



The MINUTEMAN



Dallas Chapter

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Texas Society — Sons of the American Revolution

January-February, 2010

UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 13, 8:30 a.m.
(Breakfast served 7:45-8:00)



The persona of 18th-Century Privateer Jonathan Haraden of Salem, MA will speak on the topic: "Privateers: Pirates or Patriots?"

March 13, 8:30 a.m.
(Breakfast served 7:45-8:00)



David Braden, World War II navigator/radar bombardier of the 20th Air Force will speak on B29 Adventures over Japan.



President's Message

by Frank Pounders, President, Dallas Chapter,
Sons of the American Revolution



Fellow Compatriots, I deeply appreciate your trust in allowing me the honor of being President of our Dallas Chapter. My goal is to be able to say next February that you have done those patriotic deeds that exceed even the distinguished past of our Chapter.

To focus on this goal, I am asking each of you to FURTHER FREEDOM'S FUTURE in all you say and do. If we do not, we are in danger of losing our liberty and failing the prayers of our forefathers. For most of you it will be little different from what you are already doing. You will vote and support patriotic causes. You will participate in our chapter's programs—Eagle Scout, Oratory, Essay, and Good Citizenship awards to JROTC and schools without ROTC. You will recognize outstanding firemen, police officers, EMTs and folks and businesses that display the flag appropriately. You will visit veterans in hospitals or home and continue to provide books and magazines to the VA Hospital.

Our meetings will be in the beautiful Presbyterian Village North facility with its very good breakfast and attentive service. Outstanding programs will be presented each month. I pledge to make the meeting interesting, worthwhile, informative, and within the time allotted.

Our officers for the year are enthusiastic and competent, and I am proud to serve with each of them.

The past has been great, the future will be even greater. Come and be a part of all that we do together to make sure we keep our nation a nation of free men.

Speaking of the future, **we are moving the April meeting to the third Saturday instead of the second Saturday**, so that as many Compatriots as possible can witness the Medal of Honor Recipients' Parade in Gainesville, TX on Saturday, April 10. See Page 7 for more details.

Frank Pounders

Coffee will be ready by 7:30 a.m.; breakfast will be served from 7:45 until 8:00. Meeting starts at 8:30.

Dallas Chapter Meeting News



Left: Featured speaker in December was Philip Hayes, an accomplished orator, Eagle Scout, City Councilman from his hometown, founder of the Young Republican Club at his high school, and SMU Freshman. He gave an insightful presentation on how George Washington molded the United States Government and its culture. For example, many leaders, including V.P. John Adams, wanted the President to be addressed as "Your Highness." Washington settled the question by saying "Mr. President" will do nicely." That salutation continues to this day.



Above: Kim (Mrs. Bob) Clark received the SAR Medal of Appreciation at the January Awards meeting.



Left: V.P. David Temple received the Sisson Golden Sledgehammer as the hardest worker in the chapter in 2009. He is flanked by FCP Tom Whitelock, first recipient, and Bob Northcraft, 2008 recipient.

Below: New Compatriot Howard Little is sworn in by Registrar John Guittard.



Dallas Chapter Officers for 2010:

At the January Meeting of the Dallas Chapter, the following Compatriots took office:

President: **Frank Ponders**

Treasurer: **Jim Fairbairn**

1st Vice President (Programs): **David Temple**

Chaplain: **Art Ingalls**

2nd Vice President (Awards): **Bob Northcraft**

Registrar: **John Guittard**

Secretary: **Nick Harper, Jr. (Not present)**

Historian: **Dr. George Munroe**

It's DUES-PAYING TIME, folks. If you have not paid your dues by January 1, you are DELINQUENT and will soon be contacted. Please mail your 2010 dues check of \$55.00 to State Treasurer Pete McLellan, PO Box 1146, McKinney TX 75070 ASAP -- we need your support. The \$55 pays your National, State, and Local dues. What a deal!



First Responders pictured above with President Hank Voegtle received SAR Medals with Certificates at our December meeting: Fire Safety Commendation medals: Dallas Fire Rescue Chief Eddie Burns, Sr. and Carey Roper. Law Enforcement Commendation Medal: DPD Officer Craig Bennight. EMS Commendation Medal: Gerald Perry. Heroism Medals: Dallas Fire Rescue Lt. Shane P. McWha, Brad Allen, Dennis Morris, and David Clem (not pictured). Heroism Certificates: Kelly Wilson, Brian Key, Corey Kimbrough, Nathan Smith, and Larry Joe Mitchell. The following supervisors were also present: DPD Sgt. Rob Harmon, DFR Asst. Chief Debra Carlin, and EMS Lt. Scott Clumpner.



Left: Ralph McDowell received his 16-year Perfect Attendance Certificate from VP David Temple. Above, FCP Gary Sisson marvels at the plaques received by winners since 2001.

