



The MINUTEMAN



Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution

January-February, 2008

UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 9, 8:30 a.m.

John Guittard, an expert on George Washington, will be speaking on some of the personal attributes of the "Father of Our Country."

Also, there will be a discussion and vote in the February meeting to determine whether we should accept a proposal to move our future meetings to the Highland Park Cafeteria, starting in March.

March 8, 8:30 a.m.

We will view the terrific 20-minute movie "Free to Be" which explores the question of what it truly means to be a free nation. Get a preview at <http://freetobe.us>



New Year Greetings from the President

by Robert M Clark, President, Dallas Chapter,
Sons of the American Revolution



Happy New Year to one and all! This year, we celebrate the 225th Anniversary of Evacuation Day of New York City, when the British finally voluntarily left that great city in 1783 at the close of the American Revolution. That was the occasion of the particularly significant emotional farewell by General George Washington to his officers.

As we begin a new year in our S.A.R. brotherhood, I want to take an opportunity to briefly reflect on the state of our chapter. While never totally satisfied with ourselves, our chapter has continually led the state and national societies in its activities, while at the same time being a great deal of fun!

We began the year with the swearing-in of our new chapter officers by the former President General of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Judge Nathan White, on Saturday, January 12, 2008. For those of you who missed the meeting, a full description is given in our posted minutes on our website.

Five days after the meeting, the Dallas Veterans Day Foundation presented our chapter the First Prize in the Veterans Organization Category for its participation in the November 2007 Veteran's Day Parade. At the presentation, the chapter was represented by immediate past president Dr. Charles Baker and Color Guard Commander Bob Northcraft, both in Revolutionary War uniforms, and myself. The awards ceremony was followed by a luncheon held at the Frontiers of Flight Museum at Love Field. As the representatives of the very first national military veterans, we hope to march at the head of the parade next year.

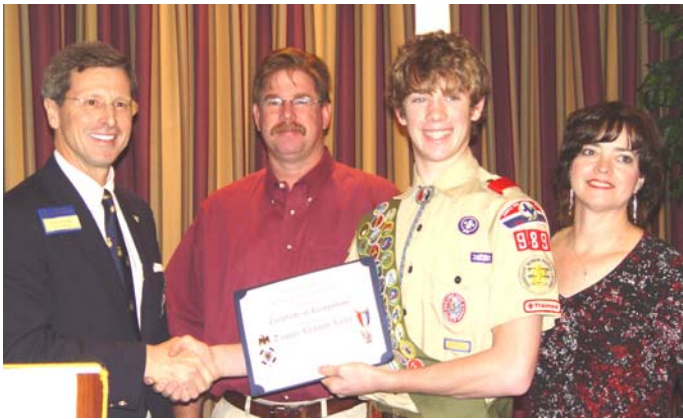
During this year, I hope we will be able to continue the work of our great Society of compatriots. During the next few months, I plan to clearly lay out many of the various goals and describe the work of the officers of our chapter.

Until I see you at the next meeting, all the best.

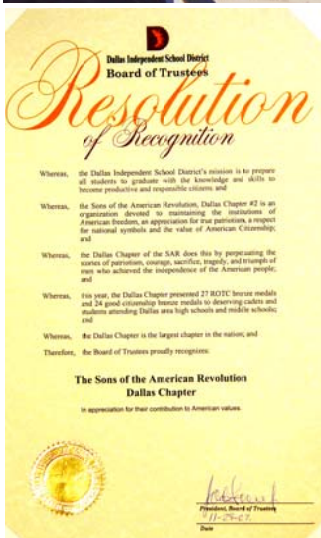
Bob Clark

In the February meeting, we will decide whether to accept a proposal to move our breakfast meeting to a private buffet and meeting room in the Highland Park Cafeteria (in Casa Linda, Buckner Blvd @ Garland Rd.)

Dallas Chapter December Meeting News



Eagle Scout Contest Chair **Mark Hansen** presented a \$300 check and certificate to Tanner Kelly, winner of our local competition while proud parents look on. The Kelly's live in Rockwall. Above right, **Les** and **Kyle Gerron**, and **David Temple** were sworn in as new compatriots. Below: 1st VP **Bob Clark** presented a certificate of appreciation and miniature Liberty Bell to DISD Teacher Susan Reno for her presentation on "The Structure of the DISD American History Curriculum." In his capacity as District Vice President, **Mark Hansen** presented **Bob Coker** with an Alexander Hamilton Pin in recognition of gifts to the TXSSAR Patriots Fund.



