



The MINUTEMAN

Dallas Chapter

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Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution

March-April, 2008



UPCOMING MEETINGS

(Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.)

April 12, 8:30 a.m.

Our speaker for the April meeting will be newly-elected TXSSAR President **Harry Fife**. Now here is a Texas geography puzzle for you: Harry lives in Tool, TX. Where is that?

May 10, 8:30 a.m.

This Election year, our May speaker will be Author Tara Ross speaking on the Electoral College. For more information about her, go to taraross.com.



Dallas Chapter "On the Move"

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



February 2008 turned out to be our last meeting at the Embassy Suites. The March 8, 2008 meeting was moved to the Highland Park Cafeteria in the Casa Linda Shopping Center near White Rock Lake. The new location has great food at a much lower price and is the scene of the portraits of all of the U.S. Presidents and the First Ladies. Very suitable for our patriotic/historical society. We are "on the move" in other ways, too.

Our Dallas Chapter Color Guard has been very active this year under the direction of its new Commander, **Bob Northcraft**. They have made appearances at the International Gas Producers Convention, the Texas DAR Convention, the TXSSAR State Convention, and the Annual Colonial Day at Providence Christian School. This is outstanding publicity for our chapter.

My wife, Kimberly, was the general conference chairman for the Texas DAR Convention. On the opening night, our Former Dallas Chapter President Dr. **Gary N. Sisson** performed Patrick Henry's "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" speech. TXSSAR President George West represented our society by bringing greetings to the assemblage. On the next night, I attended the formal DAR National Defense Banquet, a truly patriotic experience.

Kudos to Compatriot and Former Chapter President **Ralph McDowell**, Chairman of our Dues Team, for achieving a **dues-paid membership of 309 for our chapter**. This is by far a new record for dues-paid members this early in the dues-year. **If we continue to grow at the 2007 rate, we could hit 350 members by the end of 2008!** Thanks, Dues Team!

Congratulations to FCP **Charles Baker** on his being awarded the Patriot Medal, the highest award given by an SAR State Society. On page 5, you will note that the Dallas Chapter was recognized as the Outstanding Chapter in TXSSAR. We're on the move!

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting at the Highland Park Cafeteria, with breakfast beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 12, 2008. We will hear from our new Texas Society SAR President, Harry Fife.

Dallas Chapter Meeting News



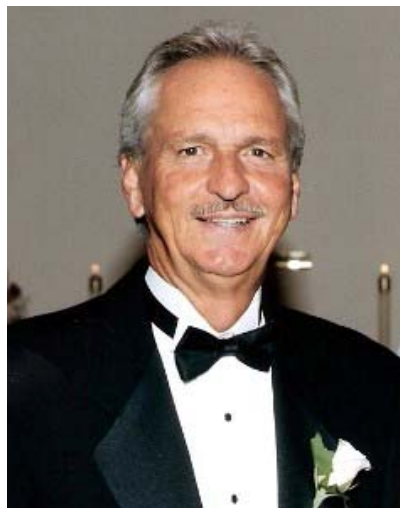
Clockwise from Upper left: At the February meeting, John Guittard, an expert on George Washington, gave an intriguing talk on some of the lesser known personal attributes of the "Father of Our Country."

Former Chapter President **Charles Baker** gave a Chapter Service Medal to Compatriot **Laurie Crapo**, and he awarded the Dallas Chapter President's Medal to FCP **Cliff Slagle** who had been on a cruise during the time of the Awards Meeting in January.

Chapter Registrar Al Sloan swore in new Compatriot Brad Camp whose Patriot Ancestor was Michael Sword.

Barbara (Mrs. H. Charles) Baker shows off the certificate awarded to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Dallas Chapter at the TXSSAR State Convention. The Dallas Chapter Auxiliary is a "Gold Contributor" to the LATXSSAR Fund for furniture for the Center for Advancement of America's Heritage in Louisville, KY, thanks to the support of the Dallas Compatriots.

Larry Tooker brought his movie "Free to Be" to the March meeting. This 20-minute movie is being shown in high schools and junior highs all over America. Conceived and produced by Tooker, this movie instills appreciation of freedom in the young people who see it.



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 at the 2008 TXSSAR Convention



Former Dallas Chapter President **Charles Baker**, 2008 Patriot Medal Recipient, received congratulations from former Patriot Medalists TXSSAR President **George West**, FSP **Graham Martin**, and FPG **Nathan White**. Above right: FCP **Tom Smith** got high marks as a "Super Host" at the TXSSAR Awards Luncheon from Mrs. Elvin Brown and daughters Marla Ferguson and Diane Kee. Mrs. Brown received an Alexander Hamilton Medal and Pin because of memorials given to the Patriots Fund in memory of her husband, Compatriot **Elvin E. Brown**.



