



# The MINUTEMAN



## Dallas Chapter

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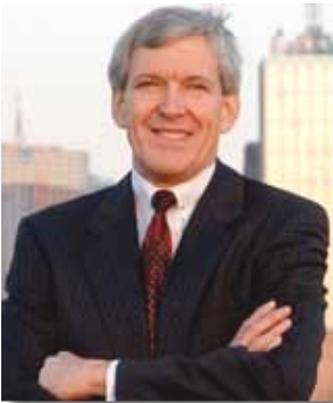
Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution

September-October, 2009

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 10, 8:30 a.m.  
(Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.)

Our speaker will be Tom Leppert, Mayor of the City of Dallas.



November Meeting:  
Speaker to be  
Announced.



## Scatter Shooting

by Henry "Hank" Voegtle, President, Dallas Chapter,  
Sons of the American Revolution



Blackie Sherrod, the local columnist, had an occasional column which he called "Scatter Shooting." In those columns, he covered numerous small items, rather than one item. With our SAR year approaching its end, consider the following:

Board of Managers meeting. We are the host chapter. We need to look good in pulling it off. You need to register and attend. It's a great way to find out more about the state society. The Saturday night dinner at the BOM will take the place of our fall dinner — so be there.

Veteran's activities. Now is the time to start gathering up supplies, books, and magazines for our local VA hospitals. Not only does it serve a good cause, but it also benefits our chapter in our annual reports.

Annual reporting. At the NSSAR Leadership meeting in Louisville, I will be attending a presentation on annual reporting. Start thinking about what you've done during the past year as a member of the SAR. Every little bit helps to show that Dallas Chapter is not only the largest chapter in the nation, but also the most active.

Nominations and elections. We are getting close to that time of year. If you're interested in further service to the chapter, talk to any officer or former officer. It really is more fun than work.

National has raised dues for 2010. Sorry but no discount for early payment. Timely dues payment also means no reinstatement fee. Also application fees are going up. If you know of someone interested in joining they'll save money if their application is in before January 1, 2010.

Location, location, location. Do you think Highland Park Cafeteria is trying to tell us something when they don't open on time for our meetings? Maybe, maybe not, but we're moving to the Activities Building at Presbyterian Village North effective with our October meeting. Details on page 3.

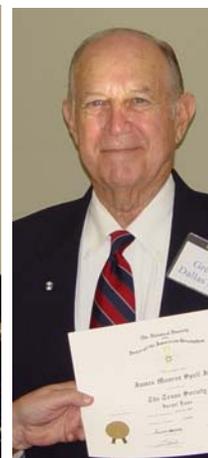
DAR, CAR relations. Yes we're probably related to someone in DAR or CAR, but we need to be more connected with their local organizations. It is my hope to have a joint meeting with both groups before the end of the year. Our new location will be much more advantageous.

Flag Certificates. Our easiest award. Know a person or business that flies the American flag and does so correctly? Then submit their name for a Flag Certificate.

# Dallas Chapter Meeting News



Lower Right, Clockwise: At the August meeting, History Prof. Char Justis gave an interesting presentation titled “Foreigners Who Helped Win the American Revolutionary War.” New Compatriot James Munroe Spell, Jr., was inducted at this meeting, and Dr. George Munroe discussed the “Legend of Cpl. Joe Munroe,” his ancestor who inspired the central figure in the famous painting “Spirit of ‘76.” Mike Petridis gave an Americanism Presentation at the September Meeting. Compatriot Robert Kittrell received his 45-year SAR Service Emblem and certificate in August. In September, Awards Vice President David Temple presented a Flag Certificate to Chester Bentley, next-door neighbor of the Bakers at Presbyterian Village North (PVN) where the Dallas Chapter will hold its October 10 meeting. Genealogist Lloyd Bockstruck spoke at the September meeting where he received a customized calendar featuring a different picture of Lloyd for every month.



