



The MINUTEMAN



Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution
March-April, 2011

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 16
8:30 a.m.*

(Breakfast served 7:45)



Bill Marrs, our newly-elected TXSSAR President, will be our guest speaker, to offer a "State of the Society" address and to discuss future prospects for SAR.

May 14,
8:30 a.m.*

(Breakfast served 7:45)



Col. John Antal, U.S. Army (Retired), a Random House Author, will discuss the "Leadership of the American Revolution."

We Need You!

by David Temple, President, Dallas Chapter,
Sons of the American Revolution



As I write this we are winding down the TXSSAR Annual Meeting. Saturday's Youth Awards Luncheon portrayed all the aspects of SAR's purposes. This year's Oration Contest pitted five contestants speaking on topics relating today's events to some aspect of the Revolutionary War. The winning orator's selection brought all things into perspective with her demand that we must never forget the Supreme Commander.

New TXSSAR President-Elect and Dallas Chapter past President Bob Clark invited H. Ross Perot, Sr. to the Luncheon where he was the honored recipient of the SAR's highest award, the Gold Good Citizenship Medal. The award was presented to Mr. Perot for his lifetime of patriotic actions including his personal rescue of his employees from Iran, providing medical care to hundreds of wounded veterans, honoring returning soldiers, and getting involved in the education process for Texas.

Mr. Perot sat with one of the most decorated Eagle Scouts ever to enter the Eagle Scout Contest. Having collected all 121 merit badges by the age of 13, Roland Salatino was presented the SAR's Eagle Scout Trophy by Mr. Perot. His sister later sang a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem as a solo at Saturday's banquet.

The winning Poster Contest entry was entered by the Dallas Chapter and will now travel to the SAR Congress in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Nathaniel Ames flew back from Cornell University to accept his prize as the First Place winner of the CAR Essay Contest. You may recall meeting him at a Dallas Chapter meeting.

The bottom line is we need YOU! Whether it's chairing a contest, assisting in the presentation of JROTC and Bronze Good Citizenship medals to high school students, or visiting schools in revolutionary war uniforms, we need YOU! Please get involved in 2011 by contributing to any of the many activities involving our youth. We can honor our patriot ancestors by telling their stories to today's youth.

Sincerely,

Dallas Chapter News



Upper left, clockwise: Our speaker in February was **John M. Hayes**, the Military and Veterans Affairs Liaison for Congressman Kenny Marchant, who spoke on various aspects of his job. Our March speaker was **Greg Totterdale** who spoke on "The National Road" which was built in the early 1800's between Cumberland, MD and Vandalia, IL. This road set many precedents that eventually led to our Interstate Highway System. The road was also a major migration route for early settlers to the Midwest. In March, Chapter VP **Bob Northcraft**, who was recently appointed Commander of the Northern Division of the TXSSAR Color Guard, presented a multi-year Color Guard Certificate for Participation to "**Lady Barbara Baker**" in recognition for her participation in numerous color guard events in which she plays Martha Washington. In February, Compatriot **Bill Holland** was surprised by the appearance of a special birthday cake on the occasion of his 86th birthday. Compatriot **D.W. "Tex" Whitaker** was similarly honored in March on the occasion of his 92nd birthday.



Dallas Chapter President David Temple presented Fire Safety Medals to Andre Copling, Bret Stidham, and Jason Evans. Chief Eddie Burns of Dallas Fire Rescue thanked the Chapter for its recognition.

 ★ 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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Color Guard News



On the occasion of the death of Cpl. Frank Buckles, the last of the WWI “Doughboy” veterans, the Color Guard and DAR participated in a special service at the War Memorial at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth. The statue at left shows men in World War I and II uniforms. Wreaths were laid by the Army, Marines, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, and SAR. The Liberty Bell was rung, and Bob Northcraft and David Hall spoke. The event was carried on two Dallas TV stations that evening.



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.

