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The President's Corner



by Mel Oller

Texas SAR President - 2025-2026

Compatriots, Greetings from Texas SAR!

I hope you enjoy this edition of *The Texas Compatriot*.

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

- ⇒ Remembering Our Past....By honoring those who served or assisted the colonies during the Revolutionary War.
- ⇒ Promoting Core Values....By protecting our Constitution and perpetuating American ideals and traditions.
- ⇒ Shaping Young Minds....By educating our youth about the Constitution and those who developed the American ideals and traditions.

Thank you for the opportunity you have given me to serve as Texas SAR President for the upcoming year. Let's all work together to learn and grow, and make Texas SAR the best Society we can be.



Founding of America History - 250th Anniversary

Looking Back on 1775...

By Matt Hoffman

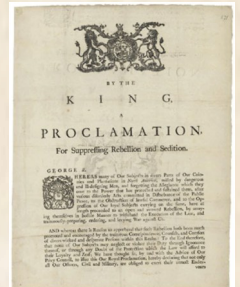
1775... The Beginnings of Revolution. 1775 was indeed a pivotal moment in the history of the birth of our nation. As we march towards July 4th, 1776, remembering 250 years of the signing of The Declaration of Independence, we remember those moments in this issue that helped shape our Declaration...

The beginning of 1775 saw the Intolerable Acts in full force. Boston was being surrounded by an armada of British ships, enforcing bans on trading, blockading the city, and rounding up individuals associated with the rebel colonists. It marked a more decisive effort by King George to make the colonies pay, but especially Boston, for dumping tea into the harbor on that fateful December day in 1774, which became known as "The Boston Tea Party." England took extraordinary steps to bring the colonies back into compliance with English Law, but further ignited the already smoldering timbers that drove the colonies to rebel more.



On that fateful day of April 18th, in the late hours, Paul Revere, Samuel Prescott, and William Dawes began alerting the colonists outside of Boston that "The Redcoats Are Coming, The Redcoats Are Coming..." The story would later become romanticized in literature by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in a poem, "Paul Revere's Ride" and etch that memorable line of "One if by land and Two if by sea." The warning was to alert the militia located in Lexington and Concord, that British troops would be coming to confiscate the munitions and other supplies located in those towns. On April 19th, in those early morning hours, "The Shot Heard 'Round The World" echoed through time, and decidedly marked the first shot fired in the Revolution. While British troops first declared a victory in Lexington, it would be at Concord where they would be forced to fall back due to the ragtag colonial militia and markedly boosted the morale of those seeking independence.

May 10, 1775, the Second Continental Congress convenes and elects John Hancock to be its President of the Congress. Their meeting would again be marked by dueling ideals - to continue down the path of independence, or, to make reasonable attempts at peace and return life to normal as dutiful servants to the Crown. An "Olive Branch Petition" was dividedly sent to King George, requesting a return to normalcy; a petition which was summarily rejected by the King. As the colonies continued debating on the divisions, on June 10th, John Adams proposed the formation of a Continental Army and would thus need a General to lead such an army. On June 14th, the Continental Army was born and on June 15th, George Washington was named General and Commander-in-Chief of the Army.



While the Congress worked to form the army, General Thomas Gage, who was overseeing Massachusetts, instituted martial law on June 12th and stated that anyone found to be supporting the rebellion would be considered a rebel and traitor to the crown. It was soon discovered on June 17th that colonists were fortifying a hill and British forces from the navy began firing from the harbor. The battle became known as "The Battle of Bunker Hill" and ultimately, the colonists lost the hill.

On July 3rd, George Washington officially took command of the Continental Army. Riding out in front of the newly formed troops at Cambridge, he drew his sword and instituted his authority over the army. On July 6th, after Congress formally adopted sending the "Olive Branch Petition," Congress votes to authorize its "Declaration on the Causes and Necessity of Taking Up Arms." Unofficially a declaration towards independence, the document lays the foundation for the colonies to defend themselves against the aggressions of the British forces, who were invoking more British controls on the colonists. The declaration proclaimed that they would rather "die free men rather than live as slaves."



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Out of the chaos of war, a more modern day birth occurred with the formation of the colonial Postal Service. July 26th saw the inception of the U.S. Postal Service, with Benjamin Franklin being named the first Postmaster General.



September 1st, King George summarily rejects the "Olive Branch Petition," without ever having read a word of the document. When notice was made that the King had refused to read the petition, it caused colonists further resolve in the necessity of independent rule, rather than those of a tyrant king. Reconciliation, it seemed, had become futile.



War, it seems, is not without deceit. On October 5th, General Washington writes to the Congress that a letter from Doctor Benjamin Church, the surgeon general of the Continental Army, had been intercepted on its way to General Gage. Dr. Church, only three months as the surgeon general, had been accused of espionage through his letter. As a spy, he was convicted and sentenced to life in prison. As a consequence of this action, Congress elected on November 7th to add the death penalty as punishment for espionage to its "articles of war."



October 13th saw the need for a navy and thus was born the Continental Navy. On December 22nd, Esek Hopkins was appointed as the first Commander-in-Chief of the Navy and was tasked with its formation. But with the formation of the navy also came the need for a ship to shore fighting force that could be a landing force and fight at both land and sea. Thus, on November 10th, the birth of the Continental Marines occurred.



November and December saw much more action into Canada. November 13th, Continental Army Brigadier General Richard Montgomery captures Montreal, Canada without opposition. On December 2nd, General Montgomery arrived at the gates of Quebec to join forces with Colonel Benedict Arnold to begin laying siege to the city. The siege became disastrous, lasting for most of December and ending with the death of General Montgomery and Colonel Arnold being seriously wounded.



Thus we end 1775 and onto the beginning of 1776, where more peril for our beleaguered colonists continue. But out of the struggles, a new nation arises, giving birth to a republic that makes the Romans and Greeks pale in comparison. A declaration that will stand the tests of time, a plethora of patriots whose actions resonate with us still today, and a military that 250 years later had its inception with humble beginnings and is the most fearsome in the world. Stay tuned for more yet to come!

Historian's Corner

Texas SAR Historian's Corner

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Texas SAR History Volume III

We have gathered and created all sorts of articles, lists, photos, etc. for our next history volume. The Volume II edition stopped at 2005. The current target for Volume III is for late 2025 with publication in 2026. **We need volunteer(s)** who have MS Word and skills to copy and paste, format, index and compile the history volume. When complete, a Word.docx will be exported to PDF for distribution. But that depends on how quickly we gain volunteers. Many thanks to the Texas SAR History Volume III committee member for their efforts to-date. With volunteers, our March 2026 target can be achieved.

Most Chapters have contributed their Chapter History. There are a few hold outs. What history would your chapter like to preserve?

- Charter information.
- Lists of your Past Presidents and Patriot Medal recipients.
- Significant activities (including civic & Color Guard) awards, accolades, and honors.
- Lists of articles published in either the SAR Magazine or The Texas Compatriot.
- Compatriot Bios. The deadline is extended till yearend. Your involvement should not be overlooked. Please contribute. If needed, a [Compatriot Questionnaire](#) is available to assist in this process. Out of date Bios can be replaced. We are seeking basic life information with birth year, marriage, military, and career, but focus on Compatriot offices, committees, activities, and awards; your milestones, etc.

Send them to the Historian. Time is running out, don't wait any longer, send them now to preserve your chapter history.

Chapter Historians Are Encouraged



Every chapter has a few members or someone to go to for guidance and knowledge of what's going on or has gone on within their chapter. Those are your Chapter Historians. Encourage an active member to become a Chapter Historian. Newsletters and websites can preserve your history. Chapters needing websites should contact Texas SAR Asst WebAdmin, John Anderson for assistance.

Prominent Texas Compatriots

Compatriot John Greer, JohnL.Greer@juno.com, has significantly gathered data for our next History volume. He, and Compatriots Tom Whitelock, Kermit Breed and James Penny are researching our histories, assisting in gathering all sorts of lists. Grave markings, Compatriot deaths, Veterans and State Fair activities. If you have time volunteer to assist them

Patriot/Compatriot Graves



We are saddened with the death of Compatriot Bill Watts; his leadership will be missed. Compatriot Ted Wilson had teamed with Bill for years. Together they vetted and identified a long list of Patriots buried in Texas for the Austin 2026 Monument project. See the revised list at www.texassar.org/buried.htm. It is impressive! Contact Ted or Compatriot David Hamaker for plans on future Patriot or Compatriot grave markings. We desire to broaden the respect given to our fallen compatriots.