Dallas Chapter Volunteers are needed to help with the Fall TXSSAR Board of Managers Meeting which the Dallas Chapter will be hosting on Friday, October 30, to Sunday, November 1. Our greatest need is for a bus captain on Friday, October 30. Please call Local Chairman Charles Baker at 214-343-0717 if you can help.

# WE ARE MOVING!

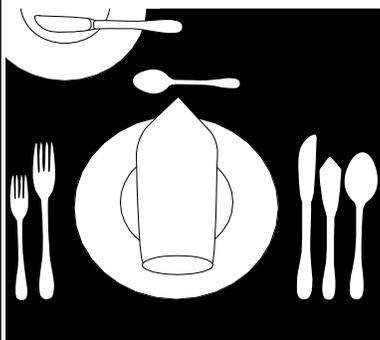
Beginning with the October 10 meeting, we will be in a new location featuring a new lower pricing structure and a better Food selection.

**Coffee Option:**  
For a \$2 "Cover" Charge you get:  
One door prize ticket plus as many trips to the coffee pot as needed to make you slosh.

**Coffee Lovers Menu:**  
Regular and "Unleaded" Coffee  
Laundered and starched tablecloth  
Laundered and starched napkins  
Fresh flowers on the tables

**Full Breakfast Option:**  
For a total of \$10 you get:  
One door prize ticket plus as many trips to the buffet line as your tummy can stand.

**Buffet Menu:**  
Scrambled Eggs  
Homemade Scratch Biscuits  
Sweet Muffins and Danish  
Three Kinds of Cold Cereal  
Coffee, Decaf, Juices,  
2% & Skim Milk, Hot Tea  
All "Coffee-Option" Amenities  
Crisp Bacon  
Sausage Patties  
Gravy  
Fresh Fruit  
Butter & Jellies



Our new meeting location will be in the Dining Room at Presbyterian Village North Retirement Community. This beautiful heavily wooded 63-acre gated community is home to about 600 people of all denominations, including FCP Charles & Barbara Baker, Lou Patterson, and "Tex" Whitaker To reach PVN: From Central Expressway (U.S. 75), take the Forest Lane Exit and go east on Forest Lane 0.8 mile; turn right on Landa Lane and go two short blocks on Landa. From Forest Lane and Greenville Avenue, go 0.5 mile west on Forest Lane and turn left on Landa Lane. Go two short blocks on Landa. Go straight in through the wrought iron main gate. Park to the left in "Resident Parking." Enter the front door of the main building.

Follow-up on the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts who helped with carrying our banners and Colonial flags during the Independence Day Parade in Lake Highlands, and at the Argyle, TX Independence Day Celebration: A Certificate of Appreciation and 16 Two-Dollar bills in individually-labeled pouches were presented to the Scouts of Troop 890 at their Court of Honor on August 31. A Certificate of Appreciation and 12 Two-Dollar bills in individually-labeled pouches were presented to members of Pack 890 at their meeting on Thursday, September 17. A group picture of the compatriots and scouts was shown in the August, 2009 issue of "The Minutemen."

Welcome the Troops. There is a daily arrival of troops on R & R leave from Iraq and Afghanistan 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.



At left, Clockwise: D.A. Sharpe received his 20-year SAR Service emblem and certificate from Awards V.P. David Temple. DAR member Jeanette Prasifka received the SAR Daughter of Liberty Medal and Certificate at the Dallas Chapter September meeting. Jeanette has been active in educating the public about proper disposal of old worn U.S. Flags. See her website <http://oldwornflag.com> Compatriot and Dallas Chapter Color Guard Commander Bob Northcraft celebrates his 70th birthday by "taking a flying leap" out of an airplane at 13,500 feet.. It was his 102nd jump, which started when he was in the NATO Airborne in Naples, Italy.

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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.

