

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



June 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

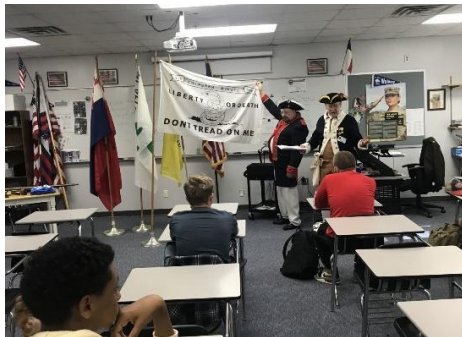


By Bob Johns, President

Flag Display and Retirement

Compatriots,

June 14 is National Flag Day. SAR and DAR members should lead the way by example and display the national flag regularly, if not daily. I believe we should all have passing knowledge of the [US Flag Code](#). Our color guard conducts flag presentations at area high schools when invited to do so. They display 8 or 10 flags flown during the American Revolution and talk about both the flags and the Revolution and touch on the principles of the founding fathers of our country. Here are a couple of photos from past presentations:



SAR chapters nationwide seek out individuals and businesses that regularly and properly display our national flag and that is something all chapter members can help. As you travel around the area, begin to notice homeowners and business locations that display our flag. Jot down the addresses and inform any member of our board. We will do the rest. What is the rest? We will contact the people and, if acceptable to them, we will create an SAR Flag Recognition Certificate and present that certificate with color guard members in uniform at their location. If the people prefer, we can simply mail them the certificate. Help us do this regularly by passing along location information. Our chapter conducts a **Flag Retirement Ceremony** annually at **Plano Fire Station 12—corner of Coit and Parker**. The ceremony teaches us about the flag, its origin and how to properly retire worn and tattered flags. Chapter Member Maj Gen Keith Thurgood acts as flag inspector and other chapter members take part in the event. John Rothermel is our bugler. I encourage all chapter members to attend on **Saturday June 15, 10:00 AM**. Finally let's all promote patriotism and honor our flag by flying one at our homes regularly.





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The 80th Anniversary of D-Day: The Allied Invasion of Europe 6 June 1944

Contributed by Randall Bush, Secretary

The Normandy landings were the landing operations and associated airborne operations on Tuesday, 6 June 1944 of the Allied invasion of Normandy in Operation Overlord during World War II. Codenamed Operation Neptune and often referred to as D-Day, it is the largest seaborne invasion in history. The operation began the liberation of France and the rest of Western Europe, and laid the foundations of the Allied victory on the Western Front.

Nine allied nations, consisting of over 150,000 troops, assembled on the beach that day. They were met with heavy resistance from German troops, who were waiting on top of nearby cliffs.

According to the National D-Day Memorial Foundation, 23,000 paratroopers from the U.S. and Great Britain were dropped by aircraft and gliders. More than 5,000 ships were also used to support the invasion, also called "Operation Overlord." By daylight, the beach was under Allied control.

Within the next five days, the Allies brought over 326,000 troops, 54,000 vehicles and 104,000 tons of supplies to the area for the military operation, according to the D-Day Museum & Overlord Embroidery.

Allied forces suffered nearly 10,000 casualties, and more than 4,000 were dead by the end of the battle.

D-Day has a special place for me personally. Although not taking part in the actual landings, my father supported the efforts and sacrifices of those who did participate in that operation. Joseph J. Bush was a Private in the Army serving in the 3093 Quartermaster Refrigeration Company. He was sent to Le Havre, France in September 1944, directly after the conclusion of Operation Astonia, which secured the port from German occupation. Le Havre was the most important port in Normandy and was critical to supplying the invading Allied forces. He was instrumental in supplying material for the reconstruction of the port, as well as participating in the supply line which fed the White Ball Express from Le Havre to Paris.

For more information on the 80th Annual D-Day Landing Commemoration, visit the [80th Anniversary of D-Day Events](#) at the National WWII Museum in New Orleans.





