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TEXAS SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, DENTON CHAPTER #23, TXSSAR INC.®



Next Meeting: Scheduled for **10am October 8, 2022**
at the Denton Emily Fowler Central Library, 502 Oakland St .

Chapter Officers

President—Jim Akers
Vice President—Brandon Story
Registrar & Genealogist—
Tom Richards
Recording Secretary—Mike Fry
Treasurer—Christopher Strauss
Chaplain—Bill Rowell
Past President—Mike Connelley
Sgt at Arms—Johnny Loomis

Opportunities

1. Join SAR Denton Facebook
2. BOM meeting
3. Participate in James Carter grave marking
4. Participate in Constitution Week

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Chapter President Jim Akers Message

Constitution Day, September 17, 2022 is the day that celebrates the meeting of those Patriots who, on September 17, 1787, signed the U.S. Constitution. The celebration of the Constitution was started by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in 1955 when DAR petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week.

Local DAR Chapters in Denton County will no doubt be celebrating Constitution Week through various activities, including Bells Across America, an annual celebration of the signing of the U.S. Constitution. Participants will gather on September 17 to ring bells, just as church bells were rung when the Constitution was first signed September 17, 1787. We should expect to hear local bells being rung on September 17, 2022, precisely at 3:00 p.m. for one minute to mark the beginning of Constitution Week.

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Compatriot Bill Surles, our SAR Webmaster and Newsletter Editor, and Compatriot Jim Hobdy, have been working with the Denton Chapter of the DAR Constitution Week Committee to plan several activities for the citizens of Denton to recognize and celebrate Constitution Week. As each of you celebrate Constitution Week, whether it is through an organized event, or in your own way, I encourage you to document that celebration through a picture, or an informal note to Bill or me for inclusion in our next Newsletter, or on our Facebook page (SAR Denton TX Chapter), or website (<https://www.txssar.org/Denton/>).

Speaking of our Facebook page, Chapter Vice President Brandon Story has started helping Bill with that project. In addition to the website, our Facebook page now has the text of our 1965 Charter. There is also a reference to a short YouTube channel, and soon to be podcast on "Revolutionary War Rarities." Please take a look at these resources and let Bill and Brandon know of any ideas or content you are aware of that will enhance these resources. And while you are at it, "like" us on Facebook.

The Denton Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution continues to grow! In addition to the two new

members we inducted at the July meeting, we have one more currently scheduled for induction, and we expect to have two more in the next week. In addition to those three, we have two more whose applications will be submitted in the first week of August.

Following the SAR National Congress (July 10-15, 2022) many of the national committees met to guide and implement the direction of the SAR over the next year. Already, we are seeing fine-tuning of the application process by the Genealogical Committee. We can expect to hear about some of the events from the National Congress that influenced those changes from District Vice President, Compatriot Gary Barker, who will address the Denton Chapter at our next meeting on October 8, 2022.

Promote patriotism. Preserve American History. Promote education to our future generations. These three things describe what the Sons of the American Revolution does, and I think our Chapter activities reflect commitment to each of them.

Please mark your calendar for our next in-person meeting: October 8, 2022, 10:00 am, Emily Fowler Library, 502 Oakland Street, Denton, TX 76201.

Chapter President Jim Akers

Participate in these SAR Activities

Opportunities

1. Join the SAR Denton TX Chapter Facebook Group, then participate.
2. Board of Managers meeting: 8:00 AM, September 3, 20022, at The Great Egg, 1800 S Loop 288, Suite 200, Denton
3. Attend South Central District SAR Annual Meeting- August 26-27
4. Participate in James Carter grave marking: Clean up day is August 20, ceremony is September 11.
5. Participate in Constitution Week

City of Denton – City Council Meeting reading of the Proclamation
Tuesday, August 16, 2022 6 pm

Denton County – Commissioners Court reading of the Proclamation
Tuesday, September 13, 2022 9am

