

The MINUTEMAN

Dallas Chapter TXSSAR Founded July 4, 1929 November-December, 2005



Dinner for Two

by Tom Whitelock, President, Dallas Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution

Really, it has been a rewarding and educational experience. I appreciate having been elected to serve as your Chapter President this past year, and know all too well I can't express fully how much your support has meant to me. The unselfish devotion, as well as continuous service and participation by so many of our Compatriots, definitely led to the advancement and growth of the Chapter in 2005.

By my count, there are nearly two dozen men who alone qualify for the "Sisson Golden Sledgehammer Award" as the hardest worker, and yet there are twice as many more who provided assistance and seem to constantly fly under the radar for recognition.

As a team (300+ strong) we've increased our membership numbers, lowered our operational costs, participated in more youth and community educational projects, recognized and awarded additional civic & governmental service individuals, enjoyed a wider variety of topic programs and participated in more color guard activities than ever before.

I've tried to hold true to those goals that I set for myself and those that you as mentors established for the Chapter. Together we have accomplished quite a lot in twelve months. By reaching out and involving the newest of our members in various phases of activities, we assure a strong leadership foundation and proud future. Each of the Officers-elect can enhance our Chapter's involvement, but only with your continued support and participation. Each of us need to volunteer to at least serve on one committee next year, promise to attend at least three meetings and most important — get your dues paid before 12/20/05. And remember, we need a Chapter Historian.

I sincerely hope that I have represented you in the highest of SAR patriotic ideals, and my wish for you and yours is....
God's Blessing, continual good health, holiday happiness and good fortune in the coming year.

P.S. During this past year, two unique features were contained in each of my newsletter messages. The first Compatriot to figure out what they were and mean wins a Dinner for Two. (Hint: It's not the Da Vinci Code, but it does spell out my true feelings.) Email or call me with your guess.

December 10 **Elections Meeting**

ur special guest for our December 10. Chapter meeting will be. Catherine Turocy of the New York Baroque. Dance Company and a world renowned authority on Eighteenth Century dance. She will be in costume and will demonstrate and lecture on several aspects of 18th century dance.

Registrar's Report: (Jim Templin) Membership: Last Meeting: Guests:	306 25 12
Treasurer's Report: (Allen Christian) Checking & Cash: Minuteman Fund: Ritchie Fund:	\$ 1,149.13 \$ 7,961.43 \$ 27,022.45

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Meetings are held on the Second Saturday of each month, in the Mesquite Ballroom of the **Embassy Suites**, 13131 North Central Expy. Breakfast served with fellowship at 7:30, program from 8:00 a.m. until about 9:30. Guests are welcome.

DALLAS CHAPTER MEETING NEWS







Top Row, Left: FCP Ralph McDowell congratulates Compatriot Matthew Courtney on the arrival of his membership certificate. Matt was sworn in during the June meeting. Center: Dallas Chapter dual member Chuck Bragg spoke of his campaign for election as Genealogist General. Right: Second VP Charles Baker presented Pearl Harbor Survivor Paul Ferguson with the SAR War Service Medal. The accompanying certificate bears the seals of all five of the U.S. military services. Bottom Row, Left: Chapter Secretary Robert Clark was the speaker at the October meeting. Bob spoke about the Aztec Club which consists of descendents of the Mexican War. Richard Breithaupt, President of the Aztec Club, had been scheduled to speak, but his schedule was changed by the hurricanes on the Gulf Coast. Center: Major General Jerry Ragsdale, Commander of the Texas Air National Guard, spoke at the November meeting. Right: First VP Tom Smith presented Ragsdale with the traditional liberty bell.







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 and other organizations of interest, Chapter Officers, Minuteman Newsletter archives, and lots of other good information.

COLOR GUARD NEWS



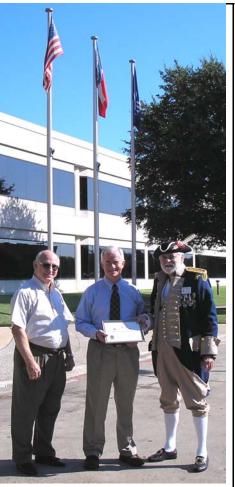


Participation of the North Texas Chapters in the 2005 Dallas Veterans Day Parade reached a new level of excitement with the addition of a re-enactment of the "Spirit of '76" painting and of a "float." Our part in the parade had three sections: The main parade banner and re-enactment, the march unit, and the float. Participating were: (Top picture: Charles Baker, Charles Windham, Charlene Seachord, Steve Seachord, Graham Martin, Tom Green, Dallas Windham, Tom Smith, Tracy Pounders, Jim Templin, Tom Whitelock, Ralph McDowell, Art Ingalls, David Hill, Jeanne McDowell, Barbara Baker, and Paul Mattoon. Randall Jones and Glen Toal carried the banner. Riding in the float (generously provided by Dave Hill) were Jeanne McDowell, Barbara Baker, Charlene Seachord, and Graham Martin.