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The Grave Marking of Martha “Patsey” Brockett Wakefield

by Randall Bush, Secretary

27 April 2024

Chinn’s Chapel Cemetery

Copper Canyon TX



Hosted by the following NSDAR Chapters:

Flower Mound

Captain Molly Corbin

Cross Timbers

Peters Colony

Shawnee Trail





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The Grave Marking of Martha “Patsey” Brockett Wakefield (Cont’d)

Martha “Patsey” Brockett was born 25 October 1797 in Smith County TN and died 7 June 1873 in Denton County TX. She was the youngest of 12 children born to *Captain William Ebenezer Brockett* and *Martha “Patsey” Ives*. She married **Henry Wakefield, Jr** in 1817. Henry was the son of *Henry Wakefield, Sr* and *Mary Simpson*.

Martha’s father is a **DAR** recognized patriot who served in South Carolina. **Henry’s father** is a **DAR** recognized patriot who served in North Carolina. **Henry’s Grandfather, Charles Wakefield**, is also a **DAR** recognized patriot for the supplies he furnished.

The **Order of Ceremony** was conducted 27 April 2024 at 11:00 am at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints located at 902 Chinn Chapel Rd, Highland Village TX and featured addresses from several local DAR Chapter Officers, Texas DAR State Regent Marcy Carter-Lovick and Denton County Commissioner Dianne Edmondson. **Posting of the Colors** was performed by the *Major KM Van Zandt Chapter, SAR*.

The group then adjourned to the **Chinn Chapel Cemetery** for the placing of the *Plaque* and *Wreath*.





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Junior Member Peter Knightly Receives the Bronze Galvez Award at the Gainesville Medal of Honor Parade

27 April 2024

Plano Chapter Junior Member Peter Knightly participated in the annual Gainesville Medal of Honor Parade with his father, Compatriot and Assistant Treasurer Scott Knightly. Here Peter receives his Bronze Galvez Medal for his participation from President Bob Johns and Regional Color Guard Commander David Hamaker.





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Frisco Lakes Memorial Day Ceremony

27 May 2024

Several Plano Chapter members participated in the Frisco Lakes Memorial Day Ceremony on 27 May 2024. Shown below are President Bob Johns, Color Guard Commander Dave Fautheree, Chapter Color Guard Drummer Emma, Compatriot Larry Melton and VP JROTC Alan Roach.





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Color Guard/JROTC Completed Events! April/May 2024

April 18 - Plano WEST: Cadet Major Siddharth Giri.
Presented by Alan Roach, VP JROTC.



April 30 - Lebanon Trail HS in Frisco:
Cadet Petty Officer 1st Class Nikhil Kotta
Presented by Compatriot Larry Melton.

May 3 - Flower Mound Marcus High School:
C/1Lt. Rudy Loethe.
Presented by Alan Roach, VP JROTC.





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Color Guard/JROTC Completed Events! (Cont'd) April/May 2024

May 8 - Lake Highlands High School: C/SGM Juan Patino along with last year's SAR winner, David Oney. Presented by Alan Roach, VP JROTC.



May 16 - DART Older Americans Event Event, Fair Park Centennial Hall - participants were Dave Fautheree, Bob Johns, Larry Melton, Bill Watts (Dallas), Tom Van Fossen (Dallas).

May 27 - Frisco Lakes Veterans Club Memorial Day Event - participants were Dave Fautheree, Bob Johns, Larry Melton, Alan Roach, Emma (drummer).



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Plano Chapter #37 Recognized at the SAR State Convention By President Bob Johns

State Americanism Report: The SAR Americanism Report is filled annually by Chapters recounting their activities, by categories, in the support of Veterans. 49 chapters filed Americanism Reports, and our Plano chapter scored 9th highest points out of those 45 chapters.

Our Plano chapter maintains an active calendar of events and our recognition at the recent State Convention reflects that. Here is a list of the Chapter's most recent awards:

Texas Yearbook Award: Presented to the Chapter submitting the best YEARBOOK as judged by the state yearbook committee. A chapter yearbook is the historical record of the chapter activities for the past year. Many thanks to our chapter historian Mike Flagg.

