



## Denton #23 Chapter Newsletter



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### SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

**Edition: April 2020**

**NEXT MEETING:** April 10, 2021

**TIME:** 10AM

**LOCATION:** via ZOOM

**From the President's Desk:** I am hopeful that many of you registered for the Texas SAR annual convention held this year via the ZOOM format. As of the date of this newsletter (4/1/21), we have six chapter members that have registered for the convention. That is about 20% of our membership; a good number. It will occur over the weekend April 16-17, 2021 and is a bargain at the \$10.00 registration fee. One of the best ways to get a good feel for what the State and National organization is doing to impact the history of the American Revolutionary War. Registration is still open on the Texas SAR website but will be closing for new registration within the next few days- **don't wait; get registered.**

Reminder that the April 10<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting will be via the ZOOM format and hopefully this will be the last time we have to use that method of getting together. I am confident that the regular July 2021 meeting will be in person, hopefully at the Emily Fowler Library in Denton. If they are not yet hosting meetings, we can meet at a local restaurant or maybe a church facility in Denton. Stay tuned for details.

We will be inducting our new slate of 2021-2022 officers at the April meeting. The slate of officers will be Mike Connelley for president and secretary, Jim Hobdy for vice president, Chris Strauss for treasurer, Jim Akers for chapter registrar, Bill Rowell for chapter chaplain and Johnny Loomis for Sgt. At Arms. Hopefully all of our slate of officers will be present at the April meeting. The induction will be conducted by District Vice President Ted Wilson.

In addition, we will have our chapter winner in the SAR high school Essay contest, J. B. Lilley, present at the April ZOOM meeting. It is our opportunity to congratulate him as the 2020 chapter winner in the Knight Essay Contest. He is a high school junior with a 4.64 on a 4.00 scale. He will read his winning essay entitled "The Continuing Revolution".



A photo of J. B. Lilley and myself at his home on Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> where he was presented with his certificate and medal as the 2020 Knight Essay winner.

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

April 5, 1763 The Sugar Act was passed by Britain’s Parliament and read in part “expedient that new provisions and regulations should be established for improving the revenue of the Kingdom... (this did not sit well with the Colonists and was part of the beginning of the end for Colonial rule)

April 19, 1775 The first shots are fired at Lexington and Concord in Massachusetts. The news spread of the bloodshed and thousands of citizens began to converge on Cambridge, Mass. Both armies were unmoving during most of April.

April 27, 1777 Benedict Arnolds’ troops forced a British retreat at Ridgefield, Connecticut.

**SAR Convention information:** Don’t forget that the convention itself is 4/16-17/2021 via ZOOM; Registration will close within next week to 10 days. Go to the Texas SAR website to register. Hope you take the opportunity to attend at the record low cost of \$10.00. Mike



**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

The next scheduled chapter meeting is Saturday morning, 10AM, July 10th, Emily Fowler Library Bldg., Denton, Texas (WE HOPE!!!!)

### 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