



# The MINUTEMAN



## Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution

May-June, 2007

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**June 9 (8:30 a.m.)**

Our guest speaker will be Talmage Boston, an authority on the history of Baseball and guest columnist for the Dallas Morning News and numerous sports publications. He will speak on "Heroes of Baseball."

**July 14 (8:30 a.m.)**

In recognition of Bastille Day and of the French Connection in the American Revolutionary War, our speaker will be Pierrette Lacour, a Professor at UTD, speaking on "Bastille Day."



## Eighteen Bullets

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



Each President's Message this year will amplify an aspect of the American Revolution as a revolution of Ideas which actually resulted in the Revolutionary War.

The February Issue pointed out that these radical ideas had their roots in the surge of literacy in England that was brought on by William the Conqueror in the 11th Century. The April Issue discussed the development of the concept of elected representation.

A non-SAR friend recently surprised me by saying that had he lived during the Revolutionary Period, he is uncertain as to which side he would take. Weren't the "Patriots" merely a bunch of hotheads who overthrew legitimate rule to get power for themselves? I asked my friend whether he had ever read the Declaration of Independence. Obviously, his answer was negative.

Nevertheless, his question caused me to review the *Declaration of Independence*, which clearly states the reasons for such insolent behavior by our Founding Fathers. The Declaration actually presents 18 personal charges against King George III, any of which would be thought intolerable by Americans today.

- "He has refused his Assent to Laws ... necessary for the public good."
- "He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected ... them."
- "He has refused to pass other Laws ... unless [the] people would give up their right of Representation in the legislature ..."
- "He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable and distant ..."
- "He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly ..."
- "He has refused ... to cause others to be elected ... [to replace them]"
- "He has endeavored to prevent the Population of these States ... obstructing Laws of Naturalization of foreigners ... and raising the conditions of new Appropriation of Lands."
- "He has obstructed the Administration of Justice by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers."
- "He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for tenure of their offices, and for the amount and payment of their salaries."

Next Issue: The Other Nine 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.

## Dallas Chapter Meeting News



Above: 2007-2008 TXSSAR President **George West** shows off his Desk-size Liberty Bell, presented to him by Program VP **Robert Clark** following his address to the Dallas Chapter at our April meeting. Right: Treasurer-General **David Appleby** spoke to the Dallas Chapter at our May meeting. At the April meeting, Dallas Chapter President **Baker** instituted a brand new award, the Dallas Chapter President's Medal, to be awarded to members of the chapter who provide long-term consistent service to the chapter, above and beyond the call of duty and elected office. The medal, shown at left resembles the Texas Chapter Service Medal, except that it is gold instead of bronze, and the two gold stars stand for TXSSAR Chapter #2; i.e., Dallas.



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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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## More Dallas Chapter Meeting News



Above, left: Compatriots **Tom Whitelock** and **Ralph McDowell** were the first-ever recipients of the Dallas Chapter President's Medal (description on page 2) during the April meeting. Ralph is in his fourteenth year of perfect attendance at chapter meetings. He is our head greeter, is always finding new ways to raise money for our chapter's projects, and as head of the Dues Team is largely responsible for the high retention of members from year to year. Tom is an extremely creative individual as was noticeable at our Dallas Chapter 75th Anniversary Celebration, and he also wears many hats at the local as well as state level. The medal was presented to Col. **E. Graham Martin** at the May meeting. A former Chapter and State President, Graham has continued as a member of the Color Guard and has served in numerous roles in chapter activities.



Fifteen-year old Grant Kee, grandson of the late Compatriot **Elvin Brown**, provided the Americanism presentation of flawless military Bugle calls at our May meeting. Grant is a Life Scout, working on his Eagle, Senior Patrol Leader in his Scout Troop, and a member of Bugles Across America, a patriotic organization that provides volunteer buglers for funerals of veterans who fought for our Country. After his presentation, he was awarded the Bronze SAR Good Citizenship Medal.



