



The MINUTEMAN



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First
Vice-President

Warren Johnson

The Americanism Speaker for June 11th will be Nick Harper. He will be talking about James Rumsey, inventor of the water jet.



Historian

Robert Kittrell

Both the Audie Murphy Parade in Farmersville and the Flag Retirement Ceremony in Frisco will be held on June 18 at 10:00 a.m. with the COG to form at 9:00 a.m. for either event. Jeanette Prasifka received word that Congressman Sam Johnson wanted a Flag Retirement Ceremony in Frisco. The address is 8000 McKinney Rd. Frisco, TX 75034. Compatriots from all area Chapters are invited (in uniform or not) to assist in various ceremony activities at the Frisco Veterans Park. Unfortunately this is going to make it difficult for the NTCOG but do attend

one of these events. Information on July 4th Dallas Chapter Color Guard Parade and events will be emailed to members.

Up-coming events;

June 18, 2016 Saturday – Audie Murphy Parade in Farmersville Event normally starts at 10:00 AM COG to form at 9AM.

June 18, 2016 Saturday – Flag Retirement Ceremony in Frisco 10:00AM COG to form at 9AM.

July 4, 2016 Monday – March or ride in the Plano 4th of July Parade, sponsored by the Plano Early Lions Club at 9:00 AM.

July 4, 2016 Monday – March or ride in the Rockwall 4th of July Parade

Join us in uniform at any of these important events.



Dallas Chapter Vice President Warren Johnson (R) joined Maj. Tommy Hendry in awarding Hillcrest H.S. Cadet **Nicholas Bamberg** with the SAR Bronze JROTC Medal & Certificate.

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Former Texas Society President Larry Stevens (L) joins in the awarding of a Certificate/Scholarship to 2nd place winner in the state Oration Contest to **Calen Garza**. Also pictured are Oration Chairman, Tom Whitelock and Committee Member Dr. James J. Johnson. Calen was Co-Sponsored by Bernardo de Galvez and Dallas Chapters, (he also won Dallas' Knight Essay contest).





Each year (near the 19th of April) the Providence Christian Academy (4 & 5 grade) students dress in colonial attire (along with their moms & some dads) to enjoy learning about what it was like in the 1700s as far as crafts, games, foods, and making clothes etc.

A number of booths are located in the auditorium and the students go from one to the next to learn more about what their ancestors experienced in those days. Our compatriots put on a show & tell program about various flags and their history.

Bill Covington, from the Arlington Chapter is also there to show his collection.



MEMORIAL



Alan Pickens

March 12, 2016

Allen was in poor health for several years and was unable to attend the monthly meetings of our chapter. He was a patient at the VA hospital.

He was very active in the 1990's. He served our chapter as photographer and a member of the Color Guard. He was a navy veteran and was buried at the National Cemetery in the state of Washington.

Carl Keith Beers

March 11, 2016

We are saddened to report the death of Compatriot Beers who died in Fort Collins, Colorado.



James Templin

February 9, 2016

We are saddened to report the death of Compatriot Templin. He was a chapter registrar, Ennis Parade Coordinator, Multi-Americanism Speaker, long time Color Guard Member and belonged to various Heritage Societies.



Alan Johnson, Howard Roach, Jim Greer, T L Holden, Tom Whitelock, Larry Melton, Don Babbs, and Bill Watts at the Naturalization Ceremony at the Dallas Field Office in Irving, Texas on May 16, 2016



Ennis Polka Festival Parade

On May 28 the Ennis Polka Festival Parade was held in Historic Ennis. As you can see the town fathers saw fit to include the Sons of the American Revolution. Chapter Commander Bob Kittrell did a wonderful job getting all of the North Texas Color Guard together in Ennis. A heartfelt "thank you" is extended to Bob. Below is another picture of all the participants.



Our Commander Ready to go -



**North Texas Color Guard
2016 Ennis Parade**

Tom Whitelock, Gerald Tyler, Walt Thomas, Paul Ridenour, Chamlers Omberg, Bob Kittrell, Tom Smith, Jerry Pinkerton and Bill Watts



Memorial Day at the Kaufman County Veterans Memorial.

