



The Continental Report

Ellis County Chapter #70-Texas
Sons of the American Revolution



Vol 2

NEXT MEETING - NEW TIME (this month only)

November 23, 2024 2:00 PM
The Hamilton at Garden Valley
880 Garden Valley Pkwy.
Waxahachie, TX 75165



WE'RE HAVING A FIRST YEAR CHARTER PARTY
Election of Officers for 2025-2026 with
Installation by SAR State President, Tracy Pounders
Period dress is encouraged



The Coercive (Intolerable) Acts of 1774

(Photo courtesy of George Washington's Mount Vernon)

The Coercive Acts of 1774, known as the Intolerable Acts in the American colonies, were a series of four laws passed by the British Parliament to punish the colony of Massachusetts Bay for the Boston Tea Party. The four acts were the Boston Port Act, the Massachusetts Government Act, the Administration of Justice Act, and the Quartering Act. The Quebec Act of 1774 is sometimes included as one of the Coercive Acts, although it was not related to the Boston Tea Party. These oppressive acts sparked strong colonial resistance, including the meeting of the First Continental Congress, which George Washington attended in September and October 1774. (George Washington's Mount Vernon: mountvernon.org)

Who We Are

Ellis County Chapter #70 was chartered September 22, 2024 in Waxahachie, Texas to serve the county communities. Meetings are held on the 4th Saturday of the month (except December) at 9:00 am at The Hamilton at Garden Valley, 880 Garden Valley Pkwy. Meetings are always open to anyone who wish to attend. Visiting DAR and SAR members are welcome.

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. Further information about join is available at www.SAR.org and www.TXXAS.org.

The Historian's Watch

Chapter events of the year 2024

Beginning January 27, 2024, meetings were moved to the Lyceum at Sims Library. A program "Two Patriots" was presented by Tom Van Fossen and Jerry Pinkerton. Ron Finch gave us "a minute in history". At the February 24 meeting, the Ellis County SAR website was presented. Michael Goode is chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee.

Chapter President John "Jack" Haughton opened the meeting with the celebration of the upcoming 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party event by presenting a paper on the Edenton Tea Party. Women of Edenton, North Carolina, signed the Edenton Resolution denouncing the British Tea Tax. One of the signers of the Resolution was Anne Haughton, a family ancestor of President Haughton.



New Members of Ellis County Chapter #70 of Texas SAR Shown left to right: Inland Registrar Jerry Pinkerton, Delfino P. Hernandez, Mrs. Patricia Ann Hedden Hernandez (Regent of the Rebecca Boyce Chapter DAR of Waxahachie), Mrs. Tull, Michael J. Tull, Lawrence A. Kollie, Mrs. Kollie, and Chapter President Jack Haughton.

Ellis County Color Guard Commander Larry Kollie received a ceremonial sword to be worn by all future Color Guard Commanders as a symbol of that office. The sword was donated by Patrick Haughton, Chapter Chancellor.

In May 2024 the JROTC award was presented to Cadet Ethan Hedtke of Red Oak High School by Compatriot Mike Tull.





The June 22 meeting was attended by guest speaker Salin Baker presenting the life of General Nathanael Greene.

New members, James Mauldin and his sons Maxwell and Myles were installed.



The first meeting at The Hamilton at Garden Valley August 24 saw a Flag presentation by the Color Guard. Compatriot Tom Whitelock spoke on the Bedford flag. Other flags described were the Fort Moultrie, Monmouth, Cowpens, Brandywine, and Betsy Ross.

Bill Watts gave us a "lecture" on the spiral courting candle.



The C10 Truck Show in the Park at the end of Constitution Week, September 21. Recruitment was attended by John, Haughton, David Hill, Mark Gundert, Ron Finch, Philip Taylor, and Larry Kollie. Larry in his Continental uniform drew several visitors to our table. Commander Kollie's picture is in the November 2024 issue of Waxahachie Now Magazine. The September 28 meeting

The October 26 meeting program was presented by Vicki Evans Williams, Chaplain & Past Regent of the Rebecca Boyce Chapter DAR, "Texas and the American Revolution". Mike Tull sounded the call for all Compatriots to join with the ladies of the DAR and give blood for those in need. Three new members were inducted: Jerry L. Chapman, James V. Cooper, Jr., and Philip A. Taylor.



