



# The MINUTEMAN



## Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution — September-October, 2006

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### Nov. 11 Meeting (8:15 a.m.)

Compatriot Dr. James Johnson and his wife Dr. Mary Lynn Johnson, will speak on "Fine Arts of the American Revolutionary Period," ranging from painting to music, to dance, etc.



## Autumn is a busy time for the Dallas Chapter

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



Three of our country's important milestones are remembered each Autumn. September 19<sup>th</sup> recalls that occasion in 1787, when the Constitutional Convention, meeting in Philadelphia, completed its work and sent the document to the States for ratification. It should be noted that in June the Convention was in shambles with disagreements until Benjamin Franklin took the floor and with eloquence requested that each day's session begin with prayer to the Almighty. This was done each day thereafter until the great work was completed.

This year our SAR supported the DAR luncheon with several members in attendance. President General Nathan White and our own Gary Sisson (aka Patrick Henry) addressed the luncheon.

October 19, 1781, is when General Charles Cornwallis surrendered to the American and French forces at Yorktown thus ending over six years of fighting. The Treaty of Paris was finally signed two years later. The Virginia SAR plans a celebration to mark the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "the glorious victory."

November 11<sup>th</sup> remembers that day in 1918 when at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour the guns fell silent ending World War I. Our SAR chapter will meet at 8:15 A.M. on 11/11 so that we can proceed downtown afterward for the 10:15 A.M. formation for the Dallas Veterans Day parade. Marchers, banner-carriers, and float riders are needed. Please come a little early for breakfast, so we can start on time, and wear your uniform or period clothing to the meeting.

In addition to these historic activities, State Fair is time for our biggest recruiting activity of the year. Please call Ralph McDowell at 214-348-8737 if you can devote 3 hours to the recruiting effort between now and October 22.

1776-2006 — Our Nation's 230th Birthday

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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 8:30 a.m. until about 10:00. Fellow compatriots from other chapters and guests are always welcome.*

## DALLAS CHAPTER NEWS



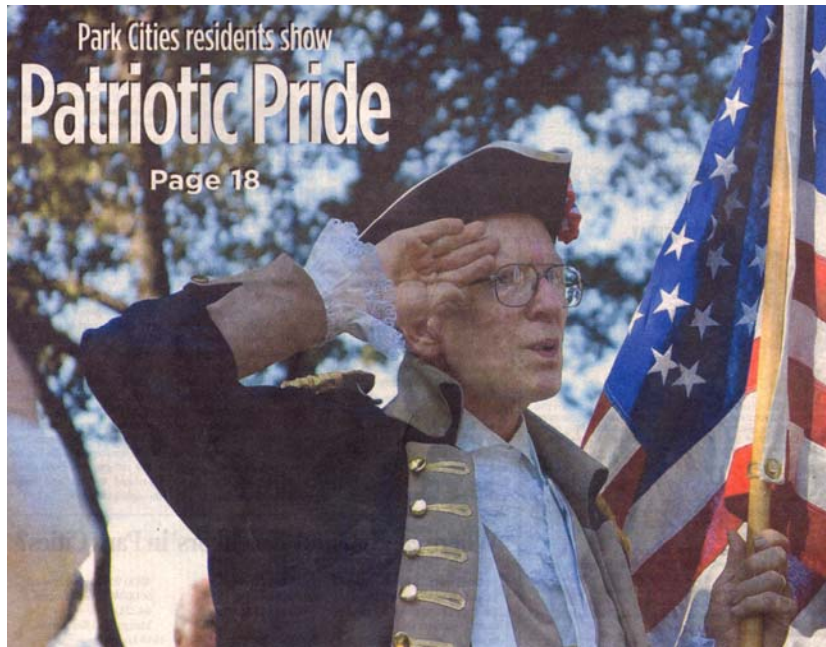
**C**lockwise from top: Compatriots **Templin** and **McDowell** combined talents to give the Americanism presentation at the April meeting, on Latin phrases on U.S. currency. **Thomas Robert Leslie** was sworn in at the September meeting. Compatriots **Clark, Smith, McDowell, Pounders**, and **Baker** gave a hat salute following the SAR National Memorial Service at SMU on July 9. Four new members were sworn in at the August meeting, as sponsors stood with them: **George Alfred Monroe, Wayne Curtis Pedigo, Franklin Chester Rembert**, and **Michael Sheldon Smith**.





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' e-mail addresses, **Minuteman** Newsletter archives, and lots of other good information. You can also click on "Meetings" to find out about the next Dallas Chapter meeting program.

