



# The MINUTEMAN



## Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution

May-June, 2008

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

(Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.)

**June 14, 8:30 a.m.**

We are excited to announce that our speaker for June will be "Mr. Liberty Bell" himself. David Hall owns the only portable exact replica of the Liberty Bell. He will tell us how and why he takes the Bell all over the country to honor America's Heroes.

**July 12, 8:30 a.m.**

Judge "Wildcat" Reeds will hold court at the Highland Park Cafeteria. Judge Reeds is one of several characters crawling around in Actor Bob Northcraft's family tree.



### President's Message

by Robert M Clark, President, Dallas Chapter,  
Sons of the American Revolution



June is what we traditionally consider the beginning of the summer season and the end of the school year. Besides our regular second Saturday SAR meetings, this spring our Second Vice President Frank Ponders completed his supervision of the distribution of the annual ROTC and Good Citizenship Medals to the junior and senior high school students in Dallas and several suburbs. This distribution is accomplished by a number of our chapter members attending the various award assemblies and making a public presentation of the medals – a truly rewarding experience for both the students and the SAR member presenters.

This spring our Color Guard has participated in a parade in the City of Richland Hills, a Colonial History Day at the Providence Christian School, a fund raiser for the Dallas Thanksgiving Square Foundation, a rededication of the Liberty Bell following a nearly-disastrous wreck caused by a drunk driver, the National Polka Festival Parade, and three Memorial Day events.

Of course, we also look forward to marching in parades on the 4th of July in the Lake Highlands area and in the Park Cities.

All of these activities bring significant publicity to the SAR, and don't even include "internal" events such as SAR and DAR activities. The Polka Festival Parade alone was attended by 50,000 spectators, each of whom was exposed to the parade banner telling them who we are. If you count all the students, parents, and other attendees at all of the school award assemblies, the Color Guard has brought the name "Sons of the American Revolution" to more than 125,000 people, not even counting the TV and newspaper coverage of some of these events.

Please remember to mark your calendars and fly your flag to celebrate Flag Day on Saturday, June 14, 2008. I hope to see all of you on that date at the next chapter meeting, 8:00 a.m. at The Highland Park Cafeteria.

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## Dallas Chapter Meeting News



Above: 2008-2009 TXSSAR President **Harry Fife** spoke to the Dallas Chapter in April on new ideas for making the Texas Society more efficient and effective. Above right: Tara Ross spoke in May about the Electoral College. (See box below right.) Below left: Americanism Poster Contest Chairman **John Morton** holds up the State's Third-Place ribbon awarded to the Dallas Chapter contest winner, Vikrant Sharvaikar, who holds his poster. The theme of the 2008 contest was "Molly Pitcher." Vik's proud mother, Anjali Chapter **President Bob Clark**, and Vik's teacher, Mandi Jenkins of Frisco ISD, look on.



Salient points made by Tara Ross about the Electoral College: It is a safeguard. It benefits Federalism: We vote state-by-state to build a national coalition. It encourages moderation and compromise, and it discourages extremist candidates. It aids stability of elections, making it hard to steal votes.

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 ★ Welcome the Troops. There is a daily arrival of troops on R & R leave 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 and location.  
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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, the Ladies' Auxiliary of TXSSAR, and other organizations of interest, Chapter Officers' e-mail addresses, **Minuteman** Newsletter archives, and lots of other good information. You can also click on "Meetings" to find out about the next Dallas Chapter meeting program.

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Left: Dallas Chapter Awards V.P. **Frank Pounders** made his interim report on school awards at the May meeting. Right: Compatriot **David Temple** has accepted the position of Chapter Secretary for the remainder of the year. Below: Chapter Registrar **Al Sloan** swore in our newest Compatriot **William T. Hall, III**, as wife Ulla looked on.





Our Color Guard Commander Capt. Bob Northcraft has done an outstanding job in the short time since he was appointed in February. Upper left is as he appears more-or-less normally. As a professional actor, he sometimes appears in character, such as on National Train Day which coincided with our May Chapter meeting, when he was on the way to a gig to play "Hobo Bob." Rumor has it that he will bring Judge "Wildcat" Reeds with him to the July meeting. Above right is a picture of former TXSSAR State Color Guard Commander Dr. James Johnson passing the sword and Certificate of Appointment of Mike Radcliff to be the new state commander. (Or is that Bob Northcraft also? Hmmm.)

Here's a trivia questions for you: What general serving under Commander-in-Chief George Washington had only a third-grade education because the religion with which he grew up believed in only enough education to be able to read, write, and do basic arithmetic? (Answer in next issue.)

Below: The Dallas Chapter color guard lined up for the National Polka Festival Parade in Ennis on May 24. Left to right: **Glen Toal, Mike Petridis, David Temple, Randy Jones, Bob Northcraft, Jim Templin, Tom Whitelock, Bob Clark and Gerald Tyler.**



*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 at Highland Park Cafeteria, or as announced on our website at sardallas.org. Breakfast served with fellowship at 8:00, program from 8:30 a.m. until about 10:00. Guests and Fellow compatriots from other chapters are always welcome.

**Americanism Quiz Answers:** Back by popular demand, after a year's absence, we presented this Americanism trivia quiz in the March-April issue.

1. What flag was flying over George Washington's recruiting station for the Continental Army on January 1, 1776?
2. How many Americans were killed in the Boston Massacre?
3. Who was the first Ambassador to Great Britain after the American Revolutionary War?
4. Who was the first President of the United States of America under the Articles of Confederation?
5. Which was the only colony of the original 13 that the British never invaded during the Revolutionary War?

Answers: 1. The grand Union Flag, also known as the Continental Flag; 2. Five were killed 3. John Adams  
4. John Hanson 5. New Hampshire



Members of the Color Guard posed in front of the Liberty Bell before they marched in the "Baker Day" Parade in Richland Hills, TX, which annually commemorates the founder of Richland Hills. Left to right are FCP **Charles Baker** (no relation), **Tom Whitelock**, **Bob Clark**, David Hall (owner of the Bell), **Dick Arnold**, **Laurie Crapo**, **Mike Radcliff**, and **Bob Northcraft**. Ironically, it was near this very spot that a drunk driver ran into the bell trailer while it was parked on the side of the road, demolishing the trailer, damaging the bell mount, and nearly killing David Hall who was preparing the bell for its trip home after a patriotic event.



Right: **Bob Northcraft** presented cash in the amount of nearly \$1500 to David Hall to help him with the expenses of a new trailer and bell mount repairs, as FCP **Dick Arnold** and **Laurie Crapo** look on. The money was donated by Dallas Chapter members and dual members.



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<b>Registrar's Report:</b> (Al Sloan)	
Membership:	299
Last Meeting:	32 Members 11 Guests
<b>Treasurer's Report:</b> (Bob Spence)	
Checking & Cash:	\$ 2,776.18
Minuteman Fund:	8,372.89
Ritchie Fund:	29,628.81



Two very special Dallas Chapter Couples at the TXSSAR Convention in March: Above: **Ralph & Jean McDowell**. Below: **Tom & Montye Whitelock**.



Date	Time	Event	Place
<b>June 14</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>June Chapter Meeting: David Hall, owner of The Liberty Bell, will speak. (Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.)</b>	<b>Highland Park Cafeteria, Casa Linda Plaza. East quadrant of Buckner Blvd. and Garland Road, behind El Fenix.</b>
<b>July 4</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Independence Day Parades in Lake Highlands and in Park Cities.</b>	<b>Cul de Sac in Woodmen Circle; then at Preston Road @ University Drive</b>
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