



## Denton #23 Chapter Newsletter



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### SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

**Edition: March 2021**

**NEXT MEETING:** March 2021 (a called meeting)

**TIME:** **LOCATION:** via ZOOM format

#### From the President's Desk:

Hopefully, many of you have already had the COVID shot or you are getting close; this will allow us to seriously begin plans for getting back together for our meetings. The Texas SAR has moved the annual convention to a ZOOM based format over the dates April 14-18; registration should be available on the Texas SAR website and hope many of you take advantage of this "easy way" to attend the Convention. I would urge you to sign up and participate. It is especially important for chapter officers / committee members to attend and find out what is going on within the State and National organization. I hope to see you there, via ZOOM.

The winter weather nightmare of mid-February created quite a mess for most of us in the great State of Texas. I hope all of you got through this with minimal damage to property.

**At some point in March, we will have a "called meeting" to discuss and then nominate our chapter officers** for the coming year, beginning in April 2021 with the induction. It is critical to our chapter's continued success in moving forward to have a group of both veteran and new members on the slate in order to "learn the ropes" of keeping the chapter growing and moving forward. Don't forget to reach out to me with your preferences of which program or committee you would like to work with. **Opportunities are available with Youth programs: Public Service (police/ fire / EMTs) program: ROTC / JROTC awards and others.**

**Friday evening, 2/12/21, the chapter held a "new members meeting / orientation" via ZOOM.** We had a number of our members present along with several new members of our fellow chapter down in the Hill Country (Bluebonnet Chapter). Hopefully, some valuable information and "hints" were provided to those present. We will do this again later in 2021.

**In addition, several of our chapter members took advantage of the invite we had from the Arlington Chapter to hear the discussion Saturday morning, 2/13/2021 on the upcoming construction of the "Medal of Honor" museum in Arlington, Texas.** This project will be a worthy addition to the North Texas community and will become the site of many National SAR events concerning the Medal of Honor. It was apparent during the program that the Texas SAR Color Guard will be a major part of celebrations, parades and programs at this first-class facility. I would urge any of our chapter members interested in becoming a member of the Texas color guard to reach out to me and I can put you in touch with sources for the color guard uniform.

**I have made some good progress in filling the various chapter officer and chapter committee positions for the chapter year beginning with April 2021.** Still important to hear from chapter members as to their wishes or desires in places to serve with the chapter. Committee positions are important when it comes to our youth award, ROTC and Public Service programs that are the public face of what we do / promote. Don't hesitate to let me know where you want to serve. Always good to have 2-3 chapter members as the key component of each of our programs. Raise your hand and let me know your interests; I will get you plugged in to a committee. And again, none of this is hard work or heavy lifting.

## **THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION TIMELINE – “THIS DATE IN HISTORY”**

2/10/1763      End of the Seven Years War. France surrenders all of its North American possessions east of the Mississippi. The cost of this war is enormous and now maintaining an Army leads the British to begin to impose taxes on the Colonies. This is a decision that didn't go well for the British.

March 1765      The Stamp Act was Parliaments first serious attempt to assert governmental authority over the Colonies. It was approved by The Lords and later in March of 1765 was ordered into effect by the King.

March 23,1775      “Give me Liberty or give me death” speech made by Patrick Henry to the Virginia House of Burgesses.

March 3, 1776      The Continental Fleet captures New Providence Island in the Bahamas.

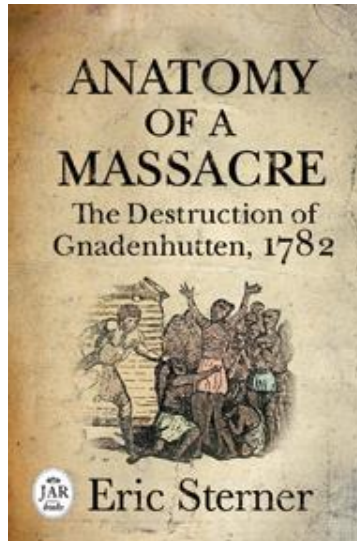
March 7, 1778      British General William Howe replaced by Henry Clinton

March 1782      Britain's Lord North resigns as British Prime Minister

Interesting when you look at this as a whole. From the British decision noted above to “clamp down” on us in February 1763 / to the War years / to Lord North's resignation in March 1782, it took a 19-year struggle for us, the USA, to get so much of this conflict, nation building and the aftermath of the War behind us AND we still had the War of 1812 coming some years in the future. We were very lucky.

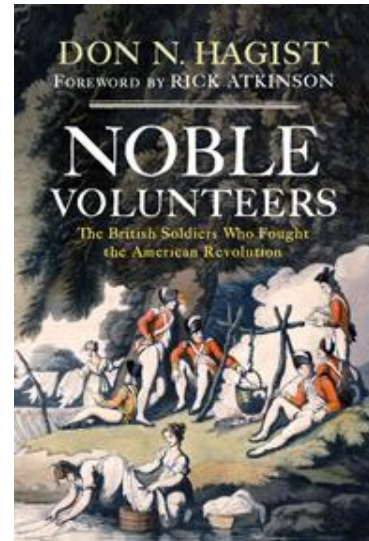
## Books to Read

A good source of educational information, articles and recommended books on the American Revolutionary War time period is the “Journal of the American Revolution” website; the link to access the site is [Subscribe \(allthingsliberty.com\)](http://allthingsliberty.com) . This site was recommended to me by another State chapter, so give it a try if interested.



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**The Texas SAR Color Guard Unit is always recruiting new members. This unit is the most active and visible of the Texas SAR entities. If you are interested, check with any of the chapter officers or chapter color guard members for information.**

### **Don't Forget**

A call meeting in March, via ZOOM to discuss new slate of officers.

### **Denton Chapter #23 Officers**

Chapter President / Secretary- Mike Connelley

Vice President – James J. Johnson, Jr.

Treasurer – Christopher E. Strauss

Registrar- Thomas C. Richards

Chaplain- Joseph W. Rowell

Sgt. At Arms – Johnny L. Loomis