

**Plano Chapter #37
Sons of the American Revolution
Plano TX**



April Newsletter 2024



Mission Statement

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War Patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and by educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country





President's Message

By Bob Johns, President



THE SHOT HEARD ROUND THE WORLD

April is a vitally important month in American History. The Battles of Lexington and Concord, fought on April 19, 1775, kicked off the American Revolutionary War (1775-83). . Many more battles followed, and in 1783 the colonists formally won our independence.

The "shot heard round the world" is a phrase that refers to the opening shot of the battles of Lexington and Concord. It originates from the opening stanza of Ralph Waldo Emerson's 1837 poem "Concord Hymn". But the source of the phrase is outweighed by the power of the phrase. That shot heard round the world was the first to start a democracy.

The United States was the first nation in modern times to achieve its independence in a national war of liberation and the first to explain its reasons and its aims in a Declaration of Independence.

In addition to establishing our Independence, the American Revolution established a republic, with a government dedicated to the interests of ordinary people rather than the interests of kings and aristocrats.

The American Revolution committed the new nation to ideals of liberty, equality, natural and civil rights, and responsible citizenship and made them the basis of a new political order.

We as SAR members are living legacies of the Revolution and these principles, more important now as we face the challenges of the modern world than ever before. Without understanding them, we find our history incomprehensible, our present confused, and our future dark. Understanding them, we recognize our common origins, appreciate our present challenges, and can advocate successfully for the principles of our democracy.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT IS ALSO OUR CHALLENGE

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One of the exciting initiatives embraced by SAR is the National [America 250](#) Program, dedicated to observing and celebrating the 250th anniversary of American independence. In addition, the SAR has provided a fantastic resource at [SAR America 250](#) where you can learn more about this important time in history. In our future chapter meetings, our History Minute will present an detailed look into the events leading up to the Declaration of Independence as they occur. Two months ago, our Registrar, Duane Carter kicked off our program with a presentation about The Boston Tea Party. This month, we'll discuss the Intolerable Acts.





News Items



The Plano SAR Color Guard Presents the Colors at The Plano Symphony Orchestra Children's Concerts



The Color Guard Compatriots participating on 19 March are:
l-r: Bob Johns, Bill Graham (McKinney Chapter), Tom Van Fossen (Dallas Chapter), Dan Hamilton (Arlington Chapter), Dave Fautheree (Plano Color Guard Commander)



**PLANO
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA**
HECTOR GUZMAN MUSIC DIRECTOR



The Color Guard Compatriots participating on 21 March are:
l-r: Bob Johns, Dave Fautheree (Plano Color Guard Commander), Larry Melton, Dan Hamilton (Arlington Chapter)

The Plano SAR Color Guard has successfully completed its run of appearances at the School Concert Education Program offered by The Plano Symphony Orchestra at The Robinson Fine Arts Center throughout the months of February and March. The opportunity to present the Colors to the students was certainly an honor. Members of the Plano Color Guard, along with Compatriots from the Arlington, McKinney and Dallas Chapters, presented the Colors. The Plano Color Guard looks forward to taking part in future programs offered by the Plano Symphony Orchestra.





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The Plano Symphony Orchestra Receives the National SAR Good Citizenship Certificate and Medal



**PLANO
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The week of March 19, the Plano Symphony Orchestra performed 6 concerts for area school children, repeating the schedule they performed in February.

In total, approximately 9000 school children were given a free concert, both watching the performance and being taught what the instruments were and learning how they sound.

A color guard comprised of several north Texas SAR chapters opened each concert by presenting and posting flags while the orchestra played our national anthem.

Before the final concert March 22, the Color Guard presented a framed Good Citizenship Certificate and Medal, jointly sponsored by the Plano and Arlington Chapter Color Guards, to the Orchestra and to its Director/Conductor, Hector Guzman.

On 26 March, Luis Rodriguez, Director of Artistic Operations for the Plano Symphony Orchestra sent the following kind note to Commander Fautheree:

“Thank you so much Dave! Beautiful pictures!! We enjoy the collaboration with you guys and we are so thankful and honored for the medal and certificate presented to the PSO. We are looking forward to seeing you guys on July 4th for our patriotic pops concert at the Eisemann Center.

I will be in touch! Thank you so much again!

Best Wishes,

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Introducing The Texas SAR Ladies Auxiliary!

Who are we? We are wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of a member of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution. We are their support team, when asked, and we help further the objectives and patriotic activities of the Society.

