

The MINUTEMAN



Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution

July-August, 2009

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Our speaker will be Char Justiss, a noted author, book reviewer, and Professor of History at Mountain View College.



Justiss Bockstruck

September 12, 8:30 a.m.
(Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.)

Our September speaker will be Dallas Chapter Compatriot Lloyd Bockstruck, a nationally-known Genealogist.



"Elvis is Dead and I'm Not Feeling So Good Myself"

(Title of book by Lewis Grizzard)

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



In the past month we have seen many events, but one event has dominated the media and has dwarfed many others that have occurred, such as an apparently rigged election in Iran, the ouster of a dictator-in-training in Honduras, the refusal of a high elected official to send greetings to a patriotic organization, but most importantly one event seemed to overshadow the anniversary of our country's independence. The death of an entertainer, whose best years were behind him, based upon the coverage it received, is far more important than recognizing our country's establishment and its fight for freedom.

Patriotism seems to be out of fashion. Like wide ties, it makes periodic comebacks, most recently after 9/11, only to fade to the place most Americans apparently think it belongs – history – by the end of 2001. How do we, as members of the Sons of the American Revolution, keep our organization's objectives at the forefront of public opinion? We don't have any snappy phrase that we can use like "keep Christ in Christmas." We don't even have the member level of the Daughters of the American Revolution. But membership does not necessarily mean involvement, because if you look at our chapter's membership it is easy to see that we have a core group of very active members, another group, slightly larger, of active members, and a still larger number of members who have very little involvement in the chapter's activities. Some people disparagingly refer to this last group as "certificate members," men who join merely to get the membership certificate.

Certificate members can and must do something if our organization is to live up to its objectives. It can be as simple as wearing the Society's rosette. It can be recommending a friend, co-worker, neighbor or even an acquaintance for one of our awards—a flag certificate for the person or business which properly flies the American flag, a citizenship award for the person who exemplifies good citizenship, giving a talk on your patriot ancestor's role in the American Revolution at a civic group or school. Most importantly, one thing everyone can do is to get a member. If you can get a member then you've passed the torch of patriotism to another. The more who hold the torch, the brighter it shines.

It would be a shame to wake up one July 4th and discover that Independence Day is not mentioned due to the death of an entertainer.

Dallas Chapter Meeting News



Clockwise starting above: Al Murphy received his certificate and prize as second-place winner in the Dallas Chapter Poster Contest from John Morton, Contest Chairman. Judge Ed Butler was the featured speaker for our June meeting. Ed was elected President-General of the SAR at its 2009 Congress in Atlanta. Following his presentation to the Dallas Chapter, meeting Ed received a bottle of private label Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr. wine. Compatriot Francis Church received his 60 (sixty)-year service pin and certificate. A Son of the Republic of Texas and Revolutionary War Re-enactor, Virgil Ellis spoke at the July meeting. His topic was the role of the Scotch in the Southern Campaign in the War for Independence. The movie "The Patriot" was a montage of battles in which these people fought.



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.

Answers to Last Issue's Americanism Trivia Quiz:

1. After the Battle of Long Island, for what term of enlistment did Congress agree? **Three years.**
2. When fire broke out in New York City on September 21, 1776, why weren't the alarm bells sounded? **They had been melted down for ammunition.**
3. Who set fire to the City of New York? **The patriots. Several were caught and hanged by the British.**
4. Why did General Nathaniel Greene favor the burning of New York City? **He felt that the patriots would never regain the city and thus wanted to deny it to the British. Gen. Washington did not know of this plan.**
5. What is the name of the patriot who inspired the painting of the center person 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.) **Cpl. Joe Munroe**, Patriot Ancestor of our own Compatriot George Munroe. The painting, originally titled "Yankee Doodle," later became known as "The Spirit of '76." It was painted by Archibald McNeal Willard for the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition of 1876. It now hangs in the museum on the top floor of the U.S. State Department in Washington, DC. Look closely at the face in the painting and note the resemblance to George Munroe.

New Americanism Quiz (Answers in October Issue):

1. Who invented the one-man submarine (called *Turtle*)?
2. Was the attack of the *Turtle* on the British man-of-war *Asia* successful?
3. In the Battle of Trenton, why did Col. Charles Scott tell his men to fire at the legs of the Hessians?
4. What future American president was wounded in the Battle of Trenton?
5. Who was the only Patriot of the American Revolution to sign all four documents: The Continental Association of 1774, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the U.S. Constitution? Hint: He was an elected member of the U.S. House of Representatives. At the time of his death of typhoid in 1793, he was both the mayor of New Haven, CT and an elected member of the U.S. Senate.