Texas SAR Archives



An new easy method to archive electronic documents was developed last year. Chapter Web Admins for years have been able to post public newsletters, articles, officers, committee chairs, histories, awards, speakers, photos, in memoriams, obituaries, etc. to their chapter website. This is a great ongoing solution; great job and keep up the effort! What's new is mainly for private documents. If you have documents of living people with their emails, phones, street address, dates of birth or SSN, then those documents should be either redacted or saved on private websites. The Texas SAR private website does have webspace available for those private documents.

For chapter web admins, a easy Texas SAR Archives Instruction document was developed. Contact the Archives committee as needed.

Chapter Yearbook Judging



Compatriots Matt Hoffman and Don Hayes are the sub-committee chairs for the next Yearbook judging. The America 250 campaign begins this year. Those activities and more can be preserved in your Yearbook. The next judging will be in March 2026. The judged period is the 2025 calendar year. Be creative and preserve your chapter activities/history in any form you wish; by category, by month, etc. is up to you.

There are three judged groups.

- Binder Group 1 (1-50 members)
- Binder Group 2 (51-99 members)
- Binder Group 3 (100+ members)

Next Committee Meeting

This Archives/History/Yearbook committee meets a few weeks prior to each State Conference via zoom. The History Volume III committee meets more often. Some great ideas have evolved from both new and old members alike and have led to some great historical projects. Breakout meetings by project are sometimes called.

Mon Jan. 12
6:30 pm

The next committee meeting will be via zoom in a few weeks. Let's target Monday January 12th. New members are welcome. Contact me for the zoom link.

Upcoming State Meeting

Dear Texas Compatriots,

On behalf of the Patrick Henry Chapter of the Texas Sons of the American Revolution, we invite you all to the Texas 2026 State Convention to be held in Austin, Texas, on April 15-19, 2026 at the Austin Southpark Hotel.

Event registration will soon be live on the texassar.org website. Go to Events>>.

Make your room reservations NOW ! at the Austin Southpark Hotel by calling the hotel directly at 512-448-2222. When calling, it is important that you identify yourself as a part of the Texas SAR group, to receive the group rate and ensure that the group is credited for the room nights.

Or CTRL + CLICK the following booking link: <https://group.hilton.com/3u6rt1>

NOTE: The default date range on the booking link is April 12th – 21st. You must change the dates to your desired booking dates and CLICK “UPDATE” for the system to accept your desired date!!

Hotel Rate \$ 149.00 USD/Night plus tax. Rates are offered 3 days pre/post event.

Cutoff date for booking the blocked rooms is Wednesday, April 1, 2026. Cancellation must be done 24 hours before date of arrival to avoid charges.

If you have any issues booking a room, contact Dennis Brunson @ 979-324-8552 or e-mail dpbrunson@gmail.com.

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Veterans Survey

Veterans Subcommittee Survey for Texas America 250 Texas Legislative Commission Task Group

Introduction

The Veterans Subcommittee for the America 250 Texas Legislative Commission has created an important survey. This survey is intended to be completed by as many veterans as possible. The responses will be included in a traveling exhibit that commemorates America's Semiquincentennial, a celebration of 250 years since the founding of our nation.

Purpose of the Survey

The main objective of this survey is to inspire America's veterans to reflect on their lasting legacy of freedom. Participants are encouraged to share not only their personal journeys but also to recognize the sacrifices and patriotism of their ancestors who defended American liberty throughout history.

Reflecting on Family Contributions

While completing the survey, veterans are asked to consider the service and influence of their fathers, grandfathers, and other family members. These reflections help illustrate the ongoing journey of our nation from its beginnings in 1776 to the present, highlighting the vital role of military service in shaping America's story.

Additional Survey Information (also available on the next page)

For those unable to utilize the QR Code, or are having difficulty reaching the link, please click on the link below or scan the QR Code seen here with your smart phone. For additional questions, please contact Texas SAR State Secretary Kevin Kanter at KevinKanter@icloud.com.

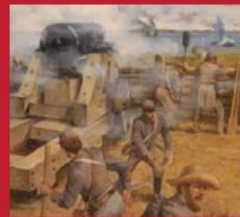
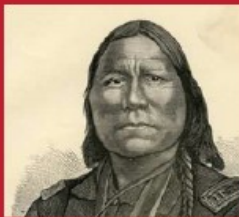
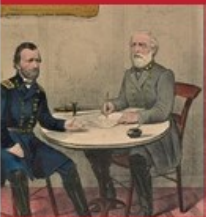
[Veterans Survey - Celebrating America 250](#)



Veterans Survey

Celebrating America250

Join us to honor and share the service of Texas Veterans!



As we approach the 250th Anniversary of the founding of our great nation, we would like to honor Texas veterans for their military service. We are collecting Texas veterans' military stories to create a traveling or digital exhibit to showcase the service and sacrifices of military veterans.

Share what made you join the military, why you chose the branch you served in, if you followed a family tradition of service, and what your military service means to you.

Your responses will contribute to honoring military service and providing insight into the dedication of veterans who have served this great nation.



Participate Now!

Scan the QR code
to participate, or visit
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/USAVets250>

Board of Managers Meeting - Resolution

RESOLUTION OF THE TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



WHEREAS, The Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution conducted its fall meeting of its Board of Managers Meeting on this the 18th day of October, 2025 in Sugarland, Texas, and

WHEREAS, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Managers, upon motion being duly made, seconded and carried, it adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On December 9, 1896, The *Galveston Daily News* announced the organization of the **Texas Society of Sons of the American Revolution**, and

WHEREAS, The **National Society Sons of the American Revolution** was incorporated on January 17, 1890, in Connecticut and later chartered by the United States Congress on June 9, 1906, said charter being signed by U.S. President Teddy Roosevelt, and

WHEREAS, the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution has a membership across the state totaling about 3,000 members, and

WHEREAS, the national objectives of the national and state societies of SAR are 1) Patriotism, 2) education of our youth about the founding principles of our history and why it is important, and 3) Service to our respective communities, and

WHEREAS, The Texas State Board of Education has not seen fit to educate our Texas children about the substantial assistance rendered to the United States by Spain, by providing the U.S. with cash, arms, ammunition, and other military supplies, and

WHEREAS, the population of Texas is about 40% Hispanic, and

WHEREAS, Hispanic children in Texas are being deprived of their history, and their Hispanic heroes by not instructing them on the valuable contributions by Spain, and

WHEREAS, the teaching of American history without including the contributions of Spain is indefensible, and

WHEREAS, the United States is in the process of celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the founding of our country, and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate on our 250th Anniversary to celebrate the copious amount of arms and ammunition supplied by Spain to the United States, as well as its substantial financial contributions to our war effort.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Managers of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution, as follows:

The Texas Legislature is requested to enact a law in Texas at the next legislative session that would:

Require 30 hours of classroom instruction about Spain's assistance during the American Revolutionary War that would include at a minimum, the following instruction:

- Spain's relationship with England for the 600 years prior to the Revolution
- That the war between the U.S. and England was part of a global war.

- Biography of Gen. Bernardo de Galvez
- Treaty of 1763 that ended French & Indian War
- Causes of the American Revolutionary War stemming from the Treaty of 1763 that ended the French & Indian War.
- Benjamin Franklin's advice to establish a Colonial Militia
- Mass. Committee of Safety ordering guns and ammunition from Gardoqui & Sons in Bilbao, Spain
- Battles of Lexington & Concord – British seeking guns & ammunition from Spain.
- Signing of the Borbon Family Compact on May 1, 1776
- Arrival of first shipment of arms & ammunition from Spain to New Orleans on Sep. 1, 1776
- Oliver Pollock, financier of the Revolution
- Galvez established a Louisiana Militia of Germans, native Americans, Cajuns, free and enslaved Black people
- Reasons Spain remained neutral until May 1779
- Battle of Manchac, LA
- Battle of Fort New Richmond at Baton Rouge, LA
- Surrender of Fort Panmure at Natchez, MS
- Attack of Ft. Charlotte at Mobile, AL
- Spanish fleet headed to Pensacola destroyed by hurricane
- Spanish siege of Fort George at Pensacola, FL
- Spain's assistance to Gen. George Rogers Clark in upper Midwest
- Fort Kaskaskia, Illinois & Fort Cahokia, Illinois
- Fort Vincennes, Indiana & Fort Jefferson, Kentucky
- Fort San Carlos, Missouri – Attack of British with Indian allies.
- Spanish soldiers at the ready in California Presidios
- Spanish fleet captures 55 of 63 British ships in Convoy to resupply Boston
- Texas connection to the American Revolution – cattle drive
- The Donativo* – Request from the King of Spain for donations throughout the empire.
- Arkansas Post, AR
- Spanish soldiers from Fort San Carlos travel to and capture Ft. St. Joseph at Niles, Michigan.
- Appreciation to Spain – Summary
 - Spain's Ambassador stood next to Washington at his inauguration.
 - Letters of Appreciation from U.S. Presidents
- Testing of six weeks of study.

