



# The MINUTEMAN



## Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution

November-December, 2010

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**December 11,  
8:30 a.m.\***

(Breakfast served 7:45)



**D**r. Robert McClelland, Professor Emeritus of Surgery at Southwestern Medical School, was on duty at Parkland Hospital on the day that President Kennedy was shot. He will share with us his first-hand account of events at Parkland on that dark day.

**January 8,  
8:30 a.m.\***

(Breakfast served 7:45)

**O**ur January meeting is traditionally devoted to installation of officers and to awards.

\*Coffee will be ready by 7:30 a.m.; breakfast will be served from 7:45 until 8:00. Meeting starts at 8:30.

## President's Message

*by Frank Pounders, President, Dallas Chapter,  
Sons of the American Revolution*



### Fellow Compatriots,

**A**s I write this letter, I am thinking of Christmas and the joy I hope it brings to each of you and your families. I am also reviewing in my mind the past year in which I have had the honor of being President of the Dallas Chapter. I proudly tell everyone that this is the largest and best chapter in the world, and that is the truth. Our membership remains strong and increasing in numbers. More importantly, you, the members, have participated in many worthy and patriotic works. For example, under the command of Bob Northcraft, our chapter has expanded its role in patriotic Color Guard events and has garnered several parade awards and positive public comment. The awarding of JROTC and Good Citizen awards to outstanding students is eagerly awaited by the schools. They realize the importance of recognition of their superior performing students. Many of you have made presentations at school assemblies and have felt the pride of the recipients.

We have kept alive the spark of patriotism through our Essay and Poster contests. This year we instituted an award for the Children of the American Revolution essay contest. We shared in a meaningful flag retirement ceremony. We have honored many businesses and home owners with certificates of merit for the proper display of the US flag.

Our meetings and guest speakers have been outstanding, and they started and ended on time. Jokemeisters Art Ingalls and Charles Baker have kept us laughing. The other chapter officers have done their jobs in a very competent and positive way. We have swelled with pride as we repeat together the pledges to the US, Texas and SAR Flags, the singing of America, and the SAR Closing.

Mostly, however, we have enjoyed the fellowship we find with each other and the certain knowledge that we are doing a great job of fanning the flame of freedom that was lit by our patriot ancestors. My prayer is that a hundred years from now, those who follow will have a vibrant SAR that continues to keep the flame burning brightly. I thank each of you for your cooperation, your assistance, your trust, and, best of all, your friendship. We can all look forward to next year and know we leave you in the hands of enthusiastic and competent leadership.

*Frank Pounders*

# Dallas Chapter Meeting News

Right: Following FCP Charles Baker's October presentation on our Constitution, Bob Northcraft presented him with a picture of his prize-winning costume at the 2010 TXSSAR Annual Meeting. Charles reports that the picture is effective in keeping all household pests out of the house: roaches, feral cats, rodents, squirrels ...



Below: At the November meeting, Compatriot Lloyd Bockstruck presented a fascinating talk on General Anthony Wayne, a.k.a. "Mad" Anthony Wayne, patriot commander at the Battle of Stony Point, the first battle in which all 13 colonies participated. Right: That's our Dallas Chapter Compatriot Robert Tanner, Sr., appearing on Page 1A of the December 8 Dallas Morning News.

## Pearl Harbor veterans keep memories alive



G.J. McCARTHY/Staff Photographer

**Pearl Harbor survivors** Charles Peters (left) and Robert Tanner were on hand Tuesday at Laurel Land Memorial Park in southeast Oak Cliff to commemorate the 69th anniversary of the Japanese attack that propelled the U.S. into World War II. (Related stories, 1B, 6A)

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★ **W**elcome 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.  
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# Dallas Chapter Officer Nominations

The following Compatriots have been nominated for Officer Positions for 2010. Please note that two positions are still open. Any volunteers? Election will be at the December 11 meeting; Installation on January 8.



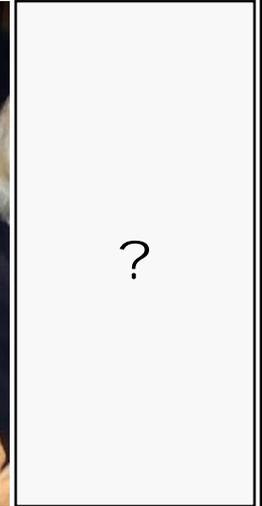
President:  
**David Temple**



1st V.P. - Programs:  
**Bob Northcraft**



2nd V.P. - Awards:  
**Nick Harper**  
(Shown taking Meeting Minutes.)



Secretary:  
**Open**



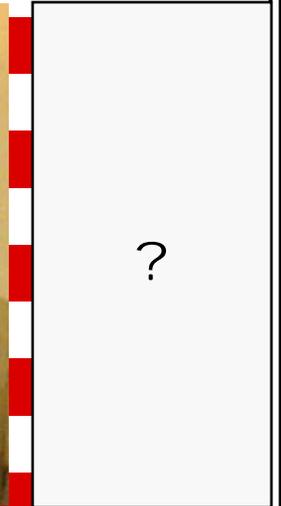
Chaplain:  
**Frank Ponders**



Historian:  
**George Monroe, M.D.**



Registrar:  
**John Guittard**



Treasurer:  
**Open**

**T**HE MINUTEMAN is the bi-monthly newsletter of the Dallas Chapter of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, a Congressionally-chartered non-profit organization. Meetings are held on the Second Saturday of each month at **Presbyterian Village North, 8600 Skyline Drive**, Dallas, 75243. A cover charge of \$2 includes coffee with endless refills and a ticket for the door prize drawing. Coffee ready by 7:30. Full breakfast buffet served from 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. for a total of \$10 including cover and door prize ticket. Program from 8:30 a.m. until about 10:00. Fellow compatriots from other chapters and guests are always welcome.



