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President's Message

by Dr. Gary N. Sisson



Why Do "They" Hate Us?

Is it just me, or does this question arise every time the journalistic machine lacks news from the battlefield and shifts into low gear? It is, we are told, a valid question...or is it? By its very nature the question is rhetorical unless we identify who "they" are. But what if your four-year-old son or grandson asks the question (using the masculine because we are the Sons of the American Revolution)? May I suggest an answer? "They" are jealous. We have something "they" don't – a government based upon "certain unalienable Rights" of mankind – and it works! But our continued success requires us to be not only lovers of liberty but lovers of the law (not necessarily lawyers – sorry, I couldn't resist). I leave you with a portion of a speech made by a young Springfield, Illinois lawyer on January 27, 1838:

"Let every American, every lover of liberty, every well-wisher to his posterity, swear by the blood of the Revolution never to violate in the least particular the laws of the country; and never to tolerate their violation by others. As the patriots of Seventy-six did to support the Declaration of Independence, so to the support of the Constitution and laws let every American pledge his life, his property and his sacred honor..." –A. Lincoln

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

November Meeting

Compatriot **Richard Fawkes** will discuss battle reenactments, show antique weapons, and answer questions.

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

Compatriot **John Greer**, State Chairman of the Veteran and Flags Committee, addressed the Chapter concerning needs in the V.A. Hospitals. See page 3 for details. ▶

Registrar's Report:

Chapter membership now stands at 310.
October meeting: 38 members, 9 guests.
Don Hay, Registrar

Treasurer's Report:

Checking & Cash: \$ 2333.96
Endowment Funds: \$ 32,136.43
Tracy Pounders, Treasurer



THE MINUTEMAN is the monthly newsletter of the Dallas Chapter of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, a non-profit organization. (Pictures by Dr. H. Charles Baker)

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.

October Meeting Report



Patricia Martin of the Jane Douglas Chapter, NSDAR, and wife of Compatriot **Jim Martin**, received the SAR Medal of Appreciation for her efforts in procuring memberships for many of her male relatives in the Dallas Chapter. Mrs. Martin also received a Certificate of Membership *in absentia* for her great uncle, **Frederick Murphy**, who lives in California. Above, she holds Compatriot Murphy's picture as a bomber pilot during WWII.



Left to right, above, Compatriot **John Stuart** was sworn in, sponsored by **Ralph McDowell**. Compatriot **Charles McKnight** was sworn in, sponsored by his father, **Chuck McKnight**. At the end of the meeting, Good Citizen Emanuel Prodan played "America the Beautiful" as attendees sang.



Flautist Emanuel Prodan, shown above with President Sisson and his mom, Mrs. Virginia Prodan, received the SAR Good Citizenship Medal for his contributions in playing the flute and marching with the SAR Color Guard and Militia in several recent events.



Christopher Alto (left), General Manager of the Melrose Hotel in Dallas, received a flag certificate on behalf of the hotel, from Dallas Chapter President **Dr. Gary Sisson**. The Melrose proudly flies its flag over the hotel 24X7. **President Sisson has stated his desire to present flag certificates to all Dallas Chapter compatriots who properly display the U.S. flag 24X7.**

Announcements

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 Pounders**. In either case, money spent at these stores using this card will result in 1% of purchase being donated to the Chapter. Use of these privileges does not reduce other amenities that use of your "Reward" or "Kroger Plus" cards normally accrue.

The Michael Stoner Chapter of the D.A.R. will present Dr. Thomas Chavez, Director, Palace of The 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.,

Judge **Edward F. Butler, Sr.**, TXSSAR Ambassador to Mexico and Central America, will hold an organizational meeting for a new SAR chapter, at the Nueva Posada Hotel in Ajijic, Jalisco, Mexico, on December 4, 2001, at 2 p.m. Ajijic is a small village of mostly retired Americans, located on Lake Chapala, a few miles south of Guadalajara. If you have been looking for an excuse to journey to Mexico, now is your chance. Plane fares between Dallas and Guadalajara are now cheaper than in recent memory. Attend this meeting and you could be a charter member of a new chapter. For more info, contact Ed at <Judge58@aol.com>.



A DIFFERENCE OF PHILOSOPHIES

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Taliban Supreme Leader, Mullah Mohommed Omar:
 "The situation where we are now, there are two things: either death or victory. To those who are fighting and bombarding us, they should understand the Afghan man is a fighter willing to die for his country."

June 1944

General George S. Patton, pictured at right:
 "I want you to understand that no one ever won a war by dying for his country. He won it by making the other poor guy die for his country."



Compatriot **John Greer** (pictured on page 1) challenged members of the Dallas Chapter to help provide Christmas presents for the Assisted Living Facility at the Dallas VA Hospital. Items specifically suggested include tube socks, winter coats, and Long Distance Phone Cards.

To see these pictures in 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 and other organizations of interest, Chapter Officers, Minuteman Newsletter archives, and lots of other good info.

