



The Continental Report

Ellis County Chapter #70-Texas SAR

Sons of the American Revolution



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Photo from an 1885 US History book

On the evening of Saturday, September 1, 1945, Americans gathered around their radios, waiting for a historic broadcast from the USS Missouri, anchored in Tokyo Bay. It was already September 2 in Japan, and after 2,194 days of conflict and an estimated 60 million military and civilian deaths worldwide, peace had finally come.

VJ Day, or Victory in Japan Day, arrived nearly four months after the Allies declared Victory in Europe. Following the atomic bombings of Hiroshima (August 6) and Nagasaki (August 9), Emperor Hirohito announced Japan's surrender in a radio broadcast on August 15, 1945. But the ceasefire was shaky at first. Japanese bombers continued to attack the Third Fleet for hours after the surrender announcement. US Navy Admiral William F. Halsey responded with this historic order, "It looks like the war's over, but if any enemy planes appear, shoot 'em down in friendly fashion." <https://blog.fold3.com/marking-the-80th-anniversary-of-the-end-of-wwii>

Next Meeting September 27, 2025

9:00am, Card/Poker Room

The Hamilton at Garden Valley

880 Garden Valley Pkwy.

Waxahachie, TX 75165

News of Ellis County Chapter

The Speaker scheduled for the Sept. meeting is our Chaplain, **Calvin D. Brown**. His subject is "Chaplains of the Revolutionary War".

There was a good turnout for the Waxahachie City County meeting. **DAR Regent Patricia Hernandez** received the Proclamation establishing September 17-23, 2025 as Constitution Week.



President David Hill installed **Larry Williams** as Treasurer. We owe our thanks to James Cooper for his contribution to our chapter.

Jack Haughton has received certification as VAVS Representative for The National Society Sons of the American Revolution at the Dallas VA Medical Center. He is requesting donations, for our Veterans to be brought the meeting. **A list of needs is the last page of the newsletter.** Contact Jack Haughton for more details and questions you may have. Thank you for your generosity!

Michael Glenn Goode Sr. was nominated for the Patriot Medal. He also received the National Vet Support medal and NSSAR posted an article about him. He received the Patriot Medal at State meeting this year, and then got the VA medal at National Congress.

The **Rebecca Boyce Chapter** DAR and Ellis County Chapter TXSSAR are jointly sponsoring a countywide blood drive in cooperation with Carter BloodCare.

Details will be shared in the *News from the DAR*.

The **America 250 Memorial Bench** project has reached its goal and a second bench s being planned. Our granite for the 250 Anniversary bench arrived at Giles Monument.

Wreaths Across America: We had a small turnout for the Waxahachie City Cemetery Headstone Cleaning Part. Photos taken by **Mickie Hill**. (Thank you Mickie) **David Hill** spoke to the Lions Club about the cemetery cleaning and laying the wreaths in December.



COMPATRIOT TO BE INDUCTED:
Brent Batla, Patrick Souter

COMPATRIOT INDUCTIONS SCHEDULED:
David Spaulding (Sept), Jeffry E. Frost (Nov)

APPLICATIONS APPROVED:
Jeff Jett, Mark Bounds

IN_PROCESS: Joel D. Bradley, Ronald Kevin Finch, Matt Gardner, Mark L. Gundert, Ty Hall, Jake Hibbard, Johnny Mitchell, Robert G. Shelton.

APPLICANTS: J. D. Durfey, Cory "Dodd" Duvall, Dustin Gunther, Robert Kaufman, Kenny Moore, Stephen Mosby, Anthony Mottla, Donald Stanphill, Richard Taylor, John A Vobis

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Michael Glenn Goode Sr.: The **Patriot Medal** is awarded only by a state society. It is the highest award given for service at the state or chapter level. This medal is presented only to individuals and may be received **ONLY** once. It represents long, faithful and outstanding service at the state and/or chapter level.

News from National SAR

Michael Glenn Goode Sr.: The SAR National Vet Support medal is known as the **Service to Veterans Medal**, awarded by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) to members who demonstrate outstanding service to veterans. Eligibility requires accumulating 5,000 Stark Award points, which are earned through volunteering, donating to veterans, or other related achievements.