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 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.

Dallas Chapter Color Guard & Miscellaneous News



Left: Bob Northcraft presented Special "Color Guard Commander Award" Medals to FCP Charles Baker, Laurie Crapo, and FCP Tom Whitelock, for "Exceptional Participation" in 2009. These three attended more than 60 Color guard events in 2009.

Right: VP David Temple presents "Service to Veterans Medals and Certificates to brothers Grady and Jim Fairbairn who have co-chaired our Veterans Affairs Committee for several years.



Below: Alumni of the Sisson Golden Sledgehammer Award gathered with David Temple. Each year, the hammer is passed on to the hardest worker in the chapter for the previous calendar year. David set a new record for medals and awards presented in 2009, and he worked very hard as Registrar for the Fall BOM hosted by the Dallas Chapter. From left, Ralph McDowell, Tom Smith, Charles Baker, Tom Whitelock, Temple, and Bob Northcraft. Not pictured: Allen Christian and Jim Templin.



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 ould you like to receive a full-color copy of each issue of *The Minuteman* Newsletter? Simply send an e-mail to hc_baker@sbcglobal.net and request your free subscription.



At the January Awards Meeting, outgoing President Hank Voegtle presented a custom-made certificate to Tom Whitlock. It is "The Brett Favre 'Yes, I am Retired' Award." It is a reference to Tom's many years of presenting "The Dreaded President's Award" to the incoming and outgoing presidents of TXSSAR. It has always been a hilarious moment at the annual TXSSAR banquet. Last year, Tom announced that he would be retiring from this unenviable position, leading to speculation that he has finally run out of funny ideas. Or maybe he is trying to make peace with all of the former TXSSAR presidents? Keep it up, Tom; we love it.

Right: These Compatriots, mostly from Texas, marched in the George Washington Parade in Laredo on February 21, 2009. The Laredo parade is annually the largest George Washington Parade in the U.S., with a length of over 3 miles and hundreds of marching units and floats. This year, we hope to increase the Dallas Chapter's participation. David Hall will have the Liberty Bell there. Charles & Barbara Baker will go as George and Martha Washington. This year's parade will be on Saturday, February 20, and the Laredo Chapter will provide lunch after the parade. Info: Call 817-300-3618.



Catching up with our friends — Below Left: If you were in the Dallas Chapter in May, 2007, you will remember 15 year-old Grant Kee, grandson of the late Compatriot Elvin Brown, who provided numerous military bugle calls as our Americanism presentation for that meeting. Grant was Senior Patrol Leader for Boy Scout Troop 68 and a member of Bugles Across America, a volunteer organization that provides buglers to play Taps at military funerals. Center: Grant received his Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor on February 17. Here he shows his Eagle badge and ribbon, some of his merit badges, and his special neckerchief. Right, the Eagle is clearly visible on Grant's neckerchief as he greets a former scoutmaster. Grant is now a freshman at the University of Texas in Austin and is still bugling Taps at military funerals.



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 program.

Answers to Last Issue's Americanism Trivia Quiz:

1. Why has 1777 been referred to as the "Year of the Hangman"? Some superstitious people thought that the last three digits of 1777 represented gibbets (gallows) for patriot leaders if they failed to succeed in the Revolution.
2. Before the Battle of Princeton, British troops arrived in front of Washington's army, pinning the Americans against the Delaware River near Trenton. What British General allowed Washington's army to escape by failing to attack in the evening, bragging that he would "bag the fox in the morning."? General Charles Cornwallis. Washington's army escaped the trap by slipping away quietly in the night while leaving their campfires burning. They hid their getaway by muffling their artillery wheels with cloth and moving down a side road. They marched around Cornwallis' army, then attacked the rear guard at Princeton before Cornwallis could come to their relief.
3. What type of boats, peculiar to the Delaware River, did Washington use in his several crossings? They were called Durham boats, named for their builder Robert Durham. They were 40 to 60 feet long, 8 feet wide and 2 feet deep. Each had a mast with two sails. Durham boats were able to transport horses and artillery as well as men.

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

1. Presidents Day commemorates the birth of our presidents. How many were actually born in February?
2. Who was the only President born on the 4th of July?
3. Which President grew up speaking a language other than English?
4. Who was the only President to be married in the White House?
5. Who was the first President to speak on radio?

Booktip from the TXSSAR Publicity Committee, Dr. Joe Allen Rice, Chair:

The best of historian John Ferling's several books may be *A Leap in the Dark: The Struggle to Create the American Republic*. It follows American politics through a crucial third of a century. This 2004 study takes the reader from the Stamp Act of 1765 to Jefferson's win in the fiercely-fought 1800 presidential election.

In a review, BOOKLIST said: "Ferling addresses readers already well grounded in the disputes leading to the formation of the U.S." That points it at SAR members.