Textbooks:

Spain and the Independence of the United States: An Intrinsic Gift: An Intrinsic Gift by Thomas E. Chávez

Galvez, by Judge Ed Butler – This book has won 8 awards.

Spain and the American Revolution: New Approaches and Perspectives (The Revolutionary Age) by Gabriel Paquette (Editor), Gonzalo M. Quintero Saravia (Editor)

Brothers at Arms: American Independence and the Men of France and Spain Who Saved It Hardcover – Deckle Edge, November 15, 2016, by Larrie D. Ferreiro (Author)

Approved outside reading:

Bernardo de Gálvez: Spanish Hero of the American Revolution Hardcover – May 7, 2018 by Gonzalo M. Quintero Saravia (Author)

The Longest Siege of the American Revolution: Pensacola, by Wesley S. Odom

From Across the Spanish Empire, by Leroy Martinez, J.D.

The Arkansas Post Story, by Roger E. Copleman.

The Warriors, an historical novel, by Judge Ed Butler.

CERTIFICATE

State of Texas

County of FORT BEND

I, KEVIN KANTER, Secretary of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, hereby make oath that on the 18th day of Oct. 2025, upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried by a majority, adopted the within Resolution.

Kevin Kanter
Secretary

10/18/25
Date



The Texas Society Flag of the Sons of the American Revolution

Description: 3x5 ft with sewn stripes, 2100 heavy polyester flag,
Outdoors/Indoors with Brass Grommets, no fringe.

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Compatriot Spotlight - Judge Ed Butler

JUDGE ED BUTLER SPEAKS TO DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

On October 22, 2015, Judge Ed Butler was the principal speaker at the Alamo Couriers Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, in San Antonio, TX. His topic was

“The Texas Connection with the American Revolution.”

About 70 members of the chapter met to hear Judge Butler deliver his power point presentation about the Texas Long Horned Cattle that were herded from San Antonio to New Orleans to feed his army.

Beforehand, they all enjoyed homemade sandwiches, potato salad, mixed salad, carrot and pineapple salad, stuffed deviled eggs, and a large table of desserts. Afterwards, there was a long line to purchase his books,



Galvez, George Washington's Secret Ally,
and the historical novel, *The Warriors.*

The notice below was sent to all chapter members announcing his presentation.

At the conclusion of his presentation the Chapter President presented Judge Butler with the below certificate.

DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS
Alamo Couriers Chapter
★ October 22, 2015 - Meeting ★
San Antonio Garden Center
3310 N. New Braunfels Ave, San Antonio
11:00am Luncheon - Program at 12:00pm

Judge Ed Butler
Judge Ed Butler is a trained lawyer, becoming Board Certified as a Civil Trial Lawyer in 1984.
He has served as a judge at the City, County, State, and Federal levels. His first family history book, "The Descendants of Thomas Pincerna: Progenitor of the Butler Family" (1977), won First Prize in the Dallas Genealogical Society's contest for 1997. His 2015 history book, "Galvez / Spain - Our Forgotten Ally in the American Revolutionary War: A Concise Summary of Spain's Assistance," has garnered six awards, including the Daughters of the American Revolution's highest award to Judge Butler—the DAR Medal of Honor in March 2018.
He served as President General of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, in 2009-2010, and founded the Order of the Founders of North America in 2012, serving as its charter Grand Viscount General from 2012 to 2014. He was the co-founder of the Texas Genealogical College.
The Sigma Chi Fraternity granted Judge Butler its highest honor by naming him a "Significant Sig". SAR honored him with its highest medal - the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal in 2010. He was inducted into the 2016 class of the Texas Genealogical Hall of Fame.
Judge Butler is a retired U.S. Navy Commander who served as a Blue and Gold officer for the U.S. Naval Academy from 1980 to 1990, winning both the Commandant's Award and the Superintendent's Award.
He is a biographer in Who's Who in the World; Who's Who in America; Who's Who in American Law; Who's Who in the South and Southwest; Who's Who in Texas; Dictionary of International Biographers; and Who's Who in Practicing Attorneys.





Certificate of Appreciation
Alamo Couriers Chapter

Presented to
Judge Ed Butler
Guest Speaker

“The Texas Connection With the American Revolution”

October 22, 2015


Chapter President Patricia Mota 2nd Vice President Diane Baird Barger

Texas BOM - October 2025



Grabemarkings - San Antonio - 04/05/2025



*Photos Courtesy
of
Robert Duckworth*



Battle of Medina - San Antonio - 08/16/2025



*Photos Courtesy
of
Mike Bowles*



Bernardo de Galvez, #1 - Events

March 1, 2025 - Bernardo de Galvez Chapter President John Loper and Compatriot Billy Mayo attended the March Troop 930 Eagle Scout Honor Court for Bandon Baker. President Loper presented Eagle Scout Brandon with a SAR Certificate of Recognition for his outstanding achievement, exceptional leadership and citizenship evidenced by his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout.



Eagle Scout Emerson LeBlanc was also presented with a SAR Certificate of Recognition for his outstanding achievement, exceptional leadership and citizenship demonstrated by his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout.



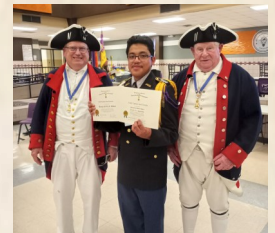
At the March meeting of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter, Compatriot Robert Adams brought his Henry Rifle (SAR Edition Sound Heard Around the World) to the meeting for everyone to examine; so far, he has purchased both Henry SAR edition rifles that have been produced. Seated at the table from left to right: Billy Mayo, John (Pete) Lenex, Clark Wright and Louis Garza. Standing from left to right: Jon Zwahr, Robert Adams, John Loper, Caleb Loper, David Zwahr, Austin Loper, Guy Taylor Jr., Robert Gindratt, William Sullivan and Robert Cassat Sr.

At the April meeting of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter, President John Loper awarded Christian Narvaez the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal in recognition of his outstanding achievement and dedication to the maintenance of law and order as demonstrated by his performance in interdiction operations. Officer Narvaez is a member of the La Marque Police Department Crime Suppression Unit.



At the April meeting of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter, President John Loper awarded Galveston County Sheriff Officer Jeremy Ornelas the SAR Life Saving Medal in recognition of his saving a human life under emergency conditions as demonstrated by his quick life-saving actions for an inmate in the Jail Housing Unit.

At the Ball High School JROTC Awards Program in April, President John Loper of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter awarded the SAR Bronze R.O.T.C. Medal to Cadet Captain Juan Estrada. Cadet Estrada was also the recipient of a Bernardo de Galvez Chapter Scholarship Award. Pictured above from left to right are President John Loper, Cadet Captain Juan Estrada and Past President Billy Mayo.



At the Texas A & M Maritime Academy Awards Program in April, President John Loper of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter awarded the SAR Silver R.O.T.C. Medal to Midshipman Kade Johansen.

At the April meeting of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter, President John Loper presented Collin Adams with a certificate and a check for being the third place winner in the SAR Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest at Texas state level; she had previously received a certificate and check for being the winner at the chapter level.



Bernardo de Galvez, #1 - Events (cont.)

At the Clear Creek Independent School District JROTC Awards Program in May, President John Loper of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter awarded SAR Bronze R.O.T.C. Medals to cadets in recognition of their outstanding leadership qualities, military bearing and excellence, thus exemplifying the high ideals and principals which motivated and sustained our patriot ancestors. Those receiving awards were Cadet CPT Ryan Reddy (Clear Creek HS), Cadet 1LT Carson Hough (Clear Lake HS), Cadet 1SG Shaun Smith (Clear Brook HS), Cadet CPT Colbey Smith (Clear Springs HS) and Cadet PFC Ozias Walker (Clear Falls HS).



During the May meeting of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter, Cadet Major Colt Nicholus was awarded a Bernardo de Galvez Chapter Cash Scholarship by Chapter President John Loper. He had previously been awarded the SAR Bronze R.O.T.C. Medal.

At the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park in Seabrook, the Color Guard of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter participated in the ceremony by posting the Colors and playing Taps. The chapter Color Guard consisted of Compatriots John Loper, Matthew Hewitt, and Billy Mayo. Other chapter members attending this ceremony were Compatriots Thomas Loper, Austin Loper and Caleb Loper.



At the July meeting of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter, Chapter Color Guard Commander Matthew Hewitt present Color Guard member Billy Mayo with the Bernardo de Galvez Silver Color Guard Medal and the SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal for his service at chapter, state and national events.

