



The MINUTEMAN



Dallas Chapter

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Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution

January-February, 2007

February 10 Meeting (8:30 a.m.)

Judge John Marshall (Retired) will draw comparisons between two crucial battles: "Yorktown and San Jacinto: A Study in Success."

March 10 Meeting (8:30 a.m.)

Capt. John Hay, Congressional Liaison for Veterans Affairs, will discuss Veterans Affairs.



From William the Conqueror to Thomas Jefferson

by Dr. H. Charles Baker, President, Dallas Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution



A huge "thank you" to all of you who chose me as your leader for 2007. It's exciting to contemplate leading the greatest chapter in one of the world's greatest organizations!

In a presentation to our Chapter a few years back, Dr. James Johnson, then a professor at UNT, said that the American Revolution was a revolution of ideas that started long before the Declaration of Independence or the war that ensued. That statement started me to thinking about the radical concepts that set the Colonists on the path that resulted in the United States of America.

Such radical ideas took a long time to develop. In the 11th Century, William the Conqueror inadvertently opened the way when he set out to promote literacy in England. Prior to his ascent to the English throne in 1066, the people who could read or write were either royalty or monks charged with copying Scriptures in monasteries. Otherwise, the population was mostly illiterate. This is why tracing English ancestors back earlier than 1100 is next to impossible, unless you are descended from royalty. The *Magna Carta* (1215) certainly wasn't any kind of bill of rights; the main benefactors of this Great Charter were the British aristocracy who wanted to protect their own rights, not those of the common citizen.

From 1066 until 1776, the concepts of freedom and liberty evolved slowly. The marvelous words of Thomas Jefferson, "*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness,*" summarized the end result. That evolution is still going on, with many speed bumps along the way, but as I see it, Jefferson captured the essence of the United States of America in those 36 words.

During my term in this humbling position as your president, I hope to explore what Jim Johnson and Thomas Jefferson were talking about. What were these radical ideas among the American Colonists that set the course of the greatest nation on God's green earth?

This nation may not be perfect, but we must be doing something right or we wouldn't have such a hard time combating illegal immigration.

Next issue of "*The Minuteman*": The idea of Elected Representation.

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 others.)

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 8:00, program from 8:30 a.m. until about 10:00. Fellow compatriots from other chapters and guests are always welcome.

Dallas Chapter Meeting News



At the January meeting, the 2007 Dallas Chapter Officers were sworn in by SAR President General **Nathan White**, above right. Left to right above, the new Chapter officers are **Dr. Charles Baker**, President; **Robert M. Clark, Jr.**, First Vice President; **Dr. Allen L. Christian, Sr.**, Second Vice President; **Charles Byron Christian**, Secretary; **Henry J. "Hank" Voegtle, III**, Treasurer; **Gerald Irion**, Registrar; and **Frank H. Pounders**, Chaplain. Not present due to icy driving conditions: **D.A. Sharpe**, Historian. Below left: **Charles Baker** Receives the President's Ribbon from **Tom Smith**. Below right: Charles presents Tom Smith with a gavel and inscription on a plaque.



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



President General Judge **Nathan White** addressed the January 13 Dallas Chapter meeting on the subject, "State of the SAR Foundation"



Dallas Chapter Treasurer **Hank Voegtle**, a longtime Scouter has been awarded the coveted "Silver Beaver," the highest scouting award for Boy Scout leaders.



Please pay your dues. As of this writing, there are about 40 Dallas Chapter compatriots who have not paid their 2007 dues. One of the major reasons that Dallas is a strong chapter is that we work hard to get members, and we get a rebate from the State Treasurer for each dues-paying member. The certificates, medals, cash prizes, and other items that we give out are expensive. Losing 40 members means losing \$500 in rebates from TXSSAR. Please read the notice below.



At left, Compatriot **Ralph McDowell** exults with the announcement that the Dallas Chapter has received over \$466 during the year 2006 from the affinity programs offered by Kroger and Tom Thumb. Please see Ralph to get instructions for signing up. After you sign up with the store, then the chapter receives funds equal to 1% of your purchases. This is in addition to your Kroger Plus and Tom Thumb Reward card discounts.

