



# The MINUTEMAN



## Dallas Chapter

*Founded July 4, 1929*

*Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution*

*September-October, 2008*

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**November 8,  
8:30 a.m.**

(Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.)

Benjamin Hinckley, President of TSCAR, the Texas Society of Children of the American Revolution will speak. All DAR and CAR members are invited, along with other children of SAR members.

**November 28,  
7:00 p.m.**

(Cash Bar at 6:30)

We will continue our new tradition of having at least one evening meeting during the year. Lloyd Bockstruck will speak, and we will have a very special Americanism Presentation. Cost will be only \$20 per person. This special meeting will not replace the regular second Saturday meeting, as shown above. See Page 3 for details.

### President's Message

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



October marks the 227th anniversary of the 1781 Siege known as the Battle of Yorktown. This Battle proved to be the decisive battle of the American Revolution. In one of history's rare successful French naval operations against the British Navy, the British Army under General Cornwallis was blocked from escape from General Washington's encirclement of the British on the Virginia coast. After Yorktown, the Americans picked off the remaining British garrisons over the next two years and American Independence was recognized by the September 3, 1783 Treaty of Paris.

We continue meeting at 8:00 a.m. the second Saturday of each month at the Highland Park Cafeteria in the Casa Linda Shopping Center. Our next regular meetings are the following Saturdays: November 8, December 13, and January 10. In September, a special meeting was held at the Presbyterian Village North after our regular meeting. **A special dinner meeting will take place at the Radisson Hotel, 6060 N. Central Expy. This meeting will not replace our regular second-Saturday meeting on November 8.**

In addition, a number of members attended the Texas Society's Board of Managers meeting this past August 1-3 in Tyler.

September also saw two significant Color Guard activities here in Dallas. First, on Tuesday, September 9, 2008, the Color Guard assisted the General George Washington Society – the fundraising arm of Thanksgiving Square in downtown Dallas – in greeting guests and leading the salute to the flag at the Dallas estate known as "Mount Vernon." This is the former home of H. L. Hunt on White Rock Lake. Mr. David Hall's traveling Liberty Bell was a hit at the event. Secondly, the Color Guard accompanied the Liberty Bell to Presbyterian Village North for a Constitution Day Celebration after our September meeting.

Commander Bob Northcraft continues to do a great job with our Color Guard.

# Dallas Chapter Meeting News



Left: During the August meeting, the Dallas Chapter received the National 2007 USS Stark Memorial Award for providing the best record of service to veterans in the SAR organization. Far left and far right are Jim and Grady Fairbairn (the Dallas Chapter Veterans Affairs Team), Dr. H. Charles Baker, 2007 Chapter President, and Captain Bob Northcraft, Dallas Chapter Color Guard Commander.



Left: David Cullen Briggs was sworn by Registrar Al Sloan, as our newest member during the October meeting.



Left: Our September speaker was Charles Wizeman who spoke on Freemasonry and the American Revolution.



Above: Our October Americanism Speaker and Main Speaker was First V.P. Hank Voegtle, who spoke on "Florida in the American Revolutionary War."

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★ 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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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.

## DINNER MEETING DETAILS

**Don't miss the Second-Annual Dallas Chapter Dinner Meeting: Friday, November 28, 2008, Radisson Hotel, 6060 North Central Expressway (across from SMU), 6:30 p.m. Cash Bar, 7:00 p.m. Dinner.**

**Following an Americanism presentation, Mr. Lloyd Bockstruck, our favorite Genealogist, will speak.**

**Advance-sales tickets are only \$20 including gratuity.**

**Dress is black tie optional with decorations, current military or Revolutionary uniform, period dress or business suit. Cost: \$20 per person, including gratuity. Tickets will be available at the November 8 meeting, or by mail to Robert M. Clark, 4627 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, TX 75205. Tickets ordered by mail will be placed in will-call at the Radisson Hotel.**



Following last year's dinner meeting presentation, Genealogist Lloyd Bockstruck was presented a flag that had been flown over the U.S. Capitol. A close-up is shown at right.



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## Dallas Chapter Color Guard News



Above: Talk about luck! Bobbsey Twins Bob Northcraft and Tom Whitelock were certainly in the right place at the right time, when they showed up for their stint at the SAR Recruiting Table in the Jane Douglas DAR Chapter House at the State Fair and became judges in the Chapter's Colonial Cooking Contest.



Above right: At the Constitution Day Celebration at Presbyterian Village North on September 13, D. A. Sharpe experienced the thrill of ringing the Liberty Bell. Dr. Charles Baker and Harmon Adair look on.



Left: Members of the Color Guard took a break from greeting guests of the George Washington Society at Mt. Vernon, overlooking White Rock Lake, to pose in front of the Liberty Bell. Left to right are Charles Windham, Tom Smith, Bob Clark, Charles Baker, Liberty Bell owner David Hall, Laurie Crapo, and Bob Northcraft.

*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.

**Last Issue's Americanism Quiz:** Who was the first Postmaster General of the United States?

**Answer:** Benjamin Franklin.

**New Quiz:** 1. Did Hessian Col. Rall have prior knowledge that Washington's army was marching toward Trenton? 2. In what battle did Washington risk his life by riding between the opposing lines to rally his troops? 3. Following the victories at Trenton and Princeton, where did Washington's Continental Army gather for winter quarters?



**C**ountry Gentlemen: Tom Whitelock, Tom Smith, and Laurie Crapo (sans curls) relax on the porch at Mount Vernon, White Rock Lake, Dallas.



**D**orothy Smith, a resident of Presbyterian Village North, snapped this great picture of the Dallas Chapter Color Guard at the Constitution day Celebration on September 13. Pictured are Ralph McDowell, Laurie Crapo, David Temple, Bob Northcraft, and Charles Baker.



**L**ast summer, Sage Ricker (behind tombstone) and his grandfather Color Guard Commander Bob Northcraft traveled to Tice Run, Ludlow, Ohio, to mark and dedicate the grave of their patriot ancestor Cpl. Solomon Tice, Sr. They were assisted by members of the Marietta Chapter of the Ohio Society of SAR. Sage Ricker is a candidate for Junior Member of the Dallas Chapter.

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

<b>Registrar's Report:</b> (Al Sloan) Membership: Last Meeting:	302 36 Members 7 Guests
<b>Treasurer's Report:</b> (Bob Spence) Checking & Cash: Minuteman Fund: Ritchie Fund:	\$ 2,248.28 8360.81 ≈30,000.00



Members of the Dallas Chapter Color Guard took the stage during the September 13 Constitution Day Celebration at Presbyterian Village North. Commander Bob Northcraft, right, presided over the ceremony. Charles Baker and David Hall, Belladier, spoke.

Date	Time	Event	Place
Nov. 8	8:30 a.m.	November Chapter Meeting: Benjamin Hinkley, President of the Texas Society, Children of the American Revolution	Highland Park Cafeteria, Casa Linda Plaza. East quadrant of Buckner Blvd. and Garland Road, behind El Fenix.
Nov. 11	10:00 a.m.	Veterans Day Parade Color Guard in Uniform, WOSAR in period Clothing	Reunion Arena Area, Downtown Dallas
Nov. 28	6:30 p.m.	Dinner Meeting featuring Lloyd Bockstruck. Speaker	Radisson Hotel, 6060 N. Central Expy. Tickets \$20 in advance
Dec. 13	8:30 a.m.	December chapter Meeting. Speaker TBA.	Highland Park Carfeteria