Our Ladies Auxiliary invites you to visit and review our [LATXSSAR](#) site. There you will meet our officers, review the purpose of our auxiliary, see the minutes and reports of our activities and projects, and find eligibility for membership.

We meet three times a year, in the fall for a Board of Managers Meeting, in the spring for a State Annual Convention and in August on Zoom. The host city furnishes a hospitality room for our members, and they plan innovative tours and activities. In other words, we have a lot of fun and camaraderie with other ladies who have like interests. Our website has an application form for your convenience. If you have questions regarding eligibility for membership or questions about LATXSSAR activities please contact me at any time.

Meg Anderson, President LATXSSAR
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New Training Modules for All SAR Members!

Compatriots,

The National SAR has created a number of News and Training Modules and all are worth reading. These modules cover a host of topics ranging from interviews with book authors to the latest training for those aspiring to become Chapter Registrars.

You can access this knowledge base by going to the [SAR Website](#) and selecting the "eLearning" tab. The training modules are on the left and the archived modules are on the right. Of particular benefit to the new SAR Compatriot is the module "SAR Compatriot Training". Select this course and select all the modules.

I guarantee that you will come away with much increased knowledge and appreciation for the fine Organization that you have become a part of.

Randall Bush, Secretary Plano Chapter





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The State SAR John Bruce Stuart Jr. Memorial Award: Established by the Plano Chapter in memory of Compatriot John B. Stuart Jr.

By Bob Johns, President

This award was established by the Plano Chapter in memory of Compatriot John B. Stuart Jr. and is awarded to the Chapter that best meets the criteria based on Veterans activities in the past year.

John Bruce Stuart was the Historian of the Plano Chapter. He was known as “Mr. Volunteer” in Plano. When former Plano Chapter President John Greer started chairing the State Veterans committee around 1997, the State of Texas had no Veterans award. We used to have plaques for each contest. There was only one winner. The Georgia Society was putting together a National contest and Doug Stanberry and Stan Evans were the driving force and it became the USS Stark award. Bruce passed away and his widow donated \$100 to purchase the plaque and I made a motion at the State to name our state award The John Bruce Stuart Memorial Veterans award and we would use the same criteria as the Stark award. The Chapter with the most points got the plaque and the other three categories would get a certificate. Over the years we made sure it was, and would always be, a State Veterans award sponsored by the Plano Chapter in Honor of John Bruce Stuart.

The “award” is now one winner, and a certificate given at the state meeting signed by the state president and the winner named by the state chairman of the Veterans Committee.

New at the National WWII Museum in New Orleans

**By Dr. Steve Driever, Past President Plano
Chapter**

Although there are more than 130 World War II museums in the US, there is only one National WWII Museum – in New Orleans. That unique museum is a must-see for a better understanding of World War II, the war to defend democracies from attacks by fascist totalitarian Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan.

I will not reiterate what is available on the museum’s excellent website. What I want to share with you is the new interactive exhibit, made possible by artificial intelligence (AI), where visitors can have a discussion with images of 18 WWII veterans, an aircraft factory worker, and even a dancer who performed in USO shows. One can ask questions about the war or about their personal lives. This exhibit opened on March 20th. The 18 veterans and war-effort supporters sat for interviews over a period of four years and each answered up to thousand questions.

The visitor can stand in front of a console and pick who they want to converse with. Then a life-size image of that person, comfortably seated, appears on the screen. Using AI algorithms, the console selects the best of the up to one thousand answers to match to the visitor’s questions.

Veterans used to volunteer to man a table at the museum to answer visitors’ questions about WWII, but since the museum opened in 2000 the number of WWII veterans still alive has made that practice almost impossible.

In conclusion, if you plan to visit New Orleans, use the museums [website](#) to buy your tickets for a given day and time. That site also has information on hotel reservations and dining as well as other information to make your visit as pleasant and productive as possible.

Dr. Steven L. Driever
Past President of Plano Chapter





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The Henry Commemorative Rifle Raffle

A Message From Ron Turner (CTC), Retired, Vice President, District 5, Texas SAR

Compatriots,

To celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States, The Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas Sons of the American Revolution is conducting a RAFFLE for a Commemorative Rifle. This Henry Rifle Company .22 Rifle commemorates the **Boston Tea Party**.

Tickets are \$20.00 per ticket.

