



The MINUTEMAN



Dallas Chapter

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Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution

May-June, 2010

UPCOMING MEETINGS

June 12, 8:30 a.m.*
(Breakfast served 7:45)



Drs. Jim and Mary Lynn Johnson: "Eighteenth 18th Century Scientists, Inventors, Charlatans and Hoaxes"

July 10, 8:30 a.m.*
(Breakfast served 7:45)



Dr. Ed Countryman, Distinguished Professor of History at SMU, will share some recent research on the legacy of African-Americans who fought in the American Revolutionary War.

President's Message

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



Fellow Compatriots,

As we wind up another great year of presenting JrROTC and Good Citizenship medals to worthy High School and Junior High School students, we extend well earned congratulations to 2nd Vice President Bob Northcraft and the many who gave their time and effort to making this program a huge success. We are also maintaining a very busy schedule of color guard activities and other activities that are designed to get out the message of the value of our freedoms and the need to protect them. And, David Temple, 1st Vice President is bringing us very interesting and thought provoking programs.

We seek to emulate our revolutionary forefathers who gave us this great democratic republic. One of those is Thomas Jefferson. Among his attributes, he was able to convey a heart-lifting vision. He turned a bill of complaints into a universal document of human freedom---The Declaration of Independence. As president, he stressed points of agreement rather than differences and was tolerant of his enemies. He was a reformer, yet had pragmatic wisdom. He said: "No more good must be attempted than this nation can bear."

Each of us owes this nation the obligation of making sure that we do not stray from that philosophy. We are the most free, most abundant nation in the world, but even this strength can be drained by too much attempted too soon. There is no rest for those vigilant to protect our heritage and our republic.

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



Top Row, left: Our speaker for April was newly elected TXSSAR President **Jim Jones**, who spoke about important changes to the TXSSAR Constitution and Bylaws at the Annual Meeting. For May, our speaker was **Joy (Mrs. Graham) Martin**, Regent of the Martha Jefferson Randolph DAR Chapter in Grayson County. She spoke about her experience in working for Living Water International to bring good drinking water to impoverished nations, particularly in Kenya, East Africa. Retired Kraft Foods executive **William Tate Holland, Jr.**, was sworn in as a new Compatriot. Second Row: **Jerry Wayne Scott** and **Markus Harris Evans** were also sworn in as new Compatriots.

Below: TXSSAR President **Jim Jones** swore in **David Hall**, owner of the world's only traveling replica of the Liberty Bell. A professional painter, David and Mrs. Hall are seen pulling the Bell to and from numerous funerals of fallen American Heroes and at patriotic events across America.



Color Guard News



... The Colonial Day event is always on a Wednesday near Patriots Day, the anniversary of the Battle of Lexington & Concord, where the shot was fired “heard ‘round the world.” Compatriots participating this year included (Front row:) Art Ingalls, Tom Smith and Tom Whitelock. (back row:) Charles Windham, Mike Petridis, Charles Baker, and Bill Covington.



Tricorns and bonnets were definitely in style as Compatriot **Tom Smith** paraded the Navy Jack between admiring first-graders at the annual Colonial Day at Providence Christian School. It has become a tradition for the Color Guard to open this special day-long program each year with a display and explanation of historic U.S. Flags. (continued)...



These Compatriots of the Color Guard gathered around TXSSAR President Jim Jones following the April 17 meeting: Front Row: Bob Clark, Laurie Crapo, Bob Spence, and Art Ingalls. Back Row: Jim Templin, Ralph McDowell, Harmon Adair, Tom Smith, Charles Windham, Charles Baker, Tom Whitelock, David Temple, David Hall, Bob Northcraft, and David Hill.

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. Who was the first President to visit all 50 states? **Richard Nixon**
2. Our Presidents and their families have all been pet lovers.
(a) George Washington's favorite horse was named **Nelson**; (b) The Lincoln White House was a menagerie of rabbits, turkeys, horses and goats. But **Theodore Roosevelt** wins the prize for pet variety, hosting more animals than any other president before or since. Roosevelt and his six children shared a deep affection for animals, and their collection included dogs, bears, lizards, guinea pigs, a badger, a blue macaw, chickens, a barn owl, rabbits, a pony and a pig named Maude.
3. Who was the first President to call his Washington, DC residence the "White House"? **Theodore Roosevelt** – prior to his term, it was known as the Executive Mansion or the President's House.
4. Which President's wife began the tradition of playing "Hail to the Chief" whenever a President appeared at a state function? **Julia Gardiner Tyler**, wife of John Tyler.
5. Which President had a plaque on his desk in the Oval Office that read, "The buck stops here"? **Harry S. Truman**

New Americanism Trivia Quiz (Answers in next issue):

1. When, where, and by whom was the first newspaper published in the North American Colonies?
2. Name the treaty that ended the French and Indian War.
3. What was this war called in Europe?
4. In 1763, a war with Native Americans broke out on America's northwest frontier. Who was the Ottawa chief that assembled a confederation of tribes and led them during the war?
5. What was the Proclamation Line of 1763?

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

Gordon Wood, Professor Emeritus of History at Brown University, has written [Empire of Liberty: A History of the Early Republic, 1789-1815](#).

Professor Wood explains why the American Revolution succeeded and endured, while revolutions in France, Mexico and many other countries failed.

He makes his case in strong words. He quotes a woman who recently said to a reporter, "When our country was founded, those guys were all pretty new at it and they did all right." Wood answers, "No. Those guys were not all that new at it. The men who led the revolution against the British Crown and created our institutions were very used to governing themselves."

He makes a strong case for incumbency.

One reviewer gives the book an "unreservedly recommended" rating. It's from the Oxford History of the United States Series.

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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.

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Registrar's

Report:

(John Guittard)

Membership:	300
Last Meeting:	33 Members 15 Guests

Treasurer's

Report:

(Jim Fairbairn)

Checking & Cash:	\$ 4,031.17
Minuteman Fund:	\$ 8,411.19
Ritchie Fund:	\$ 30,226.34



Compatriot **James Henderson** always gives his best pull of the rope as the Liberty Bell goes donging down the route of the April 10 Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville. That 44-pound clapper sometimes just doesn't cooperate.

Date	Time	Event	Place
June 12	8:30 a.m.	June Dallas Chapter Meeting. Drs. Jim and Mary Lynn Johnson speaking	Presbyterian Village North, Main Dining Room
June 13	2:00 p.m.	Flag Retirement Ceremony, Co-sponsored by Old Worn Flag and the Dallas Chapter of SAR	Flag Pole Hill, Northwest Highway, west of Audelia, in Dallas
July 3	9:00 a.m.	Lake Highlands Parade	Church Road, from Garden Oaks to bottom of hill. Muster at 9610 Woodmen Circle , 8:15 a.m.
July 5	9:45 a.m.	Park Cities Parade	Merge into parade at corner of University and Preston Rd., to Goar Park
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