Presentation A President, Not a King: The Continued Importance of
Constitutional Checks & Balances: Saturday, September 16, 2017 3
p.m. Emily Fowler Central Library 502 Oakland, Denton TX, 76201

Reading of the U.S. Constitution and the Ringing of “Bells Across
America”: Sunday, September 17, 2017 Reading begins at 2 p.m. &
Bell Ringing at 3 p.m. Center Court - Golden Triangle Mall - Loop 288
& I-35 E, Denton TX, 76210

Editor's Note

The Chapter **website** is <https://www.txssar.org/Denton/>. On that site are the back copies of this newsletter, information about the Chapter, and links to the SAR State and National web sites.

We now have a **Facebook page**, www.facebook.com, search for **Denton TX SAR**. Please join and participate.

All of these communication devices take time to maintain. If you would like to help and/or take over one of these, please let me know.

Bill Surles, wsmerch@gmail.com

Benjamin Lyon Chapter NSDAR

Please Mark Your Calendars!
September 2022 Dates
“Constitution Week Celebration”

Friday, September 16, 2022

Chapter Meeting
Emily Fowler Library
Community Room
1:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 17, 2022

Constitution Week Celebration
Ring “Bells Across America”
Emily Fowler Library
Community Room and Outside
2:30 p.m.

Bring your bells and family and join us as we celebrate the 235th Anniversary of the Signing of the Constitution of the United States. The Constitution is a living document that assures each citizen of the freedoms Americans cherish and appreciate. As members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, it is our responsibility to keep our ancestors' legacy alive by promoting the ideals they fought for so valiantly to give to their descendants.

More information forthcoming.

**Denton Chapter #23 Texas SAR
Minutes for Chapter Meeting
July 9, 2022**

10:00 A.M

President Jim Akers called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM. The pledges to the American, Texas and SAR flag in addition to an opening prayer by Rev. Samuels.

Jim Akers introduced 3 new members William "Billy" Roussel, Ryan Swindle and Donald Peden. They were sworn in by President Jim Akers.

Ancestor's roll call was postponed.

Chapter Treasurer report was given by Chris Strauss, \$2,802.94 in account as of June 30, 2022.

Minutes of April 9, 2022 meeting were reviewed and motion to approve by Jim Hobney, seconded by Johnny Loomis

New Business:

Pres. Jim Akers spoke about the Youth Programs: College- JROTC/ROTC units at Univ. of North Texas and Texas Woman's Univ. Chris Strauss gave background info and this chapter's traditions of each year recognizing the units outstanding members with Medals of Merit.

Youth Programs--High School: Mike Connelly reviewed the availability of Oration, Essay and Video Contest for this Fall and the scholarships that can be had by students 9 through 12th. Members were asked to take available pamphlets to the school counselors, teachers and students in their own towns and cities

Bill Surles: reviewed DAR Constitution Committee's involvement and the need of our nations cities to show solidarity for this inspired document. Also for the chapter to present a copy of the SAR template to city of Denton was discussed.

Pres. Jim Akers presented the info of a dedication on September 11, 2022 in Bonham, Tx of the grave site of the only revolutionary war soldier, James Carter, who is buried in Texas. Members of this Chapter can participate in a workday August 20, 2022 at the grave site. James Carter was a relative of John B. Denton, early settler in this area.

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July meeting minutes, continued

Program: Emily Richardson, DAR, presented: Using Land

Records in Genealogical Research

President Jim Akers requested Old Business. None Stated

Next Meeting October 8, 2022, Emily Fowler Library

Other Business requested---None Stated.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM with 17 members attending and 3 guests.

