



# The Continental Report

*Ellis County Chapter #70-Texas SAR*

*Sons of the American Revolution*



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- Waxahachie
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*News of Ellis County Chapter*

**Next Meeting January 25, 2025**  
**9:00am Poker Room**  
**The Hamilton at Garden Valley**  
**880 Garden Valley Pkwy.**  
**Waxahachie, TX 75165**

*Welcome Applicants*

**Micah Kimball** - Col. Frederick Kimball

*Upcoming Events*

**Confederate Heroes Day Celebration Ceremony**

Texas United Daughters of the Confederacy

Hosted By Daffan – Latimer 37 Ennis

Sunday January 19,

Time: 2:00 PM

Myrtle Cemetery Chapel

611 S. Clay Street, Ennis, Texas

**130<sup>th</sup> Texas SAR Convention**

Hilton Richardson Dallas in Richardson, TX

March 27-30, 2025

**Texas DAR Convention**

George R. Brown Convention Center

Houston, Texas

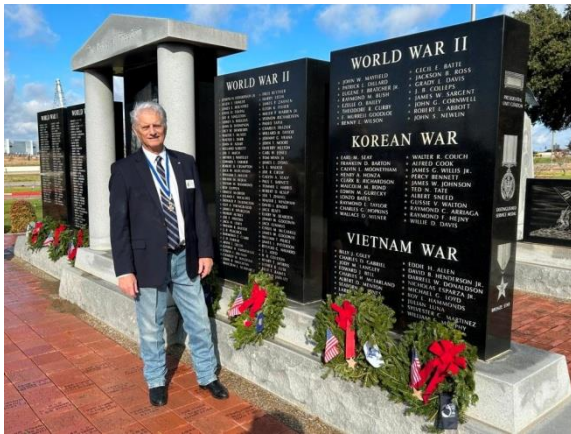
**2025 date not yet determined**



**Rebecca Boyce Chapter DAR members** attended the Anniversary party in November: Former Regent and Chaplain Vicki Williams, Mickie Hill, Regent of the King Fort Chapter Cynthia Goode, Regent Pat Hernandez, Ellis County UDC President Sharyn Taylor, Former Regent Elizabeth Tull, new member Andrea Haughton, and Jack Haughton, Ellis County #70 SAR Past-President.

**(SAR) W. David Hill** and **(DAR) Mickie Hill** attended the funeral of Navy veteran **Robert “Bob” Osborne**





Ellis County Chapter President **W. David Hill** attended the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Waxahachie Civic Center.



And the homecoming for Army National Guard Specialist **Von Aday** returning from Germany



**Compatriot Mike Tull** assisted building a wheelchair ramp for a veteran here in Waxahachie (7 people and about 4 hours each to build and install).

### *News from District #6*

Congratulations to our dual membership holding offices in their Primary Chapters for 2025:

District 6 Vice-President **Michael Goode, Sr.**

Dallas #2  
 1st Vice-President **Tom Van Fossen**  
 2nd Vice-President **J.D. Martin**  
 Secretary **Bill Watts**

Fork Trinity Chapter #47  
 Vice-President **B. Paul Ridenour**  
 Historian **Michael Goode, Sr.**

### *News from Texas SAR*

One of the objectives of the SAR is the promotion of true **patriotism through education**. The Sons of the American Revolution sponsors contests each school year through student presented posters, written essays, oral and video. Contests correspond with the school year.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Entering more than one contest is permitted.

- **Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence Outstanding American History Teacher Award**  
 Those teachers whose approved curriculum teaches students about the Revolutionary War era from 1750 to 1800 may enter the Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award Contest. The award is open to all teachers at the Elementary, Middle, or High school levels at a recognized public, private, or parochial institution.
- All 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students interested in the American Revolution are invited to participate in the **Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest**. The contest is open to public school, parochial, home schooled, Scouting, or Children of the American Revolution member students in that same grade range.