At the July meeting of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter, Chapter Color Guard Commander Matthew Hewitt presented Chapter President John Loper with the Bernardo de Galvez Bronze Color Guard Medal and the SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal for his service at many chapter, state and national events.



At the August meeting of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), Jason Fung, archivist of Collections and Exhibitions of the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum, was the guest speaker and discussed the history of the Buffalo Soldiers and the mission of the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum. His program was well received by all present, and he was presented with a Certification of Appreciation by Chapter President John Loper. Chapter President Loper also presented a SAR Flag Certificate to the museum for its daily flying of the U.S. national flag.

At the August meeting of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), President John Loper presented Compatriot Joshua Labay his 5-Year Certificate and Pin for his service to the chapter and SAR.



Bernardo de Galvez, #1 - Events (cont.)



During Constitution Week in September, Color Guard members from the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter posted the Colors at the George Washington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) meeting at the Menard House in Galveston. The SAR Color Guard members from left to right were Billy Mayo, John Loper, Hugh Ferguson and Matthew Hewitt. Other SAR chapter members attending the celebration of Constitution Week were David Zwahr, Jon Zwahr, Joshua Labay, Harry Elmendorf and future member Robert Hanegan.

On October 11th, color guard members of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution participated in the Welcome Home Event for Honor Flight veterans at Hobby Airport. Color guard members participating were President John Loper, Past President Hugh Ferguson Jr. and Color Guard Commander Matthew Hewitt. Chapter members also attending this event were Chapter Registrar David Zwahr and Chapter Photographer Jon Zwahr.



At the October meeting of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter, President John Loper presented Compatriot Ronald Mason his 25-Year Certificate and Pin for his service to the chapter and SAR.

At the October meeting of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter, Junior SAR member Aidan Minor was awarded his 10-Year Certificate and Pin. Since he lives outside of the area, the award was accepted by his grandfather Compatriot John (Pete) Lenes, who will present it to him at a later date.



San Antonio, #4 - Events

Hannah White Arnett Medal: This medal is awarded by a State Society to a Compatriot or non-SAR member to recognize a specific outstanding contribution to the SAR mission. On June 1st, Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr., Past President General, and member of the San Antonio SAR Chapter, was presented with the state level, silver Hannah White Arnett Medal of Distinction by Texas DAR State Regent Susan Johnston. Judge Butler was accompanied by his wife Robin at the presentation.

Judge Butler's years of support of DAR were recognized with this presentation. DAR chapters statewide are greatly appreciative of all he has done to promote collaboration with DAR in supporting our mutual goals of historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Congratulations!



Pictured are Judge Butler with his wife Robin



Pictured are Judge Butler with DAR State Regent Susan Johnston

On June 10, 2025, the San Antonio chapter participated in a High School/Middle School teacher seminar for the tour on Texas and the Revolution, at the Bexar County Heritage Museum. Pictured are Blair Rudy, Ron Finch, Valerie Flinch, Sharon Simonick, Adam Dominguez, Joe Perez, and Greg Surovic. The pictures of Spanish soldiers are impressions of what they would have looked like in Texas in 1775.



Maj. K.M. Van Zandt, #6 - Events

Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter Vice President Steve Hole learned about the Proclamation Project while listening to a presentation at Texas SAR's annual conference in March 2025. A stated goal for the Proclamation Project, which is intended to enhance the image and mission of SAR, is *"A successful outcome would be having 10% of the chapters having a proclamation issued by a city or county."* VP Hole took on the task of ensuring that the chapter excelled at this project.

He contacted and solicited 13 local cities (representing the 13 original colonies), as well as Tarrant County, for proclamations recognizing 250th Anniversary events between the chapter's April meeting and the June meeting. VP Hole received a total of 10 proclamations. Proclamations covered the following events: the Battles of Lexington and Concord (April 19) (cities of Fort Worth, Grapevine, and Keller); the Battle of Fort Ticonderoga (May 10) (cities of White Settlement and Haltom City); the 250th Birthday of the United States Army (June 14) (cities of Roanoke and Southlake, and Tarrant County); and the Battle of Bunker Hill (June 17) (cities of Burleson and Weatherford).

A small group of chapter officers attended the June 3rd session of the Tarrant County Commissioners Court to accept the proclamation issued by the court in commemoration of the 250th birthday of the United States Army. The group included President Ron Turner, Vice President Steve Hole, Chaplain Ralph Smith, Past President James Alderman, and Past President Mike Connelley. Compatriots Smith, Alderman, and Connelley are veterans of the Army and Compatriot Turner is a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Tarrant County Commissioner Manny Ramirez sponsored and read the resolution into the minutes, and it was unanimously adopted. Then, Commissioner Ramirez introduced all representatives from the SAR and the DAR. He then descended to the floor for the official presentation and for photos. The delegation received a standing ovation from the audience.

President Ron Turner thanked the court for the resolution and their support.



(Left to right): James Alderman, Tom Belton (Tarrant County Veteran Services), Steve Hole, Manny Ramirez (Commissioner Precinct 4), Mike Connelley, Judy Patusek (DAR), Ron Turner, Elois Medlin (DAR), Susie Mackey (DAR), and Ralph Smith

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Northern District of Texas, in conjunction with co-sponsor Captain Molly Corbin Chapter NSDAR, conducted a Naturalization Ceremony at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens on Wednesday, May 28th, at 10:00 a.m. Fifty new American citizens took the oath of citizenship administered by the Honorable Barbara M. G. Lynn, senior district judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

Members of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter Color Guard presented and retrieved the Colors. This ceremony was Judge Lynn's last one to preside over and administer the oath to new citizens as she will retire very shortly. Following the ceremony, Judge Lynn, flanked by members of the Color Guard, posed for photos with new citizens.



Maj. K.M. Van Zandt, #6 - Events (cont.)

Captain Allen Clark awarded the DAR Founders Medal for Patriotism

by Martie Cenkci

Captain Molly Corbin Chapter, NSDAR



Houston—Captain Allen Clark, US Army (retired), received the Ellen Hardin Walworth Medal for Patriotism, a Daughters of the American Revolution Founders Medal, at the Texas DAR 126th State Conference on March 15.

Texas State Regent Susan Johnston presented the award during the National Defense Night ceremony at the State Conference. Jamie Durham Burchfield, Texas DAR Founders Medals Committee Chair, gave an introduction about his accomplishments. Capt. Clark, who lost both legs in combat in Vietnam, was nominated for the prestigious award by the Captain Molly Corbin Chapter in Grapevine, Texas, for his continued service to the nation, America's veterans, and disabled persons. The award, which was

established in 1995, recognizes citizens who have given unselfishly to the community, state, or nation.

Capt. Clark, a graduate of the US Military Academy at West Point, was recognized for his military service and sacrifice with a Silver Star for gallantry in action, the Purple Heart, and the Combat Infantry Badge. His extensive public service has included being Special Assistant for Administration to Texas Governor William Clements, where he strengthened the scope and influence of the Governor's Committee for Disabled Persons. He served in the George H. W. Bush Administration as Assistant Secretary for Veterans Liaison and program coordination at the US Department of Veterans Affairs.

Since his retirement in 2005 as Public Affairs director for the VA, North Texas Health Care System in Dallas, Captain Clark has been involved in outreach efforts to help active-duty military personnel and veterans recover from traumas of combat and their adverse wartime experiences through his lay ministry, Combat Faith. He has also published two books about his experiences.



On September 20, 2025, the Color Guard from Maj. K.M. Van Zandt participated in the Constitution Day presenting colors at an event.

Arlington, #7 - Events

September 26 was opening day for the State Fair of the Great state of Texas. The Fair runs continuously for three weeks and closed Sunday October 19. During the run of the Fair, the Sons of the American Revolution partner with the Jane Douglas Chapter-DAR to man the information table in the Jane Douglas chapter's Continental House, on the fair-grounds. Compatriots from many chapters all over the metroplex volunteer to man the SAR side of the information table for three and one half hour shifts, during the morning and afternoon.. Several Compatriots from the Arlington chapter volunteered.



Sep. 17 2025, Grapevine, Texas Public Library. Daughters of the American Revolution – Captain Mollie Corbin Chapter In coordination with Grapevine Public Library, USCIS and Sons of the American Revolution – Arlington Chapter hosted a naturalization ceremony today. Jim McClain and Dan Hamilton from the Arlington chapter presented and posted the colors at the beginning of the ceremony.



