



The MINUTEMAN



Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution
September-October, 2011

UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Oct. 8th
8:30 a.m.**

(Breakfast served 7:45)

Bill Covington

Will bring honor to the memories to our Patriots with his presentation.

**Nov. 12th
8:30 a.m.**

(Breakfast served 7:45)

Mike Radcliff as George Mason in period dress

THE STATE FAIR AND THE CONSTITUTION

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



The State Fair of Texas begins September 30 and with it comes the return of the Dallas Chapter to the Jane Douglas DAR House! Phil Cekal is looking for volunteers to assist with the information table in the DAR House. Tom Whitelock has put together some great pieces to encourage visitors to look into possible Patriot ancestors and membership in the SAR. Contact Phil to volunteer for this important opportunity. We need you!

On September 17 I attended the Constitution Day Luncheon presented by the Dallas Area Regents Council of the Daughters of the American Revolution. I quickly learned I was far outnumbered by the Daughter's present. The ladies of the James Campbell Chapter were wonderful to visit with, and I was soon joined by past Dallas Chapter President Jack Carney and his wife.

The excellent program, "American Ends in 'I Can'" was provided by musician Dave Tanner as a history of patriotic song in America. I never really paid attention to where the many tunes came from that were used to take "poems" to music. "Yankee Doodle" was written by the British to belittle the colonial militias they served with during the French and Indian War. Our national anthem was set to the tune of a popular British song written by John Stafford Smith for the Anacreontic Society. How many of us know "America, the Beautiful" was adapted to the late 19th century hymn, "Oh Mother Dear, Jerusalem."?

First Vice President, Bob Northcraft, has put together a great lineup of speakers this year who have focused on some aspect of the Constitution. Each and every one has been informative and I've learned something new each month.

We need You! Please join us on the second Saturday of each month for a nice breakfast buffet and excellent, educational program. See you soon.

Dallas Chapter News



Nick Harper sitting on Treasurer **Jim Fairbairn's** lap **UNTIL** he gets a donation check for the upcoming Vet's day parade.



Robert M. (Bob) Clark passing a flag streamer to **Frank Ponders**.



John Guittard speaks on the advances in DNA technology and how it can solve mysteries.

AMERICANISMS



Bob Northcraft presenting a Liberty Bell of appreciation to **John Guittard**.



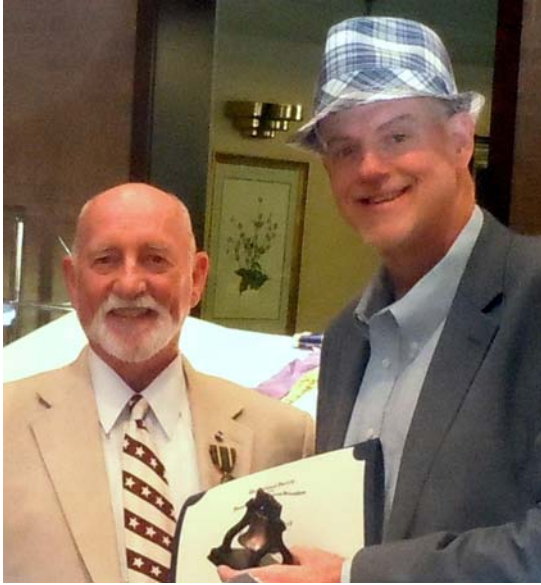
New member **Phil Ceval** brings thoughts on the Constitution.



Dr. Marcus "Big Daddy" Evans thoughts on 9/11, age-old traits and self-sacrifice and duty still survive, courage and commitment remain"

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.

Chapter News



The new voice of the Cowboy home games **Roger Emerick** speaks on his adventures in the media industry.

Color Guard News



Bob Northcraft signing autographs for Girl Scouts attending the Constitution ceremony at the Denton Courthouse.



Tom Whitelock presenting a few of the toys and decorations to Kelly Herndon of the **Scottish Rite Hospital for Children** from the large assortment donated by members of the Dallas Chapter.



The large number of holiday items donated to **Scottish Rite Hospital for Children**



FCP **Gary Sisson** presenting his Patrick Henry speech at the Denton Courthouse.

At the September meeting Bob Northcraft reported on David Hall's status and health condition. David is in Emory, TX. under going treatment for pancreatic cancer. It was announced in the meeting that the cancer has moved to other parts of his body. Please keep David in your prayers.

