



# The MINUTEMAN

## Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929



Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution  
January-February, 2012

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

(Breakfast served 7:45)

Americanism:

Charles and Barbara Baker They are doing a skit on "Memory"

Program:  
Changes in the Bylaws discussion

**March 10**  
**8:30 a.m.**

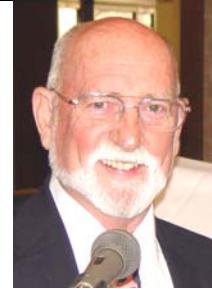
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Americanism:  
Thomas Paine – Tracy Pounders

Program:  
EMS, Fire, Heroism,  
Police

### Presidents Message

by Bob Northcraft, President, Dallas Chapter,  
Sons of the American Revolution



Compatriots of the Dallas SAR Chapter, it is with great honor that I accept the position of Chapter President for the year of 2012. My focus for the year is three fold.

1. Recruiting new members, 2. Finding a financial business that will help us earn money for our Chapter Treasury rather than eroding our accounts. 3. Spreading the word of the United States Constitution.

As most of us know our Chapter membership and our Chapter activities have been slipping the past few years. Attrition is playing havoc on both the general membership and especially our Chapter Color Guard membership. It's our job to come up with ways to help stem the outgoing tide by bringing in new members and searching for new activities.

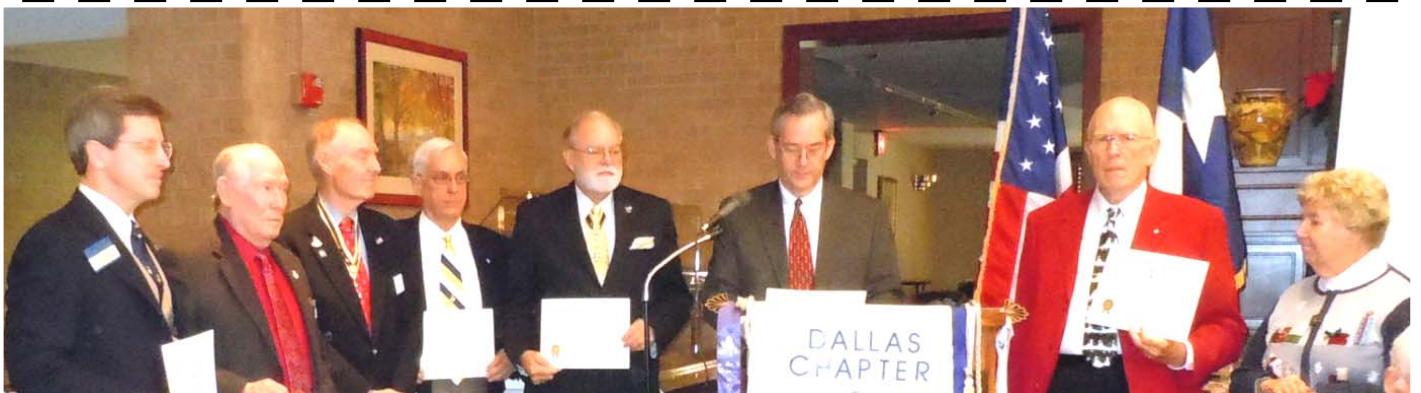
Year after year I've observed our past Treasurer's have alerted our Chapter Officers as well as our general membership that the Banks where we've kept our Chapter financial accounts have been chipping away at the critical mass of the accounts. Compatriots, this past practice of losing our Chapter funds to Banks service charges must stop. We must aggressively search for a way to stop this practice by dismissing the old paradigm and instating a new vision.

The election year is upon us and as a Public Trust "501 C 3" organization we can not actively participate in the election process by rules for a Public Trust. However, we still have the liberty to promote the Constitution of the United States. My suggestion is we acquire copies of the Constitution and use them as handouts to like minded friends and others to promote the SAR and our Chapter. Let's go forward this year with renewed energy to put our house in order and make our Chapter more attractive to new members.