Flag Flying Days

Oct 13	Navy Birthday
Oct 13	Columbus Day
Oct 27	Naval Forces Day

October Dates to Remember

- Oct 7, 1765 Stamp Act Congress convened
- Oct 8, 1871 Great Chicago Fire
- Oct 13, 1775 2nd C. C. authorized Navy
- Oct 13, 1792 GW laid WH corner stone
- Oct 17, 1777 Burgoyne surrenders to Gates
- Oct 27, 1787 Federalist Papers appeared
- Oct 31, 1941 Mount Rushmore completed
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Births in September

- ❖ Carter Braxton (VA) September 10, 1736
- ❖ James Wilson (PA) September 14, 1742
- William H. Taft September 15, 1857
- ❖ George Read (DE) September 18, 1740
- ❖ Charles Carroll (MD) September 19, 1737
- ❖ Samuel Adams (MA) September 27, 1722
 - Presidents
 - ❖ Signers of the Declaration

Deaths in September

- Warren G. Harding Sept 2, 1865
- ❖ John Penn (MD) Sept 14, 1788 (83)
- ❖ Abraham Clark (NJ) Sept 15, 1794 (68)
- ❖ George Reed (CE) Sept 21, 1798 (65)
 - Presidents
 - ❖ Signers of the Declaration

The Historian's Watch

The Ellis County Chapter history has been accumulated into 3 volumes. The year 2023 follows the genesis of the founding of the Chapter. Year 2024 outlines the Chapters growth. And 2025 is outlining the continuing service of the Chapter. Yearbooks are displayed at the State Convention.



STARK REPORT

Committee Mission Statement - Serve Veterans through service as they have served our country. This service can be visitations, donated hours to Veterans facility, donations of clothing and other items, or other ways of serving our Veterans.

USS Stark Memorial Award

The purpose of the Stark Award is to recognize outstanding Chapters and the most outstanding State Society within the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for their participation in Veterans Committee activities.

The program is from January 1 through December 31 of each year and is reported as part of the Annual Report. It is to be sent by the TXXSAR representative to the Executive Director at National Headquarters and the Veterans Committee Chairman by February 15. The Veterans Committee will judge the submittals at the Spring Trustees Meeting with the awards presented at the National Congress.

The winning State & Chapters will have their name and year engraved on a plaque and a streamer issued for attaching to the State SAR flagstaff and Chapter SAR flagstaff. First place streamers will be awarded to the most active Chapters by membership size.

John C. (Jack) Houghton has received certification as VAVS Representative for The National Society Sons of the American Revolution at the Dallas VA Medical Center. Founded in 1946 to provide for veterans in VA healthcare facilities, the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) is the largest volunteer program in the Federal government, with more than 350 national and community organizations involved in support of their mission.

SAR Members are encouraged to serve on the VAVS Advisory Committee at VA Hospitals as “appointed designees”, usually as a Primary and a Deputy. These are “full time status” positions and allow easy entry to the VA hospitals and clinics to serve veterans. **SAR chapter can have one Primary Representative and up to four deputies.** Increasing the number of deputies allows

representatives to cover “VA satellite clinics”. To be a designee, contact Michael Goode, Chairman, Veterans Committee.

INSTRUCTIONS: Start tracking your service with The USS Stark Memorial Award Activity Tracker found on www.sar.org. Search STARK , the tracker is the top file. Download the Excel file and review the tabs at the bottom of the page.

USS Stark Veterans Report

Your volunteer hours and service to Vets are needed on a monthly or quarterly basis rather than waiting to the end of the year. See the list on the last page. Report them to John Haughton at sarpatriot@aol.com.

Who We Are (My Patriot)

No one submitted a Patriot for this month.

NOTE: This section is for you, member or applicant, to submit YOUR patriot. We each have a Revolutionary ancestor that we like to talk about. This is your opportunity to do that. Just send a Word file to the Editor (and photo if available).

This Month – 250 Years Ago



Navy USS Constitution vs Guerriere



Continental Navy Jack

The **Continental Navy** was the navy of the United Colonies and United States from 1775 to 1785. It was

founded on October 13, 1775 by the Continental Congress to fight against British forces and their allies as part of the American Revolutionary War.