Proceeds support the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter #6 Youth Awards Program and the TCU History Award Program. Not a gun enthusiast? Then, please consider making a donation!

To make Donations or purchase Tickets , contact:

Ron Turner at rjturner0815@gmail.com

Drawing for winning ticket is May 18, 2024.

Do not need to be present to win.

In Patriotism,

Ron Turner, CTC (Retired)

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Vice President, District 5, Texas SAR

Editor, The Texas Compatriot, Texas SAR

President, Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter





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The Liberty Lives T-Shirt

Compatriots,

Arlington chapter is offering these patriotic T-shirts as a fundraiser for the Chapter. The Design front and back is as shown. They are available in sizes S-XL. Price is \$20 each. Limited quantity available. More available on demand. Please share with your Compatriots.

Best Regards,

Dan Hamilton
President, Arlington Chapter #7
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Member Anniversaries for April

Edward Bishop	23 years
Richard Bradley	6 years
Gary Compos	9 years
George Joyce	27 years
Christopher Mayfield	4 years
James Parsons	5 years





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Patriot Stories

By Duane Carter, Registrar

Beginning with this issue of the Newsletter, we will explore the accounts of the Patriot Ancestors of our Membership. Weather involved in close action or providing beef and grain to the troops, our ancestors all had a hand in creating this great nation. Please take the time to enjoy the sacrifices and actions of these as we share their stories each month.

Compatriot Bradford Gaian, whose Patriot Ancestor is **Nathan Noble**, a Massachusetts Private born in 1722 who died at Saratoga 7 Oct 1777. The American victory at Saratoga was a clear turning point in the Revolution, with the French joining our cause with the demonstration of American strength and will. There is actually a short book entitled "A Soldier of Three Wars" written about him. He was a veteran soldier before the Revolution, having previously fought in Louisburg, and the French and Indian War. The book says that "after the battle was won... he was struck by a musket-ball in the forehead and mortally wounded".

BJ Bjorkland, whose Patriot ancestor is **John Edwards**, a soldier who enlisted at Concord in 1777, and was to become a Colonel. BJ retold the story passed down from the Patriot's wife born Susannah Harrington. She was an 11 year old girl in Lexington Ma on April 19, 1775 when she heard the alarm that "The Redcoats Are Coming!" Before the day was over three of her Harrington cousins would be slain by the Redcoats. As an old lady, Susannah passed the first hand story of Lexington to her granddaughter, who repeated the story to her DAR Chapter.

From the Editor: "Why I Bother"

By Randall Bush, Secretary

The other day, President Johns and I were discussing the "big picture" as it were, of the SAR and of our Chapter in particular. My feeling is that we belong to a very important organization. We live in a time where time, itself, has worked against us. Our citizens are enjoying the benefits of living in our Republic while forgetting (and in many cases, are not even aware of) the sacrifices made to get here and keep us here. I figure one of the most important things we can do today is reach out to our citizens and educate them about the fine inheritance they possess and how to husband it. To do that, we as Compatriots have to become energized, be educated ourselves and be willing to get involved.

"Salve nostra republica"





Upcoming Events



The Plano SAR Chapter Color Guard and JROTC Events and Ceremonies Schedule

Compatriots, beginning this month, the Color Guard and JROTC schedule will be presented in one schedule. This is because the Color Guard participates in many JROTC events. Presenting the schedule in this manner also allows all of you a 10,000 foot view of the months ahead, giving you the opportunity to look at your own schedules with the intent of attendance at an event or two. For more information, please reach out to:

dave.fautheree@gmail.com for **Color Guard** information
aroachraidspray9@gmail.com for **JROTC** information.

April Events:

April 10 - Patriots Day at Providence Christian School at 5002 West Lovers Lane, Dallas TX (Dallas Chapter Event) Event at 9:00 AM, muster at 8:20 am **CG**

April 18 - Plano WEST Senior High School JROTC Award Ceremony - contact Alan Roach if you would like to participate. Event at 6:00 PM at Competition Gym. Recipient: Cadet Maj Siddharth Giri. **JROTC CG**

April 27 - Colors Presentation at Molly Corbin DAR Chapter Patriot Grave Marking, Chinn's Chapel Cemetery in Copper Canyon/Lewisville. This is a large ceremony with 5 DAR Chapters participating to mark the grave of a daughter of a Revolutionary War Patriot. Event at 11 AM. **CG**

April 27 - Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville TX (National Event + Automatic Qualification for Texas Society Bronze Galvez Medal. Event at 10 AM. **CG**