Closing Prayer-Mike Connelley

Motion to Adjourn---Dan Frye, Second Jim Hobney

Jim Akers, chapter president Denton Chapter, Denton, Tx

SAR Youth Contests



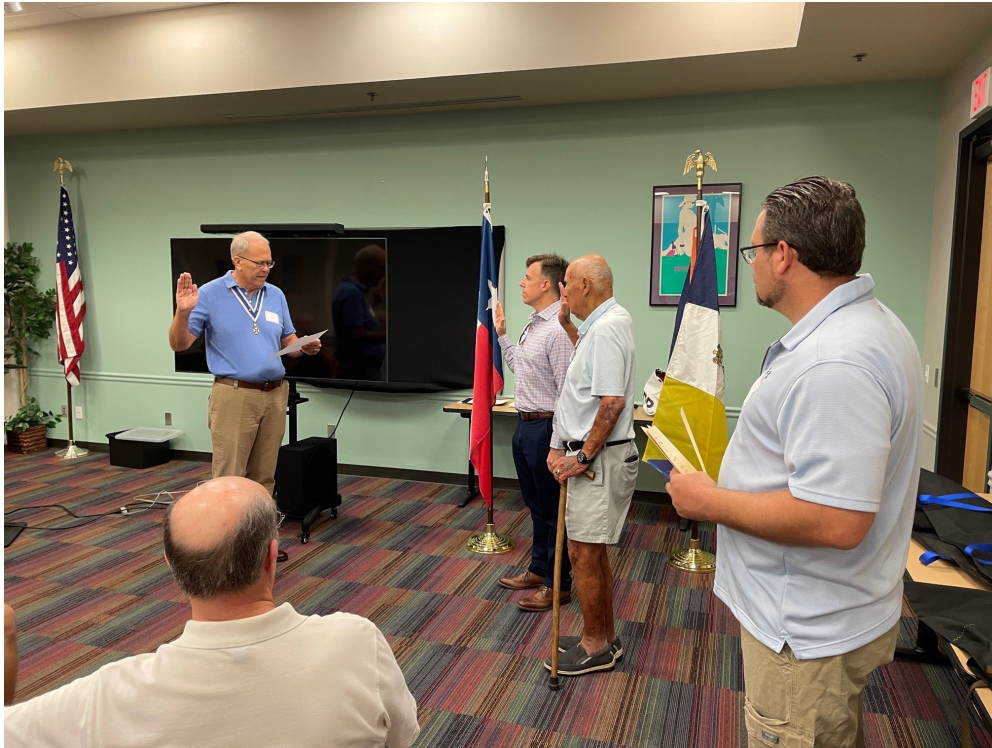
On Saturday, July 16, 2022, J. B. Lilley, our chapters "favorite Knight Essay entrant and Oration Contest entrant" had a high school celebration event at his home in rural Aubrey, Texas. Mike and Sarah went to the event and presented him with certificates from the State of Texas SAR organization recognizing his high placement in both the Essay Contest and the Oration Contest. "J B" has finally got all the international paperwork worked out and he will be attending Cambridge University in Great Britain this coming fall.

Mike told him to stay in touch and that hopefully, at some future date when he is in the USA, we would love to have him come speak to the chapter about his collegiate experience. He agreed

and we will hopefully get that worked out down the line.

In September, the chapter gets to start this process all over again as we look for entrants to the various youth contests available through the SAR organization. Don't forget, the children or grandchildren of our own chapter members are always eligible to enter the various youth contests. The search begins for the next winning entrants."

**Inducting two new members,
William "Billy" Roussel and Don Peden**



**Presenting a letter of appreciation to our July meeting speaker
Emily Richarson**



In July, SAR Compatriot Bill Surles joined his wife Jennifer, a DAR Denton Chapter member, and other DAR members, to pick-up American flags placed for July 4 with the veterans buried at the IOOF Cemetery in Denton.