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 July-August Issue): Question The year of 1781 did not start off well for the Continental Army. In January, there were mutinies among Continental Army units from two colonies. Which colonies were they, what were the issues, and what was the result?

Tired of poor living conditions and a lack of pay, and believing their three-year enlistments were up, Pennsylvania regiments mutinied and killed one of their officers. The mutineers then marched toward Philadelphia to confront Congress. Congress diffused the situation by promising the mutineers back pay. Many of them were discharged, and the remainder were furloughed until March. A smaller group of New Jersey men mutinied later in the month. Washington quelled the mutiny with other Continental units and executed two of the ringleaders.

New Americanism Trivia Quiz (Answer in the November-December Issue):

Around the years 1732-34 General James Oglethorpe, a military hero also had a philanthropic bent. He had headed an investigation of prisons and expressed special concern for debtors, who by English law could be incarcerated for their obligations. If he could offer a settlement south of the Carolinas, he could offer a new start to poor English and settle a region that could stand as a buffer to _____ power.

Fellow Compatriots,

We have a golden opportunity for recruiting new SAR members during the 2011 State Fair of Texas which runs from Friday, September 30, through Sunday, October 23. The Jane Douglas Chapter of DAR, which owns the "Continental DAR House" on the Fairgrounds, will open its doors from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day. They will have exhibits, show patriotic/historical movies, hold raffles, and operate their own recruiting table. They have offered us space for a recruiting table adjacent to theirs. We will have literature about the SAR, interest sign-up sheets, and room for a small exhibit on this table. We will likely meet and sign up prospects from all over Texas and out of State, and we will forward names and contact information to the appropriate chapters wherever the prospects live. Experience has shown that we will also get numerous prospects from the Dallas area.

Obviously, this is a large undertaking, but I believe that "the largest SAR Chapter in the galaxy" can muster enough volunteers to man the table for the entire 24 days. We will divide each day into two shifts, from 11 to 2, and 2 to 5. This means that we have 48 shifts for which volunteers are needed. Compatriot Phil Cekal has agreed to be the "point-man" for collecting and assigning volunteers according to their date and time preferences. You may sign up for as many shifts as you like on as many days as you like.

Please check your calendar now and send an email to Phil Cekal philcekal@yahoo.com

Sincerely,

H. Charles Baker

Dallas Chapter

PS:

Due to some DAR members who had reserved Parking Passes but had to cancel, we now have 3 more Parking Passes. Therefore I am happy to announce that Parking Passes will be available for men who work a minimum of 4 three-hour shifts (11-2 or 2-5, 2-5 only on Sundays).

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 NOTE: Ideas, news or submissions for **THE MINUTEMAN** should be given to **David Temple, bankerd@aol.com**

<u>Registrar's Report:</u> (John Guittard) Membership: 281 Sep Meeting: 34 Members 8 Guests	
<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> (James M. Fairbairn) Checking & Cash: \$ 4,932.60 Minuteman Fund: \$ 8,401.01 Ritchie Fund: \$ 30,418.82	

As of July 28th 2011
 281 MEMBERS
 (278 plus 3 duals)
 22 members dropped
 for lapsed dues
 5 members deceased in
 2011

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 ★ From the editor:
 ★ Hello and greetings to all
 ★ from Mark Howell. I was
 ★ asked if I could be the
 ★ editor for the newsletter by
 ★ Charles. I want all to
 ★ realize that I have never
 ★ been an editor, but I think
 ★ that I will learn how to
 ★ make a Newsletter. It has
 ★ been a learning experience
 ★ for sure. I hope that I can
 ★ provide a newsletter up to
 ★ the standards of the chapter
 ★ and Charles. It is going to
 ★ be a pleasure and honor to
 ★ serve for the chapter.
 ★ Sincerely M.H.
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Date	Time	Event	Place
Sep. 10	8:30 a.m.	September Meeting of the Dallas Chapter	Presbyterian Village North, Main Dining Room
Oct. 8	8:30 a.m.	October Meeting of the Dallas Chapter	Presbyterian Village North, Main Dining Room
Nov. 11	muster at 10 a.m.	City of Dallas Veterans Day Parade	Parking Lot southwest of the Dallas Convention Center
Nov. 12	8:30 a.m.	November Meeting of the Dallas Chapter	Presbyterian Village North