- **The Middle School Brochure Contest** is directed at students in the 6th, 7th, 8th or 9th grades, depending on which year the American Revolution is taught in their educational system - including ecumenical and home schooled students. Suggested themes are in the contest rules.
- **Adams Brochure Contest** is directed at students in the 6th, 7th, 8th or 9th grades of public school, parochial, home schooled, Scouting, and Children of the American Revolution member students in that same grade range. An entry will be accepted separately only in the case where America's Revolutionary period is not specifically covered during these middle school grades.
- **Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest** is open to 9th through 12th graders. A contestant can choose their own subject centered on pre, during, or post - Revolutionary War subject material. The speech must be at least 5 minutes but not longer than 6 minutes.
- The **Joseph Plumb Martin Video Contest** is open to all Texas high school students (7th through 12th grades) attending home schools, public schools, parochial schools, or private high schools. The contest is open to either individual contestants or a small team.
- The **Knight Essay Contest** is open to all high school students (9th through 12th grades) interested in the American Revolution students attending home schools, public, parochial, or private high schools in that same grade range. They must submit an original 800- to 1,200-word essay based on an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution.
- The SAR awards the **JROTC/ROTC Medal** to foster the principle of the “**Citizen-soldier**”, exemplified by the Minutemen of Revolutionary War Days. The program recognizes the “**Best of the Best**” cadets that demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities, military bearing, community service, and excellence in their school and ROTC/JROTC careers.
- The **SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship** is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached their 19th birthday during the year of application. Among the requirements are a 4- generation ancestor chart and a 500 word patriotic themed essay.
- **Cohen 4-H Public Speaking Contests** encourage 4-H members to compete at county, district, and state levels. Educational presentations on a wide variety of subjects may be presented. Preparing for and participating in contests helps members expand their educational experiences and learn to plan, make decisions, acquire information and skills, and develop self-confidence. The subject should fit the 4-H member’s interests, experience, knowledge, and skills. It should be exciting and challenging, not routine. 4- H projects provide excellent ideas.
- The **TEXAS SAR C.A.R. Scholarship Contest** calls for an essay on a pre-designated topic (listed at the beginning as Essay Topic) that deals with an event, person, philosophy, or ideal associated with the American Revolution, the Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution. **SPECIAL NOTE:** The essay portion of this scholarship contest corresponds with the **SAR Knight Essay Contest**. Therefore, the essay can be used for both contests, since both contests have different committees and contest requirements.

Detailed information about each contest and due dates and parental/guardian permission for and release can be found on the Texas SAR website. The contests are entered through the SAR chapter. Previous winning brochures, posters, essays, and video contest are available as examples.

### *News from National SAR*

**The National Genealogical Society (NGS)**, the nation's premier society for genealogical research, has chosen the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) as the host society for their 2025 national conference in Louisville! The Tales and Trails Family History Conference will take place from **May 23rd – May 26th** at the Historic Galt House Hotel in downtown Louisville and will bring over 1,400 attendees. The four-day conference will offer instructional sessions, luncheons, tours, and much more. Galt is only a half mile from SAR National Headquarters.

As the local host society, the SAR will coordinate with NGS in recruiting volunteers, garnering publicity, and planning events for the conference. This means The SAR will need a lot of volunteers to fill various roles! We will need booth workers, general conference workers (registration, classroom monitors, guides, etc.), Color Guard, library research helpers, docents, etc. While planning has just begun, we already have a live volunteer interest form so you can jump into the fun! For the most part, we really need boots on the ground help – sometime during the conference – which includes the pre-day activities (Friday) and Memorial Day activities (Monday).

If you can help, physically in Louisville, any of those days, **May 23rd – May 26th** please complete the **NGS, [SAR volunteer form](#)**.

