



# The MINUTEMAN



## Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution

January-February, 2011

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**February 12,  
8:30 a.m.\***

(Breakfast served 7:45)

Our speaker is John M. Hayes, the Military and Veterans Affairs Liaison for Congressman Kenny Marchant, 24<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in Texas. Since 2006, Hayes has been liaison, working with the military and veteran constituents of the 24<sup>th</sup> District.

**March 12,  
8:30 a.m.\***

(Breakfast served 7:45)

Greg Totterdale will speak on the early-1800's "National Road" known in different areas as "Cumberland Road" and "Washington Pike." This historic road was the first "gateway to the west," built between Cumberland, MD and Wheeling VA, later extended to Vandalia, IL. It was a forerunner of our Interstate Highway System. Greg is from Wheeling, now in West Virginia.

## President's Message

by David Temple, President, Dallas Chapter,  
Sons of the American Revolution



Fellow Compatriots,

Over a Memorial Day weekend nearly 30 years ago I had the pleasure of being in Washington, D.C. Like many tourists I visited Arlington National Cemetery on the Thursday before the probable overcrowded weekend. I was awed by the sheer number of row upon row of white markers, most with names but many marked only "Unknown." While there I noted uniformed soldiers placing small American flags on virtually every grave in the cemetery. I subsequently learned that since 1948 the 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Infantry, or "Old Guard," has continued this tradition by not only placing flags on more than 260,000 graves, but then patrolling the grounds 24 hours a day through Monday to ensure that every flag remains standing. I learned that day new meanings for me of words like "patriotism" and "honor."

We proud members of SAR subscribe to beliefs that honor our patriot ancestors. We take active roles in encouraging respect for our national symbols. We work to educate our youth as to the importance of the history of our great nation and what citizenship truly is. We honor our veterans for their service to our country, many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice so that we may live in a free nation.

I am truly honored that you have entrusted in me the presidency of our chapter. I want to thank Frank Pounders for his year of leadership, guiding our great chapter and serving double duty by stepping up to fill our spiritual needs as Chaplain as well.

The Dallas Chapter is hosting this year's State Meeting in March. Please join me in planning and presenting a great meeting. The time commitment does not have to be great. We would be grateful for your assistance with the registration tables, preparing registration packets, donations of items for and planning of a silent auction, and the other activities needed to assure success. Most importantly I would call on you to join us at the meeting to make our chapter's presence felt. We label ourselves the largest chapter in the country, or as Charles Baker says, "the biggest chapter in the Galaxy." At least plan to join us for the banquet on Saturday night so we can show we deserve the sobriquet.

*David Temple*

**\*Coffee ready by 7:30 a.m., breakfast at 7:45, Meeting at 8:30**

# Dallas Chapter News

## Special Announcement: Compatriot David Hall Needs Our Prayers and Help!

**D**avid Hall, owner of the world's only traveling replica of the Liberty Bell, has dedicated his life to serving and honoring our Patriot Heroes by bringing the Bell to funerals of fallen heroes and to patriotic events. All of the profits from his commercial painting and sandblasting business have for years gone into the upkeep and transport of the Bell. Now David has **pancreatic cancer**.

This dreaded disease strikes about 43,000 people in the United States annually. Fewer than 5% are still alive after 5 years. In the U.S., treatment is very expensive. Complete remission is rare. In keeping with his practice of pouring his life into the mission of the Bell, David has no medical insurance.

As this announcement is being prepared, David and Phyllis have traveled to Quito, Ecuador for a special experimental treatment that may be his best hope for long-term survival. A fund has been established specifically to help pay for David's medical expenses. Tax-deductible contributions may be sent to:

**Tip of the Spear Fund**  
c/o American Legion Post 218  
P.O. Box 170275  
Irving, TX 75017-0275

**OR** direct donations may be sent to:

**David Hall**  
c/o Proclaim Liberty  
P.O. Box 2014  
Keller, TX 76244

### 2010 Activities of David Hall and the Liberty Bell:

- Over 100 Military & First Responders Funerals throughout U.S.
- Traveled to 24 different states.
- Featured in 12 parades, one attended by 400,000 people.
- Spoke on Liberty & Law at 50 middle and high schools.
- Attended 10 city ceremonies; honored soldiers, hometown heroes.
- Visited 10 V. A. Hospitals & Homes, traveled with Vietnam Wall.
- Visited memorial services at Forts Hood, Sill, & Bliss.
- Memorial and retirement events at Raldolph and Sheppard AFB
- Two Boy Scout Jamborees.
- SAR National Congress
- More than 20 military and patriotic events such as Gold Star Families, Iwo Jima Survivors, Medal of Honor Recipients, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Pearl Harbor Survivors, etc.



David Hall at the January Meeting of the Dallas Chapter

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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 Officers

The following Compatriots were installed as the new Dallas Chapter Officers on January 8:



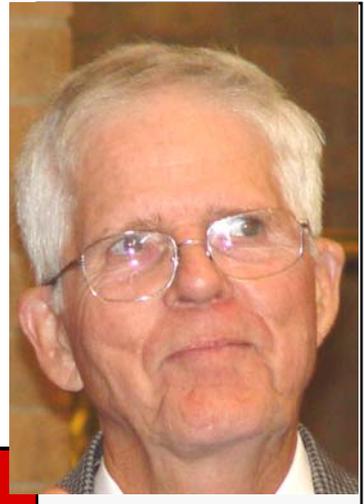
President:  
**David Temple**



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



2nd V.P. - Awards:  
**Nick Harper**



Secretary:  
**Robert Kittrell**



Chaplain:  
**Frank Ponders**



Historian:  
**George Monroe**



Registrar:  
**John Guittard**



Treasurer:  
**James M. Fairbairn**

These compatriots have stepped up to the plate. Please give them your support. You can start by volunteering to help President David Temple with the TXSSAR Annual Meeting to be held noon Thursday through noon Sunday, March 24-27, 2011. David's email: Bankerd@aol.com

**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.

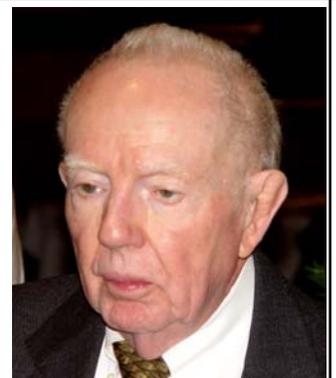


Compatriots from the SAR Dallas Chapter and from the Grapevine Molly Corbin DAR Chapter participated in the “Colonial Day event at Eubanks Intermediate School in Southlake on January 13. The event lasted all day, with classes of 50-60 students at a time coming into the school library for 30 minutes each. Following 25 minutes of talks, each student went outside and rang the Liberty Bell. Left to right, flanked by the 13 flags of the Colonies, **Charles Baker** spoke on some specifics of how the revolutionary culture and the ratification of the Constitution played a part in the design of some of the flags. **Jane Doclar** explained her “picnic dress.” **David Hall** spoke on “Liberty and Law,” explaining how the two are intertwined. **Hertha Northcraft** spoke on how certain specific women and children helped in the battles against the British in the Revolutionary War. **Laurie Behn** gave more details on women’s colonial clothing. **Ruth Linhart** helped coordinate the children’s schedule. **Barbara Baker**, LATXSSAR, talked about how Betsy Ross, a war widow and seamstress, showed George Washington and the whole world how to make a five-pointed star that could “stand on its own” as she demonstrated to the children. **Melissa Nelson** from the school staff. **Bob Northcraft** acted as organizer and Master of Ceremonies for the whole program..



**J**ohn Morton, right, always produces winners in the annual 5th-grade poster contests.

**D**r. Robert McClelland, Professor Emeritus of Surgery at Southwestern Medical School, was our speaker on December 11. Dr. McClelland was on duty at Parkland Hospital on the day that President Kennedy was shot. He shared with us his first-hand account of events at Parkland on that dark day.



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 November-December issue):**

1. What were the approximate populations of the American Colonies and Great Britain in 1776?  
The Colonies had about 2.5 million inhabitants, of which about 1/6 were slaves. Great Britain had 9 million.
2. What was the largest city in the colonies during the war. What was its population? Philadelphia, 34,000.
3. What was the most populous state in the U.S.A. at the war's beginning, and what was its population?  
Pennsylvania, 300,000.
4. At the time of the war's beginning, about what percentage of the colonists traced their origin to England?  
About 61% traced their origins to England, 14% were Scotch and Scotch-Irish from Northern Ireland, 4% Southern Irish, 9% German, 6% Dutch, and the rest from other countries.

### **New Americanism Trivia Quiz (The Battles of Lexington and Concord) (Answers: next issue):**

1. On what date were the battles of Lexington and Concord fought?
2. What was the purpose of the British soldiers who marched to Concord?
3. Who tipped off the patriots about General Gage's plans?
4. Paul Revere's friend, John Pulling, put a signal lantern or lanterns in the steeple at Old North Church to tell Revere by which route the British were advancing. How many lanterns were actually placed, and what were the alternative meanings?
5. Name the two couriers, besides Paul Revere, who rode to muster the Minutemen.
6. Patriot Captain John Parker commanded about 77 Minutemen at Lexington Green. What did he tell his men to do when he realized that the British outnumbered them three to one?

**We regret to announce that Dr. Joe Allen Rice has discontinued his "Book Tips" column.**



**T**XSSAR District 6 Vice President **Harmon Adair**, right, administered the Oath of Office to the new Dallas Chapter Officers during the January 8 meeting. From left, **Frank Ponders**, Chaplain; **John Guittard**, Registrar; **James M. Fairbairn**, Treasurer; **Robert Kittrell**, Secretary; **Nick Harper**, 2nd Vice President (Awards); **Robert (Bob) Northcraft**, First Vice President (Programs); Dr. **George Munroe**, Historian; **David Temple**, President.



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NOTE: Ideas, news or submissions for **THE MINUTEMAN** should be given to **Charles Baker**, Editor, 214-343-0717.

### Registrar's

#### Report:

**(John Guittard)**

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| Membership:   | 298                    |
| Last Meeting: | 26 Members<br>7 Guests |

### Treasurer's

#### Report:

**(James M. Fairbairn)**

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| Checking & Cash: | \$ 3,992.00  |
| Minuteman Fund:  | \$ 8,386.00  |
| Ritchie Fund:    | \$ 30,344.20 |



The Dallas Chapter will host the Annual Meeting of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (TXSSAR), March 24-27, 2011.

David Temple, Local Chairman of arrangements, is looking for Dallas Chapter volunteers in the areas of registration table, silent auction, van driver for Ladies' field trip on Friday, checking meeting rooms and A/V, assistance with Thursday afternoon Genealogy Seminar, logistics for Oration Contest, and lots of other tasks.

If you are able to help, please send your name, choice of assignment, and home and cell phone number, and email address to David Temple, <bankerd@aol.com>.



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| Date       | Time           | Event                                   | Place  |
|------------|----------------|---|--|
| Feb. 12    | 8:30 a.m.      | February Meeting of the Dallas Chapter. | Presbyterian Village North, Main Dining Room |
| Mar. 11    | 5:30-7:00 p.m. | DAR State Convention Opening Ceremonies | Hilton Lincoln Center, 5510 LBJ              |
| Mar. 1 2   | 8:30 a.m.      | March Meeting of the Dallas Chapter     | Presbyterian Village North, Main Dining Room |
| Mar. 24-27 |                | TXSSAR Annual Meeting                   | DFW Sheraton                                 |