

Plano Chapter #37
Sons of the American Revolution
Plano TX



August 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

Compatriots—An Important Announcement



Dinner Includes:

- Appetizers for each table
- Caesar Salad

Entrée choice of:

- Pasta Bolognese
- Shrimp Alfredo
- Chicken Picatta
- Water and Tea

Our chapter is planning a different location for our chapter dinner for this year's December meeting. We have received a proposal for dinner at the Princi Italia restaurant in west Plano.

We will need to have RSVPs from those planning to participate and we will need to collect payment checks in advance for the event.

Dinner will be at **6:00** in the restaurant's private area. **Princi Italia is located at 3300 Dallas Pkwy, Plano, TX 75093, (972) 378-9463.**

Cost is **\$40 per person total-tax and tip included. Make your check payable to Plano SAR Chapter.** You may bring your check to the Chapter meeting and give it to **Treasurer Howard Roach** or you may mail your check to **Chapter Treasurer Howard Roach, 5616 Hillsborough Dr., Plano TX, 75093.**

Adult beverages, coffee and dessert, not included. If desired, will be billed separately.

This message is advance notice of our plans. Requests for reservations, RSVP will begin in September in order to help our planning team. We need a minimum number of 25 attendees and have a 40 person maximum.

If you have comments or want to give a non-binding statement of interest in these plans please contact me at RLJohns@outlook.com.





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The Plano Symphony Orchestra Presents Patriotic Pops!



PATRIOTIC POPS

Eisemann Center | 3 PM
Héctor Guzmán, Music Director
Ft. Steve Amerson, soloist and Patriotic choir



PROGRAM

Star Spangled Banner | F.S. Key

Midway March | J. Williams

“Satchmo”, a Tribute to Louis Armstrong | arr. Ricketts

Because of the Brave Into the Fire Over the Rainbow

Bring Him Home God Bless the USA

Featuring Mr. Steve Amerson

American Salute | M. Gould

INTERMISSION

Liberty Fanfare | J. Williams

Theme to Superman | J. Williams

American Anthem Blades of Grass & Pure White Stones America the Beautiful

God Bless America Salute to the Armed Forces

Featuring Mr. Steve Amerson

1812 Overture | P.I. Tchaikovsky



**PLANO
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA**
HECTOR GUZMAN MUSIC DIRECTOR

The Plano Symphony Orchestra celebrated the birth of our nation by presenting the Patriotic Pops program at the Eisemann Center on 4 July.

The Plano SAR Color Guard opened the performance by presenting and posting the colors.

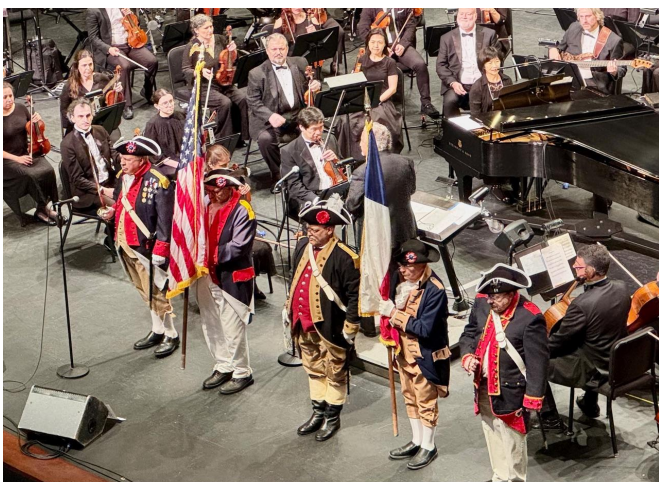




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The Plano Symphony Orchestra Presents Patriotic Pops! (Cont'd)



The Plano SAR Color Guard members participating in the program are Bob Johns, Larry Melton, Dave Fautheree - Color Guard Commander, Nick Gilliam and Alan Roach.



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Veterans July 4th Cookout Bonham VA Health Center 27 June 2024

Bob Johns and John Greer (Edmund Terrill Chapter) represented SAR chapters as volunteers at the Bonham V A Health Center July 4 Cookout for Veterans.

Over 700 hot dogs were grilled then an assembly line of volunteers put the dogs in buns, wrapped them in foil, placed them in meal boxes, added chips, a fried pie, mustard and ketchup and stacked them for serving, along with a drink. Lunch for veterans and V A staff ran from 11:00 to 2:00, then the volunteers had their hot dog lunch. John Greer (Edmund Terrill chapter) and Bob Johns were among the volunteers who prepared the food that day. The North Texas SAR Chapters donated the lunch ingredients.





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The SAR South Central District Annual Meeting 23 - 24 August 2024, Joplin, Missouri

Compatriots,

Registration for the South Central District Annual Meeting on August 23-24 in Joplin, Missouri, is open. We are asking for Registration no later than August 8th, so we can have a headcount for meals, SCD Cap orders, and payment in hand by that date. The Reservation link for Holiday Inn Joplin and the registration form are available by [clicking here](#):

It is noteworthy that the South Central District is one of the earliest Districts to meet after the close of SAR Congress. Nonetheless, it is one of the most important Districts in our society. I look forward to welcoming National and District Leadership to this occasion with a vigorous introduction to the National Candidates who will announce in a few days, a Liberty Tree Dedication and relaxed Friday Dinner with great food that attendees can free chose from the menu. Everybody can have time for socialization and all do not have to eat the same thing.