Sep 17, 2025, Blessing Funeral Home, Mansfield, Texas. Daughters of the American Revolution – Quanah Parker chapter, Blessing Funeral Home and Sons of the American Revolution – Arlington Chapter hosted a 250th anniversary, Bells Across America event. The notable "Bells Across America" observance is a celebration of the U.S. Constitution's signing on September 17th, a tradition inspired by the bells in Philadelphia that rang to announce its signing. Presenting and posting the colors for today's event were SAR – Arlington chapter Color Guard members Richard Coffey, Jim McClain and Dan Hamilton.

Major White, #17 - Events

The Major White Chapter was chartered in Baytown on June 11, 1956. The Chapter was very active until about 2004, when the last active member died. The Chapter remained inactive although still retained four paid members of which two lived out of state. Compatriot, Jim Penny, the Alexander Hodge Chapter #49 Webmaster and nearby resident began in January to attempt to restart the Chapter.

The District 7 VP, Art Byram and the State Treasurer, Don Hayes are working with Jim in the effort.

Between the three of them, they have met with the Baytown DAR Chapter and the Crosby DAR Chapter to promote the Major White Chapter to the ladies to get there husbands interested.

Jim has also promoted the SAR Chapter to Facebook Groups for communities near Baytown.

Thus far, two Applications have been sent to State. Five additional men are working on gathering their information before starting an Application.

Cradle of Texas, #33 - Events

On 22 Mar 2025 The Cradle of Texas, Chapter 33 SAR and Asa Underwood Chapter of the DAR to recognize Mary Ruth Brigance Rhodenbaugh (DAR Member) for her long and faithful service to her community. First she was recognized with the Silver Good Citizenship Medal, presented by Chapter President David Garza. Second she was recognized with "The Texas Yellow Rose Award" (Ladies only), approved by Texas Governor Gregg Abbott and presented by Past Chapter President Rodney Weems. This award was instituted in 1957 (see attached) and fewer than 190 have been approved for the award.

Freedom, #38 - Events

On May 17, 2025, the Freedom Chapter presented an Armed Forces Day breakfast, honoring those individuals currently serving in our military. Matthew Hoffman organized the event along with Immediate Past Chapter President Art Byram, while they presented our servicemembers with Certificates of Appreciation for their service. Honor Café in Conroe graciously provided the venue and were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for all they do in support of the Freedom Chapter.



On Saturday, June 14, 2025, at 9:00am, the City of Shenandoah and Freedom Chapter of the Texas Sons of the American Revolution, participated in Flag Day and the 250th Birthday of the U.S. Army. The event took place at Veterans Point Vision Park, Shenandoah, Texas and was participated with over 50 individuals, who came to hear about the meaning of the date.

Mayor John Escoto was the Emcee of this event, and also a proud U.S. Army Veteran. The event was opened with an invocation by Frank Robertson, followed by our National Anthem. The combined choral group of The Woodlands High School and The Woodlands College Park High School performed the anthem, under the direction of Patrick Newcomb.

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PICTURED (left to right): Ed Sellards, Mel Oller, Mayor John Escoto, Nicole Martin, Brigadier General John Hafley, Art Byram, Jessica Holland, Karen Reyer, Charles Lano, Stephen McIntyre, John Mayner, and Matthew Hoffman.



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by David Hamaker

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Mobile Markets & Fresh Produce Markets
June 23rd - June 28th
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Freedom, #38 - Events



Every June, in Commemoration of Audie Murphy's birthday and Homecoming Ceremony in June of 1945, Farmersville remembers and honors Audie Murphy and all veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Audie Leon Murphy, the most decorated combat soldier of World War II.

During this special weekend, Farmersville rolls out the red carpet to welcome veterans from across the nation; U.S. Army Fort Hood's Audie Murphy Club and other military delegations; special dignitaries and all of our local families celebrate our freedom, learn of our history and recognize our veterans.

On July 3, 2025, the Freedom Chapter participated with the Independence Chapter in a Naturalization Ceremony in Bryan, Texas.



Freedom Chapter Sons of the American Revolution was honored to lead off the 49th Annual South Montgomery County Parade in The Woodlands Texas. Marking our Nation's 249th birthday, this premier patriotic event, the largest parade between Houston and Dallas, celebrated in grand style.

With county fire engines and emergency vehicles leading the way, the over 100 parade entries featured dozens of local officials and lawmakers, privately decorated cars, over 2 dozen youth organizations, business sponsored floats, high school marching bands, law enforcement, horse riders, and veteran groups.

The parade started with a cannon shot from "Rolling Thunder" at 9:00 a.m. Winding past Town Green Park and through The Woodlands Town Center into Market Street, the Freedom Chapter Color Guard marched through the streets lined ten deep in many spots along the 1.2-mile route. A flag waving crowd of over 10,000 men, women, and children arrived early to share and participate in the celebration. The spirit of patriotism and respect for our nation's flag was acknowledged by hundreds as they stood, hand over heart, and removed hats.

"Wings of Liberty: Celebrating the Bald Eagle", the theme of the 2025 parade, was selected to honor our U.S. National Bird, symbolizing our independence, strength, coverage, and patriotism.



Thanks to Mr. John Powers, President of the South County Fourth July Parade Committee, for this opportunity and honor to celebrate by carrying the Colors. Quoting Mr. Powers: "We can't wait to see you next year! It will be the 50th Anniversary of the South County 4th of July parade and the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The journey toward

this historic milestone is an opportunity to pause and reflect on our nation's past, honor the contributions of all Americans, and look ahead toward the future we want to create for the next generation and beyond."



Freedom, #38 - Events

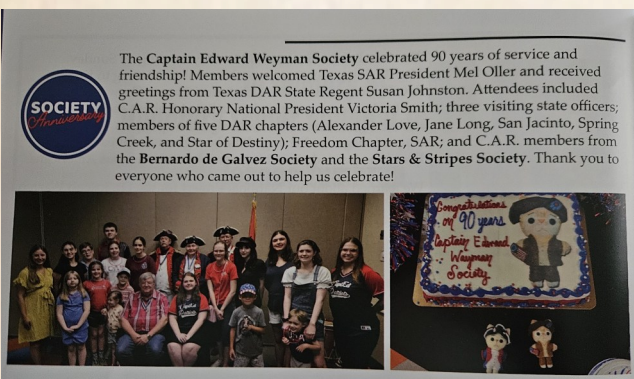


On July 4, 2025, the Freedom Chapter had two Color Guard events - a South Montgomery County parade, and, the Oak Ridge North 4th of July Parade. Led by Chapter President and Color Guard Commander David Hamaker, the Color

Guard led the parade as it has in previous parades and finished the parade with a reading of the Declaration of Independence! For video of the Color Guard, please click [here](#). Later that evening, the Color Guard participated in a musket salute to kick off festivities in Panorama Village.



On August 13, 2025, the Freedom Chapter Color Guard participated in a dedication ceremony for Tunnels to Towers in Houston. The Tunnels to Towers Foundation helps America's Heroes by providing mortgage-free homes to Gold Star families with young children and by building specially-adapted smart homes for catastrophically injured veterans and first responders. They are also committed to eradicating veteran homelessness, which is why Houston has been designated with a Veterans Village, to specifically address and provide apartment-style homes to homeless veterans, designed to help them have shelter and regain independence.



Article from the Children of the American Revolution National Magazine. The Freedom Chapter participated with the Capt. Ed Weyman C.A.R. Chapter in celebrating its 90th Birthday!

Huzzah!

The Freedom Chapter participated in the 246th Anniversary of the Battle of Baton Rouge in Louisiana. This was a National Color Guard event with multiple participants from multiple chapters.



Alexander Hodge, #49 - Events

Alexander Hodge Chapter President, *Carl V. Hill Jr.* at the March 27th -30th State Convention in Richardson was privileged to be awarded the Patriot Medal. The medal is the highest medal awarded by Texas State Society for long, faithful and outstanding service at the state or chapter level.

Carl has served the Alexander Hodge Chapter for 32 years. He was the Founding President in 1993. Carl served as Chapter President from 1993-1996; 2016-2017; and currently beginning in 2022 to present. He has also served in a number of other roles within the 32-year history of the Alexander Hodge Chapter.

Texas State President, Mel Oller and *District #7 VP, Art Bryum* attended the Chapter's Meeting on May 27th to award Carl V. Hill the medal.

Texas State President, Mel Oller, also awarded Jim Penny a Certificate denoting the *1st Place win for the Newsletter*.

The Chapter Newsletter editor, *James G. Penny*, received this recognition at the State Convention for winning 1st Place in Group 2 of The Ross L. Shipman Newsletter Competition. Group 2 is for Chapters with 51-99 members. The Competition awards the best electronic newsletter submitted during the year. Jim submitted the December 2024 Issue of the Chapter Newsletter. Texas State President, Mel Oller presented the Certificate denoting the 1st Place win. Jim serves as the Chapter's Webmaster and had taken on as Newsletter Editor in July 2024.

