

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

Meetings are held on the Second Saturday of each month, in the Mesquite Ballroom of the Embassy Suites, 13131 North Central Expy. Breakfast served with fellowship at 7:30, program from 8:00 a.m. until about 9:30. Guests are welcome.

DALLAS CHAPTER MEETING NEWS



Top Row, Left: FCP **Ralph McDowell** congratulates Compatriot **Matthew Courtney** on the arrival of his membership certificate. Matt was sworn in during the June meeting. Center: Dallas Chapter dual member **Chuck Bragg** spoke of his campaign for election as Genealogist General. Right: Second VP **Charles Baker** presented Pearl Harbor Survivor Paul Ferguson with the SAR War Service Medal. The accompanying certificate bears the seals of all five of the U.S. military services. Bottom Row, Left: Chapter Secretary **Robert Clark** was the speaker at the October meeting. Bob spoke about the Aztec Club which consists of descendents of the Mexican War. Richard Breithaupt, President of the Aztec Club, had been scheduled to speak, but his schedule was changed by the hurricanes on the Gulf Coast. Center: Major General Jerry Ragsdale, Commander of the Texas Air National Guard, spoke at the November meeting. Right: First VP **Tom Smith** presented Ragsdale with the traditional liberty bell.

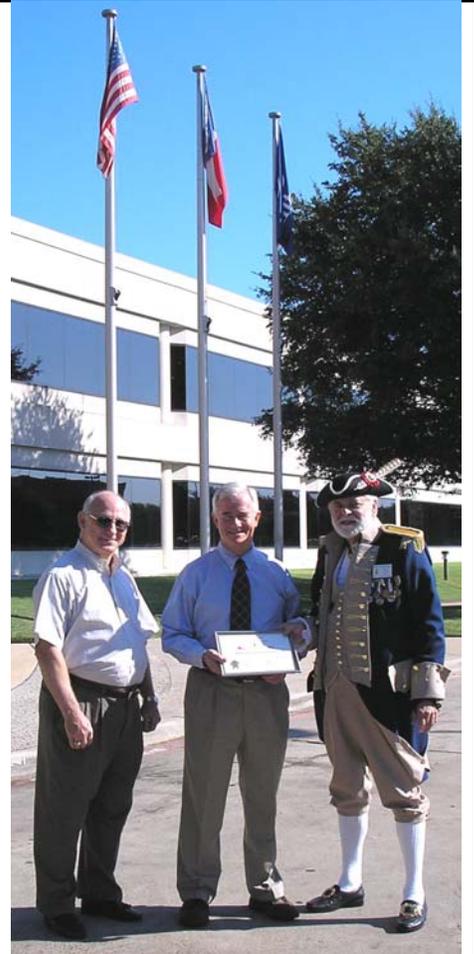


To see these pictures in brilliant color, check out our Chapter Website at <http://sardallas.org> While you are there, you can get lots of other useful information. There are links to Chapter Minutes, to the DAR, CAR and other organizations of interest, Chapter Officers, Minuteman Newsletter archives, and lots of other good information.

COLOR GUARD NEWS



Participation of the North Texas Chapters in the 2005 Dallas Veterans Day Parade reached a new level of excitement with the addition of a re-enactment of the “Spirit of ‘76” painting and of a “float.” Our part in the parade had three sections: The main parade banner and re-enactment, the march unit, and the float. Participating were: (Top picture: **Charles Baker, Charles Windham, Charlene Seachord, Steve Seachord, Graham Martin, Tom Green, Dallas Windham, Tom Smith, Tracy Pounders, Jim Templin, Tom Whitelock, Ralph McDowell, Art Ingalls, David Hill, Jeanne McDowell, Barbara Baker, and Paul Mattoon.** **Randall Jones and Glen Toal** carried the banner. Riding in the float (generously provided by Dave Hill) were Jeanne McDowell, Barbara Baker, Charlene Seachord, and **Graham Martin.**



Left, top to bottom: Compatriots **Charles Baker** and **Tom Smith** presented SAR Medals for Heroism to five members of a the Dallas Police Department (NW Substation) for their work in saving the lives of two homeless men during a surprise flash flood on October 31. Pictured: Officers Carol Mazzola, Paul Campopiano and Arnold Rodriguez, and Sgt, Pete Bailey. Not pictured: Cpl. M. G. Phagan. **Charles Baker** presented an SAR Flag Certificate to officers of the Lake Highlands North Homeowners Assoc. John Gould, J. C. Reneau, and Bud Kinney (President). Members of the Dallas Chapter manned the SAR Table in the Jane Douglas Chapter DAR House at the State Fair: **Tom Whitelock**, **Byron Christian**, **Charles Windham**, and **Allen Christian**. Above: Chapter President **Tom Whitelock** presented an SAR Flag Certificate to executives of Hilton Worldwide Reservations



Nominating Committee Chairman Tracy Pounders presented the 2006 Dallas Chapter Officer Nominees: President, **Tom Smith**; 1st VP, **Charles Baker**; 2nd VP, **Robert Clark**; Secretary **Allen Christian**; Treasurer, **Byron Christian**; Registrar, **Jim Templin**; Chaplain, **Frank Pounders**; Sergeant at Arms, **Robert Tanner, Jr.**; Newsletter Editor and Webmaster, **Charles Baker**. The office of Historian is still open; here is a chance for someone to step up to the plate!



Our “Spirit of ‘76” re-enactment in the Veterans Day parade generated a lot of favorable comment. It featured Compatriots **Paul Mattoon** (drum), **Tom Whitelock** (drum and recorded music), and **Tracy Pounders** (fife and limp). The soldiers in the background are Chris Daugherty and Robert Reed, both on leave from Fort Hood. (By the time you read this, they will be in Iraq.) Banner carriers are Randall Jones and Glen Toal.

Uppdate: The February 2004 edition of *The Minuteman* featured a story and pictures of a huge rock near a gravel pit on Highway 25 in rural Iowa. For generations, kids have painted slogans, names and obscenities. Then a talented and patriotic teenager named Ray Sorensen turned this old rock into a work of art. Since then, no more vandalism. In fact, the rock has become quite a tourist attraction.

In the picture at right, the artist stands in front of his work. Close inspection reveals that the flag is actually painted on the rock; it is not draped. **Awesome work, Ray. THANK YOU!**

For your enjoyment, we have posted color pictures of the rock on our chapter website. Go to <http://sardallas.org/rock>



Courtesy Of Sorensen Family

Welcome the Troops! There is a daily arrival of troops on R&R from Iraq at DFW International Airport. Call 972-574-0392 after 5 p.m. on the day before to learn the next-day arrival time, terminal and gate number, all of which vary from day to day. Free-Parking coupons will be available at the arrival area.