News Flash!! Susan Reno was Dallas Chapter's winner in the SAR American History Contest. As we went to press with this issue of *The Minuteman* Newsletter, **Charles Baker**, Chair of the American History Teacher Contest for the Dallas Chapter, was notified that our entry has won the TXSSAR State Competition. This means that Mrs. Reno will receive the Dallas Chapter prize at our February meeting, that she will receive the TXSSAR State prize at the TXSSAR Annual Meeting in Arlington on March 29, and that her entry will go on to the National Competition in Louisville in July.

The Resolution shown at left was approved unanimously by the Dallas ISD Board of Trustees in recognition of the Dallas Chapter's numerous presentations of Good Citizenship Medals and ROTC Medals to students in DISD Junior and Senior High Schools, and for our promotion of patriotism in general. The wording of the Resolution appears on Page 4.

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, the Ladies' Auxiliary of TXSSAR, 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 January Meeting News



Above: Past President General **Nathan White** (right) administered the Oath of Office to the new Chapter officers who were elected during the December meeting. They are (left to right): **Al Sloan**, Registrar; **Hank Voegtle**, 1st VP; **Art Ingalls**, Chaplain; **Frank Ponders**, 2nd VP, **Bob Northcraft**, Color Guard Commander; **Bob Spence**, Treasurer; and (behind Judge White) **Bob Clark**, President. See also: Page 4. Not shown: **Mike Petridis** (out of the U.S.), Secretary. **Paul Dodson** who was elected Historian has declined to serve due to personal problems. A new Chapter Historian will hopefully be elected and installed at the February meeting.



Above Left: Outgoing 2nd VP **Allen Christian** received the Golden Sledgehammer Award for his work in getting recognition of the Dallas Chapter from the Governor, the Mayor, and the School Board. Because of his battery problems in trying to pull the SAR Float in the Veterans Day Parade, **Bob Clark** was presented an "Energizer Bunny" by outgoing President **Charles Baker**. Not being very technically inclined, Bob appointed his daughter, Ashley, to receive and operate the bunny. After the traditional passing of the President's Ribbon, President **Bob Clark** then presented a Gavel Plaque to Past President **Charles Baker**.

The following is the essay submitted by Tanner Kelly, the Dallas Chapter's winner in the Eagle Scout Competition:

“The Boston Tea Party” by Tanner Kelly

Who controlled all the tea trading? Because the colonists refused to pay the tea tax, the British East India Company had warehouses full of unsold tea. They were about to go out of business. The colonists smuggled tea in from Holland.

The Tea Act of 1773 allowed the British East India Company to sell directly to colonists, thus sell cheaper than the smuggled tea from Holland. However, if the colonies paid the duty tax on the imported tea they would be acknowledging Parliament's right to tax them. This infuriated the colonists even further regarding taxation without representation. The dockworkers refused to unload the tea, the Governor of Massachusetts demanded the tea be unloaded and that the people pay the tax and duty on the tea. This was just the beginning of a situation that would eventually explode.

The colonies refused to pay the taxes, claiming they had no obligation to pay taxes imposed by a Parliament in which they had no representation. Parliament withdrew the taxes, except a duty on tea, a much desired commodity they thought would allow them to demonstrate their ability and right to tax the colonies. The colonists were not fooled by Parliament's ploy. When the East India Company sent shipments of tea to Philadelphia and New York the ships were not allowed to land.

The problem came to a head on December 16, 1773 when as many as 7,000 wandered around the dock where the ships were tied up. At a meeting that morning they decided the tea ships

should leave the harbor without payment of any duty. A few men were selected to take this message to the Customs House to request release of the ships out of the harbor. The Collector of Customs refused to allow the ships to leave without payment of the duty. The committee reported back. It was early evening and a group of about 200 men disguised as Indians gathered on a near-by hill. Whooping war chants, the crowd marched two-by-two to the dock, boarded the three ships and dumped their tea into the harbor waters.

Most colonists agreed with the action, but reaction in London was swift and vehement. In March 1774 Parliament passed the Intolerable Acts which among other measures closed the Port of Boston. The fuse that led directly to the explosion of American independence was lit.