The Alexander Hodge Chapter was also among the Chapters to receive the Joe M Hill Patriot Fund Award for Chapters who exceed the total contributions from the previous year and The Texas SAR Flag Presentation Award for recognizing companies and individuals for proper display, maintenance, and care when flying the U.S. Flag during the past year.

Victoria, #50 - Events

On May 26, 2025, the Victoria Chapter participated in a Memorial Day service. Members in uniform present included K.B. Hallmark, Mike Boyd, Chris Boyd, Matt Boyd, Gavin Boyd, and Brandon Boyd. Also present were members not in uniform Mercy Rendon and William Menefee. John Williams, Bobby Rendon, and Jeremy Martin of the local living history group were present. It is also noted that the ceremony was attended by three generations of the Boyd Family.



Robert Rankin, #62 - Events

In August 2025, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) John Everett Chapter of Columbus, Texas and the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Robert Rankin Chapter of Houston, are recognizing Robert and Sandy Chaloupka for proper display of the US Flag.

The flag is proudly displayed in front of their residence at 210 Oak Cluster, Columbus.

He has special feelings for the US Flag. His father was wounded on D-Day 1944. He had several family members serving during WWII. All family members made it home safe after the war.

Robert has been retired for 10 years and has been a very important member of the Columbus Food Pantry. Monthly, he receives inventory delivered by the Food Bank in Victoria, Texas and provides guidance to volunteers to ensure that the inventory is accurate, properly maintained and available.

250 years ago, In August 1775, hostilities between American Patriots and British officials continued to escalate. Finally, King George III rejected the Olive Branch Petition, declaring the American Colonies to be in a state of rebellion.



Pictured from left are Susan Glover, Donna Pus-tejovsky, Connie Dittrich, Robert and Sandy Chaloupka, Stephanie Mattix, Judy and David Zachmeyer. Making an appearance in the back was George Washington.

Photo courtesy
Chanea Grisham

(Source Unknown)

Ellis County, #70 - Events

Three **Ellis County Chapter** compatriots attended the 130th Texas SAR Convention March 27-30, 2025; Chapter Secretary and Past-President John C. Haughton, Color Guard Commander Larry Kollie, and Chapter Historian Philip Taylor. **Ellis County Chapter received 4 awards, 3 from Division 6 and 1 from State.**

The **Col. Joe M. Hill Membership Award**, Division 6: Is presented in honor of our past President Col. Joe. M. Hill Jr. and is given to each chapter that achieves the goal of 100% membership renewal in the past year.

The **Karl E. Wallace Award**, Division 6: winner in the Texas Society given in honor of Past President Karl E. Wallace to the Chapter having the highest % of membership increase during the past year.

The **John Bruce Stuart Jr. Memorial Award**, Division 6, Group 1: established by Plano Chapter in memory of Compatriot John B. Stuart Jr. and is awarded to the Chapter that best meets the criteria based on Veterans activities in the past year.

The **Texas SAR Americanism Award**: is given to a chapter that develops an exceptional program to recognize patriotic activities of the youth of the state, supports institutions and adults that promote patriotic education, recognizes observance of national holidays, and recognizes outstanding citizenship during the past year.



Joe S. Smith
Reclining his musket
22 March 2025

John (Jack) C. Haughton, Chairman of the Texas JROTC/ROTC Committee, presented **Cadet Landon Gerken** with the medallion, certificate, and monetary recognition for his winning the Ellis County Outstanding JROTC Cadet award as part of this State wide competition.



Ellis County Chapter participated in the Waxahachie July 4th Parade led by Scouts banner carriers, **Austen and Trenton Miller** (and runner, dad Todd Miller). The American flag was carried by the chapter Color Guard, Sergeant-at-Arms Ron Finch, Flag Bearer, Mark Gundert, and Color Guard Commander Larry Kollie. The float driver was **Chapter President/Registrar William David Hill** and the Flag wa-



ver, **Joe Smith**. The trailer carried **Past-President John C. Haughton**, **Historian/Editor Philip Taylor**, **Chaplain Calvin Brown**, and cheering team **Harlon and Mark Bounds**. Happy Birthday America!



Ellis County, #70 - Events (cont.)

September 6: We had a small turnout for the Waxahachie City Cemetery Headstone Cleaning Party preparing for **Wreaths Across America**. Cleaning has continued with almost 600 veterans identified. Ellis County President **William D. Hill** spoke to the Lions Club about the cemetery cleaning and laying the wreaths in December. Photos were taken by DAR **Mickie Hill**. Photo: Pres. Hill, Pat Hernandez



There was a good turnout for the Waxahachie City County meeting. **Mayor Billie Wallace** read the proclamation and which was received by **DAR Regent Patricia Hernandez** establishing September 17-23, 2025 as Constitution Week. Some members of the Ellis County wore period attire and uniforms. Photo: **ECC President Hill** (far left), **DAR Regent Patricia Hernandez** and **Mayor Billie Wallace** (red coat holding proclamation).

Jack Haughton has received certification as VAVS Representative for The National Society Sons of the American Revolution at the Dallas VA Medical Center. Dual member from East Fork Trinity, **Michael Glenn Goode Sr.** was nominated for the Patriot Medal. He also received the National Vet Support medal.

For the National Day of Service on October 11, the **Rebecca Boyce Chapter** DAR and **Ellis County Chapter** SAR are jointly sponsored a countywide blood drive in cooperation with Carter BloodCare. With a goal of 20 donors, they were “officially” given credit for 25 exceeding their expectations.

3rd row: Patrick Hernandez, David Hill

2nd row: Nancy McCormack, Jack Haughton, Vicki Williams

1st row: Patricia Hernandez, Mickie Hill, Janice Sanders



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For L O N D O N directly,



The SHIP
CROWN,
Michael James
Commander;

Great part of her cargo being now engaged, will certainly fail by the last of this month, weather

permitting. For freight or passage apply to Isaac Greenleaf, at Israel Pemberton's, or the commander on board, near Chestnut-street wharf.

N. B. She has extraordinary accommodations for passengers, and it is determined she shall be dispatched by the time fix'd.

STRAYED.

A Small red COW—whoever will give information to the Printer hereof, where she may be found, shall be suitably rewarded.—She may probably be distinguished by having both her horns bored into with a small Gimblet. Jan. 11, 1702.

Very good ground Coffee

for *Eight Shillings* a Pound, 14 Ounces to the Pound, which is the Extent of what it makes when properly, roasted, to be Sold by *Israel Eaton*, living near the Mill-Bridge ;—where Persons may have Chocolat ; and also Coffee ground for *Eighteen Pence* a Pound.

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IN THIS NEIGHBOURHOOD, WHO HAVE ANY INCLINATION TO JOIN THE TROOPS,
NOW RAISING UNDER
GENERAL WASHINGTON,
FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE
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Against the hostile designs of foreign enemies,

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TAKE NOTICE,



THAT *Monday Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday Friday and Saturday at Holwood in*
Gloucestershire *Monday* with his music and recruiting party of *Company in* county, attendance will be given by
of the 11th regiment of infantry, *Colonel Aaron Ogden,* for the purpose of receiving the enrollment of
 each *of SPIRIT,* as may be willing to enter into this HONOURABLE service.
 The ENCOURAGEMENT at this time, to enlist, is truly liberal and generous, namely, a bounty of TWELVE dollars, an annual and fully sufficient
 supply of good and handsome clothing, a daily allowance of a large and ample ration of provisions, together with SIXTY dollars a year in GOLD
 and SILVER money on account of pay, the whole of which the soldier may lay up for himself and friends, as all articles proper for his subsistence and
 comfort are provided by law, without any expence to him.
 Those who may favour this recruiting party with their attendance as above, will have an opportunity of hearing and seeing in a more particular
 manner the great advantages which these brave men will have, who shall embrace this opportunity of spending a few happy years in viewing the
 beauties of this beautiful continent, in the honourable and truly respectable character of a soldier, after which, he may, if he pleases return
 with his pockets full of money and his head covered with laurels.

GOD SAVE THE UNITED STATES.

Color Guard Muster Junction



by David Hamaker

State Color Guard Commander - 2025-2026

Color Guardsmen and Chapter Presidents,

I want to send out a short note to encourage you and your chapters to reach out to your surrounding SAR chapters and the DAR chapters for color guard event opportunities, in your area, that you can participate in. I want to encourage you to be as active as possible. This helps us in having more color guard events, as well as recruiting new SAR members.