2nd Place Winner: Plano #37

Col. Joe M Hill Patriot Funds Award: awarded annually to each chapter that has Patriot Fund contributions that exceed the previous year:

Winner: Plano #37

Texas SAR Flag Presentation: Given to chapters having recognized Individuals, Companies or Organizations that properly display and maintain the Flag of the United States during the past year. The State Society also received the Furlong Award this year since over half of the state's chapters giving Flag awards.

Winner: Plano #37

George S. & Stella M. Knight Scholarship Award: Given to a Junior or Senior High School Student who writes the best 500 word essay on an event, topic or person or ideal associated with the American Revolution.

2nd Place State Winner: David Phillip Gibson Sponsoring Chapter Plano #37

Our chapter is very active in awards to youth students. Any chapter member who wants to become involved in helping judge competition, attend award ceremonies or assist in any way can contact [Alan Roach, VP Youth Awards—AroachRaidspray@yahoo.com](mailto:AlanRoach@aeroachraidspray@yahoo.com)





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TO ALL PLANO SAR CHAPTER MEMBERS WHO SERVED DURING THE VIETNAM WAR ERA:

The Department of Defense (DoD) has authorized any veterans who served anywhere and in any capacity during the Vietnam Era, Nov 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975 to be eligible to receive a **Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin (VVLP)**.

Pins have previously been awarded at scheduled group events, but the DoD has now made it possible for eligible veterans to request a pin be delivered to their home address. This program is open to all Veterans, not just our chapter members, so if you know of eligible veterans not in our chapter, feel free to notify them of the program. If eligible Veterans have not previously received a pin, here is how one can be ordered:

1. Veterans who served anywhere in any capacity during the period Nov 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975 are eligible to receive a pin.
2. Veterans can email whs.pentagon.wso.mbx.vnwar50th-cpp-events-application@mail.mil and a Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin will be sent to you via USPS. Please include a good mailing address including your city and state.

If you have questions, please contact any member of our chapter Board, or contact President Bob Johns.

rljohns@outlook.com or 847-691-9317.





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Donation Items for the Bonham VA Location

Bonham Needs Listing Spring & Summer 2024



We appreciate your interest in wanting to serve Veterans and below is an updated needs listing. All items must be new and in original packaging.

Gift Cards:

- Exxon or Shell gas cards (Social Work to assist Veterans to/from appointments)
- Whataburger Gift Cards

Clothing & Comfort Items:

- Athletic Shorts (Men – various sizes)
- T-shirts or short sleeve pullover
- Athletic Shorts (Women – Various sizes)
- Pajama pants Men (XL-3X)
- Jackets Men's (Large-2XL)
- Cellphone Pouch- (necklace type or cross body)
- Body Wash (no bar soap or hotel/motel toiletries)
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Electric Razors (for Veterans on blood thinners)
- Razors (disposable double to triple blade)
- Shaving Cream

Refreshments: Individually wrapped snack items to include ingredients are welcome, but no homemade food items. Items such as the following:

- Breakfast pastries/muffins for coffee cart
- Peanut Butter/Cheese Crackers
- Chips, Cookies (Variety Pack, Individual Bags)
- Bottled Water
- Small Bottles Gatorade
- Ground Coffee (regular only)
- Juices (small boxed)
- Liquid Creamer (individual packs/cups only)
- Coffee supplies (8oz cups, sugar/Splenda packets)

Miscellaneous:

- Clear Storage Totes with Lids – 12 Quart 5 7/8' x 11 1/2' x 16 7/8'
- Seasonal Décor- Spring and Fall items, Independence Day
- Headphones - Over the head with plug for phone/TV (no earbuds, no wireless)
- Leather Crafts
- Plastic Models (Cars, Airplanes, Ships, Etc.)
- Guitar Strings (Acoustic & Electric), Straps, Chords (Plug Guitar & Amp)





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Donation Items for the Bonham VA Location (Cont'd)