## COLOR GUARD NEWS

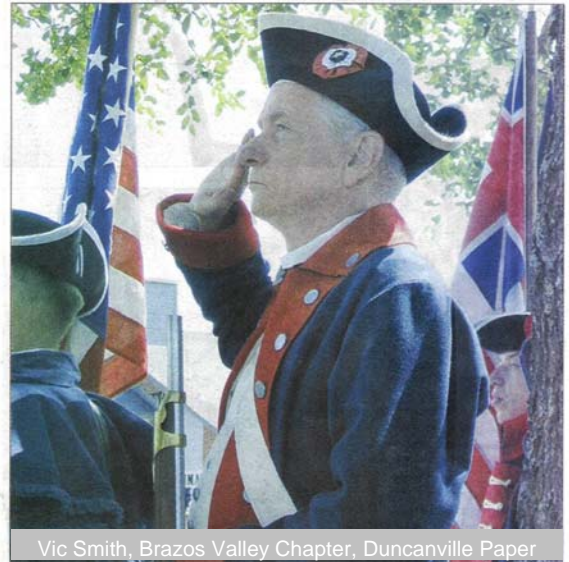


The picture at left appeared on the front page of the Park Cities edition of the Dallas Morning News section "Neighbors," and was scanned by a resident of the area. "I didn't even know when it was snapped," said Dallas Chapter VP Charles Baker. "It had to have been when we were lined up in front of the gazebo at Goar Park following the Park Cities July 4 Parade." The two pictures shown below are reprinted from the August issue of this newsletter. As far as we know, all three of these pictures were taken by amateur photographers and submitted to local papers.



**FREEDOM ON THE MARCH:** Bob Clark leads the contingent from the Dallas chapter of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution at the start of this year's Lake Highlands July 4 parade. SUBMITTED PHOTOS BY BRETT WILLARD

### Solemn salute



Vic Smith, Brazos Valley Chapter, Duncanville Paper

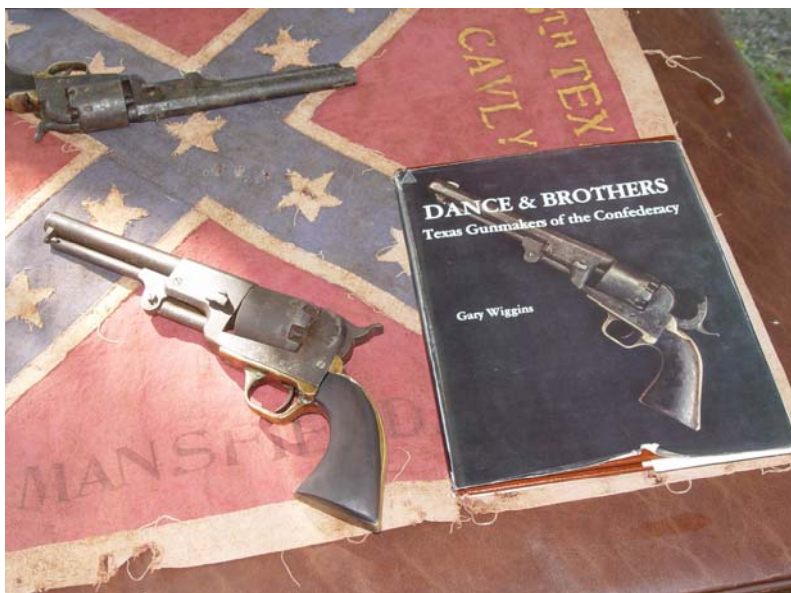
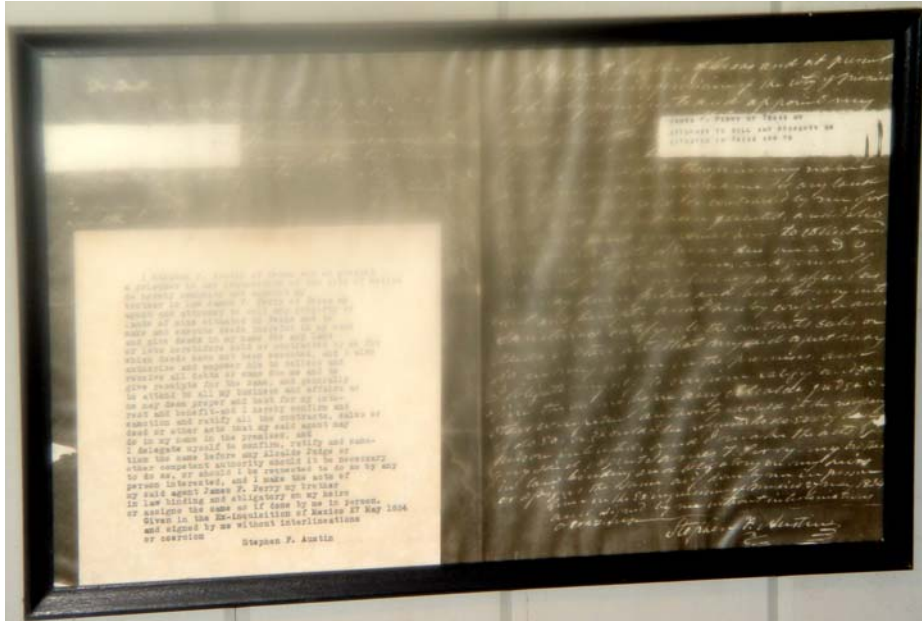
### What's the Point?

