

The Minuteman



Dallas Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution
Founded July 4, 1929

February 14, 2026

Ventana by Buckner South Tower, Grand Hall

8301 N. US 75 Central Expressway - Dallas, TX 75225

Breakfast – 8:00am

Meeting – 9:00am

PRESIDENT

Tom Manning

1st VICE-

PRESIDENT/PROGRAMS

Thomas F. Van Fossen

2nd VICE-

PRESIDENT/AWARDS

J. D. Martin

SECRETARY

Mark Harrison

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ACTING REGISTRAR

Mark Morgan

CHAPLAIN

Larry Luby

HISTORIAN

Larry Moore

TRUSTEES

*Gary Sisson
David Temple*

COLOR GUARD COMMANDER

J.D. Martin

President's Corner

Dallas Chapter Compatriots,

At the March meeting of the Dallas Chapter, we have the privilege of recognizing and honoring first responders representing the Dallas police, fire and emergency services departments. We will use the citations and decorations identified by department leadership to award certificates to personnel who have gone beyond the call of duty in carrying out their service to the public. This is a wonderful way to honor those who do their jobs in an extraordinary way. Our members always enjoy having a part in celebrating excellent service that garners the public support of the community. Let's have a great turnout on March 14th to make the honorees and their families feel special.

Patriotically Yours,

Tom Manning

Chapter President

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AGENDA – February 14, 2026 Meeting

Call to Order – President Tom Manning



Rules of Engagement –

This meeting may be filmed and recorded. By joining this in-person or virtual meetings of the Dallas Chapter of the TXSSAR, you acknowledge and agree that these proceedings may be made public.

Invocation– State Chaplain Michael Goode



Posting of Colors – Keith McMenemy



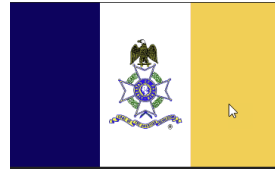
Pledges

American Flag – Vin Hoey





Texas Flag – Mark Harrison



SAR Flag – John Maloney

Mission Statement –

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.

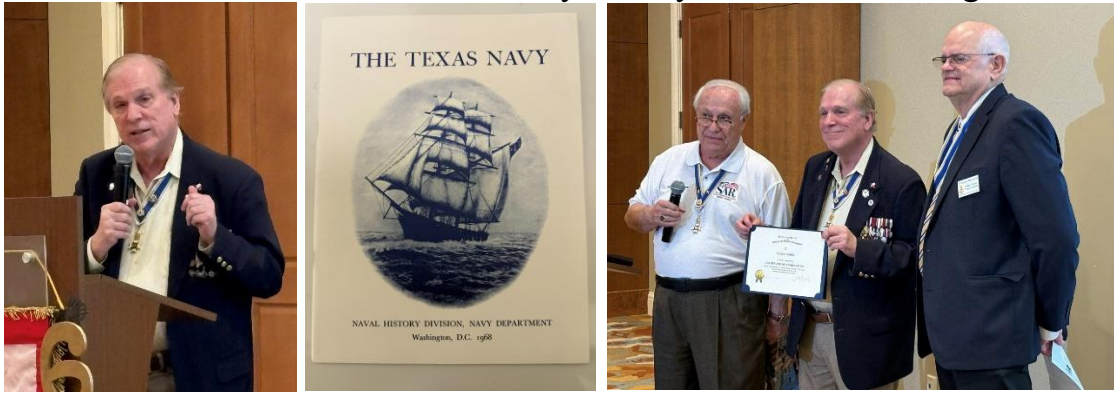


Welcome – President Tom Manning:

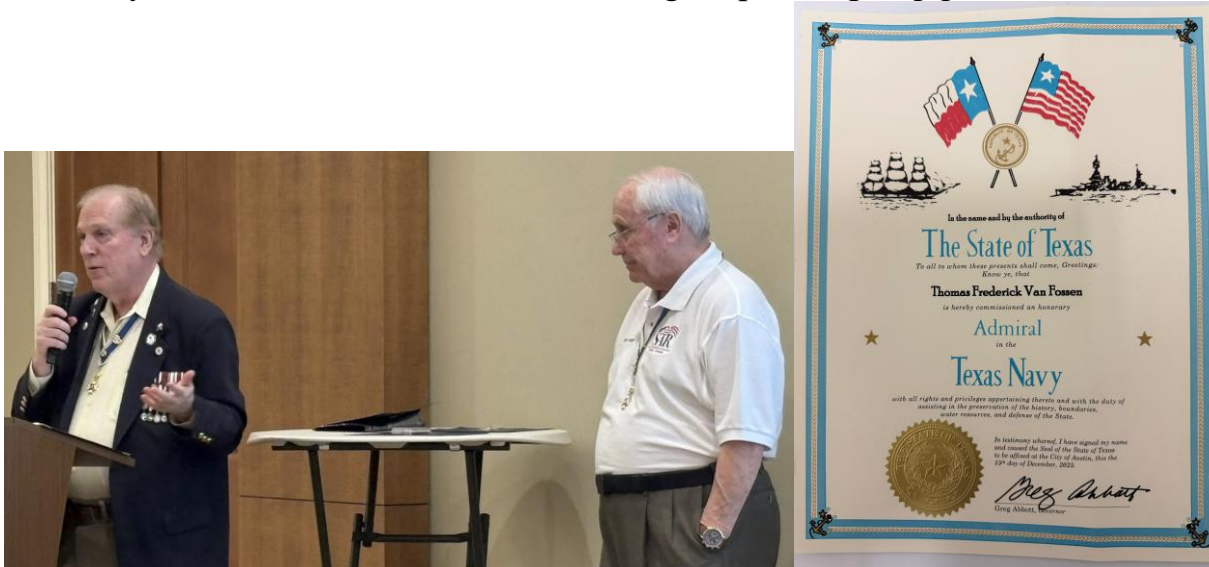
We would like to welcome our guests: Former State Presidents Bob Clark, Drake Peddie and Tracy Pounders; Asst. State Inland Registrar Jerry Pinkerton; Former Dallas Chapter President and State Chancellor Mark Hansen; Former Chapter President and current State Chancellor Brent Harshman, Former East Fork Trinity President and current State Chaplain, Veteran's Committee Chairman and District 6 VP Michael Goode; Other past Chapter Presidents Tom Van Fossen, Tom Whitelock, Mark Harrison, John Greer, Nick Gillem, Ron Turner and Paul Ridenour. Other visitors include Ora Jane Johnson, President General of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas; Ventana DAR residents Peggy Sutherland, Jan Eastwood, Winnie Hamlin and Carol Weller. Finally, welcome to visiting Liberty Chapter (McAllen) member Darryl Crockett and his grandson.

Featured Speaker

Vice President Van Fossen introduced our speaker, Former State President and Central Region VP General Drake Peddie. He gave a brief overview of the early days of the four boat 'fleet' comprising the Texas Navy during the Republic of Texas days along with the ongoing feud with Texas President Sam Houston. He also relayed the story of the revised six boat navy a few years later. Finally he described the transition to an honorary society with an interesting tie to Teddy Roosevelt.



Following his presentation, Former President Peddie called Tom Van Fossen to the podium and announced that Tom had been named an Honorary Admiral in the Texas Navy – an honor that had to be approved by Governor Greg Abbott. This proved to be a real surprise to Tom. All of the Honorary Admirals in attendance were brought up for a group photo.



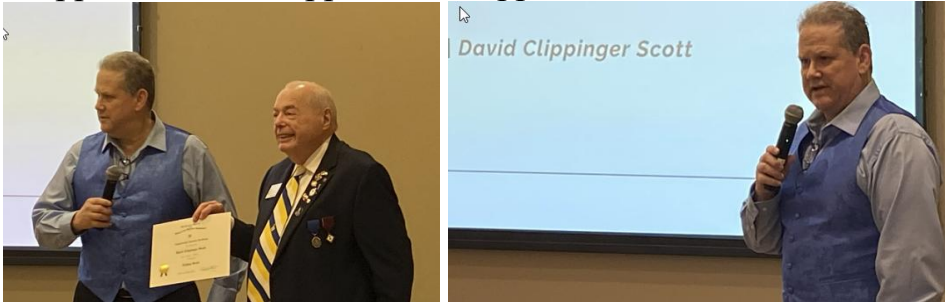
Special Presentations

Compatriot Wayne Stewart was announced as a recipient of the Chapter Service Award at the January meeting for his work with the JROTC program. He received his medal today.



New Members/Supplementals

Although we had no new members to induct this month, Compatriot David Scott was recognized for the approval of his supplemental application for his ancestor, David Clippinger Scott.



Member Anniversaries

Our anniversaries being recognized this month by President Manning include:

- Charles Steele, Jr. (15 years)
- John Waterfield (45 years)
- Peter Weeks (5 years)
- Charles Ziff (25 years)
- Robert Ziff (25 years)

Congratulations to these five compatriots.

Memorials – Remembering Dallas Chapter Members That We Lost in 2025

Don Barton Hay – October 21, 2025

Lee Canfield Ritchie – July 5, 2025

William Byron Watts – June 5, 2025

Bill Watts – Benjamin Franklin Pin

Vice President Tom Van Fossen recognized Compatriot Brent Murray from the Arlington Chapter. He was reported last month as having earned the Bill Watts – Benjamin Franklin Pin but was able to attend our meeting today for the presentation. Thank you, Compatriot Murray for your service to our youth programs and welcome to the Dallas Chapter meeting.



Officer Reports

Secretary – Mark Harrison

Meeting Minutes were distributed by email earlier.

No corrections were noted so the minutes will stand as distributed.

Treasurer – Tim Chapman

Treasurers Report – Treasurer Tim Chapman – copies were available at the check-in table.