Tom Whitelock followed by the East Fork Trinity Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard began the ceremony.



Compatriot Whitelock took a moment out of his Restland Memorial duties to have a photo with a likely CAR prospect



The Color Guard at the Kaufman County Veterans Memorial. The Ceremony ended when a replica of George Washington's Badge of Military Merit was presented.

Montie Monzingo, Gary Lovell, David Powell, Walt Thomas and Tom Whitelock



Jose A Garcia was presented a replica of the George Washington Badge of Military Merit by Walt Thomas the Color Guard Commander of the East Fork Trinity Chapter Texas Sons of the American Revolution for Leadership in the Terrell Young Marines

Reminder from Alan Johnson, Plano Chapter

“Shot heard round the world” and “Don’t fire until you see the whites of their eyes”



On April 19, of 1775, General Thomas Gage, royal military governor of Massachusetts, dispatched a force of 700 British Army regulars under Lieutenant Colonel Francis Smith with secret orders to arrest Boston Tea Party leader Samuel Adams, Massachusetts Provincial Congress President John Hancock and merchant fleet owner Jeremiah Lee.

But what most directly ties these orders to the enumeration in our Constitution that "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed" is that Gage ordered his Redcoats to capture and destroy arms and supplies stored by the Massachusetts militia in the town of Concord. Indeed, the first shots of the eight-year struggle for American independence were in response to the government's attempt to disarm the people.

It was just after dawn on April 19th at the Lexington town green that the British killed eight of Captain John Parker's militiamen as they were dispersing. Later that day, after searching for powder and weapons in Concord, British light infantry companies faced rapidly growing ranks of militia and Minutemen at Concord's Old North Bridge. From depositions on both sides, the British fired first on the militia, killing two and wounding four.

But this time, militia commander John Buttrick yelled the order, "Fire, for God's sake, fellow soldiers, fire!" And fire they did, commencing with "the shot heard round the world" immortalized in poet Ralph Waldo Emerson's "Concord Hymn."

With that shot, farmers and laborers, landowners and statesmen alike brought upon themselves the sentence of death for treason against the Crown. In the ensuing firefight, the British took heavy casualties and in discord retreated to Concord village for reinforcements, and then retreated back toward Lexington.

In retreat to Lexington, British regulars took additional casualties, including those suffered in an ambush by the reassembled ranks of John Parker's militia — "Parker's Revenge" as it became known. The English were reinforced with 1,000 troops in Lexington, but the King's men were no match for the militiamen, who inflicted heavy casualties upon the Redcoats along their 20-mile tactical retreat to Boston.

And thus began the American Revolution in support of Liberty — not just for the Massachusetts militia, but for all mankind.



Bill Watts

Newsletter

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I enjoy publishing the Minuteman Newsletter and I hope you are enjoying it as well. I am trying to keep the newsletter full of up-to-date information about our last meeting, future meetings and other information concerning the Dallas Chapter. But sometimes I forget to mention some important information.

Therefore I want to ask YOU the reader for help. If you have something that you think should be in the Newsletter please send it to me. If you have suggestions (I may or may not always use them) please send them to me.

If you have an article that you want to publish (1-3 pages) please send it to me with pictures. I may have to edit it to fit but I welcome any article that fits the newsletter and our interests. I will need a head shot picture to put in the Newsletter as part of your writing.

If you have participated in activities that are related to SAR, DAR, CAR, military, or civic that is related to our chapter please send it to me with pictures. I want to make this Newsletter reflect the Chapter's interests.

If you are a New Member, please contact me at bill_watts@att.net so we can put you in the Newsletter. You are an important part of the Dallas Chapter and we want you to introduce yourself to US!

Last but not least this is your Newsletter and I want it to reflect our Chapter so please let me know how I can make it better. Let's work together to keep this Newsletter fresh, informative and fun!

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