Clockwise from top: Compatriot **Allen Christian** had the pleasure of presenting an SAR War Service Medal to his brother **Byron Christian** for his service in Vietnam; **Michael George Petridis** was sworn in at the May meeting by Registrar **Gerald Irion**; **Mark Hansen** and **Tom Whitelock** each received Patriots Medals at the State Convention; **Jim Johnstone** and **Bob Northcraft** were sworn in by **Irion** in April.

Below, Left: **Grady Fairbairn** and **Jim Fairbairn**, Co-Chairs of the Dallas Chapter Veterans Affairs Committee, show off the certificate received by the chapter as winner of the John Bruce Stuart, Jr., Memorial Award for Outstanding Service to Veterans. Below right: First-place Dallas Chapter winner **Caitlin Mae Cantrell**, backed by her proud father, received her certificate and a \$100 savings bond from Compatriot **John Morton**, Chairman of the Dallas Chapter Poster Contest. Caitlin also received a \$300 savings bond as second-place winner in the State Contest. This year's poster theme was "Yorktown."



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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 Expressway, in the northwest quadrant of the "High-5 Interchange, at the intersection of U.S. 75 and I. 635. 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.*



Compatriots lined up before entering the Providence Christian School to open the Annual Colonial Day on April 18. Shown here are **Mel McCoy**, Coordinator of the Dallas Chapter Color Guard, holding the 13-star flag; **Charles Windham** is holding the Fort Moultrie Flag; **Charles Baker**, the Continental (Grand Union) Flag; **Tom Whitelock**, the Bedford Flag in one hand and the Dallas Chapter's authentic replica of a 1762 Grice flint-lock musket in the other. **Ralph McDowell** holds the Guilford Courthouse Flag. Colonial Day is produced for the first graders by their teachers and parents on the Wednesday that comes closest to Patriots Day, April 19, the anniversary of the Battle of Concord Bridge where "the shot was fired heard 'round the world." At left: **Charles Baker** is shown explaining how the flint-lock works. To see all these first graders in their tricorns and bonnets is well-worth the effort.



Below, Dallas Chapter Compatriots posed with State awards that were announced during the 2007 TXSSAR Convention in San Antonio. **Robert Clark** holds the Patriots Fund Excellence Ribbon; **Harmon Adair** the Furlong Ribbon for Flag Certificates given by the Chapter; **Ralph McDowell** holds the TXSSAR Outstanding Chapter Certificate; Patriot Medalist **Mark Hansen**; **Dick Arnold** holds the Certificate for Outstanding Service to Veterans (See p. 4); Patriot Medalist **Tom Whitelock**; **Cliff Slagle** holds the TXSSAR Best Americanism Program Certificate; **Charles Baker** holds a personal TXSSAR Silver Service Medal Certificate for his work as TXSSAR Webmaster.



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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> (Gerald Irion)	
Membership:	282
Last Meeting:	37
Guests:	12
<b>Treasurer's Report:</b> (Henry Voegtle)	
Checking & Cash:	\$ 3,920.91
Minuteman Fund:	7,958.26
Ritchie Fund:	28,527.62

"Let's talk about  
the future"

By Charles Baker  
Dallas Chapter President



The April newsletter explained that we are facing a financial crisis due to rising costs of printing and postage for this newsletter. We asked you to give us your e-mail address if you have one. Less than a third of you responded at all. Of the 82 who responded, 90% said they have e-mail. We are enclosing another questionnaire for those who did not respond.

We will continue to mail newsletters to those few who do not have e-mail, but if we don't hear from you either way, we may have to assume that you are not interested in receiving the newsletter.

We are still anticipating an evening monthly meeting on November 10. It will be at the Embassy Suites Hotel, with a South of the Border Buffet and an awesome program for that evening.

Inside: Last Chance for returning  
your questionnaire about E-mail.

Date	Time	Event	Place
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	9:30 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
June 9	8:00 a.m.	June Chapter Meeting: Talmage Boston on "Heroes of Baseball"	Embassy Suites, 13131 N. Central Expressway
July 4	9:00 a.m.	Fourth of July Parades. (Color Guard will receive instructions.)	Lake Highlands Parade, Park Cities Parade
July 14	8:00 a.m.	July Chapter Meeting: Pierrette Lacour on "Bastille Day"	Embassy Suites, 13131 N. Central Expressway