



The MINUTEMAN



Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution

March-April, 2010

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 17, 8:30 a.m.*
(Breakfast served 7:45)



Newly-Elected 2010-2011 President of TXSSAR **Jim Jones** will speak at our April 17 meeting.

May 8, 8:30 a.m.*
(Breakfast served 7:45)



Mrs. Graham (Joy) Martin, Regent of the Martha Jefferson Randolph DAR Chapter in Grayson County, TX will speak.

President's Message

by Frank Pounders, President, Dallas Chapter,
Sons of the American Revolution



Fellow Compatriots,

There has never been a more important time to do everything we can to foster the attributes of our democratic republic---equality, freedom, justice, religion, prosperity and the ability to choose our way to express and experience these virtues. Our forefathers agonized over each word of the documents of government so that there would be no way they could be abrogated. Of late it seems that there is a movement to ignore those words and insert interpretations that mock the original meaning. Our heritage is to make every effort to protect the status of the government in such a way that our children retain the same rights that our forefathers fought and died for.

What we do now will have lasting consequences. If we do them well, the rewards will be bountiful. If we neglect or do them half-heartedly, the results will be disappointing. Volunteering to do a service in our chapter is a wonderful way for you to do your part. We have several positions open — well, not open, for some of the former keepers of the flame would like a respite but are staying on until replaced. All of the efforts we make are important and worthy. Please step up. You will find it personally rewarding and increase your confidence that you have done your part in keeping this nation free, prosperous and strong.

If you can devote some time to helping run one of our youth contests at the chapter level, or helping set up the meeting room once a month, or presenting an award to a student, please contact me at 214-503-0077.

Frank Pounders

***Coffee will be ready by 7:30 a.m.; breakfast will be served from 7:45 until 8:00. Meeting starts at 8:30.**

Dallas Chapter Meeting News



Upper left: At the February 13 meeting, the character of Jonathan Haraden of Salem, MA, played by Compatriot Drake Peddie, spoke of his accomplishments as a Privateer Patriot during the American Revolutionary War. The United State Navy has named two ships in his honor because of the havoc that his activities caused the British during the war. **Center:** During the March 13 meeting, John Luckadoo, a B-17 bomber pilot during World War II, told of his experiences in 35 missions over Germany. **Right:** Second Vice President Bob Northcraft (wearing his St. Patrick's Day green) presented an SAR Medal and Certificate for Heroism to 22-year-old Addissu Andabo during the March meeting. Addissu pulled a lady from her burning car just before it exploded following a February 22 accident. He punched out the windshield and cleared away the glass with his bare hands. The event and his picture were on the front page of the *Dallas Morning News*. The Andabo Family are from Ethiopia and fled to Kenya as refugees of the unrest in their homeland. They successfully sought asylum in the U.S. **Below:** John Morton, Chairman of the Dallas Chapter Poster Contest, presented a check for \$100 to 10-year old Daylon Franklin Alcorn, 4th grader at Burleson Elementary in Dallas for his winning entry in the contest in the Artistic Category. This year's theme was the Battle of Bunker Hill. Daylon's proud dad and teacher Wyntoun Henderson are holding the poster.



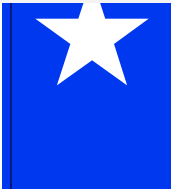
News from the TXSSAR Annual Meeting



These five members and dual members of the Dallas Chapter were elected to **State Offices** for 2010-2011. Top Row, left to right: FCP Henry J. ("Hank") Voegtle III, Chancellor; FCP Robert M. Clark, Staff Secretary; Harmon Adair, Jr., District 6 V.P.; and Mike Radcliff, Inland Registrar. At Left: Gerald Irion, Coastal Registrar. The job of TXSSAR Registrar is divided between "Coastal" chapters and "Inland" chapters. The classifications of some chapters is somewhat arbitrary, as evidenced by the fact that Gerald Irion's primary chapter since retiring and moving to the Hill Country, is in Kerrville.

The Dallas Chapter won many accolades at the TXSSAR Annual Meeting. For a complete list of awards, see page 4.

The theme of the TXSSAR Annual Meeting was "Celebrating the Life and Times of Alexander Hamilton." Since Hamilton was born on the Island of Nevis in the Lesser Antilles, the President's Reception on Friday night had a Caribbean theme, complete with reggae music played on steel drums. FCP Charles Baker, dressed as Caribbean Pirate "Johnny Depth," complete with dreadlocks, beads and red scarf, won the best costume contest. Sylvia Marris and Barbara Baker enjoyed the party.



Welcome 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.

More News from the TXSSAR Annual Meeting



These members of the Dallas Chapter gathered Saturday night after the Banquet to display the many awards collected during the 3-day meeting: Back Row: FCP Mark Hansen, Gerald Irion, Harmon Adair, FCP Hank Voegtle, and David Temple. Front Row: FCP Bob Clark, and FCP Charles Baker. Not pictured here: Bob Northcraft, but see P. 8. Dallas Chapter Awards are:

1. **Outstanding Chapter** Award in the State of Texas.
2. Certificate of Appreciation to Dallas Chapter in recognition of Outstanding work done in support of **Veterans Programs**; Individual certificates for James Fairbairn and Grady Fairbairn for Service to America's Veterans.
3. Certificate of Recognition for Presentation of all Four **Public Service** Awards: Police, Fire, EMT, and Heroism.
4. TXSSAR **Americanism** Award for developing an exceptional program to recognize and promote Patriotic activities and recognize outstanding citizens.
5. Recognition for sponsoring Alex Jaramitto for the Texas **Enhanced JROTC** Award.
6. Recognition for sponsoring Nathaniel E. Ames as First Place Winner in the **TXSSAR CAR Essay** Scholarship Contest.
7. Framed Certificate for sponsoring the work of 5th-Grader Alec Britton Pantoja of Doris Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary School in Rowlett, who won Second Place in the State of Texas for the **Poster Contest**, Research Category.

