



# The MINUTEMAN



## Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution

May-June, 2012

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

June 9,  
8:30 a.m.\*

(Breakfast served 7:45)

Americanism:  
Robert Kittrell

Program:

Alan Lowe

Director of the  
George.W. Bush  
Library and Museum



July 14,  
8:30 a.m.\*

(Breakfast served 7:45)

Americanism:  
The Rambling  
Traveler  
Nick Harper

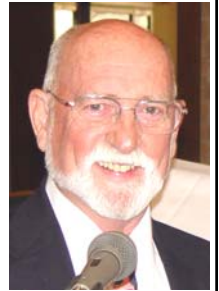
Program:

Nick Harper

The USS Scorpion  
Azores, 22 May  
1968

### ORGANIZATIONAL RECRUITING

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



As we all know organizations must have new membership in order to survive. The question at hand becomes. Is the organization worthy of moving forward?

If not, let (it) die a death of non-participation. If the organization is worthy of survival for the next generation the goals of attracting new members become a serious topic of recruiting. From my Management studies I've learned there are two basic approaches to recruiting.

1. **Active recruiting:** bringing forth history, literature, pictures, focusing on purpose and the reason the organization exist in the first place. The goal is to actively immerse the prospective candidate with published and verbal reasons why (he) should become motivate to join the organization.

2. **Passive recruiting:** I like this method of presenting an organization best. The questioning of the prospective candidate starts with, where were you born? Next question is have you ever researched your genealogy? This leads to a statement of: "I belong to a community of like minded gentlemen that have researched their genealogy all the way back to the American Revolutionary War." Our Patriots either served as fighting men in the American Revolution or they provided good and services to support the cause. Continuing I mention, that we are a national society called "The Sons of the American Revolution" and we are always looking for gentlemen who can qualify to join our community. Fellow Compatriots it's up to each one of us to help perpetuate our Chapter of the SAR by recruiting new members.

*Bob Northcraft*

SAR Dallas Chapter  
President

# Dallas Chapter News

New TXSSAR President **Robert M. Clark, Jr.**, (right) being the 98th President, an SAR member for thirty-six years, and FCP, addressed the chapter. He stressed the important work of the SAR in fostering patriotism and historical education through its various school programs including ROTC awards, good citizenship awards, poster contests, and Eagle scout essay contests. He then led the chapter in toasting the US, Texas, our troops, and the ladies.



First VP **Nick Harper** (above) told a joke and then gave an Americanism presentation on the Battle of the Kegs.

## APRIL MEETING

Chapter Poster Chairman **John Morton** (right) read a card from Gail Kidd, who had attended the previous monthly meeting as teacher of our chapter poster contest winner Sam Wigley, a student at Collins Lake Point Elementary School. She expressed warm appreciation to the chapter for its work in sponsoring such valuable patriotism programs.



Second Vice-President **Robert Kittrell** discussed the need for members to act as presenters for SAR chapter awards at different local schools. FCP Tom Smith added that it would be helpful for the presenters to obtain a copy of any school programs for such awards presentations, and that such programs were helpful in spreading the SAR message and attracting new members.



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 ★ **T**hough DNA testing done on me several years ago it was shown that I am a descendent of Richard Howell  
 ★ who lived on Long Island starting around 1640 in the Genealogy book that was compiled by Thomas H.  
 ★ Donnelly. The book tells of the story of the "widow" Howell coming to the new world with Richard. The book  
 ★ also tells of the story of the Welsh kings. It also mentions a cane and a Welsh Bible that he brought with him. If I  
 ★ had not done this DNA test I'm not sure that I would have discovered this great story of Richard Howell who came to  
 ★ Long Island, settled there, married, and raised a family there. SO if you haven't done your DNA test then do it even if  
 ★ you have all your family lines mapped out. It was a great discovery for me. Mark Howell  
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## MAY MEETING

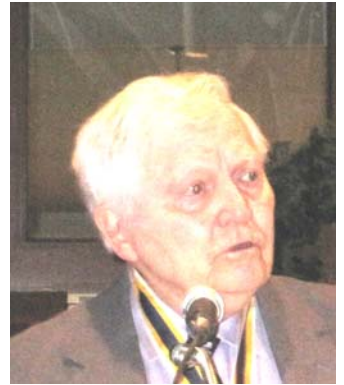


1st VP **Nick Harper** informed the members that he, again had reinstated the Chapter's awarding of SAR's *Ribbon and Certificate* for outstanding Navel Sea Cadets (above). He circulated a photo of the March Inspection & Awards ceremony he attended. The winners were Petty Officer 1st Class Derek Dickerson and Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Hornbeck.



