



# The MINUTEMAN



## Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution  
November-December, 2009

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**December 12, 8:30 a.m.**  
(Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.\*)

Our speaker will be Philip Hayes, winner of the 2008 and 2009 TXSSAR Oration Contests and the 2009 SAR National Oration Contest.



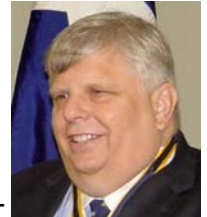
**Philip Hayes**

**January 9, 8:30 a.m.**  
(Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.)\*  
Annual Awards Meeting



## IT'S BEEN A VERY GOOD YEAR

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



With the year drawing to a close, I want to take this opportunity to wish all Compatriots a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. This is my last column, and I would also like to extend my thanks to everyone for the support they've given me and, more importantly, the Dallas Chapter. Your diversity is what makes our chapter great.

But it's not the time to rest on our laurels. As a chapter we need to keep striving. We hosted the Texas Society's Board of Manager's Meeting in October and will be hosting the Texas Society's convention in 2011. That will be another chance for our chapter to shine. I also think the move from Highland Park Cafeteria to Presbyterian Village North has been well received. We have a country club atmosphere and lower prices for our meetings.

In the New Year we have a new round of Good Citizenship Medals and ROTC Medals to present. David Temple, our Second Vice President, has done an excellent job of coordinating these and other awards. Color Guard Commander Bob Northcraft has been nominated to succeed David as Second Vice President. Bob will need your help balancing all his activities. He has suggested, and I agree, that our Awards and Medals Committee needs at least two more persons, to help coordinate the two different types of medals. In this issue of *The Minuteman* (p.4), you'll find a committee preference form. Please consider how YOU might help, and bring your form to the next meeting.

There have been shortcomings this year. I wish we had more opportunities to work with the local DAR and CAR. Both groups are keys to our continued growth. I propose that we try to schedule a joint SAR/DAR/CAR dinner in celebration of Washington's Birthday in 2010 and make it an annual event. I think the more mature CAR members will enjoy and benefit by attending.

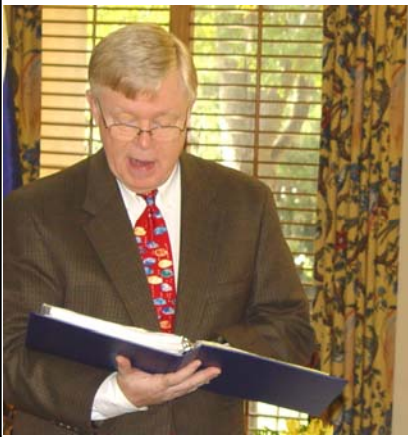
Our monthly attendance has hovered around 40 for several years. The members who participate in chapter activities also seem to be the same group. Is this a result of meeting on Saturday mornings or something else? Could the chapter have other regular events? Probably. Do we need to add "happy hours" to our schedule? Are occasional lunch or dinner meetings a possibility? We need to provide ways to turn our inactive members into active compatriots.

Taking an idea from FCP Ralph McDowell, I would like to offer a ballad:

But now the days grow short,  
I'm in the autumn of my term,  
and now I think of this year as vintage wine  
from fine old kegs, from the brim to the dregs  
and it poured sweet and clear. It was a very good year.

## Dallas Chapter Meeting News

Right, going Clockwise: Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert received the traditional miniature Liberty Bell and Certificate of Appreciation following his excellent "State of the City" message at the October meeting. At the November meeting, Dallas County Judge Jim Foster explained the workings of the County Court and current issues. FCP Charles Baker gave an "Americana" presentation at the November meeting, leading attendees in a rendition of "The Mississippi Squirrel Revival" by Ray Stevens. He explained that on 9/11/2009, many flags put out by residents of Presbyterian Village North had been stolen by the local squirrel populace for the purpose of lining their nests for the winter. Thus, he dedicated the song to the "patriotic squirrels of PVN." New Compatriot Todd Kenly Ashbrook was sworn in by Dallas Chapter Registrar John Guittard. In October, Chapter President Hank Voegtle told about his trip to the Leadership Conference in Louisville, KY, and 1<sup>st</sup> VP Frank Pounders reminded us to remember that one most important thing.





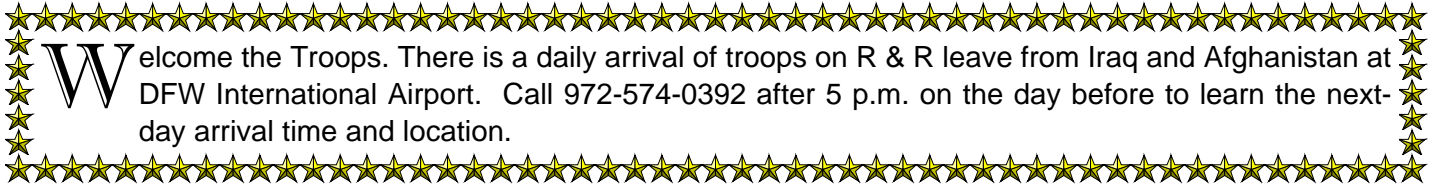
Our new meeting location is in the Dining Room at Presbyterian Village North Retirement Community. To reach this beautiful heavily wooded 63-acre gated community from Central Expressway (U.S. 75): Take the Forest Lane Exit and go east on Forest Lane 0.8 mile; turn right on Landa Lane and go two short blocks on Landa. From Forest Lane and Greenville Avenue, go 0.5 mile west on Forest Lane and turn left on Landa Lane. Go two short blocks on Landa. Go straight in through the wrought iron main gate. Park to the left in "Resident Parking." Enter the front door of the main building. Coffee by 7:30; breakfast by 7:45 a.m.