On Saturday night after the Annual Banquet, members of the Dallas Chapter gathered to display some of the many awards received by the chapter and its members. Front Row (L to R): Compatriots **Peter Rowley**, **Michael Radcliff**, **Tom Whitelock**, **Graham Martin**, **Laurie Crapo**, and **Ralph McDowell**. Back Row: **Charles Baker**, **David Temple**, **Mark Hansen**, **Bob Northcraft**, **Bob Clark**, **Bob Coker**, and **Harmon Adair**. Not pictured: Tom Smith.



Above: Nominated by the Dallas Chapter, Susan Reno was congratulated by the TXSSAR Outstanding American History Teacher Award Chairman, **Willie Walker**, as he announced that she won the TXSSAR contest. Her prize will be a free trip to the Freedom Foundation Workshop this summer at Valley Forge. Phillip Hayes of Lindale won the TXSSAR Oration Contest with his oration on Alexander Hamilton. Above, he received his medal, certificate, and a \$1000 scholarship from Stephen Rohrbough, TXSSAR VP of Americanism Contests, Medals and Awards. Philip will be giving his oration at a Dallas Chapter meeting later this year. Awards such as these are made possible by interest from the Patriots Fund.

 ★ **W**elcome 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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Members of the Dallas Chapter Color Guard lined up prior to the Colonial Day program on April 2 at Providence Christian School in Dallas. They are Compatriots **Charles Windham, Laurie Crapo, Bob Northcraft, Art Ingalls, Ralph McDowell, Tom Smith, David Temple, and Charles Baker.**

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 at Highland Park Cafeteria, or 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.

Americanism Quiz: Back by popular demand, after a year's absence, we present this Americanism trivia quiz for your enjoyment and education. Answers in next issue:

1. What flag was flying over George Washington's recruiting station for the Continental Army on January 1, 1776?
2. How many Americans were killed in the Boston Massacre?
3. Who was the first Ambassador to Great Britain after the American Revolutionary War?
4. Who was the first President of the United States of America under the Articles of Confederation?
5. Which was the only colony of the original 13 that the British never invaded during the war?

Conner Pate, author of the Dallas Chapter's prize-winning essay, receives congratulations, a certificate and a \$300 check from **Mark Hansen**, Chairman of the local contest, as his parents look on. Conner's essay was titled "The Social Contract Philosophy in the American Revolution."



The SAR Patriot Medal, the highest award that a state Society can give, is shown at left. It was awarded to FCP **Charles Baker** at the TXSSAR Saturday night banquet. It features an image of General Douglas MacArthur

Dallas Chapter Award Count: It is believed that the Dallas Chapter set a new record for points accumulated and awards received at a TXSSAR State Meeting. Here is the tally:

1. The Adrian Drouilhet Award (Highest number of new members < 50)
2. Col. Joe M. Hill Patriot Fund Award
3. TXSSAR Flag Presentation Award
4. Meritorious Service Medal to **Charles Baker**
5. Meritorious Service Medal to **Mark Hansen**
6. John Bruce Stewart Jr. Memorial Award for Veterans Activities
7. The E.A.Limmer Award for highest number of Supplementals
8. Certificate of Appreciation
9. Outstanding American History Teacher Award
10. James M. Looney Elementary School Poster Contest (3rd Place)
11. Alexander Hamilton Medal and Pin (Mrs. Elvin Brown)
12. TXSSAR Americanism Award
13. **TXSSAR Outstanding Chapter Award (over 14,000 points!)**
14. Patriot Medal to **Charles Baker**
15. Patriot Medal to dual member **Peter Rowley**



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<u>Registrar's Report:</u> (Al Sloan) Membership: Last Meeting: Guests:	309 44 Members 10
<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> (Bob Spence) Checking & Cash: Minuteman Fund: Ritchie Fund:	\$ 196.34 8424.26 ≈29,000.00



Colorful Couple

Bob and Mary Coker were truly colorful with their numerous SAR and DAR medals and pins that they wore to the TXSSAR Banquet on Saturday night. Every one of those items shows evidence of time and effort put into their respective organizations. Thanks for all you do, Cokers.



Date	Time	Event	Place
Apr. 12	8:30 a.m.	April Chapter Meeting: Harry Fife, 2008-9 TXSSAR President will speak.	Highland Park Cafeteria, Casa Linda Plaza East quadrant of Buckner Blvd. and Garland Road
Apr. 26	1:00 a.m.	Color Guard: Patriot Grave-Marking: Thomas C. Holmes	Trout, TX
May 10	8:30 a.m.	May Chapter Meeting: Tara Ross, author, Will speak on the Electoral College	Same as April 12 meeting
May 24	10:00 a.m.	Color Guard in PolkaFest Parade	Ennis, TX
May 26	All Day	Color Guard in Memorial Day Activities & Fish-Fry	Duncanville, Dallas, and Commerce