- Domino Score Keeper bead system
- Dominoes (Big)
- Puzzles (new only)
- Journals, notebooks
- Adult coloring books, with colors or colored pencils
- Markers
- Postage Stamps
- Pens, stationary
- Cross word puzzles/word search (large print)
- Sudoku books (large print)
- New books, new magazines
- Water Pitcher for the courtyard garden

Seeking Sponsorship for the following items/activities:

- Monthly Birthday Socials
- Popcorn & Movie
- Bingo & Prizes
- Cooking Group – monthly or quarterly
- Bowling for Domiciliary Residents
- Bonham State Park Pass
- Sporting & Music Events

Monetary and In-Kind Donations by mail, please send to:

Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Center
Center for Development and Civic Engagement (135)
Atten: Tina McDaniel, CDCE Specialist
1201 E. 9th Street
Bonham, Texas 75418

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make check or money order **payable to Bonham VA Medical Center.**

You can also donate to the Bonham VA Medical Center using E-Donate online:

Donating is just a click away with an online donation option that provides community members the account of their choice. [E-Donate](#) provides a quick, safe way for you to pledge your support to Veterans online. [E-Donate](#) also allows you to make a donation in memory of a loved one. Select VA North Texas Health Care System and choose a designated medical center and program, along with amount that you'd like to donate. There are no extra fees to use the secure website, so every penny of your donation goes to help Veterans.

All donations **must** be coordinated with Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE) for acceptance and delivery drop off. Should you have questions regarding donations please call 903-583-6282 or email tina.mcdaniel@va.gov. Items may be mailed to address block as noted above.





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The SAR Education Center and Museum Liberty Tree Campaign

A Message from SAR President General John Dodd

Greetings Compatriots,

It is with great pleasure that I inform you of a momentous development in our ongoing efforts to honor and preserve the legacy of our Patriot Ancestors. The Commonwealth of Kentucky's 2024 budget includes an allocation by the Kentucky General Assembly of \$5 million in the upcoming fiscal year to support the construction of the SAR Education Center and Museum in Louisville!

This monumental decision brings us closer to completion of your state-of-the-art facility that will enlighten and inspire citizens for decades. This important funding will keep construction on track, aiming for an opening date in 2026, coinciding with the 250th anniversary of our great Nation.

As we approach this historic 250th Anniversary, the importance of fostering a deep appreciation of our heritage and the principles upon which our country was founded cannot be overstated. The SAR Education Center and Museum will honor the sacrifices and ideals of our patriot ancestors, inspiring and educating present and future citizens to uphold their values of liberty and self-government.

Even if you have supported the project in the past, as our dream becomes reality, I encourage you to consider an additional contribution. The Liberty Tree Campaign is the easiest way to give. A small, recurring, monthly credit card contribution is the simplest way to make a difference. For those who are able, naming opportunities begin at \$100,000.00. Please contact Phil Bloyd for details. Thank you again for your support and for your important work on behalf of the SAR.

Yours in patriotism,

John L. Dodd
President General, 2023-2024

[Click here to make a Contribution](#)





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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
drhami75@gmail.com





Upcoming Events



Two Patriot Grave Markings To Take Place on 1 June 2024

Compatriots,

There will be two Patriot Grave Markings on **June 1, 2024**.

Meet at Center Ridge Cemetery 8641 TX 8, Maud, Texas at 10:30am to mark the grave of **Patriot Evan Thomas Watson** at **11:00am**. Break for lunch in Clarksville, Texas. Meet at Clarksville Cemetery 608 West Washington Street, Clarksville, Texas at 1:30pm to mark the grave of **Patriot William Blevins** at 2:00pm.

If you can't make the Patriot Grave Marking there is an opportunity to receive credit for attendance. You may help by making a donation of \$60.00 towards a grave marking stone. You may donate to either Patriot and receive one credit or donate \$120.00 to both Patriots and receive two credits.

