



THE MINUTEMAN



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President's Message

by Dr. Gary N. Sisson

More of the Same

Compatriots, let me share with you some excerpts from our Commander-in-Chief's speech to Congress on Thursday, September 20th, 2001:

- "I ask you to uphold the values of America, and remember why so many have come here."
- "As long as the United States of America is determined and strong, this will not be an age of terror; this will be an age of liberty, here and across the world."
- "Freedom and fear, justice and cruelty, have always been at war, and we know that God is not neutral between them."

In his pamphlet *The Crisis* written in 1776, Thomas Paine began, "These are the times that try men's souls". Prior to the overwhelming patriot victory at Trenton, General Washington ordered bands of his downcast soldiers called together, and Paine's inspiring essay was read aloud to them. Due to the recent tragic events of Tuesday, September 11th, these are such times. The question naturally arises, "What can the SAR do to help?". As individual citizens we can give generously (See libertyunites.org), we can fly the U.S. Flag (I have Flag etiquette books if you need one), and we can pray (Oh, I'm sorry, was that not politically correct?). SAR is in the business of promoting patriotism and Americanism, and President Bush (also a member of the Texas Society) has asked all Americans to do just that. So what can the Dallas Chapter do? The answer is obvious—*more of the same*.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

COMPATRIOTS: PLAN NOW TO WEAR YOUR MINUTEMAN, ARMY SCOUT, OR OTHER PERIOD COSTUME TO THE NOVEMBER 10 MEETING, AS WE WILL CARPOOL TO THE VETERANS DAY PARADE DOWNTOWN AFTERWARD. BRING YOUR FLAG.

October Meeting

Terry Baker will present our October 13 program concerning police officers killed in the line of duty.

For future program suggestions, feel free to call 1st VP Cliff Slagle at 972-380-1500.

C.A.R. Liaison Officer Bob Coursey introduced members of the David Pendleton Chapter of C.A.R. who presented the September 8 program. See p. 2. ▶



Registrar's Report:

Chapter membership now stands at 304.
September meeting: 36 members, 21 guests.
Don Hay, Registrar

Treasurer's Report:

Checking & Cash: \$ 3,360.03
Endowment Funds: \$ 31,120.46
Tracy Pounders, Treasurer

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Meetings are held on the Second Saturday of each month at Luby's Cafeteria, 6221 E. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas. Coffee served with fellowship at 7:30, breakfast at 8:00, and meeting from 8:30 'til 9:45. Guests are welcome at our meetings.

September Meeting Report



Members of the David Pendleton Chapter of the Society of the Children of the American Revolution presented our September program, telling about the principles and activities of the C.A.R. Pictured above with Dallas SAR Chapter President **Dr. Gary Sisson** are: Karl Klammer, Katie Williams, Katie Klammer, Catherine Miller, Compatriot **Bob Coursey** (our C.A.R. Liaison), and Colleen Coursey.



Members of Girl Scout Troop 539 performed a flag decommissioning service for the Americanism presentation at our September meeting. This flag had flown at the home of Compatriot **Cliff Slagle** until it had become faded and



Announcements

Compatriot **Henry Rather** needs more volunteers to man the SAR table in the Continental DAR House during the State Fair of Texas, through October 21. This is a very effective recruiting method. Admission to the Fair and parking are free while you are on duty. Contact Henry at

The Michael Stoner Chapter of the D.A.R. will present Dr. Thomas Chavez, Director, Palace of Governors Museum, Santa Fe, reviewing his latest book "Spain and the Independence of the United States," on Thursday evening, November 8, at the new Meadows Museum at SMU, 5900 Bishop Blvd. Complimentary parking and viewing of the museum prior to dinner at 5:30, followed by the program at 6:30– 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$35 per person. Make check to Michael Stoner Chapter NSDAR, and mail c/o Mrs. F. Pierce Noble, 9620 Trailview Dr., Dallas 75238.



Compatriot **Barkley Miller** and daughter **Catherine**, a member of the C.A.R., were seen bringing a load of magazines to the September meeting for distribution at the Dallas VA Hospital. Let's remember our veterans as we pray for our troops, by providing good reading material for the hospital.

Want to help your Dallas Chapter painlessly? If you use a Tom Thumb "Reward Card," stop by the Service Desk and have it linked to "#7097." If you shop at Kroger, pick up a Kroger Card (to be used with your "Kroger Plus" Card) from Compatriot **Tracy Ponders**. In either case, money spent at these stores using this card will result in 1% being donated to the SAR. Use of these privileges does not reduce other amenities that use of your "Reward" or "Kroger Plus" cards normally accrue.

C.A.R. Member **Karl Klammer** displays the SAR membership certificate of his great grandfather, **John Jackson McSwain**, descendent of Patriot **William Randall**. McSwain joined the South Carolina Society on March 3, 1928.