April 30- Lebanon Trail High School JROTC Award Ceremony -- Larry Melton presenting, but others welcome to join--contact Alan Roach. Ceremony will be held at Scottish Rite conference room, 5700 Dallas Parkway, Frisco. Event starts at 7 pm. Recipient Cadet Petty Officer 1st Class (C/PO1) Nikhil Kotta. **JROTC CG**

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The Plano SAR Chapter Color Guard and JROTC Events and Ceremonies Schedule (Cont'd)

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May Events:

May 3 - Lake Highlands High School JROTC 4th Annual Awards Ceremony/Pass in Review - contact Alan Roach if you would like to participate. Event at 11 AM - 1 PM Recipient C/SGM Juan Patino. **JROTC CG**

May 3 - Flower Mound Marcus HS AFJROTC (TX-881) Award Ceremony at Larry Sigler Auditorium , 7 pm. Alan Roach and David Fautheree presenting. Recipient: C/1Lt Rudy L. Loethen. **JROTC CG**

May 6 - Plano EAST Senior High School JROTC Award Ceremony at Auditorium- contact Alan Roach if you would like to participate. Event at 7 pm. Recipient: Cadet Commander Sgt Maj Christian Ralda Ramos. **JROTC CG**

May 8 - Hebron High School 9th Grade Campus Cafeteria - contact Alan Roach if you would like to participate (Alan will be in Alexandria, LA, that day.) Event at 4-6 PM Recipient: Cadet Sr. Chief Petty Officer Mabry Gonzalez. **JROTC CG**

May 16 - DART Older Americans Event, Fair Park - details are TBD. Event starts at 10 AM. **CG**

May 21 - Tomb of the Unknown Soldier "Massing of the Colors", Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial Park, 3101 Harvey Rd., College Station, Texas 77840. This is a National CG event. Event at 11:00am, Muster at 10:00am.
Contact: David Hamaker, dhamaker@yahoo.com or 936-522-6018. **CG**





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The 2024 129th Annual Texas SAR Convention 11 April - 14 April, 2024

Compatriots:

San Antonio Chapter #4 invites you to the 2024 129th Annual Texas SAR State Convention in San Antonio, Texas. Registration for the 2024 Texas SAR Annual Conference, April 11th (Thursday) through April 14th, 2024 (Sunday), is open and available on the Texas SAR website under the Events tab, or [click here to go directly](#). Please note that **Thursday, April 5th** will be the last day that we will accept online registrations. Also note, that **March 18th** is the final day to get the group rate at the DoubleTree by Hilton for rooms.

HOTEL INFORMATION: (GROUP RATE RESERVATIONS HAVE CLOSED)

Registration for the meeting does NOT reserve a hotel room for you. The hotel for the meeting is the DoubleTree by Hilton - San Antonio Airport, 611 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX. The rate is \$105/night (plus taxes) parking is free. The room block is limited, and the group rate will expire on **March 18th**. You can get your hotel reservation directly by going to online reservations on the Texas SAR website, [Click here for the DoubleTree by Hilton Website](#) or you can call them directly if you are having problems and identify yourself as being affiliated with the "Texas Society SAR" and request a special rate to get your room. Hotel reservations can be made by telephone - Call the DoubleTree at 210-340-6060.

MEETING REGISTRATION:

The preferred registration option is online via PayPal, but you may also register for the conference via PDF form and mail. To Register via the PDF form (complete, print, and mail with your check) [click here](#). All mailed reservations must be received no later than April 5th.

For the online registration form with payment by PayPal (credit card) [click here](#). Paid Registration is required for all SAR members. Delegates must have current paid dues.

IMPORTANT: No online registration payments will be accepted after 11:00 pm, Thursday, April 5th. After that time, you will need to complete a form and register at the conference when you arrive. To do this, the late Registration fee will be \$60 when you register at the conference. You may not be able to purchase meals if you must register on-site.

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The 2024 129th Annual Texas SAR Convention 11 April - 14 April, 2024 (Con't)

If we have not received your application via USPS (United States Postal Service) (**not later than April 5th**) or your online paid application by the time you show up to the conference, you will need to do another application and pay at the registration desk - your old check will be canceled when received.

If you are mailing your registration via USPS please be aware of the time required for delivery. You will be notified via email when your mail-in registration has been received.

