



# THE MINUTEMAN

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## President's Message

by Cliff Slagle



### The Census Program is Working

The Census Program is beginning to payoff for our chapter. At the time of this writing we have received information on 22 good prospects in the Dallas area. The information provided gives the name and address of the prospect, his age, occupation, spouse's name, his relative who is an SAR member, the SAR member's national number, and the Patriot's name that he is descended from.

Most of the prospects will have minimal work to do after acquiring record copies of the SAR compatriot's application. The most I have seen so far involves connecting to a cousin.

I will have copies of the CENSUS REPORT FORM at the next meeting. If you have not filled in a form, or did not receive one, I encourage you to pick up a form. For those unable to attend the meeting but have eligible relatives, please contact me. I will send you the forms, with instruction sheets.

As of November 16, 143 members had paid their 2003 dues. That leaves us 165 short of 100%. If you have not paid your dues, please try to do so before the end of December. It is within the reach of the chapter to attain a 100% renewal of membership. And with the help of the Census Program we can regain membership levels of the past.

#### December 14 Meeting

High School teacher and Winston Churchill historian David Bucy will discuss "Churchill's Views on the American Revolution"

For future program suggestions, please feel free to call 1<sup>st</sup> VP Jack Carney at 972-401-1830.

Compatriot Art Ingalls gave an inspiring talk on Capt. Richard I. Carty, the "Battlefiend Chaplain" at the November meeting of the Dallas Chapter. ▶

**Registrar's Report:**

Chapter membership stands at 308.  
Last Meeting: 37 Members, 7 Guests  
Mel McCoy, Registrar

**Treasurer's Report:**

Checking & Cash: \$ 2068.81  
Endowment Funds: \$ 34,348.28  
Tom Smith, 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.

## CHAPTER MEETING NEWS



Clockwise, from upper left: Bill Richardson gave the Americanism Presentation; Mel McCoy, Chapter Registrar, gave a report on the membership pipeline; Bob Clark, Jr., told about his trip to Yorktown, Williamsburg, etc.; Richard Fawkes and Tom Whitelock looked absolutely gorgeous in their period formalwear (minuet, anyone?); and Dick Arnold received a Certificate of Appreciation for his Outstanding Performance with the South Central Region Color Guard.

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, CAR and other organizations of interest, Chapter Officers, Minuteman Newsletter archives, and lots of other good info.



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The color guard is probably the best publicity-generating vehicle that the SAR has, yet only a handful of Dallas Chapter members have uniforms or period clothing. At the recent Veterans Day parade in Downtown Dallas, we could not muster enough members to be able to carry the new \$375 parade banner that was purchased by the Dallas Chapter. In the first parade in which we participated 5 years ago, our group was #79 in the parade line-up. Because of our consistency and the recognized importance of the Minutemen in American History, we have worked our way up to #4 in the line-up this year. Pictured above, (1) Our little group entered City Hall Plaza. (2) Prior to the parade we posed for a picture: L to R: Tom Smith with Betsy Ross Flag, Dick Arnold with 50-star, David Hill with flintlock, Ralph McDowell with Grand Union, Tom Whitelock with TXSSAR, Art Ingalls with antique rifle from the Civil War, and Mel McCoy with the 13-star Flag. (4) Charles Baker and Tom Smith provided a backdrop for pictures of awardees at the *Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Annual Awards Dinner*. (5) Even the Dobermans and traffic barriers were decked out in the stars and stripes for the Veterans Day Parade. Let's try to have a good turn-out for Pearl Harbor Day at the Cavanaugh Flight Museum at Addison Airport on 12/7.

