

Plano Chapter #37
Sons of the American Revolution
Plano TX

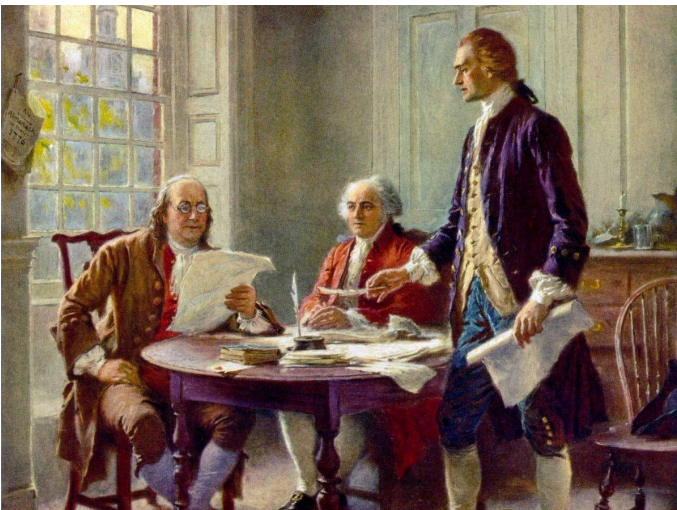


July Newsletter 2024



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



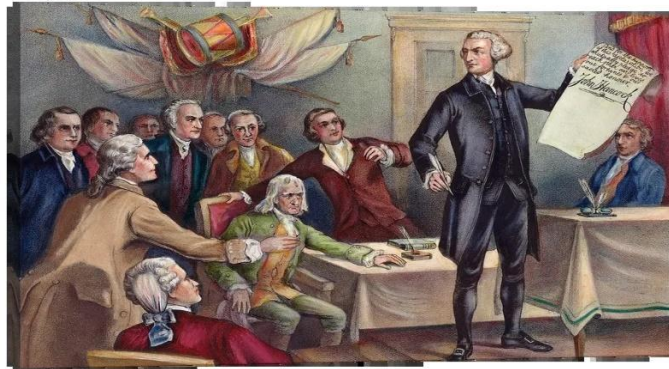


President's Message



By Bob Johns, President

INDEPENDENCE! DEMOCRACY! PERSONAL FREEDOMS!



July 4th approaches and is rightfully celebrated as our Independence Day, the first revolution in the history of mankind that resulted in instituting a democracy and a Constitution that guaranteed common citizens' personal freedoms. We should fly our flags and celebrate to the fullest.

John Hancock and the other 55 signers of the Declaration were putting their lives on the line. By signing they knew English troops would put a death warrant on them, yet they felt strongly enough to take the action they did.

Our SAR Recessional begins "Until we meet again let us remember our obligations to our forefathers..." Let's think of the sacrifices of the founders of our country when we say those words.

And let's proudly celebrate our history and our Independence. Elsewhere in our newsletter is information on a great July 4th event—the Independence Day concert by the Plano Symphony Orchestra in the Eisemann Center in Richardson. Tickets on sale now, and our chapter Color Guard will open the event by presenting and posting our national flag.





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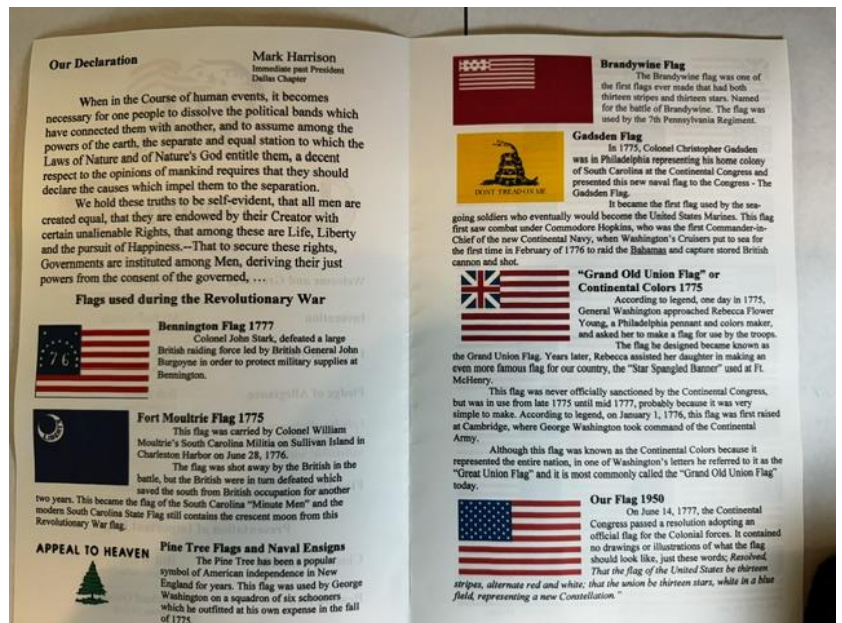
Dallas Chapter SAR Flag Day Ceremony at Ventana by Buckner