**Answers to Last Issue's Americanism Trivia Quiz:**

1. Who invented the one-man submarine (called the *Turtle*)? David Bushnell
2. Was the attack of the *Turtle* on the British man-of-war *Asia* successful? No. Sgt. Ezra Lee made the attempt but was unable to drill through the copper hull and was forced to withdraw.
3. In the Battle of Trenton, why did Col. Charles Scott tell his men to fire at the legs of the Hessians? Because each man wounded in the leg would require two men to carry him off the battlefield.
4. What future American president was wounded in the Battle of Trenton? James Munroe was one of the very few patriots wounded in the Battle of Trenton.
5. Who was the only Patriot of the American Revolution to sign all four documents: The Continental Association of 1774, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the U.S. Constitution? Roger Sherman. He was an elected member of the U.S. House of Representatives. At the time of his death of typhoid in 1793, he was both the mayor of New Haven, CT and an elected member of the U.S. Senate.

**New Americanism Trivia Quiz (Answers in December Issue):**

1. Name one of the two patriots who froze to death during the night of the crossing of the Delaware River prior to the Battle of Trenton. Hint: His brother is the patriot ancestor of the editor of this publication.
2. Name the two other commanders Washington assigned to cross the Delaware with separate forces to assist in the attack on Trenton.
3. Writing of the Battle of Trenton, what historian wrote, "Yet it may be doubted whether so small a number of men ever employed so short a space of time with greater or more lasting results upon the history of the world"?

Editor's Note: Dr. Joe Allen Rice has been appointed the Chairman of Publicity for TXSSAR. He is an avid reader and has committed to providing "Booktips" describing some of the best books for your reading pleasure and knowledge.

BOOKTIP by Compatriot Dr. Joe Allen Rice, Chairman of Publicity, TXSSAR:  
John Micklos writes mostly children's books that deal with history. His latest is "The Brave Women and Children of the American Revolution." It is 48 pages long, and aimed at 8 to 12 year-olds. You and your offspring might spend some entertaining time learning how both boys and girls in the American Revolution faced dangers as spies and messengers. In fact, you might learn enough from the book to start researching a talk on the subject of "Kid Spies and Battlefield Messengers." This 5-star-rated book is available new or used from amazon.com.

*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 **Presbyterian Village North, 8600 Skyline Drive** in Dallas, or as announced on our website at [sardallas.org](http://sardallas.org). A cover charge of \$2 includes coffee with endless refills and a ticket for the door prize drawing. Full breakfast buffet served by 7:45 a.m. for a total of \$10 including cover and door prize ticket. Program from 8:30 a.m. until about 10:00. Guests and Fellow compatriots from other chapters are always welcome.

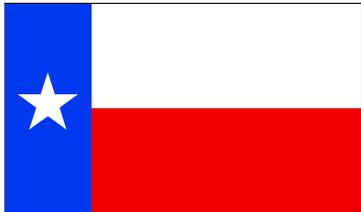
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<b>Registrar's Report:</b> <b>(John Guittard)</b>	
Membership:	307
Last Meeting:	35 Members 10 Guests
<b>Treasurer's Report:</b> <b>(Bob Spence)</b>	
Checking & Cash:	\$ 2,098.80
Minuteman Fund:	\$ 8,344.36
Ritchie Fund:	\$ 30,143.36



On the "Cradle of Texas" Tour at the August BOM: The home of the First Texas-born Governor of Texas, James Stephen Hogg. Historical plaque below.



Inside: MEETING LOCATION CHANGE (See Page 3.)

Date	Time	Event	Place
Oct. 10	8:00 a.m.	Regular Dallas Chapter Meeting: Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert will speak	Dining Room, Presbyterian Village North 8600 Skyline Dr. Dallas
Nov.	8:00 a.m.	Regular Dallas Chapter Meeting: Speaker to be Announced	To be Announced
Nov. 11	10:00 a.m.	Dallas Veterans Day Parade	Dallas Convention Center Parking Lot, Memorial @ Hotel
Dec. 12	8:00 a.m.	Regular Dallas Chapter Meeting Congressman Joe Barton will speak	Dining Room, Presbyterian Village North 8600 Skyline Dr. Dallas