Ellis County SAR Chapter officers Duties and Responsibilities, 2025-2026 (nominees listed)

PRESIDENT – two year term [William D. (David) Hill]

The President will be the official executive officer of the chapter, and will be responsible for calling and conducting meetings, appoints the Chairman and members and be member ex-officio of all committees, be responsible for the budget, represent the Chapter in public, preside at Chapter Board of Manager' meetings, maintain general supervision over the affairs and business of the Chapter and is responsible for all assets of the Chapter.

VICE-PRESIDENT- two year term [OPEN]

The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, assume the duties of the President's Office. He shall serve as Chairman of the Program Committee. He shall also serve as the Publicity Officer of the Chapter. The Vice-President is responsible for making all the arrangements for each meeting.

PRESIDENT-ELECT

During the last year of his term, the Vice-President shall assume the role of President-Elect and "shadow" the President through any and all of the Chapter Business. He shall be included in all meetings and get included (copy to) in all correspondence, using this time to learn the duties and responsibilities of that Office, while not relinquishing any or all of the duties of the Vice President.

IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT [John (Jack) C. Haughton]

The Immediate Past-President shall assist the officers of the Chapter in all things. He shall assist in and be responsible for the training of the Chapter Officers. He shall serve to facilitate all meetings, events, and activities of the Chapter as the President deems necessary.

SECRETARY [OPEN]

The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the official records of the Chapter, record the minutes of all meetings in a neat and legible manner, keeping the register of all member and advise State/National of the membership: notification of all meetings, conducting the correspondence of the Chapter, and in the absence of the President and Vice-President shall preside over Chapter meetings. The Secretary shall maintain the current membership roster. He shall be responsible for preparing all reports required for the State and National Societies.

TREASURER [James Cooper]

The Treasurer shall be responsible for collecting, safekeeping, and depositing all funds of the Chapter, disbursing funds only within budgeted accounts unless with prior approval of the President, filing the required state and/or federal tax

reporting; maintaining the financial records in ready form for an audit at any time, and in the absence of the President and Vice-President and Secretary shall preside over Chapter meetings. The Treasurer shall serve as Chairman of the Budget Committee.

REGISTRAR [**W. D. Hill w/Ronald K. Finch**]

The Registrar shall receive all new applications for membership, examine the application for completeness and forward the required copies and related documentation to the State Registrar; maintain records of all applications received, dates of receipt and mailing to the State Registrar, and results of interim actions ending in final approval of the memberships, maintain a membership service record which will include deaths, transfers, dual memberships, dues payments, delinquencies, and a copy of each individual member's record application, NASSAR number, and TXSSAR number, honors and certificates of each member. The Registrar will apprise the Secretary of any change in the membership report.

HISTORIAN (Archivist) [**Philip A. Taylor**]

The Historian will be the custodian of the history, photographs, momentous, chapter honors and awards. He will present these items in special displays from time to time and, as the occasion demand, submit the necessary information to the TXSSAR in the annual contests. He shall submit and process as required all historical information to be digitized for historical preservation.

Photographer [Paul Ridenour]

CHAPLAIN [**OPEN**]

The Chaplain shall assist in meetings by being prepared to offer an invocation and a benediction proper on such occasions; the "friendship" Chairman of the Chapter, making every effort to stay informed of the health, illness, birthday, wedding anniversary, hospitalization, death or misfortunes of Chapter members and their families; respond with appropriate expressions that will evidence the chapter's concern, and visit with each new member, answer any questions concerning the SAR and generally make the new member welcome into the Chapter.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS (acting) [**Ron Finch**]

The Sergeant-at arms shall assist in maintaining order during meetings, as directed by the presiding officer. Shall assist with the "set-up and take-down" of all meetings presentation equipment. He shall assist with preparation and preservation of Chapter equipment for all meetings and events.

APPOINTED POSITIONS:

Color Guard Commander	Larry Kollie
Color Guard Lieutenant	Mark Gundert

There will not be a December meeting. The next meeting will be:

January 25, 2025 9:00 PM
The Hamilton at Garden Valley
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Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays. and Happy New Year