Registrar – Mark Morgan

2026 Registrar Activity

In Progress at Chapter – 9

At National for Review - 11

(5 Regular, 1 Junior, 5 Supp., 0 Memorial)

Approved - 1

Closed – 23

We have a total of 44 Applications

2026 New Approvals

New Members Approved - 0

Memorial Applications Approved - 0

Supplemental Applications Approved - 1

Total - 1

New Member Inductions YTD - 5

New Members Inducted Today - 0

New Members to be Inducted - 6

Total - 11



A notice to all members was distributed with information about the dues invoices for 2026. The dues were due by Dec 31, 2025, but can still be paid. If you haven't already done so, please submit as soon as possible. You may obtain your 2026 Dues Invoice by [clicking here](#) and either pay online by [clicking here](#) or by USPS Mail, (remit to State Treasurer, Don Hayes, Texas SAR, c/o Texas SAR Treasurer, 19221 I-45 South, Ste. 250 Shenandoah, TX 77385).

We are still in need of someone to relieve Mark Morgan as our chapter registrar. If you are interested or even if you are just curious about it, please contact Mark or one of the other officers. This is a critical role for our chapter.

Historian – Larry Moore

Please submit any pictures or articles to Historian Larry Moore – info@sardallas.org. **Please note that Larry now has a new address for SAR related email.**

When submitting photos, please identify the event, the date, and the location.

Color Guard – Commander J.D. Martin

Future Activities

Additional information will be coming out on each of these events. Please stay tuned.

- March 2 – Texas Independence Day at Ventana
- April 8 – Providence Christian School Patriots Day
- April 16 – 19 – Texas SAR State Convention in Austin
- April 18 – Texas SAR Monument Dedication – Texas State Cemetery in Austin
- April 18 – Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville
- May 3 – “Feathered Freedom” 250th Anniversary Celebration, Moss Haven Elementary
- June 20 – Audie Murphy Parade in Farmersville

Plano Symphony Orchestra School Concerts

The Plano Chapter Color Guard is once again posting colors at the Plano Symphony Orchestra School Concerts at the Robinson Fine Arts Center (1800 Alma Dr., Plano). There are morning and afternoon sessions daily from Feb 17 – 20. Dallas Color Guard members are invited to participate.

Dave Fautheree is coordinating these events. Dave can be contacted at 469-360-3536 or dave.fautheree@gmail.com to signup.

It was noted that each of these will count as a youth event and count toward the five required to earn your Bill Watts – Benjamin Franklin Pin.

JROTC – J.D. Martin & Wayne Stewart

Work is gearing up for the upcoming school year with 32 Dallas ISD high schools. Stay tuned as the presentation schedule develops.

Upcoming Programs – 1st Vice President Tom Van Fossen

Our March 14 meeting is our annual Public Service Awards Program. Please join us to honor some of Dallas' finest Police and Fire officers.

Because of the number of visitors that we will have to honor, please consider buying an additional meal for our guests.

Committee Opportunities

Public Relations & Publicity
Community Service Awards
Member Recruitment & Retention
C.A.R. Liaison
DAR Liaison
Annual Audit
American History Teacher
Web and Social Media
Color Guard Members
JROTC Members
Veterans Affairs

Brochure Contest (MS)
C.A.R. Essay Contest
Eagle Scout Essay Contest (HS)
Knight Essay Contest (HS)
Oration Contest (HS)
Poster Contest (Elem)
Video Contest (MS & HS)
Speaker's Bureau
Greeter
State Fair Recruitment Table

Old Business

Texas SAR History – Vol. 3 – FINAL LAST CALL

The Texas SAR History – Vol 3 is being compiled at this time. All Compatriots are asked to submit a brief bio of your service with the SAR. A form is available on-line at https://www.texassar.org/pdf/TexasSAR_CompatriotQuestionnaire.pdf. This information is being requested to be submitted ASAP. You can send to John Anderson, Texas SAR Historian at historian@texassar.org. Please submit your bio information as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS –

Credit Card Option – Stay Tuned!

Starting with the March 14 meeting, a new credit card option will now be available for paying for your meal or to purchase something from the merchandise table. Note that there will be a slight upcharge to cover the fee from the credit card company. Similar to the cash vs. credit pricing commonly used at a gas station.

Texas SAR 250th Anniversary Monument Dedication

The newly completed Texas SAR Monument is being dedicated on April 18 at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin. This will be a part of the Texas SAR state convention.



Dallas Chapter 250th Anniversary Bench and Liberty Tree

Fund raising for the granite commemorative bench sponsored by the chapter is complete and the bench is on order. The bench and a liberty tree will be placed at Frankford Cemetery in Addison. Some additional donations maybe required for the tree and related dedication expenses. Site selection work is underway with the cemetery board. Stay tuned for dedication information.

South Central District Meeting – August 21 – 22, 2026

The Dallas Chapter will be the host for the South Central District meeting in Richardson on Friday and Saturday, August 21 – 22. Planning is underway. Former State President Drake Peddie is the VP General for this district. Representatives will be in attendance from the member states (Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas) along with several national officers. Stay tuned for more information on how you can assist.

Door Prizes

Door prize winners Jeanette Curry, William Johnson and Dr. Jim Battles. Congratulations!



BENEDICTION – State Chaplain Michael Goode

SAR RECESSIONAL – All

[NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY March 14, 2026 @ 9:00 AM](#)

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Harrison, Secretary

DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION MEETING LOCATION (A) PARKING AREA (B)

