

Edmund Terrill Chapter #34

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

May16, 2026, Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by President Gary Sisson.

The invocation was led by Chaplain Lynn Johnson.

The pledge to the US Flag, Texas Flag, and Texas SAR Pledge was led by President Sisson.

Recognition of guests was led by President Sisson: SAR chapter presidents (past-presidents) and current officers were recognized – Dave Fautheree (State Color Guard Adjutant), Dale Rideout, Ted Wilson and Gary Sisson (past chapter presidents). The DAR was represented by Barbara Johnson and Sheryl Vaughan. Richard Bayless was recognized as a current SAR applicant accompanied by wife and daughter. Tommy Stovall (potential member) and Wade Haskin (transfer from McKinney chapter) were recognized.

Main Program: Moved to end of meeting.

New Business: Maureen Sisson, Treasurer of the Martha Jefferson DAR chapter invited SAR to “Patrick Henry: A Liberty Well Lived”, Gary Sisson’s and Lynn Johnson’s program, to be held at 1:30 P.M. 17 September at Parkside Baptist Church in conjunction with their Constitution Week meeting. They hope to have help for a color guard.

The board met earlier in the week and discussed the need for recruiting/ways to encourage younger members. Also, the board discussed the recognition of Compatriot Col. Joe M. Hill with a grave marker and recommended approval be sought from the chapter. There was a motion by Dale Rideout that was seconded by Harry Barber to approve and ask for general consent which was unanimous in all present.

The chapter considered involvement for this year’s 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence with the Liberty Tree Project. This idea was tabled to get quotes from Lynn Johnson and John Young on a marker for the tree.

Ted Wilson and Gary Barker received Color Guard Medals from the state meeting in April at the Southpark Hotel in Austin. Gary Barker also received the Silver Henry Knox Medal. Harry Barber reported the presentation of a poster award from the chapter to Ms. Josie Werner, student at Cornerstone Academy on May 1 in McKinney TX. It was a very encouraging occasion involving other students, parents, and school staff.

Public Service Medals of which there are five types are being considered for future chapter recognitions. A law enforcement award is scheduled for our September meeting.

Registrar's Report: Registrar Gary Sisson inducted as new members Braden Vaughan, Layne Hensley and Adam Castelli with Adam Castelli also receiving the Eagle Scout Certificate and lapel pin. There are multiple new member applications in the cue.

Color Guard Report: As previously mentioned, Ted Wilson and Gary Barker were recognized by the state with medals for their roles as Color Guard Commander.

Historian: Ted Wilson asked the chapter to note upcoming parades for Memorial Day, the Audie Murphy in Farmersville in June, and the July 4th parade in McKinney TX.

Secretary: President Sisson asked for a motion to dispense with reading the past minutes, John Young made the motion to forgo the reading, and this was approved of by all. Note: the past meeting minutes are online.

The Treasurer's report: Treasurer John Young, conducted the raffle for the door prize. The Treasurer presented chapter financial transactions (\$2,192 Checking/\$1,326 Savings) and the report was accepted after a motion was made by Harry Barber and approved by all.

Main Program (moved from earlier): President Sisson introduced chapter Treasurer John Young who presented a talk on "Dementia 101-What You Need to Know About Alzheimer's." Upon conclusion, President Sisson presented John with a chapter recognition where he was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation.

Our next meeting is planned for 9:30 am. Saturday July 18, 2026 at Grandy's 3201 Texoma Parkway in Sherman.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lynn Johnson.

SAR Recessional was participated in by all present.

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 am. Twenty-Two (22) signed the roster.

Harry Barber
Secretary