Due to the efforts of several prominent patrons such as John Adams, the Continental Navy eventually developed into a substantial force, though it never replicated the successes of the Continental Army. In 1776, Commodore Esek Hopkins was appointed by Congress to command the navy. Initially, the Continental Navy's ships consisted of purchased merchantmen, due to a lack of funds for constructing purpose-built warships. This resulted from American leaders focusing on the Continental Army, as they were aware that the Royal Navy's command of the sea meant no naval force they raised could hope to seriously challenge it. The primary missions of the Continental Navy, which eventually acquired a series of frigates and smaller warships, were to raid British shipping and colonies to acquire supplies for use by American troops along with defending US commerce.

During the American Revolutionary War, whaleboats were crucial for the Continental Navy and privateers, especially in coastal waters and on Long Island Sound. These versatile, maneuverable boats were used for raiding British supply lines, conducting amphibious assaults, and engaging in hit-and-run attacks. Their ability to operate in shallow waters and at night made them ideal for disrupting British operations and supporting the American war effort.

Whaleboats, though small, played a significant role in the naval aspects of the Revolutionary War, demonstrating the effectiveness of smaller, agile vessels in challenging the larger British navy.

In 1775, the thirteen American Colonies were under attack by hostile forces from across the Atlantic Ocean. The Navy celebrates October 13, 1775 as the birth of the United States Navy because that is the date on which the Continental Congress officially authorized the funding of two ships to interdict British forces. However, a month earlier, General George Washington, acting unilaterally, deployed three schooners off the coast of Massachusetts and thereby provisioned the colonies

with their first naval forces. Over the course of the Revolutionary War, more than 50 Continental vessels harassed the British, seized munitions, supplied the Continental Army, and engaged in international commerce with European allies like France.

The greatest naval successes of the Revolutionary War were secured by privateers, most famously John Paul Jones whose remains are kept in the crypt beneath the Chapel at the U.S. Naval Academy. A privateer was a private Sailor who was granted authority by a sovereign power by a "Letter of Marque" to intercept civilian merchant ships belonging to an enemy power. These "prize" ships were hauled into a court which had the authority to award a share of the spoils to the privateer and the ship's owners. Some 1,700 privateers captured more than 2,200 enemy ships during the Revolutionary War, compared to perhaps 200 ships captured by the Continental Navy.

The game changing event of the American Revolution was the defeat of the English forces at Yorktown in 1781. This forced surrender occurred because the French fleet defeated the English fleet at Chesapeake and were thereby poised to annihilate the English columns with their powerful cannon. Command of the littoral waters enabled land-based forces to prevail, a pattern repeated often throughout history.

Quality Navy ships are expensive and by 1785, the Continental Navy had been completely disbanded. After a decade without a Navy, State-sponsored pirate regimes in North Africa prevented U.S. merchant vessels from engaging in free commerce in the Mediterranean. The Naval Act of 1794 created a standing Navy, featuring the commissioning of six technologically sophisticated vessels that could engage or outrun any ship it encountered. One of them was the USS Constitution, still docked in Boston today.

After restoring freedom of navigation to the Mediterranean, the U.S. Navy prevented the invasion of New York state by the British in the War of 1812. Soon after, the U.S. Navy helped stamp out piracy on the high seas in South America, Africa and the Pacific. Between 1819 and the start of the Civil War, the U.S. Navy operated an Africa squadron which suppressed the slave trade, capturing more than 36 slave ships during this time. The U.S. Navy played a critical role in choking off supplies to the South during the Civil War, again highlighting the power of international trade to shape world events.

Interestingly, although European powers outlawed privateering in the 1856 Declaration of Paris following the Crimean War, the United States declined to join this convention because we feared that our underdog Navy might need such assistance. In the 1880s, we invested in modern steel battleships and by 1900 had built the world's fifth largest Navy. Privateering was outlawed for good at the Hague Conference of 1907.

John Paul Jones was a Scottish-born naval officer is often referred to as the "Father of the American Navy", Jones is regarded by several commentators as one of the greatest naval commanders in the military history of the United States. During the ensuing war with Great Britain, Jones participated in several naval engagements with the Royal Navy. He led a naval campaign in the Irish and North Seas, attacking British naval and merchant shipping, and other civilian targets. As part of the campaign, he raided the English town of Whitehaven, won the North Channel Naval Duel and won the Battle of Flamborough Head, gaining him an international reputation.