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**VETERANS ACTIVITIES WORKSHEET**

Dallas Chapter #2

Prepared by \_\_\_\_\_

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
Points													
Chapter Member appointed to local United Veterans Council or Equivalent Organization	25												
Each HOUR served in Volunteer Service	10/Hr												
Each SAR Member Visiting a Veteran	5/Hr												
Each mile Traveled Visiting a Veteran	1/Mile												
Each Gift to Veteran in VA Hospital or Home	1/Item												
Each Dollar Given to VAWS	1/\$												
Each Publication Given to VA Hosp or Home	1/Item												
Each Veteran Outing or Party that includes Veteran Patients 1-10=10; 11-25=15; 26-50=20	See Left												
Special Observances attending Veterans Org. (Wash. Birthday, Flag Day, 4th of July, etc.)	10/Event												
Special Observance Sponsored by your Chapter with Veterans Organizations	25/Event												
Marking Revolutionary War Veterans Graves	25/Grave												
Used Clothing (Attach list of Items)													
Used "Bit Ticket" Items	1/3 x original												



Special Note to all Dallas Chapter Members: Please help our chapter win the U.S.S. Stark Award again this year. This is a national award for the chapter with the most points for Services to Veterans. We won it two years ago, much to the credit of the Fairbairn brothers who served as joint chairs of the Veterans Affairs Committee. A chapter cannot win in consecutive years, but we are eligible again this year. Let's all get involved, and dedicate our efforts to the memory of Grady Fairbairn who was robbed, beaten, and killed while doing work on behalf of veterans affairs. Please fill out your form and bring it to the December Meeting of the Dallas Chapter.

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, Minutes archives, etc. You can also click on "Meetings" to find out about the next Dallas Chapter meeting.

### **Americanism Trivia Quiz (from September-October issue):**

1. Who were the Tories? "Tories" were the Loyalists who sympathized with and fought for the British. In New York State, more men fought for the British than for the Americans. During and after the war, many Tories fled the 13 colonies. Over half of all the Loyalists who fled the 13 colonies were New York citizens.
2. Patriotic colonists frequently resorted to what favorite punishment for Tories found in their midst?  
A. Tar & Feathers B. Whipping C. Jailing D. Hanging E. Public stocks The answer is "A." The Patriots preferred to punish Tories with tar and feathers. They would strip a victim, coat him with hot tar, and dump feathers on him. Although seldom fatal, it usually took weeks for anyone to recover from the third-degree burns incurred in the ordeal.
3. In what colony were the first minutemen regiments organized? They were first organized in Massachusetts in September, 1774, to purge the Tories from the militia. One-third of the men from each regiment were to be ready on a minute's notice. Eventually, Maryland, North Carolina, New Hampshire, and Connecticut all had minutemen. Massachusetts' minutemen ceased to be when Washington's Army was formed in Cambridge in January, 1776.
4. At what age was a man required to enroll in the militia? Every man from 16 to 60 was required to enroll in a company from his own township and to possess a gun, ammunition, and proper accessories.

### **New Americanism Trivia Quiz (Answers in next issue):**

1. What were the approximate populations of the American Colonies and Great Britain in 1776?
2. What was the largest city in the colonies during the war. What was its population?
3. What was the most populous state in the U.S.A. at the war's beginning, and what was its population?
4. At the time of the war's beginning, about what percentage of the colonists traced their origin to England?

### **Booktip from the TXSSAR Publicity Committee, Dr. Joe Allen Rice, Chair:**

**G**erald Carbone, author of "Nathanael Greene," likes powerful images. He tries to end every chapter with an explosion, each page with a firecracker. By chapter three, the reader wants to wave a white flag.

With that tribute behind us, "Nathanael Greene" has just about everything you could ask for in a history of a half-forgotten hero. Carbone tells us right off that Greene and Washington had a trait in common: Both were skilled at sizing-up men. Washington made Greene a general almost as soon as he set eyes on him. Greene kept a clean camp and that's what Washington was looking for. Greene, for his part, took one look at Thomas Paine and made him an aide. Histories have given us men of the Continental Congress who putter along in one direction and fighting men in another. Here we learn that General Greene turned to John Adams to get veterans' pensions through Congress. Fighting men getting laws passed.

This is a different look at fighting men. Carbone loves apocrypha. Crossing the Delaware, Washington says to Henry Knox, "Shift that fat ass, Harry. But slowly, or you'll swamp the damned boat!" Never happened. Carbone admits it. Good story, though.

True story: Christmas Day 1776, 2,400 half-frozen men assembled. Washington orders officers to read Paine's "These are the times that try men's souls" to the troops. Then they march. Really happened. Carbone is generous with stories about Washington, fond as he is of Greene. Major General Greene fought in the big battles — Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown. A dozen in all. When the war moved south, that's when he made his reputation as a general of genius.

The book's out in paperback. Spend \$2.00 to \$12.00 on Amazon or Ebay. You won't regret it.