The point is that the various SAR Color Guards in public appearances are generating more publicity for the SAR than any other function we have. There was a time when few people had heard of the SAR; that is changing. We need YOU in the Veterans Day Parade on November 11. We need banner carriers and float riders, as well as marchers. The Dallas Chapter is now the proud owner of two perfect replicas of mid-1700's flintlocks. We need men who will ride on both sides of our float and show off these beauties to the crowd. Get yourself a tricorne hat at any costume shop, wear a full-sleeve white shirt and some pants, and join us in the parade! Questions? Please send an e-mail or call Charles Baker <[hbaker@smu.edu](mailto:hbaker@smu.edu)> .



## A Delightful Journey into Texas' Past

Attendees of the TXSSAR August 4-6 Board of Managers Meeting in Lake Jackson were feted to a truly rare treat by our hosts, the Cradle of Texas Chapter. That entire area is saturated with the early history of Texas. A huge statue of Stephen F. Austin clutching his longrifle greets visitors as they enter Lake Jackson. Although the first Texas Rebellion against Spain was the much-earlier Battle of Medina. That August, 1813 battle was a disaster for the Texans who were all slaughtered by the Spanish Army. The first bloodshed of the Texas Revolution against Mexico, the Battle of Velasco, took place on June 26, 1832, just down the road from Lake Jackson, in an area now known as Surfside. All of the pictures shown below were taken on the "Cradle of Texas Tour" that was organized and narrated by Compatriot **Don Pugh**. At left below is a photocopy of the Power of Attorney that Austin wrote to brother-in-law James F. Perry from a jail cell in Mexico City. At right is Perry's descendent holding the original and rare "SFA" branding iron that is still in use today. Bottom left are pistols made by the Dance & Brothers Company for the Confederate Army. Bottom right is Austin's original tombstone in the Gulf Prairie Presbyterian Churchyard, Jones Creek, Texas; Austin's remains were moved to the Texas State Capitol grounds in 1910.







Above: Excited members of Cub Scout Pack 890 marched with the SAR Color Guard in Lake Highlands' July 4 Parade. Someday, these boys will be able to carry the colonial flags when they become Boy Scouts. Left: Martin Lyford and Cliff Slagle manned the SAR Recruiting table in the Jane Douglas Chapter DAR House on opening day of the State Fair. Lower Left: Cliff and Henrietta Slagle, and Tom and Barbara Smith enjoyed the Constitution Day Brunch. Below: D.A. Sharpe talked about his patriot ancestor for the Americanism Presentation at the August 12 meeting.



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 ★ Welcome the Troops. There is a daily arrival of troops on two weeks R&R leave 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 and location. ★  
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### Registrar's

#### Report:

(Jim Templin)

Membership: 298

Last Meeting: 33

Guests: 14

### Treasurer's

#### Report:

(Byron Christian)

Checking & Cash: \$ 1,436.56

Minuteman Fund: 8,297.96

Ritchie Fund: 27,618.64



Our September 9 meeting of the Dallas Chapter featured Dr. Ed Countryman, Professor of History at Southern Methodist University, speaking on a topic of intrigue: "Spies and Traitors of the American Revolutionary War."

Date	Time	Event	Place
Sep. 29 to Oct. 22	11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Daily SAR Recruiting during State Fair. Call Ralph McDowell to sign up for a 3-hour time slot: 214-348-8737	Jane Douglas Chapter DAR House at Fair Park
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Nov. 11	10:30 a.m.	Veterans Day Parade Meet at Young & Houston	Downtown Dallas
Dec. 9	8:30 a.m.	Dallas Chapter Meeting: Lloyd Bockstruck on Genealogy	Embassy Suites