Sources: [Constituting America](#) , [Navy - Wikipedia](#) .
[Jones - Wikipedia](#)

News from the DAR



The Rebecca Boyce Chapter, NSDAR's Executive Board has approved our National Day of Service project.

On **October 11, 2025**, a Saturday, our chapter will host a **blood drive** in coordination with Carter BloodCare. It will be held in **downtown Waxahachie** on the square at the **Pocket Park** from **9:30 a.m. ~ 3:30 p.m.**

We hope all members and prospective members will support this chapter project beginning at this time in various ways by:

- saving the date;
- planning to donate blood if possible;
- asking spouses, family members, and friends to participate;
- enthusiastically sharing information about the blood drive when attending club meetings, church events, etc.; and
- spreading the word through personal social media platforms.

Closer to the date of the event, it will be possible to sign up online through Carter BloodCare. Moreover, walk-ins are most welcome!

Thank you, in advance, for working beforehand to promote and champion this lifesaving endeavor. **Each donation of blood has the potential to save 3 lives!** Plan to *be there on the square!*

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.



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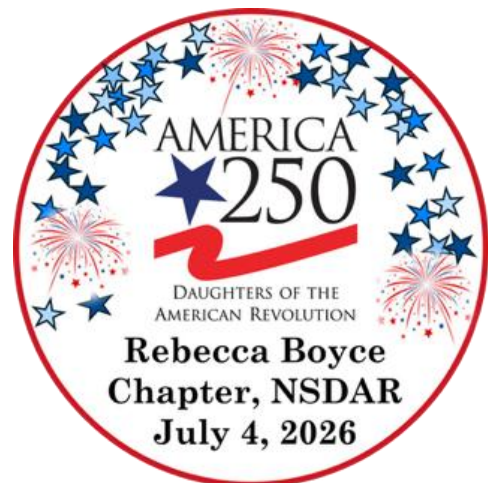
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All donations will be collected at the Chapter monthly meeting and delivered to the Dallas VA Hospital. The list refers to the needs of Bonham, but needs are the same with the Dallas VA Hospital. Copy this list and take it with you when you go shopping. Remember the Vets.

This will be a recurring activity and contributions are applied to our Starke (VA support) Report

Wants and Needs Listing

Comfort Items (Travel Size and Regular)

- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush (*Single pack*)
- Denture Cream
- Denture Cleaner
- Shower Gel/Wash (no bars)
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Lotion
- Powder
- Medicated Powder
- Shaving Cream
- Razors
- Manicure sets
- Hairbrushes
- Combs
- Hair Clips/Pony tail Holders
- Feminine Products
- Shower Shoes
- Lip Balm
- Hair Gel/Mousse

** If making a donation for comfort items, please remember all comfort items donated need to be new items.*

Other items needed for patients

- Phone Cards
- Envelopes #10
- Small writing tablets and Pen/Pencils
- Gas/Gift Cards for patients
- Reading Glasses (*Variety of Strengths*)
- Canteen Books
- Puzzle Books
- DART/TRE Passes
- Mailing Stamps
- Lap Robes
- Wheelchair bags
- Stoma Covers
- Bags/Luggage (new)
- Books

- Magazines (*no magazines over a year old will be accepted*)

Clothing (Gently worn items or new)

- Jackets
- Winter Coats
- Pants/Slacks
- Jeans
- Shirts
- T-Shirts
- Sweat Suits
- Skirts/Dresses
- House Shoes (new)
- Gloves (new)
- Winter Caps (new)
- Blouses

Undergarments for men and women (New Only)

- Underwear / Boxers (*variety of sizes needed*)
- Panties (*variety of sizes needed*)
- Sports Bras (*variety of sizes needed*)
- Men's undershirts (*variety of sizes needed*)
- Mens Socks
- Womens Socks

Equipment Needs

- TV's
- DVD Players
- DVD's
- Wii/ Wii Games
- Refrigerators (*Small and Full Size*)
- Coffee Pots (*12 cup and larger*)
- Laptops
- Microwaves
- Fax Machines

Fund for Coffee Cart and Supplies

- Coffee
- Coffee Filters
- Sugar
- Artificial Sweetener (Equal/Splenda/ Sweet and Low)