14 June, 2024

Contributed by Compatriot Dave Fautheree

On 14 June, Compatriots Dave Fautheree, Bob Johns and Alan Roach attended the Dallas Chapter SAR Flag Day Ceremony held at Ventana.

You may watch the entire ceremony [here!](#)





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Plano Fire Station 12 Flag Retirement Ceremony 15 June, 2024

Contributed by Compatriots Randall Bush, Bob Johns and Larry Melton

On 15 June, the City of Plano, Plano Fire-Rescue and the Plano Chapter #37 Sons of the American Revolution conducted the annual June flag retirement ceremony. Provision has been made for proper retirement of unserviceable flags with dignity and respect. It's vitally important to remember that our servicemen and servicewomen have fought and died for this flag and the privilege to fly it to this day in representation of the freedoms that we all enjoy.

U.S. law allows a flag to be destroyed by fire if it is no longer in a condition to serve as a fitting emblem for display. Here's what happens during a flag retirement ceremony:

- 1 - A worn and tattered flag is lowered to represent all of the flags being retired.
- 2 - The flags are inspected and deemed unfit.
- 3 - The stars are cut away and burned separately.
- 4 - The stripes are burned.

Plano Color Guard members present for the ceremony were President Bob Johns, Plano Chapter Color Guard Major Dave Fautheree, VP of JROTC/Schools Alan Roach and Compatriot Larry Melton. Dallas Chapter Color Guard members present were Compatriots Bill Watts, Mark Harrison and Brent Harshman. Compatriots in attendance were Chaplin Rocky Miller, VP Medals and Awards Kevin Ennis, Bugler John Rothermel, Bryan Humphries, John Maloney and VP of Programs Melvin Richards and his wife Marita (DAR).





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Plano Fire Station 12 Flag Retirement Ceremony (Cont'd)

15 June, 2024





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The Texas Compatriot - Winter Edition Now Available!

A message from Ron Turner, editor of the Texas Compatriot:

Texas SAR Compatriots,

The Winter edition of The Texas Compatriot is now available for your reading pleasure. Chapter news, committee news, state news, and color guard news remain topics that everyone in the Texas Society wants to read about. You have two ways to view the newsletter:

- Click [here](#) for a direct link.
- Access current and past editions on the Texas SAR public website: texassar.org, About Texas SAR, Texas Compatriot Newsletter, Choose the year you want to view.

Enjoy!

Best regards,
Ron Turner
Editor, The Texas Compatriot
817.919.9044





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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



The Plano Symphony Orchestra Presents Patriotic Pops!



**PLANO
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA**
HECTOR GUZMAN MUSIC DIRECTOR

A tribute to all the branches of the armed services!

Please join the Plano Symphony Orchestra on **Thursday, July 4, 2024, 3:00PM**

at the **Eisemann Theatre, The Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson, TX 75082.**

Patriotic music will include traditional favorites **“The Star Spangled Banner,” “America the Beautiful,” “God Bless America”** plus the moving **“Salute to the Armed Forces.”**

This is one of the Plano Symphony Orchestra’s premier events and is a must see! To top it off, our Chapter Color Guard will open the performance by posting and presenting our nation’s flag!

Color Guard Information: Present and Post Colors, 3-5 PM Eisemann Center. Muster at 2:30 PM.

Please order your tickets in advance [here!](#)





