

The Minuteman



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“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

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President's Corner

Dallas Chapter Compatriots,

Greetings to all Dallas chapter compatriots. We are just coming off a very successful August chapter meeting, with a good attendance number, especially for a hot summer Saturday morning!

We have two important events coming up very soon. Firstly, our chapter is hosting the SAR South Central District conference which starts on Thursday, 20 August. This is an important two-day event in that our chapter has responsibility of the logistics for the conference. The five states of the district rotate hosting the SCD conference, so each state has the hosting responsibility every five years.

A number of state SAR presidents and other officers are attending, as well as some national officers and members who are seeking national office. The conference includes a candidate forum for those seeking national office next summer. We will have approximately 80 SAR members in attendance from the five state district, which is comprised of Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and Texas.

The Texas spin on this year's conference is that it offers a trip to the nation Medal of Honor museum in Arlington, and will be held on Friday morning. We have a mostly filled motor coach for transport to the museum, but some seats are available.

The Dallas Chapter support of this conference depends on the volunteers from our chapter and neighboring chapters to help out with registration and other vital functions. We still have some volunteer positions to fill, so we welcome members who want to help out in this important conference.

The other event our chapter is involved in is the representation of SAR at the 2026 Texas State fair in Fair Park beginning September 25th. The Jane Douglas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution allows us to have a table where we can recruit men interested in joining SAR. This year we are adding a new feature, which is a QR code on handouts, allowing men to fill out an interest form for SAR on the spot. We encourage colonial attire for this event, but free parking and state fair attendance are given to volunteers.

Both of these events are opportunities to make our chapter shine as a tremendous force for national support and promoting patriotism and education in the Dallas community. Please consider taking part in one or both events.

Patriotically Yours,

Tom Manning

Chapter President

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AGENDA – August 8, 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– Chaplain Larry Luby

Posting of Colors – Compatriot Keith McMenamy



Pledges

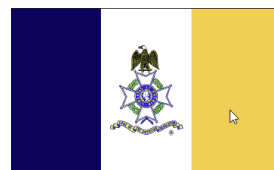
American Flag – Stephen Crane



Texas Flag – Andrew Novak



SAR Flag – Scot MacRae



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 Presidents, Bob Clark, David Temple, Tracy Pounders & Drake Peddie
- Asst. State Inland Registrar Jerry Pinkerton
- Past Chapter President and former State Chancellor, Mark Hansen
- Immediate Past Chapter President and current State Chancellor Brent Harshman
- District 6 VP and Northern District Color Guard Adjutant Dave Fautheree
- Other former area Chapter Presidents including Nick Harper, Tom Van Fossen, Tom Whitelock, Mark Harrison, John Greer, Ron Turner, Nick Gillam and Tom Milson

Featured Speaker

The featured speaker is McKinney Chapter member Richard Bonaparte. Richard discussed his ancestor in a program called ‘John Tyson, the Reluctant Loyalist.’ This was a excellent look back at events in the Carolinas and his life before, during and after the Revolutionary War.



Special Awards

A Flag Certificate was presented by former chapter treasurer Nick Harper to secretary Mark Harrison for his display of the Bennington flag outside of his residence. This should serve as a good reminder for all members to award Flag Certificates whenever appropriate.



New Members

No new members were inducted at this meeting. However, several prospective new members attended for the first time. Newly approved member, Trevor Matejowsky and his wife were also in attendance. Trevor will be inducted in the September meeting.

Member Anniversaries

No special anniversaries were recognized this month.

Officer Reports

Secretary – Mark Harrison

Meeting Minutes were distributed by email earlier and were accepted as published.

Treasurer – Tim Chapman

Treasurers Report – Treasurer Tim Chapman – copies were available at the check-in table. Copies can be requested from Tim at [Dallas - Treasurer](#).

Attendance at the meeting included 35 SAR members and 12 visitors.

Registrar – Mark Morgan

2026 Registrar Activity

In Progress at Chapter – 26

At National for Review - 5

(1 Regular, 0 Junior, 4 Supp., 0 Memorial)

Approved - 11

Closed – 36

We have a total of 78 Applications

Total Active Members – 239

2026 New Approvals

New Members Approved - 8

Memorial Applications Approved - 0

Supplemental Applications Approved - 3

Total - 11

New Member Inductions YTD - 15

New Members Inducted Today - 0

New Members to be Inducted - 3

Total - 18

New National Lead Generation Tool

NSSAR has rolled out a new QR code based lead generation tool. A potential applicant can scan the QR code and a short form will pop up on their phone, tablet or computer. Once submitted, the information will be directed to the appropriate chapter for follow-up. The code can be used on business cards, flyers, social media, etc. Check it out!