SILENT AUCTION:

Texas SAR Patriot Fund Silent Auction - We hope each Texas SAR Chapter will consider donating at least one Patriotic or High-Value item to the Texas SAR Patriot Fund Auction. [Click here for more information.](#)

RAFFLE:

We have an exceptional Raffle for a 1777 Charleville Flintlock Musket. This is a working firearm and is excellent for participation with the Color Guard, hunting, or display. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. It is valued at over \$900.00. [Click here for more information.](#)

LADIES' TOUR:

On Friday, the ladies of the SAR Ladies' Auxiliary will be able to experience the beauty of the King William Streets of San Antonio including a guided tour of the Villa Finale Museum & Garden, and finish with a luncheon at one of the premier Mexican restaurants of San Antonio, Rosario's (Dutch Treat). [Click here for more information.](#)

THE FOOD:

We have made some excellent menu choices this year at reasonable prices. To review our menu choice for each of the luncheons, banquet, and 1812 Breakfast: [View Menu Choices Here.](#)
We hope to see you in San Antonio and provide an enjoyable conference!

Best Regards,

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Host Chapter Registrar
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Upcoming Events



The 2024 129th Annual Texas SAR Convention 11 April - 14 April, 2024 (Con't)

AGENDA

Here is the AGENDA for upcoming State Convention in San Antonio from 11 April to 14 April:

THURSDAY • April 11th

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm - Special Programs
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm – Special Programs
Dinner on your own

FRIDAY • April 12th

8:00 am - 11:30 am - Committee Meetings
Friday committee mtgs below.
8am Finance
9am Ladies Tour
9am ROTC Sub-Committee
9:45am Americanism
11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Lunch Break
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm - Committee Meetings
* 12:30pm Color Guard
1:50 pm - Muster for Color Guard photo
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm - 1st General Session
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm - President's Reception.

SATURDAY • April 13th

8:30 am - 11:30 am - 2nd General Session
9:00 am - 10:00am - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
12:00 am – 2:00 pm - Youth Awards Lunch
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm - Memorial Service
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm - 3rd General Session
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm – Social
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm - Dinner Banquet

SUNDAY • April 14th

7:00 am - 8:30 am - GSW1812 Breakfast
8:30 am – 9:00 am - Religious Service
9:00 am – 11:30 am - BOM meeting





Volunteer Opportunities



Thomas Elementary History Fair - Volunteers Needed

Hello, Compatriots!

On or about November 27 last year, Thomas Elementary School advertised a History Fair. Since this was announced so far in advance, I am sure most of you forgot all about it. (I sure did!) Anyway, it's happening. And I need volunteers! Here is the announcement:

"Good morning all!

*The annual PISD History Fair is coming in the Spring! I am the History Fair Chairperson for Thomas Elementary again this year. We are in need of judges for this year's history fair on **April 10th from about 8:30am-12pm** . The theme this year is "Turning Points in History." We are so excited to see what the students choose to center their projects on! I am hoping that I am catching you early enough for you to plan on judging for us. We would so appreciate you giving your time to support our students! Would you be interested in judging at our fair on April 10th? We would love to have you.
Please let me know as soon as you are able.*

Thanks!

Ayanna

*Ayanna Black Briggs, M.Ed.
GT Specialist | PACE/Advanced Academics
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So please, volunteers, anyone? April 10 is a Wednesday. Please contact me at AroachRaidspray@yahoo.com.

Thanks,

ALAN ROACH, RPh, DPh
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This Month's Fun Factoid