In his introduction, Ferling says: "Militarily, of course, an American victory was not assured. That has been well remembered by subsequent generations. However, the labyrinthian political struggles that accompanied the war and persisted in its aftermath have been long forgotten, save by a few scholars."

He makes "labyrinthian political struggles" interesting. They almost seem taken from today's front pages and newscasts.

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Meetings are held on the Second Saturday of each month at **Presbyterian Village North, 8600 Skyline Drive** in Dallas, or as announced on our website at sardallas.org. 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. Guests and Fellow compatriots from other chapters are always welcome.

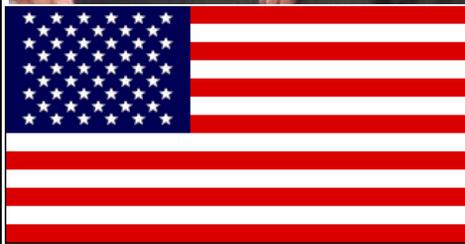


Dallas Chapter leaders paused for a group picture after the swearing in ceremony conducted by FSP E. Graham Martin. In no particular order, they are, left to right, Charles Baker, Chapter Webmaster and Newsletter Editor; Robert Kittrell, Chairman of the Essay Contest for CAR Members; Ralph McDowell, Head Greeter and Head of the Dues Team; Dr. George Munroe, Historian; James Fairbairn, Treasurer; John Guittard, Registrar; Bob Spence, outgoing Treasurer; Frank Ponders, President; Mark Hansen, Chairman of the Knight Essay Contest and of the Eagle Scout Awards; Grady Fairbairn, Veterans Affairs; Art Ingalls, Chaplain; David Temple, 1st Vice President, Programs; Bob Northcraft, 2nd Vice President, Awards, and Color Guard Commander; Hank Voegtli, outgoing President; and John Morton, Looney Poster Contest. Not pictured: Nick Harper, Secretary. Open for volunteers: Chairman of the Rumbaugh Oration Contest; Sergeant-At-Arms (to help get the meeting room ready each month); Chairman of the Lawrence American History Teacher Contest.



**Medal of Honor
Recipients Parade
Gainesville, Texas
10 a.m., Saturday, April 10**

Gainesville, TX is the location of the largest annual parade of Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients in the U.S. It will make your patriotic bones tingle right down to your toes, to see these American Heroes ride past you one at a time and to hear and read their stories. Our Color Guard will be participating in this important event. That's why the April Chapter meeting is being postponed to the **third Saturday**. Below is a scene from last year's parade:



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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)

Membership:	319
Last Meeting:	35 Members 9 Guests

Treasurer's

Report:

(Bob Spence)

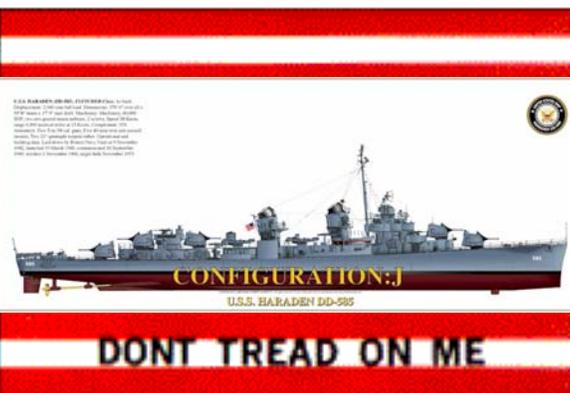
Checking & Cash:	\$ 1,786.80
Minuteman Fund:	\$ 8,550.85
Ritchie Fund:	\$ 30,479.39

Inside: News of Two Great Upcoming
Speakers; New Officers & Leaders



Jonathan Haraden was born in 1744, possibly the only pirate ever to have not one but two U.S. Navy ships named after him. Hear his story on February 13 via a character actor.

Date	Time	Event	Place
Feb. 13	8:30 a.m.; break fast 'til 8	Regular Chapter meeting: Character Actor playing Jonathan Haraden	Dining Room, Presbyterian Village North, 8600 Skyline Dr., Dallas. See p.6
Feb. 20		George Washington Parade	Laredo, TX See p.5
Mar. 13	8:30 a.m.; break fast 'til 8	Regular Chapter Meeting: David Braden, WWII Flyer—"B29 Adventures over Japan"	Dining Room, Presbyterian Village North, 8600 Skyline Dr., Dallas. See p.6
Mar. 25-28		TXSSAR Annual Meeting See TXSSAR.org/events	Houston Hilton Westchase
Apr. 10	10:00 a.m.	Medal of Honor Recipients Parade	Gainesville, TX. (See April Issue)
Apr. 17	8:30 a.m.	Regular Chapter Meeting: <u>(Note one week delay of date)</u> Speaker: TXSSAR President Jim Jones	Dining Room, Presbyterian Village North



USS Haraden DD-585