



# The MINUTEMAN



## Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution

March-April, 2007

**April 14 Meeting  
(8:30 a.m.)**

**G**eorge West, newly-elected President of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, will speak on "Unsung Heroes of the American Revolution"

**May 12 Meeting  
(8:30 a.m.)**

**D**avid N. Appleby, Treasurer-General of the SAR, will speak.

**S**ee the important announcement on Page 2.



## Elected Representation

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



In the last issue of *The Minuteman*, we launched a series of articles based on the concept that the American Revolution was a revolution of *ideas* — the war was a *result* of that revolution. The first idea was that all men are created equal. This radical concept flew in the face of the ancient idea of monarchy and paved the way for even more radicalism.

The second idea was that of Elected Representation. The word *Democracy* comes from the Greek *dēmos* (people), and *kratos* (rule); i.e., rule by the people. *Encyclopedia Britannica*, says that "democracy is a form of government in which the right to make political decisions is exercised directly by the whole body of citizens, acting under procedures of majority rule."

In the history of governments, few true democracies have survived. In a true democracy, the citizens gather to vote on every issue. Switzerland is a present-day example of a government that comes close to this ideal. Sovereign power rests with the Swiss people, who vote on proposed legislation several times a year.

In a country as large and diverse as the U.S., the gathering of citizens to vote on every issue is inconvenient if not impossible. We are not a democracy but a republic, in which we elect officials to make decisions on our behalf. This concept is ingrained at all levels of government, plus school systems, shareholder corporations, churches, organizations, etc.

President Abraham Lincoln once raised the question as to whether *any* nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal can long endure. I believe that the United States has become strong and successful because our Founding Fathers were driven by a sense of Divine guidance and an altruistic attitude; i.e., unselfish interest in the welfare of others and that of their posterity.

When greed, self-aggrandizement, back-biting, pork-barrel politics, and power brokering become the rule, not the exception, then the end of our Nation may be near.

Pray for America; pray that altruistic leaders will be elected to office and restore respect for government and for law.

Next Issue of *The Minuteman*: Eighteen Bullets

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.

## This could be your last printed issue of "The Minuteman."

Your Dallas Chapter Newsletter, "The Minuteman," is nearing a milestone. In July, 2000, we began publishing and mailing our black-and-white printed version in an all-digital format. At that time, we began posting the newsletter in a mixture of color and black-and-white photographs and graphics on the Worldwide Web at <<http://sardallas.com>>. Beginning with the June, 2002, issue, we went all-color for photographs and graphics.

Printing and mailing costs continue to increase to the point where the black-and-white printed version of "The Minuteman" now takes more than half of the Dallas Chapter's annual dues. This expense cuts into other expense items of the chapter, such as ROTC awards and cash prizes to winners of various youth contests that we run. The all-color web version costs almost nothing.

Approximately 99 per cent of attendees at the last three monthly meetings said that they have e-mail and web access. However, we have no idea concerning non-attendees' access to the Internet.

At the March 10, 2007 meeting of the Dallas Chapter, it was decided to collect e-mail addresses of members and to determine who has web access. It was proposed that if the percentage of those having web access is high enough, we will send the black-and-white newsletter only to those who do not have web access. A final vote will be taken at the May meeting of the Dallas Chapter, before the next issue is published.

You will find a brief questionnaire inserted at right. Please fill it out and return it immediately. Our plan, assuming affirmative vote, is that all members of the Chapter who have e-mail addresses will receive an e-mail reminder whenever new issues are published on the web. Members without web access will continue to receive the black-and-white printed version.

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 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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# Dallas Chapter Member Questionnaire

This questionnaire will help us (1) to check your address and phone number for future contacts, (2) to build an e-mail directory of chapter members for future contacts on official Chapter business, and (3) to determine whether a full-color web publication will save enough money to use that method of Newsletter publishing, versus dropping the number of issues below 6 issues per year. Please complete and send in your questionnaire in order to avoid our having to call you to get the information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

SAR National Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address for SAR materials:

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (Confirm) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have Web access? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

The information collected in this survey will be used only for official business of the Dallas Chapter, and will not be shared with commercial interests outside the SAR.



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*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



Top, left to right: FCP Judge **John M. Marshal** spoke at our February meeting, comparing the Battle of San Jacinto and the Battle of Yorktown. John Hays, Military and Veterans Affairs Liaison for Congressman Kenny Marchant, spoke in March. Compatriot **Neal Parke Watts** was sworn in at the March meeting, while daughter Kate looked on. Above, left to right: Pearl Harbor Survivor and good friend of the Dallas Chapter, Paul Ferguson (seen here preparing for another parade) was buried at DFW National Cemetery on February 8. **Earl Thomas Smith, Sr.**, swore in **Earl Thomas Smith, Jr.** at our February meeting. Compatriot **D. A. Sharpe** was belatedly sworn in by Regional V. P. **Tom Whitelock** at the March meeting. Here he is cracked up by a Whitelock-ism just as he raised his hand.

Dallas Chapter Chaplain **Frank Pounders** (right) has announced the deaths of five compatriots during 2006: **Phillip Montgomery, Jr.**, **Donald M. Parish**, **Joe Bagley**, **Judge Dee Brown Walker**, and **C. A. Kepler**. In addition, **Warren "Biff" Yarbrough** has passed away in 2007.



Flash from TXSSAR State Convention: Dallas Chapter won the TXSSAR Outstanding Chapter Award, the John Bruce Stuart Jr. Memorial Award for Outstanding Service to Veterans, the TXSSAR Americanism Award, the Furlong Award (a parade ribbon), for our Flag Certificate program, and a Patriots Fund Excellence Ribbon. More info later ...

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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.

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

Inside: This could be your last mailed issue of "The Minuteman" Newsletter

"Let's talk about  
the future"

By Charles Baker  
Dallas Chapter President



Pages 2, 3 & 4 of this newsletter are an explanation and questionnaire concerning a matter which is of great economic interest to the Dallas Chapter. Please study these materials and fill out and return the questionnaire as soon as possible.

This is the time to order your color guard uniform if you wish to participate in numerous Color Guard activities between now and July 4. Call me at 214-343-0717 to discuss.

We are still anticipating an evening monthly meeting on November 10. The \$2000 cost of renting the Hall of State at Fair Park has all but eliminated that venue from consideration, but we are looking at hotel options and an awesome program for that evening.

There will be more news at the April 14 meeting, of Dallas Chapter awards at the TXSSAR Convention.

Date	Time	Event	Place
Apr. 14	8:30 a.m.	April Chapter Meeting: TXSSAR 2007 President George West will speak	Embassy Suites, 13131 N. Central Expressway
Apr. 18	8:00 a.m.	Color Guard at Colonial Day Opening	Providence Christian School 5002 W. Lovers Lane
May 12	8:00 a.m.	May Chapter Meeting: SAR Treasurer-General David N. Appleby will speak.	Embassy Suites, 13131 N. Central Expressway
May 26	9:00 a.m.	Color Guard at the Annual National PolkaFest Parade, lunch at the Templin home	Ennis, TX. Directions will be e-mailed to Color Guard members
May 28	9:00 11:30	Color Guard at Duncanville for city Veterans Memorial Service Color Guard at the City of Dallas Memorial Service	Main Street @ Vets Memorial, Duncanville Restland Cemetery, Free BBQ at 11:30, Service at 1:00