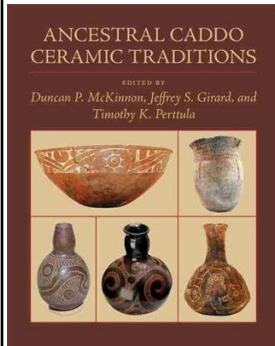


On Friday, July 22, 2022, chapter president Jim Akers and past chapter president Mike Connelley had lunch with two representatives of the Flower Mound Chapter of the DAR, Emily Richardson and Andrea "Andi" Tart. Most of you remember Emily as our speaker at the July chapter meeting. The topic was generally centered on "how can we assist each other in our joint DAR / SAR goals of growing the chapters and keeping alive the sacrifices of those who fought in the American Revolutionary War and helped establish this great Country of ours?"

Both organizations share common problems of membership growth and membership retention with discussion centered around past efforts to solve these issues. We discussed joint meetings, social events and the sharing of ideas and suggestions to solve some of the systemic problems that most, if not all, fraternal organizations face in today's World. The food was good and the comradery was good and many new ideas were discussed.

**CADDO, KITIKITI'SH, CHOCTAW CULTURES:
NEW NATIVE-FOCUSED BOOKS IN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

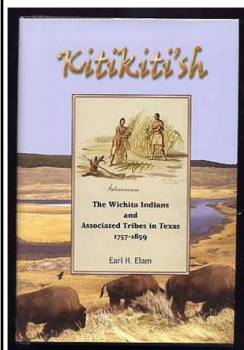
Ancestral Caddo Ceramic Traditions (Various authors/editors, 2021).



Delve into the beauty and history of Caddoan pottery. Essays promote the understanding of specialized craft production and long-distance exchange; community and regional decorative variation; ancient Caddo cosmological and religious beliefs; and geographical variations. Two contemporary Caddo authors furnish an important Native perspective, drawing on personal experience to explore the meaning and inspiration behind modern pottery productions. This first-of-its-kind volume for Caddo archeology, **Ancestral Caddo Ceramic Traditions** is a valuable reference on ceramic practices across the broader south-eastern archeological region.

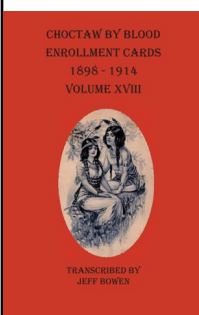
The Caddos once inhabited a vast area in eastern Texas and parts of Louisiana, Arkansas, and Oklahoma, and their descendants have lived in southwestern Oklahoma since the middle of the 19th century. Caddo language is distantly related to Pawnee, Arikara, Wichita, and Kitsai within the Caddoan language family. **The Caddo Language: A grammar, texts, and dictionary based on materials collected by the author in Oklahoma between 1960 and 1970** by Walter Chafe (2008), expands earlier works, adding nouns and adjectives, a collection of representative texts and an English-Caddo dictionary.

Kitikiti'sh: The Wichita Indians and Associated Tribes in Texas, 1757-1859, Earl H. Elam (2008)



A historical study of the associated tribes of Indians in North Texas known as the Ousitas, Taovayas, Tawakonis, Wacos, and Yscanis from the time groups of the people entered Texas in about 1757 to the last remnants of the tribes were moved to present Oklahoma in 1859. Detailed, with notes, bibliography.

Choctaw By Blood Enrollment Cards 1898-1914 Volume XVIII (Jeff Bowen, 2020), transcribes



the contents of 6,100 Choctaw Enrollment cards from National Archive Film M-1186, Rolls 39-46. Cards list householders' ages, sex, degree of blood, the parties' relationship to head of household, county, Dawes Roll Number, and date of enrollment by the Secretary of Interior. Researchers will also find enrollee's parents' names, miscellaneous notes pertaining to the enrollee's circumstances, and whether a spouse was an Intermarried White.

Search the catalog www.library.cityofdenton.org or visit the Special Collections at the Emily Fowler Central Library, 502 Oakland, Denton Texas to find these and many other resources to help you with your family history research. For assistance email genealogy@cityofdenton.com or call (940)349-8752.

—Nancy Gilbride Casey, Denton Public Library Volunteer