Just a reminder, that if you plan on firing black powder muskets at any event, the attached form needs to be filled out. This would put us in compliance with our Black Powder Liability Insurance policy. This would be considered a state event. (*Editor's Note: see the form on the next page*)

Take every opportunity to attend as many State and National events as you can, such as – Liberty Tree Plantings, Honor Flights, National Holidays, US Naturalizations, Holiday Parades, etc. – check the State and National events pages for more information.

Don't forget to start thinking about **Color Guardsmen of the Year!** Nominations must be turned in by August 31, 2025.





TEXAS SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



Color Guard Reporting Form

For Ceremonial Musket Firing

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Chapters Involved: _____

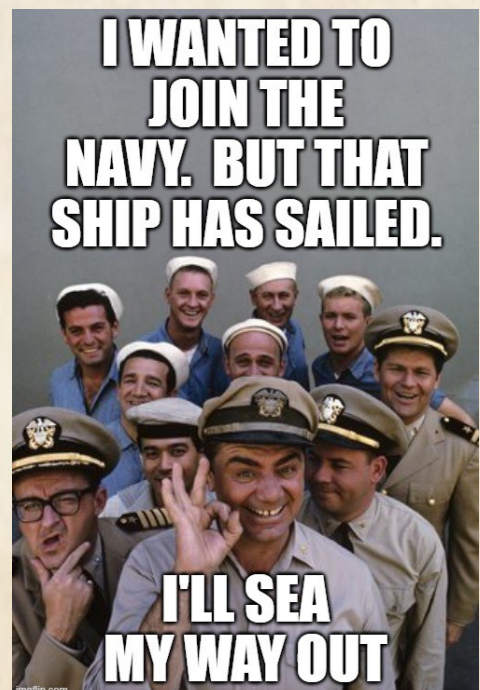
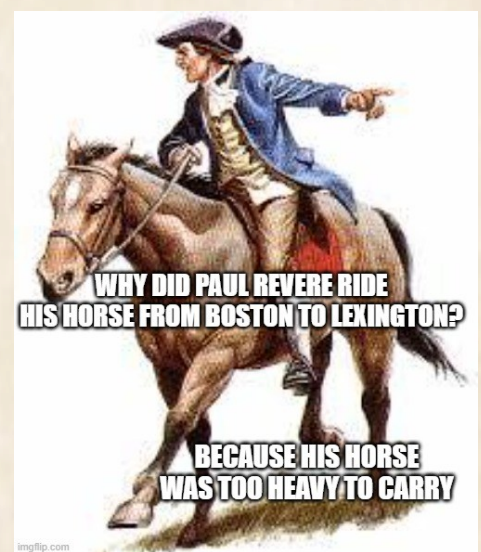
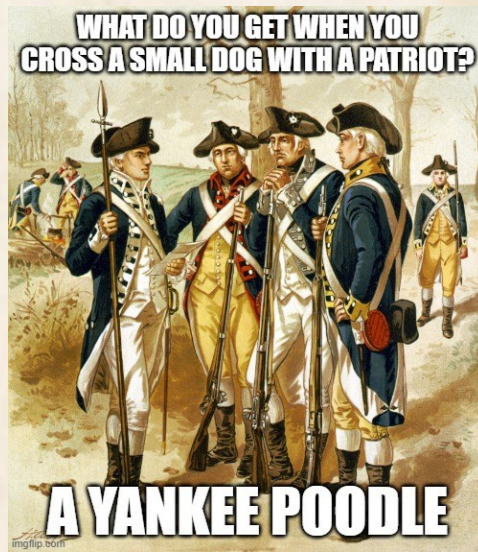
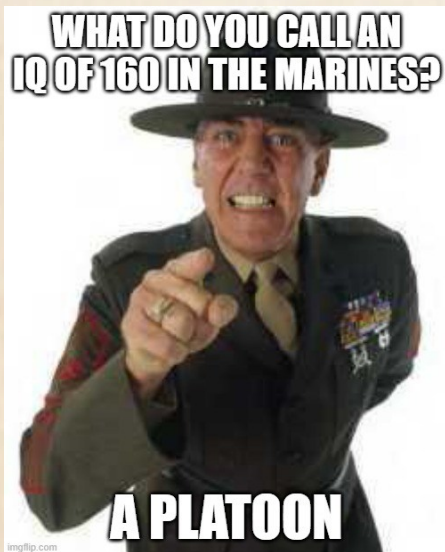
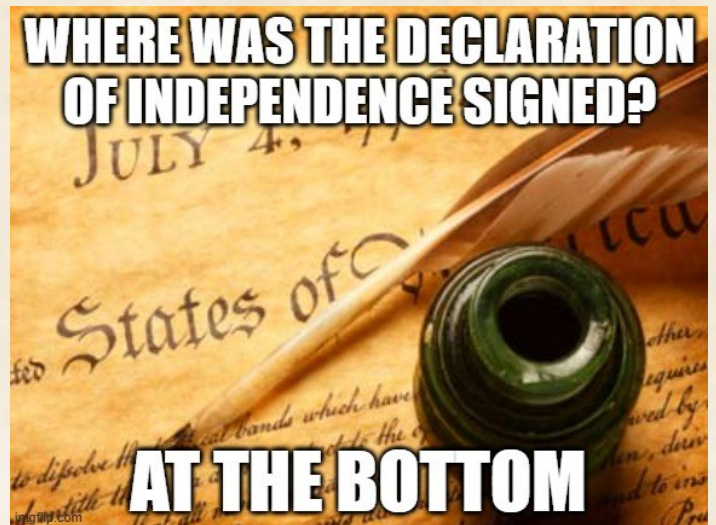
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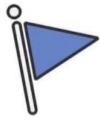
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Safety Officer for Musket Safety Inspections:

Veteran Comics



Comics

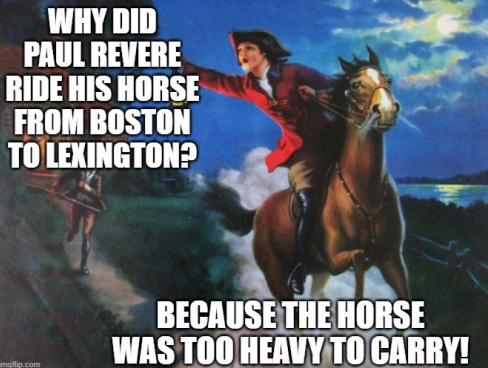


Marked Safe From

Matt's Dad Jokes

Today

WHY DID
PAUL REVERE
RIDE HIS HORSE
FROM BOSTON
TO LEXINGTON?



BECAUSE THE HORSE
WAS TOO HEAVY TO CARRY!

WHAT DID ONE FLAG
SAY TO THE OTHER FLAG?



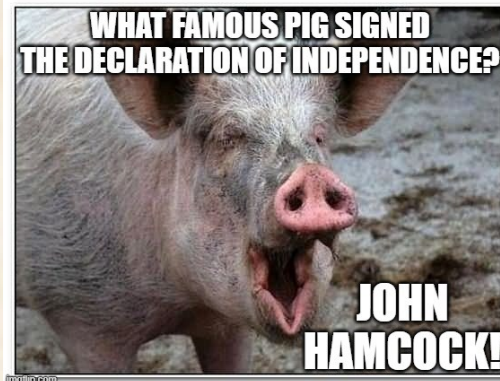
NOTHING. IT JUST WAVED.

WHAT DID KING GEORGE
THINK OF THE COLONISTS?



HE THOUGHT
THEY WERE REVOLTING!

WHAT FAMOUS PIG SIGNED
THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE?



JOHN
HAMCOCK!

WHERE WAS THE DECLARATION
OF INDEPENDENCE SIGNED?



AT THE BOTTOM!

WHY WERE
EARLY
AMERICAN SETTLERS
LIKE ANTS?



BECAUSE
THEY LIVED
IN COLONIES!

WHAT HAPPENED AS A
RESULT OF THE STAMP ACT?



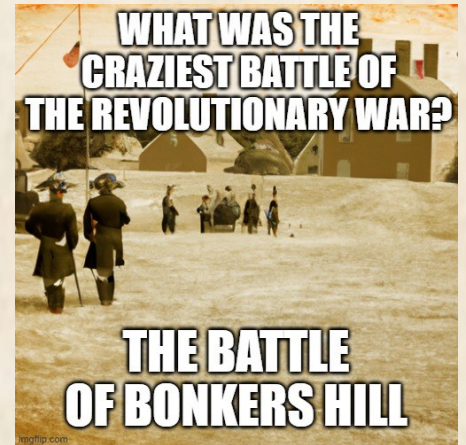
1ST
THE AMERICANS
LICKED THE BRITISH!

WHAT'S
RED,
WHITE,
BLUE
AND GREEN?



