



The MINUTEMAN



Dallas Chapter

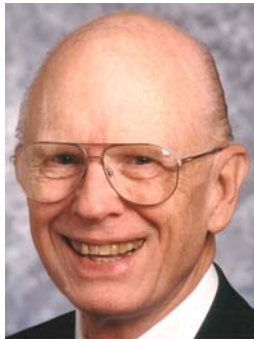
Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution

September-October, 2010

UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 9, 8:30 a.m.*
(Breakfast served 7:45)



Former Chapter President Dr. H. Charles Baker will present some new insights centering on the US Constitution.

**November 13,
8:30 a.m.***

(Breakfast served 7:45)



Genealogist Lloyd Bockstruck will give one of his popular talks on results of new genealogical research.

President's Message

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



Fellow Compatriots,

On Constitution Day, September 18, the DAR Dallas Area Regents Council sponsored a luncheon. Those present represented not only the Daughters of the American Revolution but also the Children of the American Revolution and the SAR. It was an impressive event with Jr. ROTC students posting the flags; wonderful speaker, Lt Col. Jayme Sutton, US Army; and prayers, pledges and songs. Every part of it drew us to the Constitution and how it is a living, vibrant document that guarantees our freedom and rights.

Having been asked to say a few words on behalf of the SAR, it came to me that the success of that document comes from the balance attained by the independence of the three branches of our government — executive, legislative and judicial. Col. Sutton reasoned that because of that balance of power, we have the key to continued freedom and confirmed that our military forces faithfully support the Constitution.

I mentioned that a triangle is one of the strongest and most secure structures than can be made. Our government is like three legs of a triangle, making it strong and secure for all those within it. Closer to home, our aligned groups — DAR, CAR, and SAR — are also three legs of a triangle that has as its mission: education in patriotism; recognition of those who actively perform patriotic acts; and love of our nation and its ideals. These are God-guided tasks, and we are doing them well. Salute yourself and give thanks that we have the freedom to accomplish our mission through the wisdom of our great Constitution of the United States.

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: First VP David Temple presented a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, Certificate, and miniature Liberty Bell to August speaker David Braden. Braden spoke on WWII B29 bombing adventures over Japan. In September, Former Chapter President Dr. Gary N. Sisson came in the character of Patrick Henry and gave the famous "Give me liberty or give me death" speech.



The Dallas Chapter, which we believe is the largest and best SAR chapter in the galaxy, was proud to swear in Benjamin Hinckley of Azle, TX as a new member during the August meeting. Ben, now a student at Texas Tech University, is the National President of the Children of the American Revolution.

Other CAR officers and senior officers gathered around Ben Hinckley, David Braden, and Frank Ponders during the August meeting. CAR/SAR Silver Medals of Appreciation were presented to Ben Hinckley and Ginny Poffenburger. CAR/SAR Bronze Medals of Appreciation were presented to several others.



Logo of the National Society, Children of the American Revolution

 ★ 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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Dallas Chapter Meeting News



Sorting out Fairbairns: New members sworn into the Dallas Chapter in August included James A. Fairbairn and Austin J. Fairbairn, son and grandson of Grady Fairbairn. James M. Fairbairn, Grady's brother, our Dallas Chapter Treasurer, sponsored them.



Myron Pickens was also sworn in during the August meeting.



Chapter President Frank Ponders presented a Speakers Appreciation Certificate to "Gary Sisson a.k.a. Patrick Henry."



THE MINUTEMAN is the bi-monthly newsletter of the Dallas Chapter of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, a Congressionally-chartered non-profit organization. Meetings are held on the Second Saturday of each month at **Presbyterian Village North, 8600 Skyline Drive**, Dallas, 75243. 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. Fellow compatriots from other chapters and guests are always welcome.

Constitution Week News

September 17, 2010 was the 223rd anniversary of the 1787 signing of the new Constitution by Constitutional Convention President George Washington, and the sending out of copies to the 13 states for ratification.



Above: Bob and Hertha Northcraft, Charles and Barbara Baker, and Mike Radcliff put on a special program for the students of Otis Brown Elementary School in Irving. Radcliff spoke in the character of George Mason who authored the Virginia Declaration of Rights, the model for the Bill of Rights. Below: Bob Northcraft, Laurie Crapo, David Hall, Wayne Duckworth, Mike Radcliff, and Tom Whitelock appeared with the Liberty Bell and acted as the Color Guard at a Citizenship Naturalization 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)	-----													
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 years 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.



At noon on Constitution Day, September 17, 2010, these bluebloods put on a program for the students of Southern Methodist University. Charles Baker, Tom Whitelock and Tom Smith showed off historic flags, assisted by "Betsy Ross," played by Jeanette Prasifka.

Dallas Chapter to host the 2011 TXSSAR Annual Meeting — Volunteers Needed

The Dallas chapter will host the TXSSAR Annual Meeting on Thursday to Sunday, March 24-27, 2011. Although the contract is still in negotiation, the most probable site will be the Radisson Dallas East Hotel and Convention Center, Jupiter Road at LBJ Freeway. David Temple will be the Local Chairman, and Charles Baker is hotel contact.

