



The MINUTEMAN



Dallas Chapter

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Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution

November-December, 2008

UPCOMING MEETINGS

**November 28,
6:30 p.m.**

Tickets may still be available for our Banquet Meeting at the Radisson Hotel, 6060 N. Central Expy. Call Bob Clark @ 214-528-2400 or 214-528-2428 if you need tickets (\$20 each).

**December 13,
8:30 a.m.**

(Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.)

Congressman Jeb Hensarling will be our speaker for December. Rep. Hensarling has recently been appointed as head of an oversight committee to supervise the distribution of the "bail-out" money approved by Congress.

**January 10,
8:30 a.m.**

(Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.)

Carrying on a long-observed tradition, our January meeting is reserved for Installation of new Chapter officers and for Awards.

President's Message

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



As my last Dallas Chapter President's message, I wish to express my thanks for being able to serve as your chapter president. Due to the hard work of my chapter officers, my job has been easy. This year's location at the Highland Park Cafeteria in Casa Linda has worked well.

We look forward to next week's evening chapter dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, 6060 North Central Expressway (between Mockingbird and Yale on the east side of North Central). The evening will include our world-class speaker, Lloyd Bockstruck, along with an Americanism presentation from Mr. SMU, Dr. Charles Baker.

On November 11, 2008, our Color Guard participated in Dallas' annual Veteran's Day parade downtown. As you may recall, we won first prize last year.

At the November chapter meeting, Commander Bob Northcraft officially received his long-awaited and richly deserved promotion to Major in the Color Guard from BG Mike Radcliff of Plano. Past State President MG Dick Arnold and Col. Peter Rowley completed the "big brass" giving their blessing to the elevation of Compatriot Northcraft.

The next Color Guard event will be at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at the home of Compatriot Harlan Crow. At that time, we will present the colors at the General Washington Society reception.

The December 13, 2008 meeting will include election of next year's officers, along with interesting speakers. Following optional breakfast, the meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Highland Park Cafeteria.

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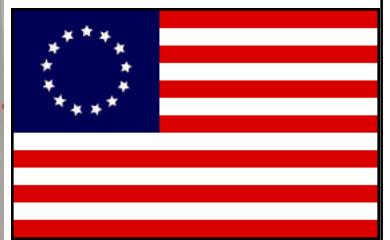
Dallas Chapter Meeting News



The Slate of officers for the Dallas Chapter for 2008 are (clockwise, from upper left): for President: **Henry "Hank" Voegtle**; for First Vice President (Speakers): **Frank Pounders**; for Second Vice President (Awards): **David Temple**; for Secretary: **H. Robert "Bob" Northcraft**; for Historian: **Dr. George Munroe**; for Registrar: **Robert Tanner, Jr.**; for Chaplain: **Arthur "Art" Ingalls**; for Treasurer: **Robert "Bob" Spence**. These nominations will be ratified in the December 10 meeting.



Dallas Chapter Registrar Al Sloan swore in new Compatriot **Finis Crawford "Bud" Kerr** during the November meeting, as Mrs. Kerr looked on.



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.



Above: Brigadier General **Mike Radcliff**, State Color Guard Commander, promoted **Bob Northcraft**, Dallas Chapter Commander to the rank of Major. At left is FSP Major General **Dick Arnold** and at right Col. **Peter Rowley**, North Texas Commander. Below, left: **Benjamin Hinckley**, President of the Texas Society of the Children of the American Revolution, addressed the Dallas chapter at its November meeting on the subject of the original Texas Rangers and their service at the Alamo. Below right: Second V.P. **Frank Ponders**, right, presented War Service Medals and certificates to **Louis E. Willis** and to **Lawrence (Laurie) Crapo**.



★★ 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. ★★



Above, left: Second VP **Frank Pounders** (left) presented a Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate to **FCP Tracy Pounders** for his work in law enforcement as a municipal judge in the Cities of Cedar Hill, Grand Prairie, and Dallas, as Assistant City Attorney in Dallas, and as General Counsel to the Dallas Police and Fire Departments. Right: **Catherine Miller** of the David Pendleton Society of the CAR, gave the Americanism presentation on the recent National election.

Dallas Chapter Color Guard News



The City of Grapevine Vintage Railroad was the venue for a public ceremony in which Daniel Adams (far left), owner of Century Trucks & Vans, presented a new truck to David Hall, owner of the world's only Traveling Liberty Bell. The truck is dedicated to the memory of Sgt. William Crow who was killed in Iraq. At near left, David triumphantly holds up the keys, and the new truck is shown below. The Dallas Chapter Color Guard also participated in the ceremony.



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:

1. Did Hessian Col. Rall have prior knowledge that Washington's army was marching toward Trenton?
 Answer: Yes. Though Rall had the information, he probably had not read it. While drinking wine and playing cards in the middle of the night at a party, he had been handed a note informing him that the American army was marching against the town. He put the note into his pocket unread. It was found in his pocket after his death.

2. In what battle did Washington risk his life by riding between the opposing lines to rally his troops?
 Answer: In the Battle of Princeton fought on January 3, 1777, Washington, on his white horse, rode out in front of his troops to rally them, and escaped from a volley fired by the British.

3. Following the victories at Trenton and Princeton, where did Washington's Continental Army gather for winter quarters?
 Answer: Morristown, NJ.

New Quiz:

1. Who wrote the 47-page pamphlet, "Common Sense," which convinced many Americans to seek independence from England?
2. Newly-commissioned General George Washington opened his recruiting station for his Continental Army on January 1, 1776, in what town?
3. Also on January 1, 1776, Lord Dunmore bombarded a Virginia town, and the Patriots burned Tory homes in retaliation. As Virginia's largest town went up in flames, the loyalist cause perished with it. Name this town where 6,000 inhabitants lived.



The truck presentation shown on page 4 was just in time for the Liberty Bell trailer to make an appearance as a part of the SAR section of the City of Dallas Veterans Day Parade. (Note banner on the back of the trailer.) Participating in the parade were: **Barbara Baker** (LATXSSAR), **Robert Tanner Sr.**, **Laurie Crapo**, **David Temple**, **Harmon Adair**, **Tom Smith**, **Charles Baker**, **Bob Northcraft**, **Tom Whitelock**, and **Robert Tanner Jr.** Next to David Temple is the driver of the truck pulling the SAR float.

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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: 302
Last Meeting: 36 Members
7 Guests

Treasurer's Report:

(Bob Spence)

Checking & Cash: \$ 2,248.28
Minuteman Fund: 8360.81
Ritchie Fund: ≈30,000.00



Above: Compatriots **Bob Northcraft**, **Charles Baker**, and **Tom Smith** represented the Dallas Chapter at the truck dedication ceremony in Grapevine in early November. Below: The unveiling of the new truck shown on page 4.



Date	Time	Event	Place
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: Congressman Jeb Hensarling. Election of 2009 chapter officers	Highland Park Cafeteria, Casa Linda Plaza Shopping Center, Buckner @ Garland Road.
Jan. 10	8:30 a.m.	January Chapter Meeting. Installation of new chapter officers; awards.	Highland Park Cafeteria, Casa Linda Plaza Shopping Center.