



The MINUTEMAN



Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution

March-April, 2012

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Americanism:
Battle of the Kegs
Nick Harper

Program:
TXSSAR President
Bob Clark



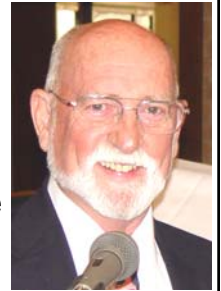
May 12,
8:30 a.m.*
(Breakfast served 7:45)

Americanism:
The Duelers
Frank Pounders

Program:
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John Guittard

Message from the President

*by Bob Northcraft, President, Dallas Chapter,
Sons of the American Revolution*



The Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the United States of America.

The first three Articles of the Constitution establish the rules and separate powers of the three branches of the federal government: a legislature, the bicameral Congress; an executive branch led by the President; and a federal judiciary headed by the Supreme Court. The last four Articles frame the principle of federalism. The Tenth Amendment confirms its federal characteristics.

The Constitution was adopted on September 17, 1787, by the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and ratified by conventions in eleven states. The first ten amendments are known as the Bill of Rights. The Constitution has been amended seventeen times (for a total of 27 amendments) and its principles are applied in courts of law by judicial review.

The Constitution guides American society in law and political culture. It is the oldest charter of supreme law in continuous use, and it influenced later international figures establishing national constitutions. Recent impulses for reform center on concerns for extending democracy and balancing the Federal budget.

All of this information about our US Constitution begs the question, why, oh why, do we as American Citizens' allow our Constitution to be shredded almost daily.

Without Law there is no Liberty!

Bob Northcraft

President
Dallas #2 Chapter

Dallas Chapter News



Poster Committee Chairman **John Morton** introduced the regional poster contest winner Sam Wigley. Also in picture is his little sister, Teacher and Parents. Picture of poster is below right on the Battle of Guilford Courthouse.

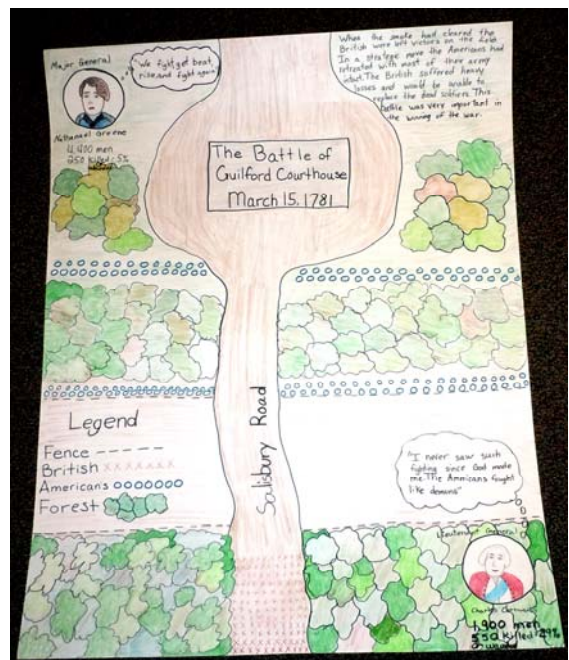


Registrar **John Guittard** conducted an induction ceremony for newly admitted Compatriot David Eisenlohr.



Picture at left: Early bird members having a coffee before the breakfast.

MARCH MEETING

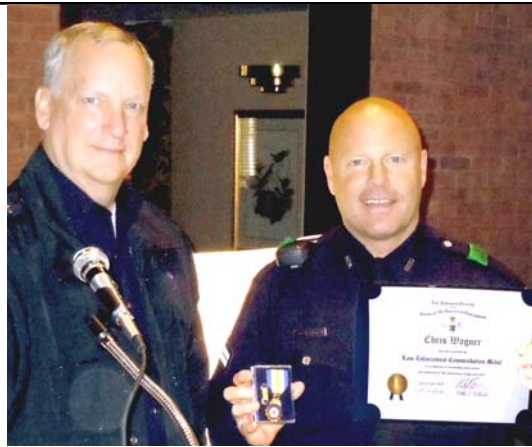


THE MINUTEMAN is the bi-monthly newsletter of the Dallas Chapter of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, a Congressionally-chartered non-profit organization. Meetings are held on the Second Saturday of each month at **Presbyterian Village North, 8600 Skyline Drive, Dallas, 75243**. A cover 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.

MARCH MEETING



FCP Tracey Pounders gave a presentation on the Cincinnati Society and compared Rome and the United States. The chapter has four of its members in the Society.



Police Deputy Chief Jeff Williams of the Southwest Patrol announced the selection of Officer Chris Wagner for his effective action in interdicting drug activities.



Battalion Chief Ray Dell of North Central Dallas Lake Highlands presented a special Emergency Medical Services Award medal for heroism to Firefighter Fireman Clayton Green



Color Guard News



Nick Harper presents the award for winning 3rd place in the Veterans Day parade (pictured left to right) Tracey Pounders, David Temple, Tom Whitelock, Tom Smith, Barbara and Charles Baker, Bob Northcraft Nick Harper

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.



(picture at left) State President-Elect and FCP **Bob Clark** discussed the state meeting in San Antonio in two weeks and asked the members to consider the benefits of attending and seeing and hearing SAR national and state officers. He said he had installed chapter officers in Granbury and Houston. He will also be attending an SAR state meeting in Houston and will speak to this chapter in April.



Battalion Chief Ray Dell of North Central Dallas Lake Highlands presented a special medal for heroism to Firefighter Michael Gibbs for extraordinary courage in rescuing and saving a man from death in a burning building.

MARCH MEETING



(picture at left) Fire & Rescue Department official Clay Green announced that the paramedic commendation medal was awarded to Captain Jack Martin of the Downtown area for thirty years of exceptional service to the Department and the people of Dallas.

Americanism Trivia Quiz (from January-February Issue): Why did the British begin a southern offensive in 1778 in Savannah?

Despite the failures at Trenton, Princeton and Saratoga, the British still fielded five substantial armies in North America. British generals also concluded, however, that their focus on the northern colonies had been misplaced, and that their true base of loyalist support lay in the South. Georgia and the Carolinas contained significant numbers of Tories, allowing the British forces to operate in somewhat friendly territory.

New Americanism Quiz (answers in the June-July issue): Why was the city of New York named New Amsterdam originally?

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

Registrar's

Report:

(John Guittard)

Membership:	298
Last Meeting:	29 Members 14 Guests

Treasurer's

Report: Febuary

(David Temple)

Checking & Cash:	\$ 3,551.22
Minuteman Fund:	\$ 8,406.40
Ritchie Fund:	\$ 30,454.97



FCP **Ralph McDowell** presented a cake to Compatriot **Tex Whitaker** for his 93rd birthday. The chapter sang Happy Birthday, Tex blew out his candle, and the chapter applauded.

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Date	Time	Event	Place
Apr. 4	8:00 a.m.	Colonial Day, muster at 8:00 a.m.	Providence Christian School, 5002 W. Lovers Lane
Apr. 14	10 a.m.	Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients' Parade	Gainesville, TX, California Street Exit off I.35
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