It is well known that approximately 50 “Sons of Liberty,” disguised as Indians protested the 3 cents per pound British tax on tea by dumping the tea into the Harbor on December 16, 1773, but did you know it was repeated three months later by a few renegade Bostonians? The two incidents would have cost around \$3 million today.

References:

<http://www.kidport.com/RefLib/UsaHistory/AmericanRevolution/TeaParty.htm>

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<http://www.bostonteatartyship.com/>

Dallas Independent School District
Board of Trustees

Resolution of Recognition

Whereas, the Dallas Independent School District's mission is to prepare all students to graduate with the knowledge and skills to become productive and responsible citizens; and

Whereas, the Sons of the American Revolution, Dallas Chapter #2 is an organization devoted to maintaining the institutions of American Freedom, and appreciation for true patriotism, a respect for national symbols and the value of American Citizenship; and

Whereas, the Dallas Chapter of the SAR does this by perpetuating the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of men who achieved the independence of the American people; and

Whereas, this year, the Dallas Chapter presented 27 ROTC bronze medals and 24 good citizenship bronze medals to deserving cadets and students attending Dallas area high schools and middle schools; and

Whereas, the Dallas Chapter is the largest chapter in the nation; and

Therefore, the Board of Trustees proudly recognizes:

The Sons of the American Revolution, Dallas Chapter

In appreciation for their contribution to American values.

(Signed) Jack Lowe, Jr., President, Board of Trustees
November 29, 2007

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 by Charles & Barbara Baker.) Meetings are held on the Second Saturday of each month, as announced on our website at sardallas.org. Breakfast served with fellowship at 8:00, program from 8:30 a.m. until about 10:00. Guests and Fellow compatriots from other chapters are always welcome.



Another view of the inauguration. See Page 2 for identification of these compatriots.



Above: Where else but the Dallas Chapter? Chapter President **Charles Baker** presented a fourteen-year perfect attendance certificate to Compatriot **Ralph McDowell**!

Right: **Charles Baker**, incoming Dallas Chapter Color Guard Commander **Bob Northcraft**, and (not shown) new Chapter President **Bob Clark** attended a special ceremony to receive a trophy and certificate as the First Place winner in the Veterans Organizations category in the 2007 Greater Dallas Veterans Day Parade. The presentation was made by USAF Capt. John M. Hayes, Chairman of the Parade.



 ★ Welcome the Troops. There is a daily arrival of troops on 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
Charles Baker, Editor, 214-343-0717.

Registrar's Report: (Al Sloan)	
Membership:	309
Last Meeting:	42
Guests:	10
Treasurer's Report: (Henry Voegtle)	
Checking & Cash:	\$ \$336.63
Minuteman Fund:	8630.69
Ritchie Fund:	29,350.00

Congratulations!

The following awards to Dallas Chapter Compatriots were presented during the January 12 Chapter meeting:

Perfect Attendance:

Ralph McDowell, 14 years

Tom Whitelock, 8 years

Certificates of Appreciation:

Al Sloan

Charles Windham

Laurie Crapo

Chapter Service Medals:

Bob Clark

Allen Christian

Byron Christian

Hank Voegtle

Frank Pounders

Jim Templin

Grady Fairbairn

Jim Fairbairn

Art Ingalls

Ralph McDowell

D. A. Sharp

Tom Whitelock

Gold Sledgehammer:

Allen Christian

Gavel Plaque:

Charles Baker

Energizer Bunny:

Bob Clark

Date	Time	Event	Place
Feb. 9	8:30 a.m.	February Chapter Meeting; Speaker John Guittard, speaking on George Washington	Embassy Suites, 13131 N. Central Expressway
Mar. 3	12:30 p.m.	Dallas Chapter Color Guard opens the International Gas Producers Association Convention	Texas Ballroom, Gaylord Texan Hotel
Mar. 8	8:30 a.m.	March Chapter Meeting; a 20-minute movie "Free to Be" will be shown	Location to be determined; either Embassy Suites or Highland Park Cafeteria
Mar. 13	Muster at 7:00 p.m.	Texas State Color Guard will appear at the opening of the Texas Society DAR Conference	Hilton Lincoln Center, LBJ @ Dallas North Tollway
Apr. 12	8:30 a.m.	April Chapter Meeting: Harry Fife, 2008-9 TXSSAR President will speak.	Same as March Meeting