Is there a **red** dot on your mailing label? If so, it's because you are shown as "Delinquent" because TXSSAR has no record of your having paid your SAR dues for 2007. Unpaid dues will result in the termination of your membership on March 1, 2007. Please call Ralph McDowell (214-348-8737), leader of our Dues Team, for any assistance needed.



The December Issue of *The Minuteman* showed pictures of the combined North Texas Color Guards and their entry in the Greater Dallas Veterans Day Parade on November 11. We have received notification that our entry placed third out of over 150 units in the parade. Compatriot **Ralph McDowell** and **Art Ingalls** attended a recent ceremony and received a trophy on behalf of the various chapters of North Texas that participated. The never-before-seen pictures at left show more detail.

At top, Compatriot **Dick Arnold** salutes and shows off the exact replica of the Liberty Bell, and Plano Chapter's replica of a 1776 cannon, as the float is readied for the journey.

At Center, the SAR unit steps off with banners and flags flying and the float behind. The Bell can barely be seen at far left in the picture.

At lower left, the color guard makes a turn downtown. The flags in this shot mostly obscure the float.

Below, speaking of Veterans, **Grady Fairbairn**, co-Chairman of our Veterans Affairs Committee, turned in an awesome report of activities related to patients in the two VA hospitals in our area as well as other efforts by the Dallas Chapter on behalf of veterans. The total points earned for our chapter, including gifts to VA Hospital patients, outings, miles driven, volunteers hours, etc., exceeded 12,000 points.





Clockwise, starting above: Following **Lloyd Bockstruck's** well-researched presentation to our December 9 Dallas Chapter meeting, on the subject of "Observations on Benedict Arnold," **Tom Whitelock** pointed out that Lloyd has spoken so many times that he has collected every speaker gift in the catalog. Sooooo, we had to be a bit creative with a pair of patriotic running shoes and socks. **D.A. Sharpe** also presented Lloyd with a book on the History of the TXSSAR for the Dallas Public Library Genealogy Section that Lloyd heads. At the January 13 Awards Meeting, **Jim Templin**, Chapter Registrar, received the Sisson Golden Sledge Hammer Award for the Dallas Chapter's hardest working member. Below, Montye Whitelock was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for another year of hard work in sticking, stamping, and mailing the Newsletters. Read her lips: "For all that stickin' I get a certificate?!?" Seriously, thanks, Montye!!



 ★ 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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NOTE: Ideas, news or submissions for **THE MINUTEMAN** should be given to **Dr. Charles Baker**, Chapter President and Editor, 214-343-0717.

Registrar's Report: (Gerald Irion)	
Membership:	303
Last Meeting:	28
Guests:	10
Treasurer's Report: (Henry Voegtle)	
Checking & Cash:	\$ 902.78
Minuteman Fund:	8,434.68
Ritchie Fund:	28,174.54

"Let's talk about the future"

By Charles Baker
Dallas Chapter President



Several ideas were tossed out at the last meeting for your consideration, and we'll be taking straw votes on them at the February 10 meeting.

Idea #1: Have one evening meeting during the year. This would be a nice dinner meeting with our wives, with a very special speaker

#2: Should we publish this Newsletter on the Web, and print only enough for those who don't have Internet?

#3: Should we acquire a trailer and have it modified so that it looks like a boat, where Washington and his men can "cross the Delaware" in parades?

Come to the February meeting and get in on the discussion.

Inside: William the Conqueror to Thomas Jefferson

Date	Time	Event	Place
Feb. 10	8:30 a.m.	February Chapter Meeting: FCP Judge John Marshall	Embassy Suites 13131 N. Central Expy.
Mar. 10	8:30 a.m.	March Chapter Meeting: Capt. John Hay	Embassy Suites
Apr. 14	8:30 a.m.	April Chapter Meeting: TXSSAR 2007 President	Embassy Suites
Apr. 18	8:30 a.m.	Colonial Day Opening	Providence Christian School