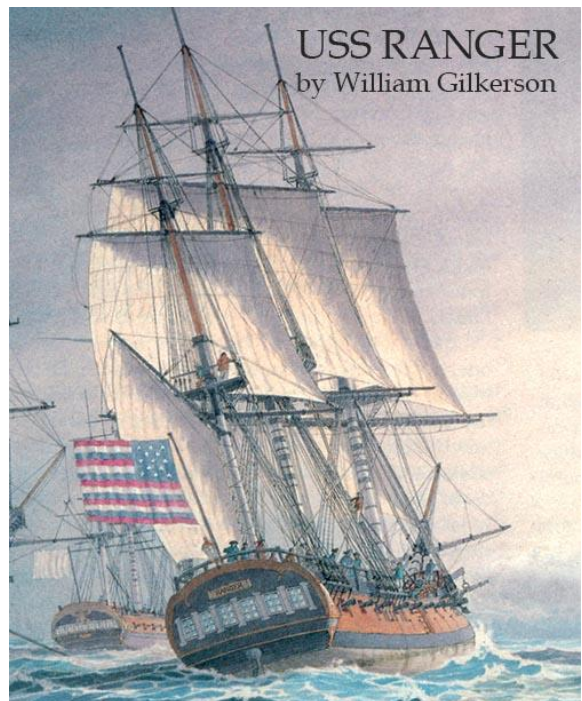


The First Formal Recognition of the American Flag by a Foreign Warship

Contributed by Bob Johns

February 14, 1778

On this date, the United States flag was formally recognized for the first time by a foreign naval vessel. The 74-gun French ship of the line ***Robuste***, commanded by **Count Toussaint-Guillaume Picquet de la Motte**, rendered a nine-gun salute to the ***USS Ranger***, commanded by **Captain John Paul Jones**.



“Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an Independent Supreme Court, and a Nation of Free Men.”



The Minutes

of the

5 March 2024

Chapter
Meeting

Plano Texas
Chapter #37

Sons of the
American
Revolution

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Tuesday 5 March, 2024 Meeting Location: Outback Steakhouse, 1509 N Central Expy, Plano, TX 75075

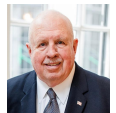
In Attendance:

Kevin Ennis, Dave Fautheree, John Martindale, Dorne Martindale, Larry Melton, Marlys Melton (DAR), Joe Conger, Steve Driever, Duane Carter, Nget Carter, Bryan Humphreys, Lea Humphries (DAR), Drake Peddie (TXSAR), Randy Bush, Tracy Curtin, Melvin Richards, Bradford N Gaian, Tom Van Fossen (TXSAR), BJ Bjorklund, Paul Redenour, Alan Roach, Howard Roach, JoEllen Roach, John Rothermel, Jackie Rothermel, Bob Johns, Grover Thurman and Ora Jane Johnson.

Total Attendance: 28

Call to Order:

The Meeting is called to order by President Bob Johns at 7:00pm.



The Invocation:

Offered by Kevin Ennis, VP Awards and Medals

Pledge to The American Flag:

Offered by Joe Conger



I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and justice for all.

Pledge to The Texas Flag:

Offered by Larry Melton



Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, One State under God, one and indivisible.

Pledge of The Sons of the American Revolution:

Offered by Alan Roach, Vice President, School Activities, JROTC and BSA



We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.



- **Self Introductions**
- **Consideration and approval of The Minutes from the 5 March 2024 Chapter Meeting.**
 - Motion to Accept: Howard Roach, Treasurer
 - 2nd to Motion: Alan Roach, VP, School Activities, JROTC and BSA
- **Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Howard Roach, Treasurer.

- **President Bob Johns introduces our History Minute Speaker.**



The History Minute

“The English/British North American Colonies: Not All Created Equal”



Presented by Randy Bush, Secretary

Randy discusses the three types of governance the English/British used in the formation of the North American colonies: Royal, Charter and Proprietary.



- **Melvin Richards, Vice President of Programs, introduces our Featured Speaker.**

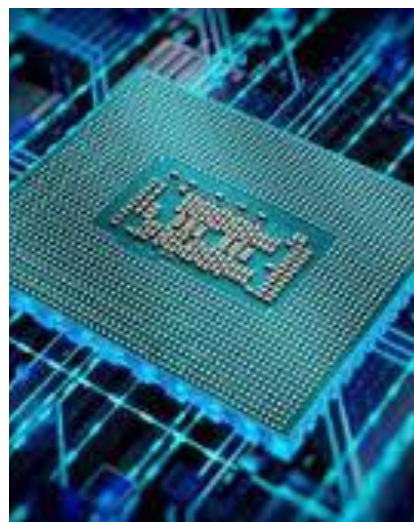


The Featured Speaker Presentation

“Taiwan, Chips and China”

Presented by Duane Carter, Registrar

Duane discusses the evolution of the microchip from the late '60s until the present day. He details, not only the development of the hardware that provides us with many items that we take for granted today, but also the political and military intrigues that have occurred between China and Taiwan. He concludes by discussing the impact this conflict has had and the current effect on consumer goods globally.



