



# The MINUTEMAN



## Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution  
May-June, 2011

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**June 11**  
**8:30 a.m.**

(Breakfast served 7:45)



Highly acclaimed history teacher Rodney Hess will discuss Daniel Boone in the Revolutionary War.

**July 9,**  
**8:30 a.m.**

(Breakfast served 7:45)



George Susat, reenactor, collector and authority on history of weaponry and drill manuals will speak.

## Battle of Machias

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



We recently celebrated Patriots Day commemorating the call to arms and events of Lexington and Concord that occurred 236 years ago. What is not so widely known is the first naval battle of the war, or the "Lexington of the Seas." Boston merchant Ichabod Jones regularly traded with Machias, Massachusetts (now part of Maine), taking supplies and bringing back lumber. With the events of April, 1775, the British closed the Port of Boston, cutting off towns like Machias. Jones was sent by British General Thomas Gage from Boston with his sloops *Unity* and *Polly* to Machias to obtain lumber for barracks for the British troops, to be built in the Boston area. Jones' vessels were accompanied by the British schooner *Margaretta*, under Lt. James Moore.

Jones and Lt. Moore refused to deliver the much needed supplies in Machias unless they could load lumber for the barracks in Boston. After several days of arguing with the residents, Jones left town with his ships under the covering fire from the *Margaretta*. June 11 and 12, 1775 became the Battle of Machias when residents of the town, led by Benjamin Foster and Jeremiah O'Brien, captured the *Unity* and sailed down river with a second vessel and the bold plan to capture the *Margaretta*. Following a failed boarding attempt, the patriots fired their wall cannon and small arms with surprising accuracy, effectively clearing the decks. Several of the British defenders fell, including its commander. The next officer in command surrendered the crew and vessel.

The *Margaretta* was the first British vessel captured during the War for Independence. The patriot leaders, Foster and O'Brien captured additional vessels in July, 1775. Jeremiah O'Brien later received a commission in the Continental Navy.

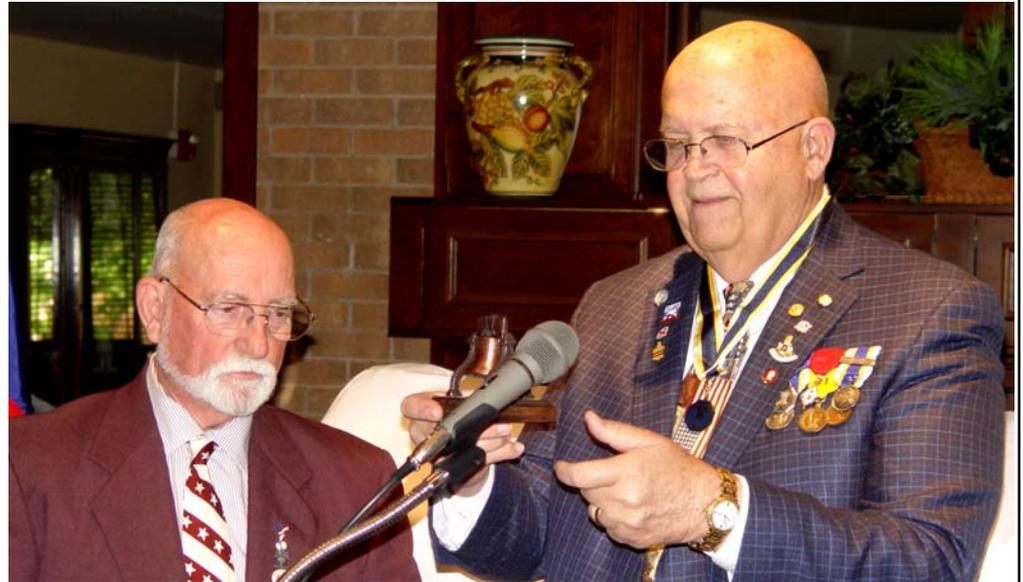
Just as Patriots answered the calls on land and at sea, I hope that you will answer the call to volunteer your help to the Dallas Chapter. As I said last issue, We Need You! Our participation in the PolkaFest Parade and Memorial Day events was very low. Please plan to join us on July 4. Volunteer to take magazines and toiletries we collect to the VA Hospitals. Or volunteer to present an Americanism talk at one of our meetings.

# Dallas Chapter News



W. X. Henderson, left, 5th-grade teacher at R. C. Burleson School, proudly holds the TXSSAR winning poster on the Battle of Bunker Hill, as John Morton, Dallas Chapter Contest Chairman, right, presents a check to winner Daylon Markle Franklin, second from right. The proud parents and little sister are in the center.

“Hey, it really rings!” was the comment by TXSSAR President Bill Marris when he was presented a miniature Liberty Bell by 1st VP Bob Northcraft, as a speaker gift at the April Chapter Meeting. “Hey, they really shine!” was the comment by photographer and outgoing Newsletter Editor Charles Baker when confronted by dual reflections from the orbs shown in the picture.



Compatriot Jimmy Dale Tunis was sworn in by TXSSAR President Bill Marris as Mrs. Tunis looked on, during the April meeting.



DPD Sergeant Lloyd Brown received the SAR Outstanding Law Enforcement Award during the April meeting.

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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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Above left: During the April meeting, 2nd VP (Awards) Nick Harper presented a 15-year Membership emblem and Certificate to Chapter Registrar John Guittard. Right: During the May meeting, TXSSAR President-Elect Bob Clark presented a Silver Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate to David Hall on behalf of TXSSAR President Bill Marrs. Below: William Richardson received his 20-year Membership emblem and Certificate. Michael Badnarik, Constitutional Scholar, spoke in May on the Bill of Rights.



**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.

# Color Guard News



The Medal of Honor Celebration is hosted annually by the City of Gainesville, TX. It culminates with a Parade featuring recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor. At left is a giant mock-up of the Medal of Honor on the 2011 MOH Float, and center is U.S. Army Veteran First Lieutenant Harold Fritz wearing his medal during the parade. In January, 1969, while escorting a re-supply convoy in Viet Nam, he was blown out of his armored vehicle by a huge explosion. In the ensuing battle, he used a pistol and a bayonet to lead a tiny force in a point-blank charge that drove the enemy back.



Ennis is the annual site of the National PolkaFest. Based on audience size, it is the second-largest publicity event attended by the color guard. Left-to-right, those attending the May 28 event are Gerald Tyler, Drake Peddie, Dr. James Johnson, Tom Whitelock, Bob Northcraft, unknown, Bob Clark, Tom Smith, Jim Templin, Glenn Toal, Dan Reed, and Charles Baker.

Above: Patriots Day was celebrated on April 13 at Providence Christian School with its Annual Colonial Day, kicked off by the Dallas chapter Color Guard. Participants were Bob Northcraft, Jim Templin, Charles Windham, Tom Whitelock, Charles Baker, and Tom Smith. First-graders spend the morning learning about colonial times, playing colonial games, and cooking and eating colonial food.



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 March-April Issue):**

Two dates appear on the left side of the North Carolina Flag — May 20, 1775, and April 12, 1776. These dates are important in the history of the North Carolina Colony and in the history of the United States. What happened on these dates, what are the events called, and why are they significant? On May 20, 1775, a month after Lexington and Concord, news of that battle reached the county of Mecklenburg, North Carolina. The county leaders were so infuriated by the British atrocities that they introduced the "Mecklenburg Declaration" which amounted to the first declaration of independence from Britain by any entity in the colonies. On April 12, 1776, the Fourth Provincial Congress of North Carolina, meeting in Halifax County, issued the first instructions by any colony that authorized its delegates to the Continental Congress to vote for independence from Britain. This so-called "Halifax Resolve" did not authorize the North Carolina delegates to introduce a resolution; only to vote in favor if a resolution were introduced. The resolution for independency was actually introduced by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia. Both the Mecklenburg Declaration and the Halifax Resolve gave tremendous momentum to the idea of independency throughout the 13 colonies, an idea that spread like wildfire through America.

### **New Americanism Trivia Quiz (Answers in the July-August Issue):**

1. Name the treaty that ended the French and Indian War, known in Europe as the Seven Years' War. What were the main provisions of this treaty.
2. Name the treaty that ended the American Revolutionary War. What were the main provisions of this treaty?



Eagle Scout to Eagle Scout: After the 2011 TXSSAR Youth Awards Luncheon, Robert M. "Bob" Clark, TXSSAR 2012-13 President-Elect, congratulated H. Ross Perot, Sr., on his speech concerning Scouting, and on his Gold Good Citizenship Medal. The Gold GCM is the highest award given by the SAR and is the only SAR medal which is actually gold.



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NOTE: Ideas, news or submissions for **THE MINUTEMAN** should be given to **David Temple, bankerd@aol.com**

### Registrar's

#### Report:

**(John Guittard)**

Membership:	267
Last Meeting:	32 Members 10 Guests

### Treasurer's

#### Report:

**(James M. Fairbairn)**

Checking & Cash:	\$ 4,952.00
Minuteman Fund:	\$ 8,394.93
Ritchie Fund:	\$ 30,386.68



This is *Minuteman* Editor Charles Baker's last issue. Dr. Baker's first issue was for June, 2000. At that time, it was an all black-and-white publication. Charles gradually began introducing some color pictures, and since June 2002, all pictures and illustrations have been in color. He will begin editing the *Texas Compatriot* for TXSSAR, starting with the fall issue.

To receive your Bi-monthly Newsletter in full color, and receive it sooner, please send your email address to H. Charles Baker, [hc\\_baker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hc_baker@sbcglobal.net)

Date	Time	Event	Place
June 11	8:30 a.m.	June Meeting of the Dallas Chapter	Presbyterian Village North, Main Dining Room
July 4	9:00 a.m.	Lake Highlands July 4 Parade	Muster at 8:15 in front of 9610 Woodmen Circle.
July 9	8:30 a.m.	July Meeting of the Dallas Chapter	Presbyterian Village North, Main Dining Room
Aug 13	8:30 a.m.	August Meeting of the Dallas Chapter	Presbyterian Village North