Send a check payable to Texas SAR – note on the check for Patriot Grave Marking Fund and send to Don Hayes, Texas SAR Treasurer; 11 Winhall Place; The Woodlands, Texas 77354-3313 and be sure to email me concerning your donation for credit.

As always, Color Guard cannot count the marking as a Color Guard activity. The credit has to be for Grave Marking or CG activity, not both. If you need any help on how to complete the Grave Marking form please contact me and I will be glad to help you complete the form.

If you have any questions please contact Bill Watts at 214 207 5073 or via email at bill_watts@att.net.

Best regard,

Bill Watts

bill_watts@att.net





Upcoming Events



The Plano SAR Chapter Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony

Saturday 15 June 10:00am

Plano Fire Station #12
4101 W Parker Rd, Plano, TX 75093



Patriotic organizations like the VFW, American Legion, SAR, the Boy Scouts and others perform flag retiring ceremonies where families, friends, and groups gather in patriotic recognition of the history and sacrifices made for freedom. Participation in ceremonies such as these teach patriotism and respect of nation to our young people and allow camaraderie amongst local patriots.





Upcoming Events



The Plano SAR Chapter Color Guard and JROTC Events and Ceremonies Schedule June/July

Contact Information

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

June 15 - Audie Murphy Parade in Farmersville TX. - This is a State Color Guard Event. Contact: Bill Sekel, firstsgtuscmet@yahoo.com or 830-992-5619.

Notes: This is a short parade, about half a mile, so walkers only please. We will muster at Independent Financial on the corner of S. Johnson and McKinney at 8:30am. Bring a lawn chair if you like. I will have water. Muskets are for show only. It must pass a safety inspection or you will not be allowed to carry it. It must have tethered frizzen cover. No fixed bayonets. No black powder should be carried.

July 4 - Plano Symphony Orchestra Patriotic Pops Concert. - Present and Post Colors, 3-5 PM Eisemann Center. Muster at 2:30 PM.





Compatriot News



Patriot Stories

Contributed by Kevin Ennis
Regarding his Patriot Ancestor
Richard Inman

From the book "The Story of the Wyoming Valley" regarding the Battle of Wyoming - July 3, 1778, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania.

The incident known as Inman's nap has two or more versions. The most popular one is the following: "Richard Inman started with the Hanover company up the valley the day of the battle. At every house they stopped they imbibed liquid refreshments. Inman filled a bottle so that he could have something between visits. The old man could not carry his load, so he lay down. The battle was fought and lost and men were getting out of harm's way. Lazarus Butler was urging his horse along when he came upon Rufus Bennet, who was pursued by an Indian. Bennet caught on to the tail of the Colonel's horse, and away they went. The fleet footed savage had nearly overtaken them when Bennet saw Inman sitting up, rubbing his eyes. 'Shoot that Indian!' Bennet cried. The old hunter swung his rifle to his shoulder without getting up and dropped the Indian as quick as he had often shot a deer on the run.

Four of Richard Inman's brothers were in the battle; two were killed. One swam the river in his flight, and being overheated, died. Two much whiskey probably saved the life of Richard as well as that of Rufus Bennet. Another brother the next winter thought he heard the call of a wild turkey. He took his gun and went after it. The next spring his body was found scalped by the Indians that had deceived him. The Inmans became known as Indian killers and squared up with them with interest. One of the Inmans had notches in the stock of his rifle to tally the number he killed.





Compatriot News



Chapter Compatriot Anniversaries

Chapter Membership Anniversaries for June

John Baker 30 years

Randall Bush 1 year

James Sanders 18 years

Leon Stirm 9 years

Steven Thrasher 1 year

Jim Veirs 2 years

William Kissinger 23 years

Don Stevenson 13 years

Happy Anniversary, Compatriots!





This Month's Fun Factoid



The Albany Congress

In 1754, the British government asked colonial representatives to meet in Albany, New York, to develop a treaty with Native Americans and plan the defense of the colonies against France. Exceeding these limited objectives, the assembly adopted a plan developed by Benjamin Franklin for government of the colonies by a central executive and a council of delegates.