(in above picture) 2011 TXSSAR President William Marris asked **Bob Northcraft** to present the TXSSAR Silver Good Citizens Medal to **Tom Whitelock** for outstanding service to the State and community.

The Americanism program was presented by FCP **Frank Pounders** (right). He stated that all too often, we forget to remember the importance and role that women played in the American Revolution as support for & behind the men of more note. In honor of Mother's Day, he emphasized the need to always recall their devotion and sacrifice in keeping the homestead cared for, all chores done, children raised as well as providing supplies to the troops.



2nd Vice President **Robert Kittrell** (right) expressed his appreciation to all the chapter members who have contributed their time for presenting over thirty JROTC & Bronze Good Citizenship medals and certificates this year. He stated there were a few remaining high schools yet to be done and hoped that additional compatriots would consider assisting in



**John Guittard's** topic and power point presentation was on *Banastre Tarleton of the Green Dragoons* and better known as a "butcher and barbarian." After concluding his well researched and educational program John was awarded the "Speaker's Cannon" by



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# Color Guard News-Memorial Day



Ennis Polka Festival parade on May 26th would be the inaugural run of our new "Boat Float" with **Charles Baker** standing tall in the bow (as George Washington when he crossed the Delaware River). **Jim Templin** with musket and **Tom Smith** with the Naval Jack



SAR members..... Preparing for the parade in Ennis



Charles Baker, Bob Northcraft, Jim Templin, Gerald Taylor, Tom Whitlock, Tom Smith, Bob Clark, boy, Drake Pettie, Dan Reed, man, Glen Toal .



Color Guard obviously taking five before being sent into duty. In attendance in Restlands program is (left-right) TXSSAR President-**Robert Clark** , **Charles Baker**, **Tom Whitlock**.



**Charles Baker**, **Tom Whitlock**, **Bob Northcraft** at attention at the service in Duncanville



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.



Tom Whitelock presenting JROTC Bronze Medals/Certificates to Anayyelli Hernandez (above) (Pinkston H.S.) and Samuel Morales (right) (Hillcrest H.S.) and as mentioned before Robert Kittrell said that over Thirty awards have been given out this year .



**Americanism Quiz from March-April issue:** Why was the city of New York named New Amsterdam originally?

Following the explorations of Henry Hudson in 1609, the West India Company—already prominent in the West Indies—moved up the Hudson Valley and established Fort Orange in 1624 in the site of present day Albany. Traveling to the mouth of the Hudson, the Dutch settled at a site called New Amsterdam, where the director of the company, Peter Minuit, consummated his legendary trade with the Indians, giving them blankets and other goods worth less than a hundred dollars for Manhattan. If you look at the official city seal of New York now it has lots of symbols from the days when it was new Amsterdam.

**New Americanism Quiz:** Alexander Hamilton was involved with many parts of the Revolution. He was an author, Treasurer, Military and political advisor. However what office was he not qualified for and why?

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### Registrar's

#### Report:

**(John Guittard)**

Membership:	298
Last Meeting:	29 Members 4 Guests

### Treasurer's

#### Report: May

**(David Temple)**

Checking & Cash:	\$ 4,375.99
Minuteman Fund:	\$ 10,408.27
Ritchie Fund:	\$ 30,469.61



### **"Skip" Gustafson**

On April the 30th Tom Smith and Chalmers Omberg attended an award ceremony at the CR Smith Museum in Fort Worth. Skip received "The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award from the Dept. of Transportation recognizing pilots who have demonstrated professionalism, skill and aviation expertise by maintaining safe operations for 50 or more years.

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Date	Time	Event	Place
<b>July 4</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Lake Highlands Independence Day Parade</b>	<b>9610 Woodman Circle</b>
<b>July 14</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>July Meeting of the Dallas chapter</b>	<b>Presbyterian Village North Auditorium</b>
<b>Aug. 11</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>August Meeting of the Dallas chapter</b>	<b>Presbyterian Village North Auditorium</b>