Patriot Stories

Contributed by Randall Bush
Regarding his Patriot Ancestor
William D Reeve

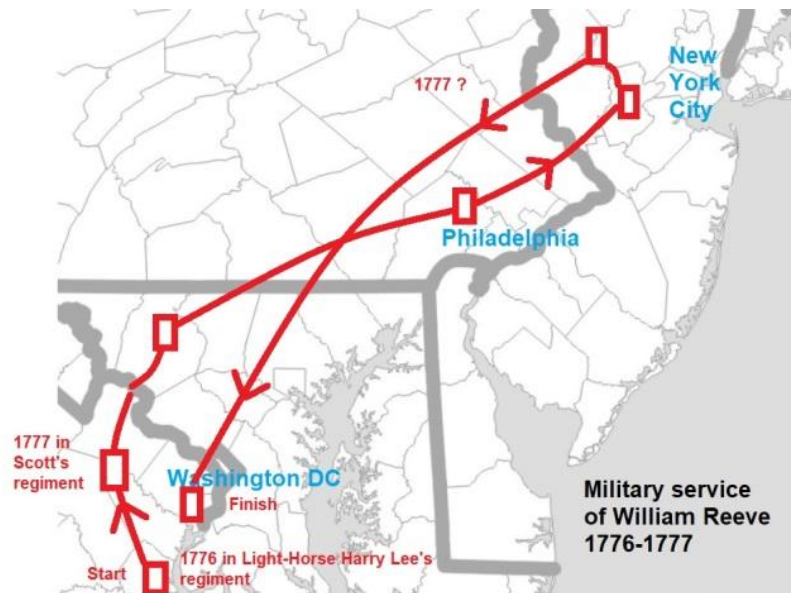
William D Reeve, the son of George Reeve (1730 - 1778), was born on 5 April, 1756 in Prince William County Virginia. In the summer of 1776, William enlisted in Prince William County and served for three weeks as a Private in James Ewell's Company under Colonel Henry Lee's Virginia Regiment. In the fall of 1776, he again enlisted for three weeks and served as a Private in the same company and regiment. On 1 January, 1777, he enlisted in Fauquier County, Virginia and served for four months as a Private in Captain James Scott's Virginia Company under Colonels Hollingsworth and Stricker.

Private Reeve saw action in the Battle of Quibbletown, NJ on 8 February 1777. He then served for three weeks as a Lieutenant in Captain Evan's Virginia Company. In 1781, he served for three weeks as a Lieutenant in Captain Valentine Payton's Virginia Company.

Upon his discharge, Lieutenant Reeve was given land in Abbeville District, SC where he went to live. In 1840, he removed to DeKalb County, GA to live with his son, James White Reeve. Lieutenant William Reeve passed on 14 March 1842 in DeKalb County, GA. He rests along with his wife, Arnetta, in the Nancy Creek Primitive Baptist Cemetery.



Cynthia Jennings 2015





Compatriot News



Chapter Compatriot Anniversaries

Chapter Membership Anniversaries for July

Duane Carter	9 years
John Doenges	4 years
Christopher Evans	9 years
Nick Gilliam	26 years
James Huffman	2 years
Brian Humphreys	9 years
David Humphreys	9 years
Bob Johns	6 years
John Radcliff	26 years
Charles Wilt	9 years
Warren Fristensky	24 years
Peter Evans	9 years
Warren Fitch	23 years
Robert Gabby	1 year

Happy Anniversary, Compatriots!



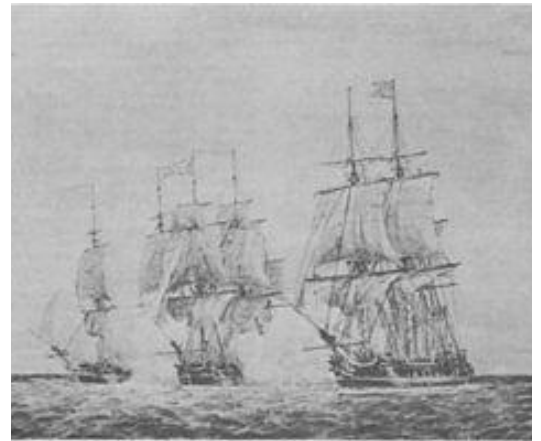


This Month's Fun Factoid



The Continental Navy

The United States Navy decided in 1971 to recognize October 13, 1775 as the date of its official establishment, the passage of the resolution of the Continental Congress at Philadelphia that created the Continental Navy. On this day, Congress authorized the purchase of two vessels to be armed for a cruise against British merchant ships; these ships became *Andrew Doria* and *Cabot*. The first ship in commission was *USS Alfred* which was purchased on November 4 and commissioned on December 3 by Captain Dudley Saltonstall.



Resolution of the Continental Congress that marked the establishment of what is now the United States Navy:

“Resolved, That a swift sailing vessel, to carry ten carriage guns, and a proportionable number of swivels, with eighty men, be fitted, with all possible despatch, for a cruise of three months, and that the commander be instructed to cruize eastward, for intercepting such transports as may be laden with warlike stores and other supplies for our enemies, and for such other purposes as the Congress shall direct.