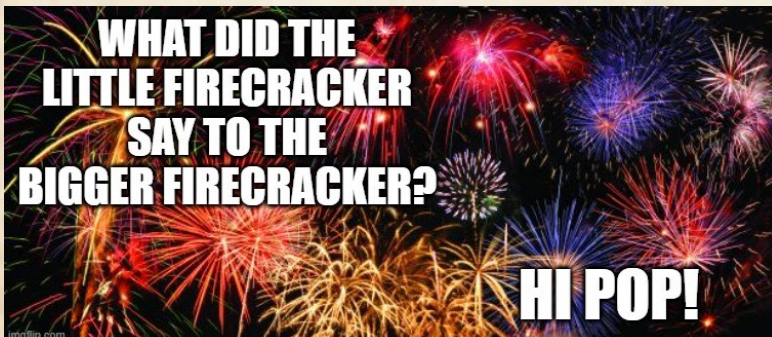
A
SEASICK
UNCLE SAM!

WHAT WAS THE
CRAZIEST BATTLE OF
THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR?



THE BATTLE
OF BONKERS HILL

WHAT DID THE
LITTLE FIRECRACKER
SAY TO THE
BIGGER FIRECRACKER?



HI POP!

WHAT DID A
PATRIOT PUT
ON HIS DRY SKIN?



REVO-LOTION!

Additional Information

How to Submit Items to The Texas Compatriot

The Texas Compatriot welcomes all submissions from any compatriots. Here are some tips to help you with getting your story published:

- 1) Keep your article as short as you can while still telling the story.
- 2) Please place your story in a Microsoft Word document.
- 3) Pictures should be attached separately to your e-mail. Do not add the pictures into your Word document.
- 4) Make sure your images are a High Resolution, at least 300 DPI, and that no date or time stamps appear on your image.
- 5) Please identify, from left to right, the individuals in your photograph.
- 6) Limit your photographs to those you would like to see published. No more than five (5) photos should be submitted.
- 7) Meet the deadline listed in the "Publishing Deadlines" if you want your article in the next edition of *The Texas Compatriot*.
- 8) E-mail your article to Compatriot@TexasSAR.org.
- 9) The Editor reserves the right to modify your story for content, space, or other needs of the newsletter.

Picture Policy

To publish photos of children under the age of 18 in *The Texas Compatriot*, in your local chapter newsletter, or on your chapter website, you **MUST** have a signed parental form that gives us (the Texas SAR) permission to publish the child's name and photo.

You can find the form on the Texas SAR public website under **Contests/Programs** drop down, then **Permission/Release Form**. You can also click this link for the form: https://www.texassar.org/pdf/Permission_Youth.pdf

Before the child's picture can appear in *The Texas Compatriot*, the signed consent form must be on file in the Editor's office.

Publishing Deadlines

Deadlines for content inclusion in *The Texas Compatriot* are as follows:

- Submissions for the Spring (March) Publication
 - Due no later than February 1st.
- Submissions for the Summer (June) Publication
 - Due no later than May 1st.
- Submissions for the Fall (September) Publication
 - Due no later than August 1st.
- Submissions for the Winter (December) Publication
 - Due no later than November 1st.

Newsletter Committee

Matthew E. "Matt" Hoffman is the Chairman of the Newsletter Committee. Ron Turner is the Vice-Chairman. But, we can't do this job alone!



We are seeking members of our society interested in serving on the committee! Every chapter **should** have an individual designated to serve on our committee - whether it be the Chapter President, Chapter Newsletter Editor, or anyone who's interested!

The work isn't hard and the "atta-boys" are frequent! For our newsletter to thrive, we need your help with providing content, articles, pictures and information on things your

chapter is doing!

From Veteran Events, Parades, Community Interactions, and More, We Want You! If you're interested in serving, please e-mail us: Compatriot@TexasSAR.org!

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Editorial Updates

In keeping with the best traditions of our state newsletter, we will be featuring more of what you want to see. To that end, *The Texas Compatriot* will be putting even more focus on what our chapters are doing!

To that effect, we need YOUR help! Compatriots, you are *ENCOURAGED* to submit your information to *The Texas Compatriot* for inclusion!

This can include the following:

- ⇒ Newspaper Articles (please also include your own article, as newspapers do not always publish information pertaining to your chapter's participation in the event. A photo alone does not tell a story.)
- ⇒ Chapter Information, such as meeting times/locations
- ⇒ Any newsworthy information from your chapter such as JROTC events, speakers, etc. Please include stories with photos, as photos alone do not tell a story.
- ⇒ Please submit your information monthly, preferably by the end of the month or beginning of the next month preceding your event(s). This will allow the Editor more time to ensure a timely edition and provide a more accurate record for inclusion.

HOWEVER,

- ⇒ Please do not send in your entire newsletter. The Editor does not have time to read through your entire newsletter to discern what is newsworthy.
- ⇒ Pick only those articles newsworthy for submission
- ⇒ Please write up your article for submission - do not expect the Editor to write your article, as time is limited and the Editor was probably not present for your event
- ⇒ Include ALL pictures as a separate attachment in your e-mail. Photos should be in a .jpg, .pdf, or .jpeg ending format. iPhone or photos inside of an e-mail NOT as attachments do not translate well and could be subject to not being included in the newsletter.

The Editor of *The Texas Compatriot* retains the right to maintain all editorial rights of what information to include or exclude, based on publication needs. Your chapter and state historians should ALWAYS be included on any information you provide, to ensure the complete documentation of your chapter's history. We want to know more about you and your chapter. By providing us this information, it can be used later to draw from for your chapter history, the state history, and more! What a better way to keep your place etched in HISTORY!

This is a fantastic opportunity for you and your chapter to be included with a publication, even if your chapter doesn't have one! So, get those fingers typing, those photos coming, and don't forget to include information about the "who, what, when, where, why, and how" about any photo submissions! If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please e-mail us at Compatriot@TexasSAR.org!

From The Editor...

by Matthew E. "Matt" Hoffman
Editor - *The Texas Compatriot*



As we march towards the 250th Founding of America, ask yourself this: what can I do to help? History has shown us that individuals who are willing to step up are usually those individuals making a difference. So how do you make a difference?

It starts with being active. Going to a chapter meeting takes up an hour or two of your life, either monthly, quarterly, or annually. 2 hours is 120 minutes. 120 minutes that you can partake in a civic activity, beyond voting. And depending on where you live, voting in a primary or general election can sometimes take longer than 2 hours! Beyond a meeting, do you have an hour of your life to commit to SAR? How about to a Color Guard event? Maybe 4 hours? 240 minutes?

Well, uniforms are expensive. A relatively inexpensive one can cost you almost \$100. On a fixed income, that's a lot of money. Then the question is, how about borrowing one? We've had a LOT of individuals throughout our state societal history that have been active members of the organization. And they didn't always wear a uniform. So what can you contribute?

How about history? Are you a student of history? Do you enjoy it as much as I do? How about contributing to your chapter history? Maybe be the chapter historian? Or get involved at the state level with the State Historian? I know John Anderson, our State Historian, is ALWAYS open to ideas and loves having individuals who can help him keep up with the state history, history volumes, and more!

Or, how about chapter secretary? Treasurer? Vice President? Chapter President?

What would you like to do?

One of the best ways to get involved is ask: How Can I Help?

Once you take that bold first step, which is ALWAYS the hardest, it gets easier from there! As Compatriot David Hamaker, current Freedom Chapter President has always said when swearing in new members... "And, I have a Job For You!" In other words, there's ALWAYS something to do. So you're CHALLENGE for 2026 is to get involved and ask how YOU can help, whether at the chapter or state level, there's a job for you!

But it only takes asking. And if you're not sure how, ask me and I'll help you formulate a great start! Besides, we are ALWAYS looking for people! If you have a phone, you can take pictures for us! Know how to talk to people? Come talk about SAR while at a Color Guard event!

No excuses. Just get involved! Together, we can ALL make a difference! And if you ever need anything, I'm easy to reach: Compatriot@TexasSAR.org.

Huzzah!!!

Chapter Newsletter Editors: Newsletter submission change - the date of submission for consideration for the Ross L. Shipman has been extended! If you have not submitted your newsletter for consideration, you have until February 5, 2026 to submit your newsletter. Submit your best newsletter for the committee's consideration!

Newsletter Committee: I need all newsletter committee members to e-mail me at Compatriot@TexasSAR.org, or, MatthewE.Hoffman@yahoo.com, as I do not have your current contact information. Therefore, if you wish to be a judge of the newsletters, or to participate in the committee, please e-mail me ASAP, but before January 30th. We will be having a virtual meeting the following week. Thanks!