



# The MINUTEMAN



## Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution

January-February, 2009

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**February 14,  
8:30 a.m.**

(Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.)

Alton Brouard will speak on the topic "The Cajun Role in the American Revolutionary War." Alton is a member of a Cajun family whose roots begin in Nova Scotia then to Louisiana before the Revolution. They fought on our side since it was the British that tossed them out of Nova Scotia.

**March 14,  
8:30 a.m.**

(Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.)

Speaker to be announced via e-mail.



### President's Message

by Henry "Hank" Voegtle, President, Dallas Chapter,  
Sons of the American Revolution



Matthew Flournoy, my patriot ancestor, was born in 1732, making him a true contemporary of George Washington. Unlike George Washington, he never achieved lasting fame as a politician or military leader. There is no record of military service in the French and Indian wars, nor was he a noteworthy combatant in the American Revolution. He reportedly served as a Justice of the Peace and Sheriff in Prince Edward County, Virginia in his twenties. His patriotic service was providing provision for colonial forces, including hay and pasturage for horses.

That is the glory of our organization. Our members' patriot ancestors supported the cause of American Independence during the years 1774-1783. They may not have borne arms in the Revolutionary War, but their active support of the cause of independence was essential to securing that independence.

It is hard to imagine what our ancestors would have thought about life in 2009, just as it is hard for us to truly know what their life was like. Yet one thing remains constant—the spirit of community involvement. Our organization draws upon the disparate talents of our members to succeed. We have many opportunities for service and outreach. A colonial uniform is not a requirement to participate in our chapter. From judging our youth contests to giving awards, from donating magazines and reading materials to working with veterans, there is something each of us can do to support our chapter, the Sons of the American Revolution, and our Nation. This year, as in 1776, we need your active support of our chapter and its activities. As chapter president, I would like to challenge each of our members to participate in at least one of our chapter's activities and to come to at least one meeting in 2009.

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## Dallas Chapter Meeting News



**L**eft: FCP **Charles Baker** gave the combined Americanism presentation and main program in December, speaking on "U.S. Vexillology" (How we got our flag.)

**B**elow: At the January meeting, District Vice President and FCP **Mark Hansen** swore in the new Dallas Chapter Officers for 2009. They are, left to right, Dr. **George Munroe**, Historian; **Robert (Bob) Spence**, Treasurer; **Robert (Bob) Northcraft**, Secretary; **David Temple**, 2nd Vice President (Awards); **Arthur Ingalls**, Chaplain; **Henry (Hank) Voegtle**, President; **Frank Pounders**, 1st Vice President (Programs); and **Robert Tanner, Jr.**, Registrar.



**F**ormer recipients of the Sisson Golden Sledgehammer Award gathered at the January, 2009 meeting to welcome 2008 Recipient Bob Northcraft into the "club." They are, Left to Right, Jim Templin (2006), Tom Smith (2005), Charles Baker (2003), Ralph McDowell (2002), Allan Christian (2007), Tom & Montye Whitelock (Tom in 2001, both in 2004). The "Traveling Sledgehammer" and plaque (shown between Allan and the Whitelocks) is presented annually to the hardest working member of the Dallas Chapter for the previous year. Bob Northcraft coordinated 152 Color Guard appearances in 2008. (More pictures: p. 5)





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.



At the December meeting, Chapter President Bob Clark (left) and 1st Vice President Hank Voegtle posed with first-responder awardees Dallas Police Senior Corporal Reed Higgins, Dallas Fire Captain David L. Smith, and Dallas Fire-Rescue Paramedic/Driver Ayman Ghousheh. More pictures: p. 4.

## DALLAS CHAPTER TO HOST TEXAS SOCIETY BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING

### Volunteers Needed!

TXSSAR, the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, has accepted the invitation of the Dallas Chapter to hold its Fall, 2009 BOM in the Dallas Area.

This will mean that approximately 100 SAR and Ladies Auxiliary members will descend on Dallas for State committee meetings, Board of Managers Meeting, food, tours, and hotel rooms for the weekend of Friday, October 30 to Sunday, November 1. (This will be the longest BOM in recent history, since that is the weekend that Daylight Savings Time will end ☺.)

FCP Charles Baker has accepted appointment as Chairman of Local Arrangements.

Volunteers are needed both before and during the event, for assistance in Registration, Hotel Liaison, Bus and Tour Coordination, Ladies' Events, and silent auction (benefitting TXSSAR Patriots Fund).

Please call 214-343-0717 to help.

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Below: Fire Captain David L. Smith received the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal and certificate, as Dallas Fire Chief Eddie Burns, Sr., looked on.







*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. Who wrote the 47-page pamphlet, *Common Sense*, which convinced many Americans to seek independence from England? **Answer:** Thomas Paine, who had arrived in America in November, 1774, published *Common Sense* anonymously in Philadelphia in January, 1776. Within 3 months, 120,000 copies were sold. Half a million were eventually sold.
2. Newly-commissioned General George Washington opened his recruiting station for his Continental Army on January 1, 1776, in what town? **Answer:** Cambridge, Massachusetts
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. **Answer:** Norfolk, Virginia

**New Quiz:** (Answers in the April issue)

1. Who was the first Continental Congressman to introduce a resolution in Congress for a declaration of independence, stating "That these United Colonies are, and of a right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved."?
2. What British admiral attacked Charleston, South Carolina, in June, 1776?
3. From a half-finished Fort Sullivan, built of palmetto logs 16 feet apart and filled with sandy soil, who repelled the British attempt to take Charleston?

Dallas Chapter Color Guard News



Above: Bob Northcraft, right, and David Hall, owner of the Liberty Bell, presented a Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate to Darren Adams, and a Certificate of Appreciation to father Bill Adams, owners of Century Vans and Trucks, for donating the new truck to pull the Bell trailer.

Right: Close-up of the elaborate Sledgehammer Award plaque presented to Bob Northcraft at the January meeting. The Sledgehammer is passed on each year to the hardest working man in the Dallas Chapter for the previous year. See blowup on p.6.



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| <b>Registrar's Report:</b><br>(Al Sloan)   |                        |
| Membership:                                | 288                    |
| Last Meeting:                              | 40 Members<br>9 Guests |
| <b>Treasurer's Report:</b><br>(Bob Spence) |                        |
| Checking & Cash:                           | \$ 1,921.88            |
| Minuteman Fund:                            | \$ 8,406.67            |
| Ritchie Fund:                              | \$ 30,197.64           |



2008  
 Recipient of the  
 "Sisson Sledgehammer"  
 Award

Dallas Chapter's  
 Hardest Worker

Bob Northcraft



| Date    | Time      | Event   | Place  |
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| Feb. 14 | 8:30 a.m. | February Chapter Meeting. Speaker: Alton Brouard on "The Cajun Role in the American Revolutionary War." | Highland Park Cafeteria, Casa Linda Plaza Shopping Center, Buckner @ Garland Road. |
| Mar. 14 | 8:30 a.m. | March Chapter Meeting. Speaker: To be announced via e-mail.   | Highland Park Cafeteria.   |
| Apr. 11 | 8:30 a.m. | January Chapter Meeting. Texas State President Tom Lawrence will speak                                  | Highland Park Cafeteria.   |
| Apr. 29 | 8:00 a.m. | Color Guard will Open the Annual Colonial Day Program   | Providence Christian School, 5002 Lovers Lane                                      |