That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare an estimate of the expence, and lay the same before the Congress, and to contract with proper persons to fit out the vessel.

Resolved, that another vessel be fitted out for the same purposes, and that the said committee report their opinion of a proper vessel, and also an estimate of the expence.”

“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

4 June 2024

Chapter
Meeting

Plano Texas
Chapter #37

Sons of the
American
Revolution

Seals and delivery
in the presence of us

* [Signature]

Tuesday 4 June, 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 7:00pm.



The Invocation: Offered by Rocky Miller, Chaplain

Taken from the books of Exodus and Job.

Pledge to The American Flag: Offered by Jim Viers

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 John Martindale

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 BJ Bjorklund

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: 30**

Bob & Judy (DAR) Johns, Kevin Ennis, Melvin Richards, Randy Bush, BJ Bjorklund, John & Dorane Martindale, Howard & JoEllen(DAR) Roach, Scott Knightly, Ronald Carey, Dan Ray, Mike Becker, Bill Watts, Steve Driever, Dave Fautheree, Ron Wasson, Michael Goode, Jim Sanders, Duane Carter, Jim Viers, John & Jackie Rothermel, Rocky & Linda Miller, Gary Base, Brian & Lea (DAR) Humphries and Jim Wallace.



- **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.

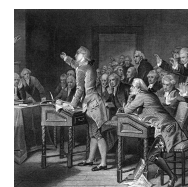
- **Treasurer's Report: Presented by Howard Roach, Treasurer.**
 - Investment Account \$15,610.30
 - Checking Account Prosperity Bank \$9,470.62



The History Minute

"The Committees of 1774"

Presented by Duane Carter, Registrar



Duane discusses how information was spread prior to the Revolution. This includes several newspapers and Committees of Correspondence. The British Government did not expect a unified response from the colonies, but the various committees kept the colonies informed and allowed a more unified position to be sent to London. Information about the ongoing Indian attacks were also sent throughout the colonies.

The Featured Speaker Presentation

"Benjamin Franklin"

Introduced by Melvin Richards, VP of Programs

Presented by Bill Watts, Secretary and Color Guard Commander, Dallas Chapter SAR

Compatriot Watts portrayed Benjamin Franklin and discussed his early life.

Benjamin Franklin provided the principles he learned at the age of 20 that defined the rest of his life. He was born on January 17, 1706. He was a prolific reader. The principles were:

1. I must be extremely frugal until I am out of debt.
2. I will tell the truth, avoid creating unrealistic expectations and try to be sincere in every word and action.
3. I'll work hard in whatever business I find myself in and not be diverted by get-rich-quick schemes, because hard work and patience are the surest paths to success.
4. I will never speak ill of anyone.

He was apprenticed to his brother James, who published the *New England Courant*, when he was 12 years old. James was imprisoned for expressing his critical opinion in the paper on what the government was doing. In his absence, Franklin wrote a story about a fictitious person that expressed similar opinions without consequence. That success led to Franklin leaving his brother at age 17 to start anew in the printing business in Philadelphia. After a period of time learning the printing trade in London, he returned to Philadelphia in 1726. In 1728, he founded *The Pennsylvania Gazette*. In 1730, he entered into common-law marriage with Deborah Reed. She was an astute businesswomen and managed his businesses and money. He also started helping others start their own printing business in exchange for a portion of their profits. That provided an income stream for the rest of his life. He swam almost every day for cleanliness and exercise.



Compatriot Bill Watts receives his Certificate of Appreciation from President Bob Johns.

New Member Induction and Supplementals:

James Sanders receives his SAR membership certificate and Rosette Pin from President Bob Johns. Jim's ancestor, Robert Etheridge, was a Private in the North Carolina militia. He had two brothers who served in the same unit.

Color Guard Report

Presented by Dave Fautheree, Color Guard Commander

Commander Fautheree presents the events attended and the upcoming color guard and JROTC events.

Compatriot Fautheree is presented with a Commission by President Bob Johns promoting him to Color Guard Major of the Plano Chapter SAR.

Veterans Report

Presented by Bob Johns, President

Compatriot Johns reports that the Bonham VA is still not open to visitors, but they are starting to do more events, including a July 4th cookout.
Four North Texas SAR Chapters will fund this event.



The Benediction: Offered by Rocky Miller, Chaplain

The Adjournment/Recessional: The Meeting is adjourned by President Bob Johns at 8:08pm

“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