*Bob Northcraft*

President  
SAR Dallas Chapter # 2

# Dallas Chapter News



At the December meeting there were certificates of appreciation given by President **David Temple** for the Dallas Chapter members who worked at the State meeting including **Mark Hansen**, **Jim Fairbairn**, FCP **Tom Smith**, 2VP **Nick Harper**, **Tom Whitelock**, **David Temple**, **Charles Baker** as treasurer and wife Barbara, who worked in registration, along with (not in picture) **Bob Northcraft** and his wife, in raising funds for the Patriot Fund. State President Elect **Bob Clark** (not pictured) was also awarded a certificate of appreciation for his work at the state meeting.



**Robert Tanner** Pearl Harbor Survivor (left) was recognized for his 90th birthday by F C P **R a l p h McDowell** during the December meeting with a cupcake with one candle.



December speaker Mrs. Elizabeth Klammer, Regent of the Jane Douglas Chapter of the DAR, spoke on the topic "The Role of Women in the American Revolutionary War." It was interesting to note that women and children followed husbands into the army where they did the cooking and laundry and that uncommon women were spies including Elizabeth's ancestor. As part of her presentation, she also said the library at the Continental House at Fair Park will be open and equipped with internet and research books available on ancestors for Dallas S.A.R. members to utilize. FVP **Bob Northcraft** presented her with a miniature Liberty Bell and a certificate of appreciation for her presentation. She was also awarded The Martha Washington Medal by President **David Temple** for reestablishing the relationship of the SAR in the Continental House.

Second Vice President **Nick Harper** received a 50 year membership pin and certificate of appreciation for years of service from President **David Temple**

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**W**elcome the Troops. There is a daily arrival of troops on R & R leave from 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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January meeting, Former Chapter President **Ralph McDowell** read some of the wise and witty maxims from Benjamin Franklin's Poor Richard's Almanac. Ralph injected himself as Poor Ralph for a humorous ending.



**Bob Northcraft** played a recording of S.A.R. 30 second announcements giving a brief history of the significance of Martha Washington, Betsy Ross, William Alexander, Lord Sterling, and others.



Color Guard Commander Bob Northcraft bestowed the North Texas Merit Award of a medal and certificate to Charles Baker, Tom Whitelock, and Tom Smith.

Picture on right is file copy of **Charles Baker** and **Dick Arnold** in Color Guard Uniform



January meeting, The Golden Sledge Hammer Award goes each year to the hardest working member of the Dallas Chapter. **Jim Fairbairn** is the recipient this year. (left to right) **Ralph McDowell**, **Gary Sisson**, **Tom Whitelock**, **James F. Fairbairn**, **David Temple**, **Bob Northcraft**, **Harmon Adair**, **Jim Templin**, and **Charles Baker**.

State VP District 6 **Harmon Adair** giving a short inaugural speech

**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.

**Ralph McDowell,**  
awarded for 18 years  
Perfect Attendance.



**Tom Whitelock,**  
awarded for 12 years  
Perfect Attendance



The 2012 officers for the Dallas Chapter were inducted by former Texas S.A.R. President **Bob Coker** included from left to right Chaplain **Frank Pounders**, Treasurer **David Temple**, Secretary **John Guittard**, Second VP **Robert Kittrell**, First VP **Nick Harper**, President **Bob Northcraft**.

## Dallas Chapter SAR Notes to Changes in Bylaws

### Constitution Article I.

By Request: to provide notice that the Dallas Chapter NSSAR is a chapter of the National Society and that the NSSAR is an IRS 501(c)(3) organization.

### Constitution Article VI, Section 2.

By Request: to provide an alternate method of notifying the membership of proposed amendments to the bylaws; the Dallas Chapter no longer mails out monthly newsletters.

### Bylaws Article II – Officers Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10

By request: added "...and perform such other duties as are appropriate to this Office or as reasonably assigned by the President." to the description of duties for each officer. This gives the President the authority to spread out the duties of a vacant office to the other officers until the vacated office is filled, or to assign duties to an officer that are not outlined in the bylaws.