A screenshot of a web form titled 'Sons of the American Revolution Membership'. The form is divided into several sections with dropdown menus and text input fields. A red arrow points from the 'How did you hear about the SAR?' dropdown to a list of options on the right. The options include 'SAR Revolutionary War Reenactments', 'American Legion Conference', 'RootsTech Conference', 'Texas State Fair', 'Kansas State Fair', 'SAR Chapter Meeting', 'NSSAR Congress', 'SAR Friend', 'Kentucky State Fair', 'National Genealogical Society', and 'SAR Chapter Event'. The 'Texas State Fair' option is highlighted. At the bottom of the form, there is a 'Submit' button circled in red and a 'Clear form' link.

Historian – Andrew Novak

Please submit any pictures or articles to our new Historian Andrew Novak. When submitting photos, please identify the event, the date, and the location. Please contact Compatriot Novak at info@SARDallas.org.

Color Guard – Commander J.D. Martin

Declaration of Independence event at the Dallas Central Library on July 23. Marking the return of the City of Dallas’ copy of only 25 surviving copies of the Dunlap Broadside. Approximately 200 copies of the Dunlap Broadside were hand printed in Philadelphia the night of July 4, 1776.



America 250 Event at Dallas West Library West on July 25.



Future Activities

Annual Plano International Festival and Naturalization Ceremony, Sat, Oct 17, Haggard Park, Plano



Upcoming Programs – 1st Vice President Tom Van Fossen

Vicki Evans Williams, Chaplain of the Rebecca Boyce NSDAR Chapter will present “Unsung Heroines of the American Revolution” at the September 12 chapter meeting.

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

Appointed Positions

Color Guard Commander

Color Guard Adjutant

Sergeant-At-Arms

Chancellor

Veterans Committee Chairman

Public Service Committee Chairman

Oration Contest Chairman

Poster Contest Chairman

Eagle Scout Chairman

Assistant Secretary

Member Retention Chairman

Communications & Media Chairman

Chapter Membership Chairman

C.A.R. Liaison

DAR Liaison

Assistant to 2nd Vice-President

Assistant Registrar

Assistant Historian

Assistant Chaplain

New Business –

Open Elected Positions

The nominating committee has nominated Andrew Novak for Chapter Historian replacing Larry Moore. The vote to confirm his election was unanimous. Compatriot Novak, thank you for agreeing to serve.

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. A signup sheet was available to volunteer for different shifts. Please contact President Manning if you haven't signed up yet.

State Fair SAR Recruiting Table

We were honored to have Linda Martin and Claudia Taylor from the Jane Douglas DAR chapter at the meeting to sign up volunteers for the Texas State Fair. Fair dates this year are from September 25 through October 18. Note that SAR members are eligible to sign up for either the SAR Morning Shift (10AM – 2PM – Monday through Saturday or 11AM – 2PM on Sunday) or the SAR Afternoon Shift (2PM – 5:30 every day). Do not sign up for any of the other activities listed as these are the DAR positions. You can view the available shift and sign up on the Signup Genius site - [SAR State Fair Sign-up Link](#).

There is an orientation session to be held at the DAR house at the State Fair grounds at 12 noon on Saturday, August 29. Parking passes or DART vouchers will be passed out at that time.



Dallas Chapter 250th Anniversary Bench and Liberty Tree

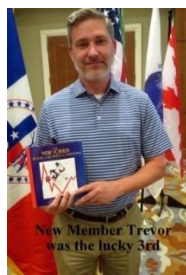
Stay tuned for the announcement on the dedication date of the Anniversary Bench and a Liberty Tree that will be placed at Frankford Cemetery in Dallas.

Veteran's Donation Table

All members were reminded that we need donations for the VA. Please bring coffee cans and place on the table in the back of the room. There is a new program in place to encourage donations to the VA. If you bring donations of \$10 or more, you will see a \$5 reduction in your breakfast cost.

Door Prizes

Door prize winners include former Plano chapter President Nick Gillam, former Jane Douglas DAR Regent Linda Martin and new member Trevor Matejowsky. Congratulations, all!



BENEDICTION –Chaplain Larry Luby

SAR RECESSIONAL – All

NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY September 12, 2026 @ 9:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Harrison, Secretary

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