Editor's Note: Dr. Joe Allen Rice has been appointed the Chairman of Publicity for TXSSAR. He is an avid reader and has committed to providing "Booktips" describing some of the best books for your reading pleasure and knowledge. I have personally ordered his Booktip shown below: *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference*, by Malcolm Gladwell. It is available new in paperback from Amazon at a cost of only \$8.54, and used for as little as \$3.44. You can get it on an audio CD for your automobile CD player for as little as \$23.00.

BOOKTIP by Compatriot Dr. Joe Allen Rice, Chairman of Publicity, TXSSAR

There's a reason Hewlett-Packard and other computer companies have made Malcolm Gladwell's recent book *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference* required reading.

"It's about change," says Gladwell. "It's a book that presents a new way of understanding why change so often happens as quickly and unexpectedly as it does."

Here's where SAR members come in: *The Tipping Point* builds its main idea around Paul Revere's midnight ride. You'll want to read it. In Gladwell's words: "People who understand *The Tipping Point*, I think, have a way of decoding the world around them." Put that another way: People who understand Paul Revere and his ride, have a way of decoding the world.



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.



Dallas Chapter Color Guard News



It's been a busy time for the Color Guard. Upper left: The Memorial Day Service in Duncanville included Bob Northcraft, Charles Baker, Charles Windham, David Temple, Ralph McDowell, Tom Whitelock, and Rick Fawkes. Above: The City of Dallas Memorial Day Service at Restland included Charles Windham, John Greer, Bob Northcraft, Tom & Montye Whitelock, and Charles Baker. Not shown: Ralph & Jean McDowell, Art Ingalls, and Barbara Baker. Left: Restland volunteers created a sea of flags. Over 5000 American Flags, each staff bearing the name of a U.S. service person killed in Iraq or Afghanistan. The center section contains hundreds of Texas flags, each staff bearing the name of a Texan who died. Below: The Sons of the Confederacy fired the 21-gun salute using antique cannons. Lower left: Charles Baker, Drake Peddie, Jim Johnson, Bill Neisel, Bob Northcraft, Tom Whitelock, and Laurie Crapo participated in the June 14 Flag Day Service in the City of Grapevine.



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All ready to go for the 29th annual Lake Highlands July 4th Parade, the SAR Color Guard, assisted by the Boy Scouts of Troop 890 and the Cub Scouts of Pack 890, paused just before the parade started for this picture. The Color Guard included Tom Whitelock, Mike Petridis, Wendell Edwards, Charles Baker, David Temple, and Ralph McDowell. Carrying flags of the Thirteen Colonies were Dorian Cicero (Delaware), John Roemisch (Pennsylvania), Bobby Otte (New Jersey), Jimmy Lieb (Georgia), Alex Wickberg (Connecticut, Joel Barrett (Massachusetts), Dylan Roberts (Maryland), Miles Wilson (South Carolina), Aaron Peterson (New Hampshire), Brandon Vonsternberg (Virginia), Noah Wilson (New York), Jeffrey Bradshaw (North Carolina), and Shane Bono (Rhode Island). Banner carriers included Christopher Brashear, Josh Newman, Gabriel Esparza, Neil Cutting, Andrew Cutting, and Kyle Klemme for the SAR; Nick Graves, Shane Boyce, Brent Urban, Andrew Kirsop, and Will Moffett for Troop 890; and Griffin Allen, Nick Stephens, and Joaquin Moore for Pack 890.

The picture at left appeared in the Neighbors Go Lake Highlands edition of the Dallas Morning News on Friday, July 17, 2009, Page 7. SAR Color Guard members shown are Wendle Edwards, Ralph McDowell, Charles Baker David Temple (behind Baker), and Tom Whitelock. More pictures, including the Color Guard at the Park Cities Parade, will appear in the September-October issue.



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.



The Dallas Area Regents Council
National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution

Request the pleasure of Daughters and Guests
to Ring in the Constitution with our

Bells, Boots & Bonnets
Constitution Week Brunch

Saturday, September 19, 2009
10:30 a.m., Reception & Receiving Line
11:00 a.m., seated Brunch

Stonebriar County Club
5050 Country Club Drive
Frisco, TX 75034
Phone: 972 625-5050

Speaker: Gary Alexander
Medal of Honor Host City Program

Hosted by:
General Bernardo de Galvez Chapter
Cross Timber Chapter
Preston Ridge Chapter

Check made payable to DARC in the amount of \$25.00 per person
Please remit by September 9, 2009 to
Deana McCarns
2259 County Road 645
Farmersville, TX 75442

