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President's Message

by Jack Carney



What Does the SAR Mean to Me?

I recently received an e-mail from Ralph McDowell telling me about the death of Compatriot Billy E. Wolfe who recently joined the Dallas Chapter. To quote Ralph, "Bill was excited about proving his lineage to his patriot ancestor, Phillip Wolfe, who served in the North Carolina militia and was wounded in the Battle of King's Mountain. He and Carolyn told me several times how proud he was to become a member of SAR".

Ralph's comment made me stop and think about how easy it is to take the SAR for granted. We are the descendents of the heroes of the American Revolution; but how did our patriot ancestors feel about a group of ill equipped colonists taking on the greatest military power in the world?

Over 225 years separate us from the realities of the Battle of Kings Mountain or the battles of each of our ancestors. We should not forget the reality of war or their struggle for freedom. John Adams, when asked about the necessity of war said that, "We study the art of war so that our children can study agriculture and business, so that our grandchildren can learn music and literature."

We are free today to enjoy what they fought for and wanted for their descendents.

October 11 Meeting

Dr. Edward Countryman, SMU Distinguished Professor of History, will discuss "The USA Under the Articles of Confederation."

For future program suggestions, please feel free to call 1st VP Tracy Ponders at 214-368-8767.

John Slate, Dallas Municipal Archivist, spoke on "Treasures of the Archives" at our September 13 Chapter meeting. (See page 3.) > > >

Registrar's Report:

Chapter membership: 295, 7 pending
Last Meeting: 37 Members, 4 Guests
Mel McCoy, Registrar

Treasurer's Report:

Checking & Cash: \$ 2374.62
Minuteman: \$ 8187.16
Ritchie: \$27,052.42
Tom Smith, Treasurer



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*Meetings are held on the Second Saturday of each month at **Crowne Plaza Suites**, 7800 Alpha Road, Dallas, Texas. Coffee served with fellowship at 7:30, breakfast at 8:00, meeting from 8:30 'til 9:45. Guests are welcome.*

Chapter Meeting News



Above: Program V.P. **Tracy Ponders** gave the Americanism Presentation and then engaged in this photo-op to introduce Speaker John Slate; **Tom Smith** received two more supplementals; **Tom Whitelock**, "Beat the Peach" Coordinator, showed some ways we can accumulate points for the Chapter in the area of veteran's affairs. The box at the bottom of page 3 lists some of the ways. Tom will be happy to give you the complete list.

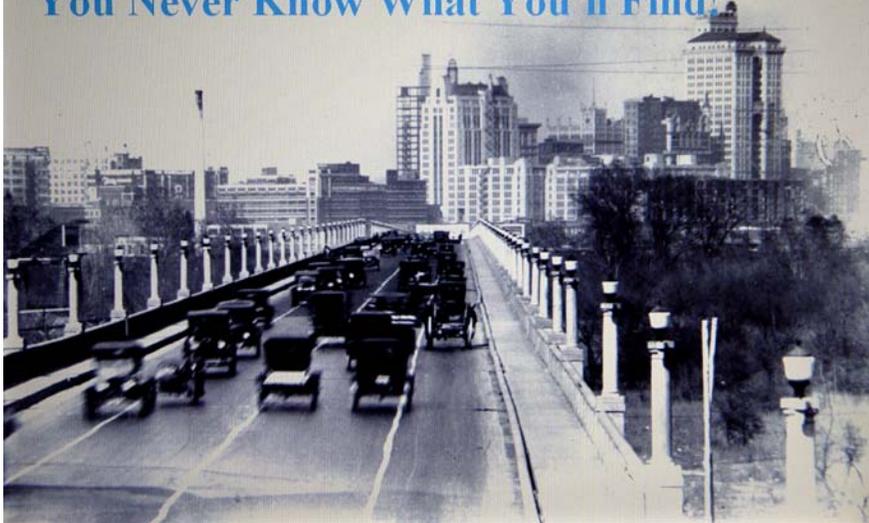
Note from Iraq: "The proud warriors of Baker Company wanted to do something on 9-11-03 to pay tribute to our fallen comrades; so since we are part of the only Marine Infantry Battalion left in Iraq the one way that we could think of doing that is by taking a picture of Baker Company saying the way we feel." (Signed) Semper Fi, 1st Sgt. Dave Jobe



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.



Archives: You Never Know What You'll Find!



Above: 14 compatriots attended the DAR Constitution Week Brunch. With a backdrop of the Dallas Chapter's 13 colony flags, left to right, **Willie Walker, Bob Clark, David Hill, Elvin Brown, John Warterfield, Lloyd Bockstruck, Judson Hughes, Tom Smith, Tom Hill, Richard Arnold, Charles Reed, John Radcliff, Ralph McDowell, and Bill Richardson.** At left, one of the ancient pictures of Dallas shown by Archivist John Slate. Recognize the Houston Street Viaduct? Remember when the Magnolia Building (right) was the tallest in Dallas?

Partial list of points our chapter can earn for various activities with veterans: 10 points per hour of volunteer service; 5 points per hour visiting a veteran; 1 point per mile traveled to visit a veteran; 1 point per gift donated to a veteran in a VA hospital or nursing home; 10 points for each special observance attended with veterans organizations (Memorial Day, Flag Day, Pearl Harbor Day, Etc); 25 points for special observance sponsored by chapter with veterans organization, 25 points for marking a grave of a Revolutionary War Veteran; 1 point for each magazine or book donated to a VA hospital or nursing home; 25 points for a chapter member being appointed to a United Veterans Council or equivalent organization. Please see Compatriot **Tom Whitelock** for more details.

