



The MINUTEMAN



Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution

July-August, 2012

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sept 8,
8:30 a.m.*

(Breakfast served 7:45)

Americanism:
Charles James Fox
Hank Voegtle

Program:
Capt. Bob Whitlock
USN(ret)
Carrier Fighter Pilot

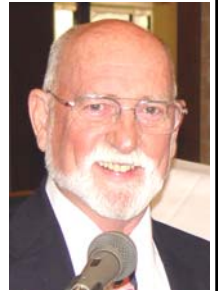
Oct 13,
8:30 a.m.*

(Breakfast served 7:45)

Program:
Salvaging the
USS Cario
Nick Harper

CONSTITUTION DAY

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



As President of the Dallas Chapter for 2012 I declared that my two focal points this year would be 1. Recruiting new members and 2. The Constitution of the United States.

The month of September leads us to Constitution Day hence my topic for this issue of our Newsletter.

Constitution Day is an American (federal) observance that recognizes the adoption of the United States Constitution and those who have become U.S. Citizens. It is observed on September 17, the day the U.S. Constitution was signed in 1778. Constitution Day marks the anniversary date of the Constitutional Convention, presided over by George Washington, approving the Constitution on September 17, 1787. On that date, Washington signed copies of the document and sent them out to the 13 states for ratification.

The (law) establishing the **holiday** was created in 2004 with the passage of an amendment by Senator Robert Byrd to the **Omnibus spending bill** of 2004.

Before this law was enacted, the holiday was known a Citizenship Day. In addition to renaming the holiday, the act mandates that all publicly funded educational institutions provide educational programming on the history of the American constitution on that day. Most important, in May 2005, the United States department of Education announced the enactment of this law and stated that it would apply to **any** school receiving federal funds of any kind.

As a reference, when constitution Day falls on a weekend or on another holiday, schools and other institutions observe the holiday on an adjacent weekday.

As Chapter President, may I recommend we find some way to celebrate Constitution Day in September? I'm open for suggestions.

Bob Northcraft

Dallas SAR chapter
President

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JUNE MEETING

The Americanism program for the day was presented by **Robert Kittrell**. His topic centered on what happened to the "signers" of the Declaration of Independence, and how the fifty-six men valued LIBERTY over personal safety as well as the sacrifices they and their families experienced for their patriotic action.



Tom Whitelock being recognized for participating in five Memorial day events in one day: 1. Reverchon Park-Carry the Load services 2. DFW National Cemetery- Memorial Services & Flag placement 3. Duncanville Memorial Day-Posting of colors 4. Restland Cemetery- Memorial Ceremony 5. City of Commerce- Flag placement & Services **Bob Northcraft** (right) is presenting him a Liberty Bell

Mr. Alan C. Lowe, Director of the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum at SMU. Mr. Lowe led off with introductory comments on his career as an Archivist for a number of Presidential libraries, museums, as well as national governmental and historical repositories. The National Archives worked with the White House to move the records of the President (over 70 million pieces of paper, photos, documents & historical memorabilia) after his administration ended into the designated museum/library temporary-holding facility. At the conclusion of his very informative presentation, he mentioned that he was investigating the possibility of our Society participating in the dedication Grand Opening of the Library in April of 2013. President **Bob Northcraft** presented him a thank you gift.



District 6 VP Harmon Adair of the East-Fork Trinity Chapter & Chapter #34 Compatriot: T.L. Holden



Bradley Sue Howell (left) and Lloyd Bockstruck (right) Lloyd (now retired) is a well known genealogy expert, speaker, educator, and writer. For thirty-six years, Lloyd was employed at the Dallas Public Library, spending the last thirty years as Supervisor of the Genealogy Section.

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JULY MEETING



Ralph McDowell advised members to register with Kroger so the Chapter would be funded such as the \$171 received from Kroger.



John Guittard(left) with TXSSAR President **Robert M. Clark, Jr.**, (to left of John) looking on, swears in new members (l-r) **Tom Dipprey** and **George Ramphrey**



Second VP Robert Kittrell gave Certificates of Appreciation to those members who devoted their time and effort to present Medals and Certificates to outstanding cadets and students at schools. There were a total of 53 medals and certificates awarded with 35 cadets given the Bronze R.O.T.C. Medals/Certificates and 18 students given the Bronze Good Citizenship Medals/Certificates. From l-r **Nick Harper, Robert Kittrell, Larie Crapo, Charles Baker, Ralph McDowell, Tom Smith, John Guittard, David Temple, James Fairbairn, Hank Voegtle, Bob Northcraft.**



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.

Color Guard News



Dallas Chapter parade participants lining up before the Lake Highlands Parade. SAR in Back; Scouts and Webelos representing the 13 colonies with Sashes and Colonial Flags; Cubs in Front. The Scouts are from Troop 890 and the Pack from Pack 890.



Gathering in Goar Park at the end of the Park Cities Parade. Nathan Ochoa (Troop 890), Pete Sessions Congressional District 32 – Republican, Charles Baker (Dallas Chapter), David Ochoa (Scoutmaster, Troop 890), Tom Smith (Dallas Chapter), and Luke Wilson (Troup 890). Nathan and Luke carried the SAR Banner in the Park Cities Parade.

Charles Baker “preparing the troops” boy scout troops that is for the Lake highlands parade. Barbara Baker seated at table taking names?

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.

Bob Northcraft has mentioned at a few of the last meetings about anyone with a uniform that they are not going to use anymore. This would be of course a uniform to be used for someone that is needed one for various outings and color guard showings. If you have something then contact Bob about it he would appreciate it.



TXSSAR Color Guard representatives including Dallas Chapter's **Bob Clark** TSSAR President (kneeling 2nd L) & **Tom Whitelock** (kneeling on R)

SAR CONGRESS



Tom Whitelock showing off PA Flag before President General's review of National Color Guard at Congress



National Color Guard Commander Mike Tomme, Sr. (and his wife) had the honor of guarding and presenting *George Washington's Ring* during installation of the new PG



Past TXSSAR President Bill Marrs on his way to receiving the *MINUTEMAN* award being escorted by Past President Generals Edward Butler & Nathan White

Answer to May-June 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? Hamilton's foreign birth prohibited him from becoming president, sentencing him forever to be in power behind the throne.

Quiz for September-October: John Adams and Thomas Jefferson have three common things in their lives what are they?

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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:	279
Last Meeting:	29 Members 6 Guests

Treasurer's

Report: May

(David Temple)

Checking & Cash:	\$ 3,975.79
Minuteman Fund:	\$ 10,410.04
Ritchie Fund:	\$ 40,300.77



TXSSAR President **Robert Clark** posing with "bounty" of awards won by Texas Society during 2011

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Date	Time	Event	Place
Sep 8	8 a.m.	September Meeting of the Chapter	Main Dining Room
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