



# THE MINUTEMAN

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## President's Message

by Tracy Pounds



## Turn It Over to Normal Citizens?

A few years ago, I was ordered to appear for jury duty in Dallas County. The jury was composed of old and young, educated and not, black and white, and I was convinced, as a former prosecutor that I knew the jury's character. I could pick out the wolves and the sheep, the ones who would listen, and the ones who wouldn't. As a contracts attorney, I had my doubts about this jury's ability to understand the complex nature of this contracts case. And at that moment, I understood why our Founding Fathers were so reluctant to turn over the governing of our nation to normal citizens.

The trial lasted a week, but we finally went into deliberations. And I knew that the three other jurors who I thought paid attention and I would have our work cut out for us digging a verdict out of this bunch.

Boy, did I have it wrong! Not only had everyone listened, but they could recall all of the details, some minute, of the trial. Everyone had an opinion, and they could articulate the opinion and the reason for the opinion. And the lawyer tricks that I was convinced that only I noticed? They saw them for what they were and asked me if all lawyers were jerks. Present company excluded, of course.

The experience surprised me. It filled me with hope. It told me that Americans, no matter their background, take their oaths as jurors and as citizens seriously. And it confirmed in me the wisdom of our Founding Fathers to leave the ruling of our nation to its people, and to trust the Common Sense and the Hearts of the normal American Citizen.

### July 10 Meeting

The 75th Anniversary of the founding of our SAR Chapter will be celebrated with a dinner meeting at the Hackberry Creek Country Club. Separate invitations are being mailed

For future program suggestions, please feel free to call 1<sup>st</sup> VP Tom Whitelock at 214-534-3476.

TXSSAR President Roy Adams spoke on leadership and membership at our June 12 meeting. He especially emphasized SAR dads getting involved with their sons in the CAR.

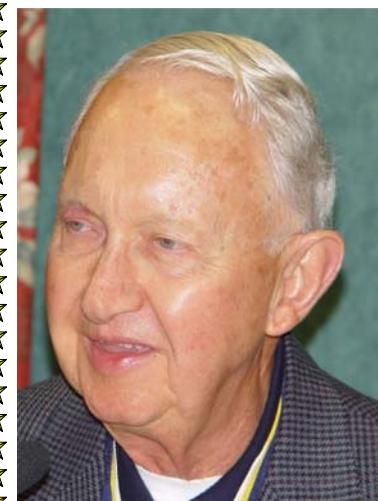
#### Registrar's Report:

Chapter membership: 280; 4 pending  
Last Meeting: 34 Members, 14 Guests  
Mel McCoy, Registrar

#### Treasurer's Report:

Checking & Cash:	\$ 3,419.45
Minuteman Fund:	\$ 8,223.65
Ritchie Fund:	\$26,351.86

Tom Smith, Treasurer



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

## Dallas Chapter Meeting News



Left: Registrar-General **Charles Bragg** attended our June meeting and helped Dallas Chapter Registrar **Mel McCoy** swear in two new members (bottom row of pictures). **Jim Templin** (far lower left) sponsored **Robert Keever**, and **Cliff Slagle** (far lower right) sponsored **Raymond Johnson III**. Left, middle row: **Michael Peterson** gave the Americanism Presentation on the folding of the American Flag. Our friend Paul Ferguson (center), Pearl Harbor Survivor, shared some personal recollections of the December 7, 1941 attack by the Japanese, and presented the Dallas Chapter with an actual photograph (below, right) of Old Glory flying over Hickam Field during the attack.



**That our flag was still there...**



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.



**L**eft to Right & Top to Bottom: District VP **Ralph McDowell** presented a collage titled "The Battle of Kolache" to **Jim Templin**, honoring his arranging our participation in the National PolkaFest Parade on May 29, and also for Jim and Helen inviting us for a Czech lunch afterward. **Art Ingalls** and **Tom Whitelock** wondered exactly what klobase is, but unanimously decided that it was a code word for great food. The North Texas Color Guard led off the parade which was viewed by more than 70,000 spectators. **Art Ingalls** and others saluted the flag at the Dallas Memorial Day Service in Restland. The Texas Artillery Salute Battery fired the 21-gun salute at the end of the program. The Color Guard enjoyed our own private tent at the service. Every grave in the Restland Field of Honor was decorated with a flag.



Oops! Sorry we insulted the Bohemians of Ennis last month. Klobase sausage is Czech; kielbasa is Polish...

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★NOTE: Ideas, news or submissions for **THE MINUTEMAN**,★  
★should be given to **Tracy Pounders**, President, at 214-368-8767, or **Dr. Charles Baker**, Editor, at 214-343-0717.★  
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**M**issing Man F-16C+ Flyover during the Service at Restland

**S**ervice Opportunities: (1) If you don't have a Revolutionary War Uniform or other period clothing, contact Compantriot **Ralph McDowell** today about ordering yours: 214-348-8737. You may direct questions about items on the order form to Ralph or to **Charles Baker**. (2) Sign up to march in various parades and appear in various events this summer while wearing your new duds. (3) Help publicize the SAR and recruit new members. (4) Don't forget patients at the VA Hospital. They can use magazines, books of general interest, and a visit.

## July Meeting will be at night!

Date	Time	Event	Place
July 5	9:00 a.m.	Annual Lake Highlands Independence Day Parade; Church Road	Breakfast at The Baker's House at 8:15; 9611 Woodmen Circle; Mapesco Page 27L.
July 10	6:00 p.m.	75th Anniversary Celebration and July Meeting of the Dallas Chapter	Hackberry Creek Country Club. (Separate invitations.)
Aug 14	8:00 a.m.	Monthly Meeting of the Dallas Chapter. Speaker: Larry Powell, columnist on local topics for the <i>Dallas Morning News</i> .	Crowne Plaza Suites; 7800 Alpha Road