



The MINUTEMAN



Dallas Chapter

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Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution

July-August, 2010

UPCOMING MEETINGS

August 14, 8:30 a.m.*
(Breakfast served 7:45)



David Braden, WWII navigator and bombardier of the 20th Air Force, will speak on B29 Adventures over Japan. David was originally to speak in March, but was delayed by a hip fracture.

**September 11,
8:30 a.m.***



FCP, Dr. Gary Sisson, appearing as Patrick Henry, will be our featured speaker on September 11.

President's Message

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



Fellow Compatriots,

I know that it is very time consuming and even uncomfortable to be doing all the volunteer work that you do to promote Patriotism by our public appearances. It is not wearing the Revolutionary War uniforms in parades. It is a nuisance to collect and bring magazines for Veterans. Conducting and working on the various programs that we do to bring liberty and good citizenship to our young people causes giving up a night or two to get to a school and present medals. The oratory, essay, and poster contests require a lot of coordination and time.

However, none of those efforts go unnoticed. And they do provide a platform upon which to show our nation that the ideals and hopes of our forefathers are still alive and worthy of our and their highest regard. These efforts are really necessary. On every side there are groups that would take away our freedom and their greatest weapon is public apathy. They are the enemies of liberty and representative government. They would have us become their subjects and take from us what this nation of people has brought forth — greater prosperity, greater freedom, greater opportunity than any other place in the world.

That is why we urge you to volunteer and fulfill your assignments. What we do is very important in this ideological struggle we constantly face. The days you volunteer bring the good news of liberty and justice into public life in a way that is uplifting and worthy.

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



Above left-to-right: During the June meeting, Dr. James Johnson and wife, Dr. Mary Lynn Johnson, jointly presented an entertaining program on 18th Century Scientists, Inventors, Charlatans, and Hoaxes. During the July meeting, Dr. Ed Countryman, SMU University Distinguished Professor of History, gave a fascinating presentation on recent new research concerning activities, attitudes, and participation of African-Americans in the Revolutionary War. Below: Along with Old Worn Flag, the Dallas Chapter co-Sponsored the Flag Retirement Ceremony at Flagpole Hill on Sunday, June 13 (Flag Day eve). Dallas Chapter members who spoke included Tom Whitelock, Frank Pounders, and Robert Duckworth (in camouflage uniform). Jeanette Prasifca, founder of Old Worn Flag, is second from left. See OldWornFlag.com for more information. The ceremony was dedicated to the memory of Grady Fairbairn whose portrait is seen in the center.



 ★ 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. ★
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The Dallas Chapter Color Guard was represented in the Annual Duncanville Memorial Day Service. Pictured above are Bob Northcraft, Tom Whitelock, Charles Baker, and Laurie Crapo. Dallas Compatriot Glenn Repp, former mayor of Duncanville, is pictured in the background. Below: On Memorial Day, the corner of Restland Road at Greenville was decorated with over 5000 flags, each one marked with the name of a U.S. Serviceperson killed in Iraq or Afghanistan. The center section was covered with Texas Flags, each bearing the name of a Serviceperson from Texas.





U S Army Cpl. Andy Burnett was wounded in a fire fight in Afghanistan. Numerous vertebrae in his neck were damaged, resulting in the loss of use of both legs. Cpl. Burnett was honored by delegations of ARSSAR and TXSSAR compatriots in a July 18 ceremony in Texarkana, Arkansas. The TXSSAR Color Guard was represented by Michael Radcliff, Bob Northcraft, and David Hall, owner of the Traveling Liberty Bell. ARSSAR presented a Wounded Warrior Medal and certificate to Cpl. Burnett. David Hall presented the non-SAR Proclaim Liberty Medal. TXSSAR presented a Good Citizenship Medal. Not to be outdone by the Arkansas Society, Bob Northcraft presented his own personal War Service Medal. The Traveling Liberty Bell also came to honor him.



Above Left: TXSSAR District 6 VP Harmon Adair presented a special flag streamer to President Frank Pounders for our participation in the George Washington Parade in Laredo on February 20. Right: With Liberty Bell as a background, these disabled veterans provided the rifle salute to end the June 13 Flag Retirement Ceremony.



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VETERANS ACTIVITIES WORKSHEET
Dallas Chapter #2

Prepared by _____

	Points	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
Chapter Member appointed to local United Veterans Council or Equivalent Organization	25													
Each HOUR served in Volunteer Service	10/Hr													
Each SAR Member Visiting a Veteran	5/Hr													
Each mile Traveled Visiting a Veteran	1/Mile													
Each Gift to Veteran in VA Hospital or Home	1/Item													
Each Dollar Given to VAWS	1/\$													
Each Publication Given to VA Hosp or Home	1/Item													
Each Veteran Outing or Party that includes Veteran Patients 1-10=10; 11-25=15; 26-50=20	See Left													
Special Observances attending Veterans Org. (Wash. Birthday, Flag Day, 4th of July, etc.)	10/Event													
Special Observance Sponsored by your Chapter with Veterans Organizations	25/Event													
Marking Revolutionary War Veterans Graves	25/Grave													
Used Clothing (Attach list of Items)	See Left													
Used "Bit Ticket" Items	1/3 x original													



Special Note to all Dallas Chapter Members: Please help our chapter win the U.S.S. Stark Award again this year. The is a national award for the chapter with the most points for Services to Veterans. We won it two yours ago, much to the credit of the Fairbairn brothers who served as joint chairs of the Veterans Affairs Committee. A chapter cannot win on consecutive years, but we are eligible again this year. Let's all get involved, and dedicate our efforts to the memory of Grady Fairbairn who was robbed, beaten, and killed while doing work on behalf of veterans affairs. Please fill out your form and bring it to the November or December Meeting of the Dallas Chapter.



