



The MINUTEMAN



Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution
May-June, 2009

UPCOMING MEETINGS

June 13, 8:30 a.m.
(Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.)

Judge Ed Butler, SAR Secretary General, will speak at our June meeting.



Butler

Ellis

July 11, 8:30 a.m.
(Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.)

Virgil Ellis, a member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas and Revolutionary War reenactor, will speak at our July meeting.



Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer . . .

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



Nat King Cole sang those lyrics in 1963. To many Americans those lyrics reflect what summer should be — a time for rest and relaxation. Yet to us in the Sons of the American Revolution, summer is not a restful time. Between May and September we celebrate the sacrifices made by members of the armed forces on Memorial Day, the adoption of a design for our flag on June 14, the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, and the adoption of our Constitution in September. During that time we have our national congress and a state board of managers meeting.

When you look at the Revolutionary War, a significant portion of it was a warm weather war. This is not to say that there were not large scale military activities during winter months, but a number of major campaigns and battles occurred between April and October. Both sides bunkered down in the winter. In the winter food was scarce. In a pre-industrial agrarian society, food was local, and food was seasonal. During the growing season an army could live off the land by foraging, but during winter it dug in to conserve its resources.

Although we are finishing a cycle of presentations — Bronze Good Citizenship and ROTC medals, our activities do not stop there. As I write this, the Color Guard has three events on Memorial Day and at least three on the Fourth of July. Just because they are Color Guard activities does not mean that if you don't have Revolutionary War attire you cannot participate. You can come out to cheer the Color Guard on, or get an official shirt from the SAR Merchandise Department and march along. Those who choose to march in uniform are just one aspect of our public perception, but each of us can do our part to enhance public awareness of SAR. Even wearing the rosette that you received when you joined SAR can spark a conversation about its significance and quite possibly lead to a new member. With each new member the chapter and the state and national societies are that much stronger.

Our chapter does not go dark during the summer, nor should we individually slacken our efforts to keep the memory and example of our patriot ancestors alive.

Dallas Chapter Meeting News



Upper left: Our main speaker for the April Meeting was Mr. Tom Lawrence, the new President of TXSSAR. Allen Clark spoke at our May meeting on the topic of the Radical Jihadist threat.

Lower left: Tom Lawrence and Barbara Baker, Treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary of TXSSAR (LATXSSAR), hold the two framed needlepoint pictures of historic flags of the American Revolutionary War period. The set of art works will be raffled by LATXSSAR during the year, with the proceeds going to the TXSSAR Patriot Fund. The setting for this picture is the wall of portraits of First Ladies of the United States at Highland Park Cafeteria. Below: Conner Pate received congratulations, certificates, and two checks in the amount of \$300 each for winning the chapter's Eagle Scout Contest and Essay Contest.



Dallas Chapter Volunteers are needed to help with the Fall TXSSAR Board of Managers Meeting which the Dallas Chapter will be hosting on Friday, October 30, to Sunday, November 1. We need people to help man the Registration Booth, coordinate tour buses, to serve as liaison with the hotel, and others as liaison with the Ladies Auxiliary. Please call Local Chairman Charles Baker at 214-343-0717 if you can help.

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.

Last Issue's Americanism Quiz:

1. What were the first and last colonies to declare independence? Rhode Island declared its independence in the first week of May, 1776. New York was the last to declare, on July 15.
2. Did Thomas Jefferson own slaves? Jefferson owned about 200 slaves. About one-third of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were slave owners.
3. Did George Washington own slaves? Washington owned 135 slaves. He freed some during the war; in his will, he freed the rest.
4. Shortly after the British arrived in New York, which of Washington's Generals fell ill and had to relinquish command of Long Island, and why was this action detrimental to the American cause? General Nathaniel Greene, who was familiar with the lay of the land, was replaced by General Sullivan, who was not.

New Americanism Quiz (Answers in August Issue):

1. After the Battle of Long Island, for what term of enlistment did Congress agree?
2. When fire broke out in New York City on September 21, 1776, why weren't the alarm bells sounded?
3. Who set fire to the City of New York?
4. Why did General Nathaniel Greene favor the burning of New York City?
5. What is the name of the center patriot pictured in the group of three patriots shown on our chapter's website? (See Minutes of the May 9 meeting at <http://sardallas.com> for the answer.)



Top, left to right: Second V. P. David Temple presented Military Service Medals and certificates to Laurie Crapo and Lewis Willis, and a Ten-year Membership Pin and certificate to Charles Baker. At left, Jim Fairbairn received his Five-year Pin and certificate. Bob Clark showed off the Dallas Chapter's "Outstanding Chapter Award" certificate that we won at the TXSSAR State Meeting in March, plus Conner Pate's First-Place Winner certificate in the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest.

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 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.

Dallas Chapter Color Guard News



These handsome Compatriots gathered around Exhibit Coordinator Laura Douglas on the occasion of the grand opening ceremony of the new Benjamin Franklin Exhibit at the main Fowler Public Library in Denton on May 9: Left to right: Drake Peddie, Bob Northcraft, Chris Casey, Charles Baker, Bob Spence, Tom Whitelock, Chris Strauss, Hank Voegtle, Rick Fawkes, Jim Johnson, Laurie Crapo, Bob Hall, Dick Arnold, and Mike Radcliff. The variety of uniform colors and styles is historically authentic.



Left: Ralph McDowell presented to Color Guard Commander Bob Northcraft a handmade 13-star flag from Mel & Judy McCoy. Judy made the flag for Mel when he was active in the Dallas Chapter. The McCoy's now reside in Salt Lake City. Following this presentation, Ralph gave the Americanism presentation on the history of "In God We Trust" on U.S. coins and currency.



Right: Before the National PolkaFest Parade in Ennis on May 23, Parade Marshal & Congressman Joe Barton and Liberty Bell owner David Hall discussed the history of this bell and how David acquired it.

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Above: Participating in the annual Colonial Day Program at Providence Christian School were Compatriots James Henderson, Tom Whitelock, James Johnson, Charles Baker, Charles Windham, Ralph McDowell, Tom Smith, and Jim Templin. Below: These Compatriots participated in the Polkafest Parade in Ennis on May 23: Charles Baker, David Hall (Bell owner), Glen Toal, Mike Petridis (with Sarah), Tom Whitelock, Jim Templin, Laurie Crapo, Randy Jones, Bob Northcraft, Tracy Pounders, Alex Pounders, Gerald Tyler, and Drake Peddie. Inset picture: Alex Pounders was the Belladier in the PolkaFest Parade.



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Registrar's

Report:

(Al Sloan)

Membership:

303

Last Meeting:

33 Members

4 Guests

Treasurer's

Report:

(Bob Spence)

Checking & Cash:

\$ 3,237.41

Minuteman Fund:

\$ 8,334.83

Ritchie Fund:

\$ 30,107.86



Barbara "Martha Washington" Baker held the Betsy Ross Flag during the National PolkaFest Parade in Ennis, TX on May 23.

Inside: Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer ...

Date	Time	Event	Place
June 13	8:00 a.m.	Regular Dallas Chapter Meeting:	Highland Park Cafeteria, Casa Linda Plaza, east quadrant, behind El Fenix
June 14	1:00 p.m.	Flag Day Celebration	Gazebo, Downtown Grapevine, TX
June 28	7:00 p.m.	City of Argyle Independence Day Program	414 Highway 377, Argyle, TX
July 4	8:15 a.m.	Independence Day Parades	Lake Highlands and Park Cities
July 11	8:00 a.m.	Regular Dallas Chapter Meeting	Highland Park Cafeteria, Casa Linda Plaza