Photos: Duane presents the evolution of the microchip in Taiwan, the Taiwan Flag, Intel CPU Chip

- **Kevin Ennis, VP Medals and Awards, presents Duane with a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation.**



- **BJ Bjorklund receives his SAR membership certificate and Rosette Pin from President Bob Johns. BJ's ancestor, John Edwards, enlisted in the Massachusetts Militia at Concord in 1777. Compatriot Bjorklund takes the Oath of Membership of the Sons of the American Revolution.**



- **Compatriot Bjorklund speaks about his Patriot Ancestor, John Edwards. He shares with us a most remarkable account from Patriot Edwards' wife, Susannah Harrington. This first-hand account of the battle of Lexington was told to her granddaughter and passed down through his ancestors.**



- **Bradford Gaian receives his SAR membership certificate and Rosette Pin from President Bob Johns. Bradford's ancestor, Nathan Noble (1722-1777), fought and died in the Battle of Saratoga on 7 October 1777. Compatriot Gaian takes the Oath of Membership of the Sons of the American Revolution.**



- **Compatriot Gaian speaks about his Patriot Ancestor, Nathan Noble. He shares with us that Patriot Noble was a veteran of the French and Indian War and is also the subject of a short book entitled “A Soldier of Three Wars” by Nathan Goad.**



- **President Bob Johns appoints Dave Fautheree as Chapter Color Guard Commander.**
- **Tom Van Fossen, VP Texas SAR District 6, presents the Gold Valdez Certificate and Medal to President Bob Johns for six years of continuous Color Guard service in at least eighteen national events.**



- **Dave Fautheree, Color Guard Commander, presents the Color Guard Report.**



Events so far this year: 8

Color Guard Events in February

1. Plano Symphony Children's Concerts

2/20 - 2/23 (7 Chapter events)

Participants: Dave Fautheree, Bill Graham, Dan Hamilton, Brent Harshman, Bob Johns, Larry Melton

Upcoming Events

1. Plano Symphony Children's Concerts at Robinson Fine Arts Center in Plano (7 Chapter Events)

Mar 19 - 11:30 AM

Mar 20 - 10 AM & 11:30 AM

Mar 21 - 10 AM & 11:30 AM

Mar 22 - 10 AM & 11:30 AM

2. Patriots Day at Providence Christian School at 5002 West Lovers Lane, Dallas TX

Wednesday, Apr 10, event at 9:00 AM. muster at 8:20 am

3. Colors Presentation at Molly Corbin DAR Chapter Patriot Grave Marking, Chinn's Chapel Cemetery in Copper Canyon/Lewisville

Apr 27 - 11 AM

This is a large ceremony with 5 DAR Chapters participating to mark the grave of a daughter of a Revolutionary War Patriot

4. Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville TX (National Event + Automatic Qualification for Texas Society Bronze Galvez Medal

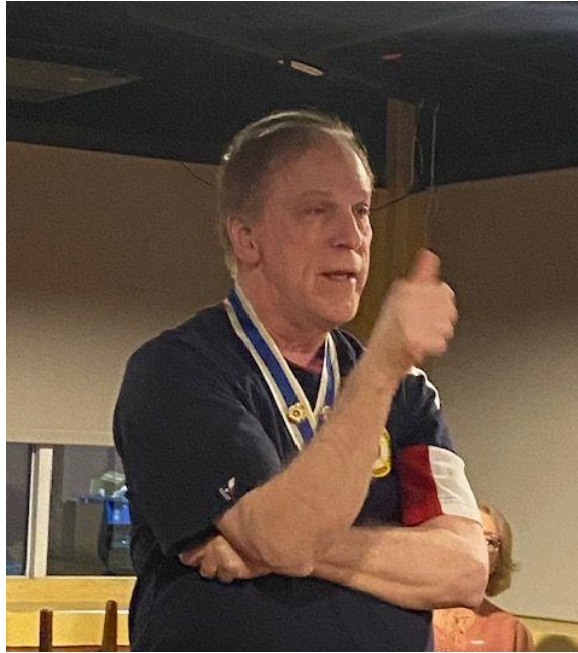
Apr 27 - 10 AM

5. Lake Highlands High School JROTC 4th Annual Awards Ceremony/Pass in Review

Friday, May 3, 11 AM - 1 PM



- **Drake Peddie, Texas SAR, brings us up to date on information from several organizational committees.**



The Benediction:

Offered by Kevin Ennis, VP Awards and Medals.

The Adjournment/Recessional:

Offered by President Bob Johns.

“Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an Independent Supreme Court, and a Nation of Free Men.:

Respectfully Submitted,

Randall Bush
Secretary
Plano Chapter #37
Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution