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. Presidents Day commemorates the birth of our presidents. How many were actually born in February? **Four Presidents were born in February: (in order of their presidencies) George Washington: 22nd; Abraham Lincoln: 12th; William Henry Harrison: 9th; and Ronald Reagan: 6th.**
2. Who was the only President born on the 4th of July? **Calvin Coolidge: July 4, 1872**
3. Which President grew up speaking a language other than English? **Martin Van Buren – he grew up speaking Dutch**
4. Who was the only President to be married in the White House? **Grover Cleveland married Frances Folsom in the White House on June 2, 1886.**
5. Who was the first President to speak on radio? **Although Franklin D. Roosevelt was famous for his "Fireside Chats," the first President's voice to be heard on radio was Warren G. Harding.**

New Americanism Trivia Quiz (Answers in May-June issue):

1. Who was the first President to visit all 50 states?
2. Our Presidents and their families have all been pet lovers, so here's a two-part question:
(1) George Washington's favorite horse was named: (a) Trigger (b) Dobbin (c) Hero (d) Nelson;
(2) Which President holds the record for the largest variety of pets?
3. Who was the first President to call his Washington, DC residence the "White House"?
4. Which President's wife began the tradition of playing "Hail to the Chief" whenever a President appeared at a state function?
5. Which President had a plaque on his desk in the Oval Office that read, "The buck stops here"?

Booktip from the TXSSAR Publicity Committee, Dr. Joe Allen Rice, Chair:

The best of historian John Ferling's several books may be *A Leap in the Dark: The Struggle to Create the American Republic*. It follows American politics through a crucial third of a century. This 2004 study takes the reader from the Stamp Act of 1765 to Jefferson's win in the fiercely-fought 1800 presidential election.

In a review, BOOKLIST said: "Ferling addresses readers already well grounded in the disputes leading to the formation of the U.S." That points it at SAR members.

In his introduction, Ferling says: "Militarily, of course, an American victory was not assured. That has been well remembered by subsequent generations. However, the labyrinthian political struggles that accompanied the war and persisted in its aftermath have been long forgotten, save by a few scholars."

He makes "labyrinthian political struggles" interesting. They almost seem taken from today's front pages and newscasts.

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Meetings are held on the Second Saturday of each month at **Presbyterian Village North, 8600 Skyline Drive**, Dallas, 75243 or as announced on our website at sardallas.org. A cover charge of \$2 includes coffee with endless refills and a ticket for the door prize drawing. Coffee ready by 7:30. Full breakfast buffet served from 7:45 to 8:00 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.

News from the George Washington Parade in Laredo

Laredo's George Washington Parade is an amazing event by any kind of measurement. Pictured below are most of the TXSSAR members and their ladies who participated. (continued on p.7.)



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The Annual George Washington Parade in Laredo, TX, is a tradition that has been building for more than 113 years. Today, it has become the largest single project in the whole town, and probably the largest annual patriotic event in the U.S. Planning and events start in the early autumn and culminate in the debutante ball on Friday and the parade on Saturday, which this year occurred on February 20. The picture **above** shows a typical portion of the crowd sitting hip-to-hip along the 3.5-mile parade route. The total crowd estimate for 2010, counting both sides of the street, was 400,000. (Not bad for a city of 240,000!) Street vendors sold everything from soft drinks to pizza, breakfast burritos to Tex-Mex. Many people in the crowd camped overnight.



The TXSSAR unit of the parade was “#173” out of more than 200 units. Our unit consisted of those hardy enough to march the 3.5-mile route; a trailer (shown at **Left**) carrying most of the “non-marchers”; the Liberty Bell trailer carrying the Liberty Bell, the Ten Commandments and George & Martha Washington; and the Belladier. (Can you spot George & Martha on page 6?). Following the parade, we were hosted at a luncheon by the Laredo Chapter.

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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:	319
Last Meeting:	46 Members 16 Guests

Treasurer's

Report:

(Jim Fairbairn)

Checking & Cash:	\$ 4,486.19
Minuteman Fund:	\$ 8,550.04
Ritchie Fund:	\$ 30,209.00

Doesn't Color Guard Commander Bob Northcraft look great in his new uniform? (Pictured at the TXSSAR Banquet.)



Gainesville Medal of Honor Parade: Take Interstate 35 north, exit at Weaver Street. Tell the folks manning the barricades that you are with the Liberty Bell. Park near the Civic Center, 311 S. Weaver. Muster in front of Civic Center. You don't have to be in the Color Guard to enjoy this great annual event!

Date	Time	Event	Place
Apr. 10	10:00 a.m.	Medal of Honor Recipients Parade, Followed by lunch	Color Guard Muster in front of Civic Center, 311 S. Weaver, Gainesville, TX, at 9:15 a.m.
Apr. 14	8:00 a.m.	Colonial Day Opening Ceremonies	Providence Christian School, 5002 W. Lovers Lane, Dallas
Apr. 17	8:30 a.m.	Regular Chapter Meeting <u>(Note one week delay of date)</u> Speaker: TXSSAR President Jim Jones	Dining Room, Presbyterian Village North (Take Forest Lane east 0.8 mile from Central Expwy. and turn right on Landa)
May 8	8:30 a.m.	Regular Chapter Meeting. Speaker: Joy Martin, Regent, Martha Jefferson Randolph Chapter of DAR	Dining Room, Presbyterian Village North