Although rejected by England and the colonies, the Albany Plan became a useful guide in the years leading up to the Revolutionary War. The mural depicts some of the delegates (from left to right): William Franklin and his father, Benjamin (Pennsylvania); Governor Thomas Hutchinson (Massachusetts); Governor William Delancey (New York); Sir William Johnson (Massachusetts); Colonel Benjamin Tasker (Maryland).

“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

7 May 2024

Chapter
Meeting

Plano Texas
Chapter #37

Sons of the
American
Revolution

Seals and delivery
in the presence of us

* [Signature]

Tuesday 7 May, 2024 Meeting
Location: Outback Steakhouse,
1509 N Central Expy, Plano, TX 75075

Call to Order: The Meeting is called to order by President Bob Johns at 7:03pm.



The Invocation: Offered by Rocky Miller, Chaplain

Taken from Ecclesiastes Chapter 3.

Pledge to The American Flag: Offered by Nick Gilliam

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 Melvin Richards

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 Bryan Humphries

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: Total Attendance: 28**

- Bob and Judy (DAR) Johns, Kevin Ennis, Melvin Richards, Rusty Williams (Guest Speaker), Scott Knightly, Rocky & Linda Miller, Brian & Lea (DAR) Humphries, Dave Fautheree, Alan Roach, Howard & JoEllen Roach, Duane and Nget Carter, Steve Driever, Ron Carey, Randall Bush, John & Dorene Martindale, BJ Bjorkland, Tim Bjorkland, Drake Peddie, Nick Gilliam, David Bowels, Grover Thurman and Michael Gardner.

- **Consideration and approval of The Minutes from the 7 May 2024 Chapter Meeting:** Motion to Accept and 2nd to Motion were presented and accepted unanimously.

- **Treasurer's Report: Presented by Howard Roach, Treasurer.**

- Investment Account \$15,636.12
- Checking Account Prosperity Bank \$9,510.83



The History Minute

“Cinco De Mayo and the US Civil War”

Presented by Duane Carter, Registrar



Duane discusses the real reasons behind the celebration of Cinco De Mayo and the political and economic connections it had with the United States, Europe and the Confederate States of America.

The Featured Speaker Presentation

“Red River Bridge War: A Texas-Oklahoma Border Battle”

Introduced by Melvin Richards, VP of Programs

Presented by Rusty Williams, noted author and journalist

At the beginning of America's Great Depression, Texas and Oklahoma armed up and went to war over a 75-cent toll bridge that connected their states across the Red River. It was a two-week affair marked by the presence of National Guardsmen with field artillery, Texas Rangers with itchy trigger fingers, angry mobs, Model T blockade runners, and even a costumed Native American peace delegation. Traffic backed up for miles, cutting off travel between the states. Rusty educates us on the background and causes of this conflict, as well as detailing the ramifications this conflict had, not only for the two states directly involved, but for the nation as a whole.



New Member Induction and Supplementals:

New member Durwood Ray is inducted by proxy by Registrar Duane Carter. Compatriot Ray was unable to attend the meeting due to health issues. Compatriot Ray's patriot ancestor is Daniel Harmon, who joined the Massachusetts Militia in 1775.

Compatriot Kevin Ennis is presented with two Supplemental Certificates by President Johns: Compatriot Ennis' patriot ancestors, James Griffin and Joshua Copeland, both provided Patriotic Service in North Carolina.

Color Guard Report

Presented by Dave Fautheree, Color Guard Commander

Commander Fautheree presents the upcoming color guard and JROTC events.

Veterans Report

Presented by Bob Johns, President

President Johns discusses the particulars of the traveling Vietnam Wall which recently passed through Frisco.

Convention Report

Presented by Drake Peddie

Compatriot Peddie discusses the particulars of awards given to the Plano Chapter at the SAR State Convention.



The Benediction: Offered by Rocky Miller, Chaplain

The Adjournment/Recessional: The Meeting is adjourned by President Bob Johns at 8:32pm

“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

