were fewer than those of the 9-11-01 attacks, yet the Pearl Harbor attack plunged the U.S. into World War II which lasted over 3.5 years and left more than 500,000 U.S. military personnel dead, and between 40 and 50 million people dead in many countries.



★ Welcome the Troops. There is a daily arrival of troops on two weeks R&R leave 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 and location. ★

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Registrar's

Report:

(Jim Templin)

Membership: 300
Last Meeting: 31
Guests: 8

Treasurer's

Report:

(Byron Christian)

Checking & Cash: \$ 1,466.03
Minuteman Fund: 8,364.56
Ritchie Fund: 27,840.33



Army medical specialist Robert Reed left for Iraq just 3 days after the 2005 Veterans Day Parade in which he participated in the "Spirit of Liberty" scene. He returned from Iraq just in time to take the 2006 Parade pictures appearing on page 3. Above, he is about to pop with pride in front of the Liberty Bell.

Inside: Tempus Fugit

Date	Time	Event	Place
Dec. 9	8:30 a.m.	Dallas Chapter Meeting: Lloyd Bockstruck on Genealogy	Embassy Suites
Jan. 13	8:30 a.m.	New Chapter officers to be sworn in by SAR President General Nathan White and awards presented to Dallas Chapter members	Embassy Suites
Feb. 10	8:30 a.m.	February Chapter Meeting	Embassy Suites