



June 13, 2026

“writing – the mother of memory”

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Ventana by Buckner South Tower, Grand Hall
8301 N. US 75 Central Expressway - Dallas, TX 75225
Breakfast – 8:00am Meeting – 9:00am

PRESIDENT

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J.D. Martin

President's Corner

Dallas Chapter Compatriots,

Greetings to all members of the Dallas Sons of the American Revolution!

As we have reached the halfway point of 2026, it may be beneficial to review some accomplishments of the chapter during the first six months of the year:

- ❖ Finished compiling the Dallas portion of Vol.3 Texas SAR History
- ❖ Established a relationship with Frankford Cemetery for several portions of the America 250 focus
- ❖ Funded, designed, ordered and sited a 250th Anniversary Bench
- ❖ Began selection process for the 250th Anniversary LibertyTree
- ❖ Agreed to host the South Central Division Conference in August
- ❖ Worked with 32 Dallas ISD high schools' JROTC program
- ❖ Four chapter members were honored with special awards at the TXSAR Annual Conference, and four chapter awards were received
- ❖ The chapter amended its Constitution and Bylaws
- ❖ The chapter added an Assistant Treasurer position and an additional Trustee
- ❖ Inducted 12 new members year to date
- ❖ Began a colonial clothing closet to promote the Color Guard

This is a great start to 2026 and it's only a beginning. It is thrilling to have such an outstanding group of compatriots in the Dallas Chapter!

Patriotically Yours,

Tom Manning

Chapter President

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AGENDA – June 13, 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 – Tom
Washington**



Posting of Colors -- Keith McMenemy

Pledges
American Flag – Larry Moore



**Texas Flag —
Mark Hansen**



SAR Flag – Jerry Pinkerton



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 special guests including:

- Former State President Bob Clark
- Assistant State Inland Registrar Jerry Pinkerton
- Vice President for Americanism David Scott
- Immediate Past Chapter President and current State Chancellor Brent Harshman
- District 6 Vice President and Northern District Color Guard Adjutant Dave Fautheree
- Former Chapter Presidents Tom Whitelock, Mark Harrison, Ron Turner and John Greer

American Historic Moment – “America 250 Moments | Thomas Jefferson”



Featured Speaker - Dave Fautheree,
“Spain’s Contribution to the American Revolution”

New Members

Welcome to our newest member – Andrew Novak, (*Nathan Hoar*)

Pictured with daughter Sophia and his parents



Member Anniversaries -- Milestones

Philip Cekal | 15 years

Billy Hicks | 50 years

Mark Howell | 5 years

Larry Luby | 5 years

Donald Shaver | 10 years

Jon Van Fossen | 5 years

Joseph Van Fossen | 5 years

Chapter Reports

Secretary – Mark Harrison (absent)

Meeting Minutes were distributed by email and requested edits are completed.

Minutes from May 2026 are approved

Officer Reports

Treasurer–Tim Chapman

Treasurers Report – Treasurer Tim Chapman – copies were available at the check-in table and can be requested from Treasurer

Registrar Activity – Mark Morgan

In Progress at Chapter — 19

At National for Review — 8

(4 Regular, 0 Junior, 4 Supplemental, 0 Memorial)

Approved — 8

Closed — 31

New Members Approved — 5

Memorial Applications Approved — 0

Supplemental Applications Approved — 3

New Member Inductions YTD — 11

New Members Inducted Today — 1

New Members to be Inducted — 4

Total Active Chapter Members – 236

Historian – Vacant

Please submit any pictures or articles to historian email – info@sardallas.org.

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

Color Guard – Commander J.D. Martin

Past Color Guard Activities

Opening of TMAMT Exhibit, 21 May 26 – Spanish Texas During the Revolution: Life and Legacy, Dallas Public Library

June 7 America 250! Celebration – Arlington

June 13th – Flag Retirement, Plano



Future Color Guard Activities

- America 250 Colonial Experience, June 19, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM Collin County History Museum
- June 20, Audie Murphy Day Parade, Farmersville
- Bill Watts Traveling Trunk, June 27, 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM, Timberglen Branch Library, 18505 Midway Rd., Dallas
- July 3 – Collin County History Museum, Traveling Trunk, 12:00 to 3:00 PM
- July 4 – Park Cities 4th of July Parade; share tent with DAR Prudence Alexander Chapter
- July 6 – Present the Colors, Highland Springs Senior Living, 2:00 PM

Upcoming Programs – 1st Vice President Tom Van Fossen

The speaker for our July 11 meeting will be Plano Chapter member, Compatriot Randy Bush. He will talk about “The Cannons of Ticonderoga.”

Committee Opportunities

Public Relations & Publicity	Brochure Contest (MS)
Community Service Awards	C.A.R. Essay Contest
Member Recruitment & Retention	Eagle Scout Essay Contest (HS)
C.A.R. Liaison	Knight Essay Contest (HS)
DAR Liaison	Oration Contest (HS)
Annual Audit	Poster Contest (Elem)
American History Teacher	Video Contest (MS & HS)
Web and Social Media	Speaker’s Bureau
Color Guard Members	Greeter
JROTC Members	State Fair Recruitment Table
Veterans Affairs	

Unfinished Business – Vote on Changes Enacted to the Constitution and Bylaws to:

- ❖ Enable special elections to fill officer vacancies
- ❖ Permit the president to appoint assistant officers and committees as needed
- ❖ Add an Assistant Treasurer position and define its duties
- ❖ Clarify wording inconsistencies
- ❖ Clarify the roles and responsibilities of chapter trustees

A motion was made by Tom Washington for a vote on the amendments, seconded by Brent Harshman. The Amendments were adopted by Chapter vote and are now in effect.

The Nominating Committee nominated Tom Washington to the new Assistant Treasurer Position, and Jerry Pinkerton for an additional Trustee position as authorized in the Bylaws. **No other nominations were made during the meeting and the election for these officer positions will be held in the July Chapter meeting**

Dallas Chapter 250th Anniversary Bench and Liberty Tree

Fundraising for the granite commemorative bench sponsored by the chapter is complete and the bench is expected to be installed in early July. The bench and a liberty tree will be placed at Frankford Cemetery in Dallas. Some additional donations may be 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 host 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 in the July chapter meeting on how you can assist.

Door Prizes

Door prize winners were Dr. John Mahoney, Dr. Jim Battles and Bob Clark

BENEDICTION – Tom Washington

SAR RECESSIONAL – All

NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY July 11, 2026 @ 9:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Manning, on behalf of Mark Harrison, Secretary