eft, top to bottom: Compatriots △Charles Baker and Tom Smith presented SAR Medals for Heroism to five members of a the Dallas Police Department (NW Substation) for their work in saving the lives of two homeless men during a surprise flash flood on October 31. Pictured: Officers Carol Mazzola, Paul Campopiano and Arnold Rodriguez, and Sgt, Pete Bailey. Not pictured: Cpl. M. G. Phagan. Charles Baker presented an SAR Flag Certificate to officers of the Lake Highlands North Homeowners Assoc. John Gould, J. C. Reneau, and Bud Kinney (President). Members of the Dallas Chapter manned the SAR Table in the Jane Douglas Chapter DAR House at the State Fair: Tom Whitelock, Byron Christian, Charles Windham, and Allen Christian. Above: Chapter President Tom Whitelock presented an SAR Flag Certificate to executives of Hilton Worldwide Reservations

ominating Committee Chairman Tracy Pounders presented the 2006 Dallas Chapter Officer Nominees: President, **Tom Smith**; 1st VP, **Charles Baker**; 2nd VP, **Robert Clark**; Secretary **Allen Christian**; Treasurer, **Byron Christian**; Registrar, **Jim Templin**; Chaplain, **Frank Pounders**; Sergeant at Arms, **Robert Tanner**, **Jr**.; Newsletter Editor and Webmaster, **Charles Baker**. The office of Historian is still open; here is a chance for someone to step up to the plate!

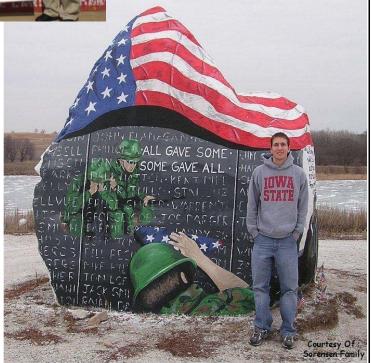


"Spirit '76" of enactment in the Veterans Day parade generated a lot of favorable comment. It featured Compatriots Paul Mattoon (drum), Tom Whitelock (drum and recorded music), and Tracv Pounders (fife and limp). The soldiers in the background are Chris Daugherty and Robert Reed, both on leave from Fort (By the time you read Hood. this, they will be in Iraq.) Banner carriers are Randall Jones and Glen Toal.

pdate: The February 2004 edition of *The Minuteman* featured a story and pictures of a huge rock near a gravel pit on Highway 25 in rural lowa. For generations, kids have painted slogans, names and obscenities. Then a talented and patriotic teenager named Ray Sorensen turned this old rock into a work of art. Since then, no more vandalism. In fact, the rock has become quite a tourist attraction.

In the picture at right, the artist stands in front of his work. Close inspection reveals that the flag is actually painted on the rock; it is not draped. **Awesome work, Ray. THANK YOU!**

For your enjoyment, we have posted color pictures of the rock on our chapter website. Go to http://sardallas.org/rock



Pelcome the Troops! There is a daily arrival of troops on R&R from Iraq at DFW International Airport. Call 972-574-0392 after 5 p.m. on the day before to learn the next-day arrival time, terminal and gate number, all of which vary from day to day. Free-Parking coupons will be available at the arrival area.

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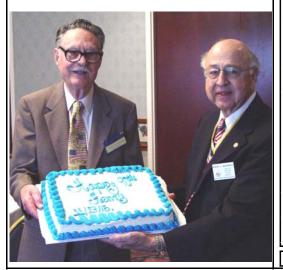
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CP Ralph McDowell (right) presented a birthday cake to Compatriot Hank Goldwire and led a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday" on the occasion of Hank's 90th birthday. Hank is famous for his "patriotic jelly" which is made from grapes picked on the Fourth of July each year. This jelly is raffled as a door prize at a chapter meeting.



Inside: Dinner for Two

Date	Time	Event	Place
Dec. 10	8:00 a.m.	Joint Meeting with DAR Chapters. Election of of- ficers. Catherine Turocy, internationally known authority on 18th Cen- tury Dance will speak	Embassy Suites, 13131 N. Cen- tral at the High- 5, northwest corner.
Jan. 14	8:00 a.m.	New Chapter officers to be sworn in and awards presented.	Embassy Suites
Feb. 11	8:00 a.m.	Dr. Jody Potts, historian and textbook author, "Remembering the Bill of Rights"	Embassy Suites
Mar. 11	8:00 a.m.	Major General Charles R. Bond (Retired), Vice Squadron Leader under General Claire Chennault, of the famous Flying Tigers during WWII, will speak.	Embassy Suites