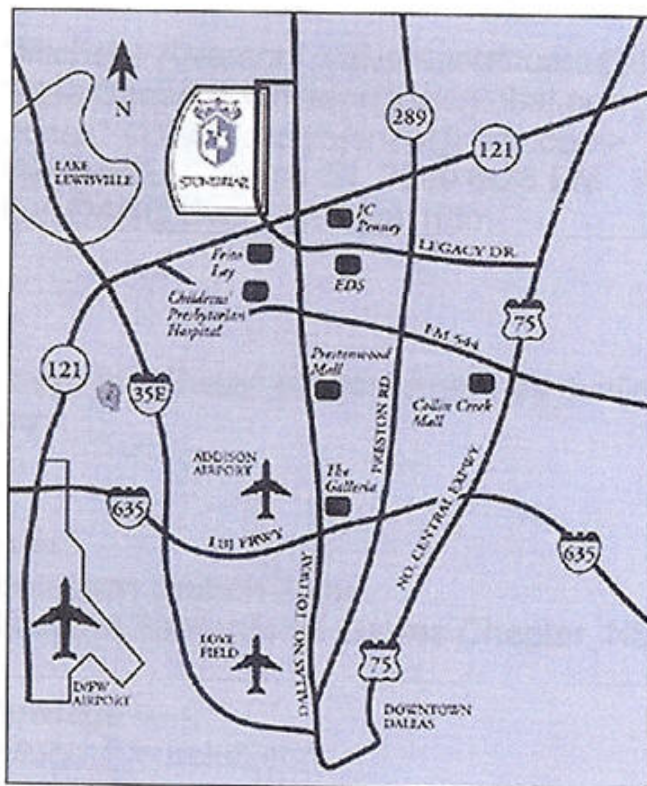
We are encouraging daughters and guests to participate in any or all of the following ways:

1. Bring a "bell" to ring (any type of bell)
2. Wear a "bonnet" (any type of head covering)
3. Wear your "boots"
4. Wear a "revolutionary costume"
5. Invite as a guest a Social Studies Teacher from your local school district

OR

None of the above is required for participation!

Driving Map to Stonebriar Country Club



**Come and celebrate Constitution Week with the Dallas Area Regents Council
National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution**

Dallas Chapter
Sons of the American
Revolution

9603 Estate Lane
Dallas, TX 75238

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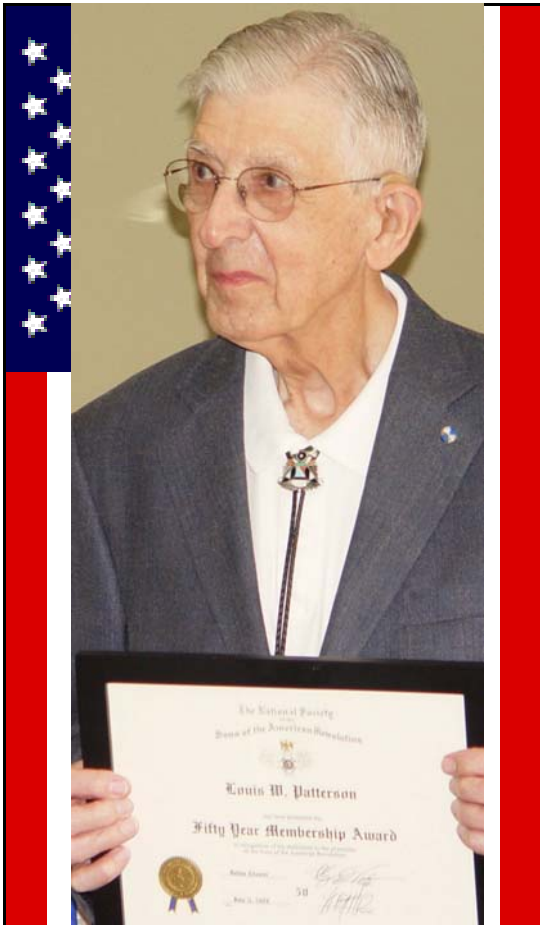
(Al Sloan)

Membership: 307
Last Meeting: 30 Members
7 Guests

**Treasurer's
Report:**

(Bob Spence)

Checking & Cash: \$ 3,157.51
Minuteman Fund: \$ 8,334.83
Ritchie Fund: \$ 30,107.86



Compatriot Lou Patterson received his 50-year membership certificate and service pin during the July meeting

Inside: Elvis is Dead, and I'm not Feeling so Good Myself

Date	Time	Event	Place
Aug. 8	8:00 a.m.	Regular Dallas Chapter Meeting: Historian Char Justiss will speak.	Highland Park Cafeteria, Casa Linda Plaza, east quadrant, behind El Fenix
Sept. 12	8:00 a.m.	Regular Dallas Chapter Meeting: Genealogist Lloyd Bockstruck will speak.	Highland Park Cafeteria
Sept. 19	10:30 a.m.	Dallas Area Regents Council of DAR Constitution Week Brunch	Stonebriar Country Club, Frisco See pp. 6-7.
Oct. 10	8:00 a.m.	Regular Dallas Chapter Meeting: Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert will speak.	Highland Park Cafeteria