July 4 Parades. Probably due to the hot weather, participation was light this year. However, the “no jacket” suggestion made the heat much more tolerable. At **Left**, the Lake Highlands Parade was held on July 3. With help of the Cub Scouts of Pack 890 and the Boy Scouts of Troop 890, we made a great showing. Participating in both parades: Bob Clark, Tom Whitelock, Tom Smith, and Charles Baker. Also helping in the Lake Highlands Parade were Ralph McDowell and Jeanette Prasifca as “Betsy Ross.” **Below:** Mike Petridis helped in the Park Cities Parade on July 5. However, with no Scouts to help us, our representation there looked puny.



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.

Americanism Trivia Quiz (from May-June issue):

1. When, where, and by whom was the first newspaper published in the North American Colonies?

In 1690, Boston printer Benjamin Harris produced the first four-page issue of *Publick Occurrences*. Readers were enthusiastic, but the governor of Massachusetts was not. Under British law, "no person [was to] keep any printing-press for printing, nor [was] any book, pamphlet or other matter whatsoever" to be printed without the governor's "especial leave and license first obtained." Within a few days, the governor and council had banned publication of the paper and authorities collected and destroyed every copy they could find. The one copy known to have survived is preserved in the British Library.

2. Name the treaty that ended the French and Indian War. The Treaty of Paris was signed on February 10, 1763. France ceded Canada and all of its territory east of the Mississippi River to Britain. Only Spain, with territory west of the Mississippi, was left to challenge Britain.

3. What was this war called in Europe? The Seven Years' War.

4. In 1763, a war with Native Americans broke out on America's northwest frontier. Who was the Ottawa chief who assembled a confederation of tribes and led them during the war? Chief Pontiac. The Native Americans had depended on trade with the French. British traders who replaced the French were ordered to cease supplying the Native Americans with gunpowder; Also, the British discouraged intermarriage between the races and began appropriating Native American lands without compensation. In response, Pontiac instigated a war. An estimated 2000 settlers were killed and many forts were captured.

5. What was the Proclamation Line of 1763? A part of the Royal Proclamation of 1763 decreed a line of demarcation on the crest of the mountains dividing Native American land to the west from that of the colonists who were prohibited from settling that land.

New Americanism Trivia Quiz (Answers in next issue):

1. Who designed the first money for the Continental Congress in 1775, to provide payment to the army?

2. On June 17, 1775 when Washington was appointed by the Continental Congress to head the Continental army, four major generals were also appointed. Who were they?

3. What battle fought in North Carolina by Americans against Americans was known as the "Lexington and Concord of the South"?

4. How long did the battle last, and what was its significance?

Booktip from the TXSSAR Publicity Committee, Dr. Joe Allen Rice, Chair: Gary Nash, *The Forgotten Fifth — African Americans in the Age of Revolution*, 2006. This year, as a memorial to black patriots finally goes up on Washington's Mall, and as TXSSAR moves from acceptance of blacks to recruitment of them, "The Forgotten Fifth" is an opportunity to see how far some of our neighbors have come. You move into this tightly-written history expecting to read about battles, about the loyal blacks who helped us roust the British. There is some of that. There is quite a lot about blacks lured by British promises of freedom and about the failures of our ancestors to make similar offers to the one-fifth of our population enslaved.

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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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NOTE: Ideas, news or submissions for **THE MINUTEMAN** should be given to **Charles Baker**, Editor, 214-343-0717.

Registrar's

Report:

(John Guittard)

Membership:	300
Last Meeting:	36 Members 12 Guests

Treasurer's

Report:

(Jim Fairbairn)

Checking & Cash:	\$ 4,712.33
Minuteman Fund:	\$ 8,320.21
Ritchie Fund:	\$ 30,271.74



State Representative Will Harnett and TXSSAR Staff Secretary Bob Clark found a little time for chit-chat before the Lake Highlands Independence Day Parade on July 3. Rep. Harnett is not only a member of the Dallas Chapter of SAR, but he has what may be a record number of 37 Supplementary Memberships. He is sometimes called "our man in Austin," due to his patriotic efforts to get nearly-forgotten cemeteries where Revolutionary War Patriots are buried, turned into Texas State Parks where they will get better maintenance.

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Aug 14	8:30 a.m.	August Dallas Chapter Meeting. David Braden spoke on B29 Adventures over Japan.	Presbyterian Village North, Main Dining Room
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Sep 17	9:00 a.m.	Irving Courthouse	Naturalization Service for new U.S. Citizens
Sep 17	12 Noon	SMU Student Center 3140 Dyer St.	Constitution Day Observance
Nov 11	10 a.m.	Veterans Day Parade	Details in October Newsletter