National Society of the Sons of the American  
Revolution Headquarters  
809 W. Main St. Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Galt House Hotel  
140 N Fourth St, Louisville, KY 40202  
(502) 589-5200

## America 250

### Sestercentennial Recognition Medal (or Semiquincentennial)



The medal is easy to earn; The recognition program is designed to encourage and recognize those compatriots, chapters and societies that participate in local, state, national and international events which publically educate, and recognize, honor, and celebrate the events and heroes of the period surrounding the American Revolution. Participation involves the planning and execution of these events, as well as attendance. The medal covers the celebration of any event's 250th anniversary where said event related directly to acts of resistance to British attempts to coerce the residents in America: from the first Parliamentary Acts protested after the conclusion of the French and Indian Wars, through the armed struggle of the American War for Independence, to the ratification of the Treaty of Paris by the Continental Congress. This therefore will cover any public celebrations in the period from 2014 to 2033. The form may be submitted to cover multiple years and following the first submission be submitted in multiple years, only covering activities since the previous submission. Scorekeeping is the responsibility of each compatriot and awarding authority. You will receive an email authorizing the purchase from merchandising. **Non-SAR members** may also be awarded these medals.

The guidelines and points are described on page 5:

Submission information and form can be found at [250th-Anniversary-Form.pdf](#).

Save to record events and submit to:  
[250AnniversaryRecognition@sar.org](mailto:250AnniversaryRecognition@sar.org)

Awards are based on activity and the awarding of points for each type of activity:

- a. Directing, chairing or co-chairing an event or sub-committee for the duration of the event. (20 points)
- b. Participation in the planning, financing, promotion or conduct of an event other than directing, chairing, or co-chairing an event. Those that do direct, chair or co-chair an event and also serve as a regular member of a committee or sub-committee in a non-leadership role, may also earn points. (10 points)
- c. Attending an Event (3 points)
- d. Attending an event in Colonial Attire (5 points)

► **SAR Members** may be awarded the Medals for achieving the following levels:

- a. Bronze Medal: Compatriots who earn 25 promotion points as certified by their chapter, state, district or national society.
- b. Silver Medal: Compatriots who earn 60 promotion points as certified by their chapter, state, district or national society.
- c. Gold Medal: Compatriots who earn 150 promotion points as certified by their chapter, state, district or national society.

► **Non-SAR members** may also be awarded these medals:

- a. The chapter may present bronze awards to its Partners in Patriotism, and may recommend its Partners to the state or national society for higher recognition.
- b. The state and district may present silver awards to its Partners in Patriotism, and may recommend its Partners to the national society for higher recognition.
- c. The district or national society may present gold awards to its Partners in Patriotism.

## *The Historian's Watch*



*Larry Kollie recruits new members for the Sons of the American Revolution.*

Any time the Color Guard is in “full dress”, cameras come out. Everyone wants to take a picture. But, what happens to those pictures? Some may make their way to Facebook or the Chapter website, but I suspect the most remain in the camera. These are “moments in history” for our chapter. They need to be preserved either in the chapter scrapbook or in the Texas SAR archives.

If you take a photo at an event where Ellis County Chapter of the Son of the American Revolution is represented, please send it to this Historian with a notation for the photo. I have seen very few photos with a description of what event or person is depicted. The above photo of Larry Kollie, Color Guard Commander shows how (without the notation) the meaning is lost. This photo was from the Waxahachie Now Magazine and was taken at the C10 Truck in the Park event.

- DO NOT reduce the size of the photo.
- The full names and photos of Junior members will not be redacted, unless a parental release form is obtained.
- Video will not be archived. Put them on Facebook or Youtube. (Instructions and help on setting up a YouTube Channel can be found at the URL below – <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/1646861?hl=en>)
- Send notations of the photos in a text).to my email at [taylor.txsar70@gmail.com](mailto:taylor.txsar70@gmail.com).

## *Who We Are (My Patriot)*

by Philip Taylor

**Daniel Gillespie** (my maternal 4<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather) was born June 16, 1763 in Antrim County, Northern Ireland. His parents immigrated to South Carolina sometime between 1776 and 1779 and settled in Ninety-Six District, South Carolina, designated Abbeville County in 1785. At the age of 16, Daniel married Agnes English in the city of Abbeville in 1779.

According to pay vouchers, Daniel's militia service as a Private began at the age of 16 years in 1779 and ended in 1783. The militias were men in arms formed to protect their towns' invasion. In areas such as South Carolina they served as strike units against the British supply lines and attacking Loyalist units. If a militia company was summoned to active duty and sent to the front lines to augment the professionally trained Continental Army, it usually remained mobilized for no more than 90 days.

