



# THE MINUTEMAN

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## President's Message

by Jack Carney



### STEP UP TO THE PLATE

How often have we heard this phrase? What does it mean? What would our patriot ancestors have done when faced with a question of duty or responsibility? The Continental Army was made up of volunteers. These men recognized their duty to the United States and their fellow citizens. They fought and won a war for independence.

In our own chapter we see time and again compatriots who step up to the plate. They recognize when something has to be done and then do it. In August, Dallas will host the SAR Board of Managers meeting. This was not planned, the meeting was scheduled for Waco; but when Waco could not host the meeting, Compatriot **Cliff Slagle** took the responsibility to set up the meeting in Dallas. He recruited other members to help him and by the time you read this, a very successful BOM meeting will be history.

Compatriot **Charles Baker** has developed a flag history presentation that has given the SAR exposure on Dallas Television, as well as coverage in local newspapers. He saw an opportunity to promote the SAR and did it.

When we presented the annual ROTC and Good Citizenship medals, many Compatriots said, "What can I do, where do you want me to make a presentation?" The Dallas Chapter has always been a can-do-will-do Chapter.

The State Fair of Texas is coming up in October. Be a Volunteer at the DAR House. Dallas can be the outstanding Chapter in the country. You can be a part of it. There are other service opportunities summarized on page 2 of this newsletter. "Step up to the Plate."

### August 9 Meeting

Frank Wilson, Chief Operating Officer of the Dallas Historical Society, will give interesting facts about the history of Dallas.

For future program suggestions, please feel free to call 1<sup>st</sup> VP **Tracy Pounders** at 214-368-8767.

Jim Bowles, Sheriff of Dallas County for the past 19 years, gave a refreshing talk on the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution at our July 12 meeting. > >



#### Registrar's Report:

Chapter membership: 295, 6 pending  
Last Meeting: 35 Members, 10 Guests  
**Mel McCoy**, Registrar

#### Treasurer's Report:

Checking & Cash: \$ 3358.40  
Minuteman: \$ 8178.73  
Ritchie: \$27,098.66  
**Tom Smith**, Treasurer

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*Meetings are held on the Second Saturday of each month at **Crowne Plaza Suites**, 7800 Alpha Road, Dallas, Texas. Coffee served with fellowship at 7:30, breakfast at 8:00, meeting from 8:30 'til 9:45. Guests are welcome.*

## Chapter Meeting News



Clockwise from upper left: Sheriff Jim Bowles proudly examines his new Liberty Bell and Certificate which were presented to him by President **Jack Carney**; Former Chapter President (FCP) **Cliff Slagle** grimly announces that the 2006 National Congress will be held in Dallas and that workers will be sought; FCP and DAR Liaison **John Warterfield** announces the DAR's Annual Constitution Week Brunch (See calendar on Page 4); Compatriots "Old" **Tom Whitelock** (leaning on his shootin' iron and his Bedford flagstaff) and **Jim Templin** (with his 15-star 15-stripe "Star Spangled Banner") cool off at Goar Park after the second of two Independence Day Parades; Compatriot **Jim Templin** receives a supplemental membership certificate from Chapter Registrar **Mel McCoy**; and FCP **Ralph McDowell** waves his Betsy Ross Flag at the end of his Americanism presentation.



**Service Opportunities:** (1) Help the DAR by attending the Constitution Week Brunch on September 20 (See page 4 for details). (2) Help recruit new SAR members by signing up for a half-day or full day at the SAR table at the 2003 State Fair of Texas (See Cliff Slagle). (3) Spend a half-day at the Vietnam Memorial in Fair Park during the 2003 State Fair; greet visitors and help them find their loved ones' names on "The Wall"; can be emotional; get into the Fair free; call Jeanette Prasifka at 214-319-9936.



To see these pictures in 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 info.



July 4 was a busy day of parades for the SAR North Texas Color Guard, assisted by Boy Scout Troop 890. Above, they pause for a pose prior to leading the Lake Highlands Parade. Left to right in period dress are Compatriots **David Hill, Rick Fawkes, Charles Baker, Charles Windham, Tom Smith, Bill Bellomy, Richard Arnold, Art Ingalls, James Templin, Mel McCoy, Tom Whitelock, Ralph McDowell, Karl Klammer, and Bill McSpedden**. Holding the banner are Scouts Taylor McCrory and Michael Siskind. Paul Ferguson, president of the North Texas Chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, marched with the color guard and led the pledge of Allegiance at Goar Park. Below, following the 50-star American Flag which led the entire parade, 13 members of Scout Troop 890 carried the flags of the 13 colonies in the order that they ratified the Constitution: Ben Scheve (DE), Josh Morgan (PA), Blaine Coutant (NJ), Tommy McCrory (GA), Matt Normandin (CT), Justin Chumbley (MA), Charles Shepherd (MD), Connor Antkowski (SC), John Housewright (NH), Andrew Meaders (VA), Hunter Lockhart (NY), Colin Anderson (NC), and Andrew Overby (RI). The North Texas Color Guard, seen at right below, followed the Scouts. After the Lake Highlands Parade, the group scurried over to merge with the Park Cities Parade at Preston Road and University, ending at Goar Park.