### Bylaws Article II – Officers Section 4 - Secretary

- By request: to remove reference to the High Oration Contest Committee.
- By request: Changes "...notify all members..." of elections to "...certify all..." elections. Notices of elections have generally been given by the President at Chapter meetings, and in the newsletter; the Secretary has not, in my memory, notified the membership of the meetings. A Secretary instead generally "certifies" elections – documenting that all requirements of the election have been met.

### Bylaws Article II – Officers Section 5 – Treasurer

- By request: provides the Chapter with the authority to authorize someone other than the Treasurer to sign checks; this was requested with the Minuteman Fund and the Ritchie Fund in mind, but may also be necessary if the office of Treasurer is vacant.
- By request: authorizes the Treasurer to pay out funds that are given to the chapter for a specific purpose (such as funds collected "when the hat is passed around") without further action from the 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.

- By request: authorizes the Treasurer to pay out funds with the approval of a majority of the Chapter officers. This has been the practice of the chapter for as long as I remember.
- By request: deletes requirement of producing and publishing a quarterly financial report; adds that the financial records of the Chapter shall be reasonably available to all of its members.

Bylaws Article II – Officers Section 8 – Historian: grammatical corrections.

Bylaws Article II – Officers Section 9 – Editor, Chapter Bulletin

By request: authorizes the Chapter to publish the newsletter on a schedule different than monthly, and delivery by means other than US Mail.

Bylaws Article IV Standing Committees Section 1

By request: deleted reference to the High Oration Contest

Bylaws Article VII – Minuteman Fund

- By request: Section 6 – grammatical changes
- By request: Section 8 – grammatical changes

- By request: Section 10 – provides that quarterly reports be given to the chapter; no independent audit is required unless the Chapter requires it.

Bylaws Article VIII – Ritchie Fund

By request: New Article – mirrors the requirements of the Minuteman Fund

Bylaws Article IX

By request: documents the IRS tax status of the Dallas Chapter by noting that it is a 501(c)(3) organization by virtue of NSSAR's group exemption.



### Americanism Trivia Quiz (from November-December Issue):

Whom did Jefferson replace, and to what country in 1784?"

He didn't replace anyone. He was a Diplomat and commissioner to help negotiate commercial treaties. Jefferson was stationed in France to do this job.

Who did he bring with him to look after his youngest child? The slave woman named Sally Hemings to look after Polly, Jefferson's youngest child.

Why did Jefferson resign his post on Jan 31st 1794? The French revolution of 1789 precipitated a huge crisis in American foreign policy. After trying to get President Washington help the French and failing to do so he officially resigned as secretary of state and moved back to Monticello to plot his political revenge.

### New Americanism Quiz (Answers in the March-April Issue):

Why did the British begin a southern offensive in 1778 in Savannah?

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**ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED**

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 NOTE: Ideas, news or submissions for **THE MINUTEMAN** should be given to **Bob Northcraft, HRNorty@aol.com**  
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<b>Registrar's Report:</b> <b>(John Guittard)</b> Membership: Last Meeting: Jan	267 29 Members 6 Guests
<b>Treasurer's Report:</b> <b>(James M. Fairbairn)</b> Checking & Cash: \$ 4,280.03 Minuteman Fund: \$ 8,403.22 Ritchie Fund: \$ 30,444.26	



Golden Hammer Award



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Date	Time	Event	Place
Feb 11	8:30 a.m.	Feb. Meeting of the Dallas Chapter	Presbyterian Village North, Main Dining Room
March 10	8:30 a.m.	March Meeting of the Dallas Chapter	Presbyterian Village North Main Dining Room
April 14	8:30 a.m.	April Meeting of the Dallas Chapter	Presbyterian Village North Main Auditorium
July 4	9:00 a.m.	Lake Highlands July 4 Parade	Muster at 8:15 in front of 9610 Woodmen Circle.