The Continental Army in South Carolina established the Upper Ninety-Six Regiment of the 3rd Brigade, March 28, 1778 commanded by Colonel Andrew Pickens. A year later, March 25, 1780, 17 year old Daniel Gillespie volunteered to join the Regiment commanded by Colonel George Reed in Captain Joseph Dawson's company.

The Upper Ninety-Six Regiment of the 3rd Brigade (commanded by Colonel Andrew Pickens) participated in skirmishes and battle of King's Mountain, October 1780, Long Canes and Cowpens, January 1781. During the Siege of Augusta, Gillespie's company rendezvoused on Long Cane Creek in Abbeville District and joined Colonel Reed's Regiment at Hard Labor Creek. From there they marched to Beach Island on the Savannah River below Augusta. Ordered over the River into the State of Georgia, they kept a Garrison where they lay in camp for one month. Gillespie was discharged June 27.

He again entered service under Capt. James McCall 10 July, 1781. The unit joined Gen. Pickens and later Gen. Marion at the High Hills of Santee.

The regiment was ordered to join Gen. Greene and take part in the Siege of Ninety Six. They then pursued the British to Orangeburg, Ashepoo and Bacon's Bridge near Charleston. Gillespie was discharged again.

Then in Sept 1782, he joined the mounted rangers on the frontier in the Last Cherokee Campaign. After a month he was discharged and rejoined Captain Joseph Calhoun as one of a company to guard the wagons which were engaged in procuring provisions for the Fort at General Pickens in which service he was engaged for the space of one month and was discharged where he resided in Abbeville District.

Their first child was born July 1790. After his wife, Agnes died in 1829 Daniel Gillespie moved to Troup County, Georgia to be near his children and died at the age of 85 years at his daughter's home in Chambers County, Alabama. (He had 9 children, 36 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.)



**NOTE: This section is for you to submit YOUR patriot.** We each have a Revolutionary ancestor that we like to talk about. This is your opportunity to do that. Send a text to the Editor (and photo if available).

*This Month – 250 Years Ago*



***Tarring & Feathering, 1774***

*(Photo courtesy of the Library of Congress)*

**Boston crowd seizes British customs collector**

On January 25, 1774, John Malcom struck a patriot supporter George Hewes in the streets of Boston. That night a crowd of patriots gathered outside of his home. They dragged him from his house, stripped him of his clothes, and poured hot tar over his body which scalded his skin. They then broke open pillows and covered him in feathers. They placed him on a cart and paraded him through the town of Boston. They passed the Old State House, the Old South Meeting House and the Liberty Tree. Along the way he was severely whipped and beaten with sticks and other objects. The crowd demanded he curse the royal governor and the king, which he refused. After being subjected to further beatings and whippings and threats of more bodily harm (including the threat of cutting off his ears), he ultimately gave in and cursed them. The crowd then forced him to drink tea until he vomited. He then was beaten more until he was finally dropped back at his home after the five hour ordeal. He survived the punishment but would carry the scars of that night for the rest of his life. When removing the tar from his body, the doctors noted that “flesh comes off his back in stakes.”

The notorious event was immortalized in a cartoon by Philip Dawe in England entitled “The Bostonians Paying the Excise-Man, or, Tarring & Feathering”. (*The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston*)

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**SAR Facebook pages:**

Ellis County Chapter #70 Texas SAR  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1368629110703478>

Sons of the American Revolution  
<https://www.facebook.com/NationalSocietySAR>

**SAR Web Sites:**

<https://www.sar.org/>

<https://www.txssar.org/>

<https://www.texassar.org/EllisCounty/>

**[Charter Photos Uploaded to TexasSAR:](#)**

[20241123 1st Year Anniversary 1.pdf](#)

[20241123 1st Year Anniversary 2.pdf](#)

[20241121 Continental Report.pdf](#)

***Daughters of the American Revolution***

Ellis County also has an active DAR Chapter. For more information please contact **Barbara Coan**, Registrar, Rebecca Boyce Chapter, NSDAR at [barbaraanncoan@hotmail.com](mailto:barbaraanncoan@hotmail.com).