## Dallas Chapter Color Guard News



Above: George and Martha Washington accompanied our Color Guard in the Dallas Veterans Day Parade. Upper right: Jeanette Prasifca and Tom Whitelock stopped for a moment in their preparation for the first Public Flag Retirement Ceremony at Flag Pole Hill. The event was sponsored by oldwornflag.com, founded by Prasifca for the purpose of educating people in the proper disposal of old worn American flags. Right, the Navy JROTC unit from Hebron High School assisted in the preparation and disposal of some 500 flags that had been collected for the occasion. In preparation, a flag is first inspected to verify that it is no longer fit to represent our country. Then the canton (stars and blue portion) is separated from the stripes, so that it is no longer a flag. Then the two parts are burned in a solemn retirement ceremony, Taps is played, and a rifle volley may follow. Attendees received a new appreciation for the flag and its meaning.





**W**elcome the Troops. There is a daily arrival of troops on R & R leave from Iraq and Afghanistan 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.

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REQUEST – PLEASE BRING TO MEETING**

The following survey is being submitted to members of the Dallas Chapter interested in serving on a committee for the year 2010. If you are aware of members who may not have received this form, please copy this form and forward it to them.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your present or past service in the Dallas Chapter, TXSSAR or the NSSAR?

PRESENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PAST: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your present/former (if retired) occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your primary hobbies (other than SAR)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Instructions: Please mark your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices for committee assignments.

- Americanism/Programs \_\_\_\_\_
- Color Guard \_\_\_\_\_
- Facilities \_\_\_\_\_
- Finance/Budget \_\_\_\_\_
- Greeters \_\_\_\_\_
- History \_\_\_\_\_
- Legal Advisory/By-Laws \_\_\_\_\_
- Medals & Awards \_\_\_\_\_
- Membership \_\_\_\_\_
- Partners in Patriotism (DAR, CAR) \_\_\_\_\_
- Veterans/Veterans Affairs \_\_\_\_\_
- Nominating Committee (if eligible) \_\_\_\_\_
- Youth Activities: Eagle Scout Contest \_\_\_\_\_
- Essay Contest \_\_\_\_\_
- Oration Contest \_\_\_\_\_
- Poster Contest \_\_\_\_\_
- History Teacher Contest \_\_\_\_\_



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# Please fill out and bring to the December Meeting or mail to Jim or Grady. Addresses at bottom of chart.

Name	Date														
	Points	Per	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
Chapter : Dallas															
Prepared by:															
Chapter member appointed to local United Veterans Council or equivalent organizations	25														
Each HOUR served in Volunteer service	10	Hour													
Each SAR member visiting a Veteran	5	Hour													
Each mile traveled visiting a Veteran	1	Mile													
Each gift donated to veteran in VA Hospital or nursing home	1	Item													
Each Dollar donated to VAVS	1	\$													
Each Publication donated to VA Hospital or nursing home	1	Item													
Each veteran Outing or party that includes Veteran Patients 1-10=10 11-25=15 26-50=20	see left														
Special OBSERVANCE attending with Veteran organizations (Washington's birthday, Flag Day, 4th of July etc.	10	Event													
Special OBSERVANCE sponsored by your chapter with other Veterans organizations	25	Event													
Marking Revolutionary War Veterans Graves	25	Grave													
Used Clothing	see chart														
Used Big Ticketed Items	0.33	Original cost													
Complete by 12/31/09 and send to: Grady Fairbairn, 7300 Dustin Ct., North Richland Hills, TX 76182 (g.fairbairn@sbcglobal.net) or James Fairbairn at 2310 Golden Willow Lane, Richardson, TX 75082 (jmfcmfbairn@msn.com)															Grand Total

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, Minutes archives, etc. 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. Name one of the two patriots who froze to death during the night of the crossing of the Delaware River prior to the Battle of Trenton. Richard Baker, the brother of Charles Baker's Patriot Ancestor David Baker, froze to death in the crossing. This information is found in David's application for Veterans Pension, filed in 1832, and documented in McCullough's 1776 The body of the other patriot was possibly never identified.
2. Name the two other commanders Washington assigned to cross the Delaware with separate forces to assist in the attack on Trenton. Lieutenant Colonel John Cadwalader and General James Ewing.
3. In writing of the Battle of Trenton, what historian wrote, "Yet it may be doubted whether so small a number of men ever employed so short a space of time with greater or more lasting results upon the history of the world"? George Otto Trevelyan.