Dallas Chapter at TXSSAR Youth Awards Luncheon



John Morton, always produces winners in the annual 5th-grade poster contests. It takes a lot of work and perseverance to get as many entries as he does. The 2011 TXSSAR First Prize poster at right was created by Daylon Markle Franklin of R. C. Burleson Elementary. The 2011 subject of all entries was "The Battle of Cowpens."



Roland Michael Salatino, a junior at St. Mark's School of Texas in Dallas, was selected as the Outstanding Boy Scout. He is a dual member of the San Antonio Chapter and the Dallas Chapter.



Jan Holland of Eubanks Intermediate School in Southlake was nominated by Bob Northcraft and won the Outstanding History Teacher Award.



The surprise guest speaker at the Annual TXSSAR Youth Awards Luncheon was H. Ross Perot who received the Gold Good Citizenship Medal, the highest award given by the SAR, from Jim Jones. Mr. Perot addressed the audience about Scouting and presented the SAR Eagle Scout Award to Roland Salatino.

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 January-February Issue):

1. On what date was the battle of Lexington and Concord fought? The night of April 19-20, 1775.
2. What was the purpose of the British soldiers who marched to Concord? The British had heard that the Patriots had a stash of arms at Concord. This rumor turned out to be false.
3. Who tipped off the patriots about General Gage's plans? Gage's wife, Margaret Kimble, who was a patriotic American from New Jersey.
4. Paul Revere's friend, John Pulling, put a signal lantern or lanterns in the steeple at Old North Church to tell Revere by which route the British were advancing. What were the alternative meanings, and how many lanterns were actually placed? One lantern meant the British were coming by land over Boston Neck; two meant they were coming by boat across the Charles River. Two were placed.
5. Name the two couriers, besides Paul Revere, who rode to muster the Minutemen. William Dawes and Dr. Samuel Prescott.
6. Patriot Captain John Parker commanded about 77 Minutemen at Lexington Green. What did he tell his men to do when he realized that the British outnumbered them three to one? Disperse. As they began to leave, a shot was fired, and two volleys were fired by the British regulars, killing eight and wounding eight of the Patriots.

New Americanism Quiz (Answers in the May-June Issue):

Two dates appear on the left side of the North Carolina Flag — May 20, 1775 and April 12, 1776. These dates are important in the history of the North Carolina Colony and in the history of the United States. What happened on these dates, what are the events called, and why are they significant?

Special Announcement: Compatriot David Hall Needs Our Prayers and Help!

David Hall, owner of the world's only traveling replica of the Liberty Bell, has dedicated his life to serving and honoring our Patriot Heroes by bringing the Bell to funerals of fallen heroes and to patriotic events. All of the profits from his commercial painting and sandblasting business have for years gone into the upkeep and transport of the Bell. Now David has pancreatic cancer.

This dreaded disease strikes about 43,000 people in the United States annually. Fewer than 5% are still alive after 5 years. In the U.S., treatment is very expensive. Complete remission is rare. In keeping with his practice of pouring his life into the mission of the Bell, David has no medical insurance.

As this announcement is being prepared, David and Phyllis have traveled to Quito, Ecuador for a special experimental treatment that may be his best hope for long-term survival. A fund has been established specifically to help pay for David's medical expenses. Tax-deductible contributions may be sent to:

OR direct donations may be sent to:

Tip of the Spear Fund
c/o American Legion Post 218
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Registrar's

Report:

(John Guittard)

Membership: 298
Last Meeting: 29 Members
14 Guests

Treasurer's

Report:

(James M. Fairbairn)

Checking & Cash: \$ 6,093.12
Minuteman Fund: \$ 8,390.66
Ritchie Fund: \$ 30,366.04



William M. Marrs looks great with his new Texas Society President's ribbon. He will be with us on April 16.

To receive your Bi-monthly Newsletter in full color, and receive it sooner, please send your email address to H. Charles Baker, Editor: hc_baker@sbcglobal.net

Date	Time	Event	Place
Apr. 9	10 a.m.	Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients' Parade	Gainesville, TX, California Street Exit off I.35
Apr. 13	8:00 a.m.	Colonial Day, muster at 7:30 a.m.	Providence Christian School , 5002 W. Lovers Lane
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