Joplin and Webb City are interesting and historic Missouri towns, and I anticipate a relaxed and pleasant time. The members of the Sgt Ariel Nims Chapter will act as guides and hosts for the needs of the attendees.

Respectfully,

James E. Osbourn
SCD VPG





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Volunteer Opportunity!

Our chapter's internal audit committee has an opening for one new member. A member with accounting, fund management or CPA experience would be ideal. The committee will meet only once yearly in December for a review of our financial records.

If you can volunteer to serve the chapter in this regard , please contact President Bob Johns.

rljohns@outlook.com; 847-691-9317

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.

rjohns@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
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Compatriot News



Patriot Stories

**Contributed by Bob Johns
Regarding his Patriot Ancestor
Thomas Johns**



My ancestor is named Thomas Johns, my 4th great grandfather. Thomas was born in about 1758 in Charlotte County, Virginia pretty much in the center of Virginia. Nothing is known of his early years. At the age of 24 in 1781 he joined the Pittsylvania County, 6th Virginia Regiment Continental Army. He served in the American Revolutionary War from 1781-1783 when it ended. His father, William Johns of Cumberland County, born around 1710, was a supplier to the American Revolutionary troops and filed paperwork for reimbursement in 1783. Thomas' service activities are not known to me, but Virginia played a pivotal role in the struggle for American independence. Virginia troops were documented as being engaged from the Atlantic Ocean to the Mississippi River and many of their citizens provided some form of military or public service.

Thomas is recorded with the rank of Ensign which was the junior rank of a commissioned officer in the militia and other armed forces, and I read that the title was replaced in the U S army by the rank of second lieutenant in 1815. As the junior officer in an infantry regiment it was commonly the duty of officers of this rank and at this time to carry the colors of the regiment. Thomas served in the Continental Army of the south under the command of General Nathanael Greene, after whom Greensboro, N C is named.

Thomas' regiment is recorded to have participated in the Guilford Courthouse battles. On March 15, 1781, British General Charles Lord Cornwallis's army of 2,100 men engaged a Continental army under Major General Nathanael Greene at Guilford Courthouse, near present-day Greensboro, North Carolina. It was a pivotal battle after which Cornwallis moved his troops to Yorktown to recoup and perhaps escape but of course that never happened, as Cornwallis was trapped by Continental troops enforced by French regulars, blockaded by the Spanish navy and forced to surrender. I have no proof he did so, but I often picture my Ensign ancestor carrying the Guilford Courthouse flag (pictured above) when I carry it myself at SAR color guard events.

Thomas served until the end of the revolutionary war in 1783 and was married to a woman with the interesting name of Gaterhood Glover.

Thomas died in Pittsylvania Virginia in 1794. His assets at death were valued at £800 and included 16 slaves as was not uncommon at that time. Among his assets were four feather beds, 2 men's saddles and 2 women's saddles, 3 horses, assorted animals and a bevy of household goods including 4 featherbeds, 6 new plates, 7 spoons and 4 cups with saucers.





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Chapter Compatriot Anniversaries

Chapter Membership Anniversaries for August

Ken Dabbs	1 Year
Andrew Greenway	12 Years
Ralph Kauffman	7 Years
Nowell Loop	5 Years
James Mayo	9 Years
Dale Parker	1 Year
Charles Sprague	7 Years
Phillip Stevenson	10 Years
Richard Stevenson	10 Years
Scott Terrell	22 Years
Keith Thurgood	6 Years
Grover Thurman	2 Years
Marcus Wertz III	4 Years
Collin Wilkins	6 Years
James Wooten	10 Years
Joshua Bolding	5 Years

Happy Anniversary, Compatriots!





A Reminder



by Bob Johns, President

Compatriots, you all know our mission statement. It first states that this is a non-profit, non-denominational and non-political organization. That means that we are a 501-C3 organization and we have to follow the legal and IRS rules regarding that class of organization. As a result, we do not take political sides in any way as part of any of our *SAR business*, nor do we support any organization or individual that does. Rather, our mission statement says that we preserve and teach American History. That is what we do and how we do it!

As a corollary of our nonpartisan status, members should not use Chapter email, texting or any other communications to promote or solicit support for any point of view, cause or any purpose beyond the business of our Chapter, State or National Society. You may, of course, use your own email and communication accounts to address these subjects as a private individual. Our 5013C status is critical to our organization purposes, so let's all be careful not to endanger that status.





This Month's Fun Factoid



The Myths of July 4th

As we conclude celebrating the 4th of July, we thought it made sense to talk about the history of that date and some of the myths associated with it. Please click on the link below and enjoy this YouTube episode of Revolutionary War Rarities, the podcast from the Sons of the American Revolution. Enjoy!

[The Myths of July 4th produced by The Sons Of the American Revolution](#)

“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

July 2024

Chapter
Meeting

Plano Texas Chapter #37

Sons of the
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No Meeting, Therefore,
No Minutes! See You
Next Month!

Seals and delivery
in the presence of us

* W. Lottman