**New Americanism Trivia Quiz (Answers in February Issue):**

1. Why has 1777 been referred to as the "Year of the Hangman"?
2. Before the Battle of Princeton, British troops arrived in front of Washington's army, pinning the Americans against the Delaware River near Trenton. What British General allowed Washington's army to escape by failing to attack in the evening, bragging that he would "bag the fox in the morning."?
3. What type of boats, peculiar to the Delaware River, did Washington use in his several crossings?

**Dallas Chapter Officer Slate:**

At the November Meeting of the Dallas Chapter, Nominating Committee Chairman Bob Clark announced the following nominations for 2010:

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| President: <b>Frank Ponders</b>                     | Treasurer: <b>Jim Fairbairn</b>     |
| 1st Vice President (Programs): <b>David Temple</b>  | Chaplain: <b>Art Ingalls</b>        |
| 2nd Vice President: (Awards): <b>Bob Northcraft</b> | Registrar: <b>John Guittard</b>     |
| Secretary: <b>Nick Harper, Jr.</b>                  | Historian: <b>Dr. George Munroe</b> |

**B**ooktip from the TXSSAR Publicity Committee, Dr. Joe Allen Rice, Chair:

Authors Theodore Savas and David Dameron stake out a big territory with their history: A Guide to the Battles of the American Revolution. They call it, "the first comprehensive account of every engagement in the Revolution." Their intended audience includes historians and "general enthusiasts everywhere." (Like SAR members.) They provide maps, show each battle from the viewpoints of both sides and include opposing leaders, location, terrain, weather, time of day, outcome, and losses. In 360 pages, they cover the territory. It's out in paperback: \$23.07 from amazon.com

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Meetings are held on the Second Saturday of each month at **Presbyterian Village North, 8600 Skyline Drive** in Dallas, or as announced on our website at [sardallas.org](http://sardallas.org). A cover charge of \$2 includes coffee with endless refills and a ticket for the door prize drawing. Full breakfast buffet served by 7:45 a.m. for a total of \$10 including cover and door prize ticket. Program from 8:30 a.m. until about 10:00. Guests and Fellow compatriots from other chapters are always welcome.



## ... and Parting Shots

With every issue, the Editor of *The Minuteman* Newsletter receives more pictures than will fit into a six or eight-page format, and every issue is published with some regret that the next great picture just won't fit. So it is with belated apologies that we present the "Next great picture" that would have been published in the newsletters of 2009 if we had had the space. From below-right, going clockwise:

**February, 2009 Issue:** Charles & Barbara Baker visited "The North Pole Express" at the Historic Train Station in Grapevine, Texas last Christmas season, to hear the pitch, see the exhibits, and ride the train. The Coachman at right is Dallas chapter Secretary Bob Northcraft, a professional actor, in the character of The Coachman.

**April, 2009 Issue:** A gathering of TXSSAR Compatriots paused for a group photo at the George Washington's Birthday Parade in Laredo. How many can you recognize? The 2010 event will be on February 20. This is annually one of the largest parades in the entire U.S.A.!

**October Issue:** Dallas Chapter President Hank Voegtle attended the Consecration Ceremony for the new SAR Headquarters in Louisville, KY.

**April Issue:** Philip Hayes, winner of the TXSSAR Oration Contest is flanked by TXSSAR officers Harry Fife, Jim Jones, and Peter Rowley. (See Page 1.)

**June Issue:** Jean McDowell, Barbara Baker, and Art Ingalls relaxed at the City of Dallas Memorial Day Service.



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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:

**(John Guittard)**

Membership: 318  
Last Meeting: 35 Members  
9 Guests

### Treasurer's

#### Report:

**(Bob Spence)**

Checking & Cash: \$ 2,062.43  
Minuteman Fund: \$ 8,344.36  
Ritchie Fund: \$ 30,143.43



## First Public Flag Retirement Ceremony Flag Pole Hill November 14, 2009

The Betsy Ross Flag Girls, Inc., donated 50 new American Flags that were given to the first 50 people who brought old worn flags to the event. (See p. 3 inside.)



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Date	Time	Event	Place
<b>Dec. 12</b>	<b>8:00* a.m.</b>	<b>Regular Dallas Chapter Meeting. Oration Winner Philip Hayes will speak.</b>	<b>Dining Room, Presbyterian Village North, 8600 Skyline Dr. Dallas</b>
<b>Jan. 9</b>	<b>8:00* a.m.</b>	<b>Annual Awards Program and Installation of Officers</b>	<b>Presbyterian Village North, 8600 Skyline Dr., Dallas</b>
<b>Feb. 13</b>	<b>8:00* a.m.</b>	<b>Regular Chapter Meeting. Speaker: TBA</b>	<b>Presbyterian Village North, 8600 Skyline Dr., Dallas</b>

\* Coffee will be ready by 7:30; breakfast by 7:45. Meeting starts at 8:30.