We need people to man the registration table, supervise the silent auction, check meeting rooms including A/V, check the Ladies Hospitality Suite, captain the bus for the Ladies' Friday trip to the Dallas Arboretum, and lots of other tasks. If you are able to help, please send your information and assignment preference to David Temple <BankerD@aol.com>

Please include your name, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice of assignment, home telephone number, cell phone number, and email address. **We need this information right away, as the meeting is less than 6 months away.**

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.

Americanism Trivia Quiz (from August September issue):

1. Who designed the first money for the Continental Congress in 1775 to provide payment to the army?
Paul Revere, who was a silversmith.
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?
Artemus Ward, Israel Putnam, Charles Lee, and Philip Schuyler. In addition, Horatio Gates was appointed Adjutant General.
3. What battle fought in North Carolina by Americans against Americans was known as the "Lexington and Concord of the South"? The Battle of Moores Creek Bridge, fought in February, 1776, was a victory for the patriots.
4. How long did the battle last, and what was its significance? Thirty Tories were killed in the 3-minute battle, and almost 850 were captured. This battle effectively ended Tory power in North Carolina.

New Americanism Trivia Quiz (Answers in next issue):

1. Who were the Tories?
2. Patriotic colonists frequently resorted to what favorite punishment for Tories found in their midst?
A. Tar & Feathers B. Whipping C. Jailing D. Hanging E. Public stocks
3. In what colony were the first minutemen regiments organized?
4. At what age was a man required to enroll in the militia?

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

Some smart historian needs to sit down and write a really good book about Bernardo de Galvez, after whom our TXSSAR Chapter #1 is named. Aging treatments see this patriot as separate from our Anglo-Saxon Founding Fathers. His Latin origins obscure his numerous contributions to the Revolution.

"Bernardo de Galvez in Louisiana, 1776-1783," by John Caughey and Jack Holmes, came out in '99. "Bernardo de Galvez (Latinos in American History)" Russell Roberts, 2003. "Bernardo de Galvez: Hero of the American Revolution," by Lorenzo Lafarelle, 1992, (priced at \$150). These are not prize-winning authors. Galvez deserves better. Little wonder that you and I know zip about this signer of the Treaty of Paris. To place him, with help from Caughey, et al. let's track him alongside John Adams, just for fun.

1762 — Lieutenant Galvez arrives in New Spain. John and Abigail Adams begin their romance.

1770 — Captain Galvez named Commandant, Northern Provinces, New Spain. Adams successfully defends British soldiers in the "Boston Massacre Trial."

1772 — Galvez recalled to serve in France, studies "Language of Diplomacy." Abigail gives birth to son Thomas.

1775 — Lt. Colonel Galvez wounded in Algeria. Adamses watch Battle of Bunker Hill from their home. He serves in Continental Congress.

1776 — Colonel Galvez commands Regiment of Louisiana. Adams makes important contributions to Declaration of Independence, credit goes to Thomas Jefferson.

1777 — Louisiana Governor Galvez marries Maria Felice de Saint-Maxent Estrehan. Continental Congress names Adams joint commissioner to France.

1778 — Galvez founds Galvez Town, known today as Galveston. Seals off Mississippi River from British. Adams and son John Quincy Adams join Ambassador Ben Franklin in Paris. Adams immediately sent home. John Quincy to St. Petersburg.

1779 — Spain declares war on Britain. Galvez and 1,400 Spanish, Indians, Creoles and Blacks, capture Baton Rouge, Natchez. Adams drafts Massachusetts State Constitution.

1780 — Galvez takes Mobile. Adams elected Minister to Netherlands.

1781 — Galvez takes Pensacola in his most important battle. British left without Gulf of Mexico bases. Adams serves on five-man Commission to negotiate peace with Britain.

1782 — Galvez takes Bahamas as war ends. According to legend: George Washington asks him to walk on his right in July 4th parade. Adams negotiates "Preliminary Treaty of Peace" in Paris.

1783 — Galvez and Adams help draft "Definitive Treaty of Peace with Great Britain."

1784 — Cuban Governor Galvez named New Spain Viceroy. Adams ordered to France.

1785 — Adams elected First Minister to Great Britain.

1786 — Galvez dies at 40, possibly poisoned. He is buried in Mexico City.

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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:	304
Last Meeting:	29 Members 6 Guests
Treasurer's Report: (Jim Fairbairn)	
Checking & Cash:	\$ 4,481.22
Minuteman Fund:	\$ 8,325.86
Ritchie Fund:	\$ 30,297.46



Barbara Baker assisted the compatriots at the Constitution Day Celebration at SMU, by showing specific flags that were being discussed. Do you recognize the flag of the "Palmetto State" — South Carolina?

Date	Time	Event	Place
Oct. 9	8:30 a.m.	October Dallas Chapter Meeting. Charles Baker will present new insights on the US Constitution.	Presbyterian Village North, Main Dining Room
Nov. 11	10:00 a.m.	City of Dallas Veterans Day Parade	Muster at 10 a.m. In Convention Center Parking Lot
Nov. 13	8:30 a.m.	November Dallas Chapter Meeting. Lloyd Bockstruck will speak on Genealogy.	Presbyterian Village North, Main Dining Room
Dec. 11	8:30 a.m.	December Dallas Chapter Meeting. Dr. Robert McClelland will give first-hand account of Kennedy at Parkland. Election of Officers	Presbyterian Village North, Main Dining Room