

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



**September 2024
Newsletter**



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



**Wreaths Across America
December 2024
Pecan Grove Cemetery
McKinney TX**



As you know, the annual worldwide event, Wreaths Across America event will occur again this December 2024. Our chapter helped fund and support the event at the Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney. We will do so again this year.

Thank you everyone in our chapter who purchased wreaths for your incredible support of Wreaths Across America in 2023! With your help, the event honored 3 million veterans nationwide with wreaths placed at 4224 participating locations last year.

Our Texas state report on wreaths purchased and placed in 2023 recorded wreaths purchased were placed on 260,256 veteran's graves, the most of any state.

Wreaths Across America will be publicized more this coming fall. Please plan to participate. Let's unite our communities in the SAR mission to REMEMBER, HONOR, and TEACH!

Our chapter is registered as a fundraising group with Wreaths across America. The Plano chapter doesn't have any involvement with anything other than purchasing \$200 worth of wreaths. Members may purchase additional wreaths on their own. Please consider donating additional wreaths individually and donate by November 28th.





Upcoming Events



Chapter Christmas Dinner Reminder

3 December, 2024

Compatriots, a reminder that the cutoff date for reservations to attend the Chapter Christmas Dinner at Princi Italia in Plano on 3 December is fast approaching.

15 September is the last day to make your reservations. *Please either: Mail your check, payable to Plano SAR Chapter to Chapter Treasurer Howard Roach, 5616 Hillsborough Dr., Plano TX, 75093 OR bring your check to this Chapter meeting on 6 September and give it to Treasurer Howard Roach.*

Cost is **\$40 per person total-tax and tip included.**

Dinner Includes:

- Appetizers for each table
- Caesar Salad

Entrée choice of:

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

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





Upcoming Events



**Constitution Day at Faith
Lutheran School
1701 E Park Blvd, Plano, TX
75074
17 September 2024
10:00 am**



On 17 September, Constitution Day, the Plano Lutheran School will host a public reading of the United States Constitution at 10:00am. Our Plano SAR Chapter Color Guard will open the event by presenting and posting the Colors.

All Color Guard members who wish to participate are to muster at the school at 9:30am. Please contact Color Guard Commander [Dave Fautheree](#) for additional information.



Faith Lutheran School headmaster Rev. Stephen W. Kieser of Wylie reads a portion of the Constitution to students and guests.





Upcoming Events



**The State Fair of Texas
Fair Park
1300 Robert B Cullum Blvd
Dallas TX 75210
27 September to 20 October 2024**



The State Fair of Texas returns to Fair Park for its 138th year! The Jane Douglas Chapter of the DAR opens the Continental DAR House for Fair attendees to enjoy. It is the only American patriotic museum on the Fairgrounds and serves as a point of education to the community.

Anyone who would like to volunteer time at the DAR booth during the fair may contact [President Bob Johns](#) for more details.





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Contact Information Reminder

Compatriots,

From time to time, we may change our place of residence, phone number or email address. When this occurs, the National and State Societies, as well as your local Chapter, can lose the ability to reach out to you. If this is the circumstance in your case, please log on to the [Texas SAR Member](#) site with your credentials. Under the tab "*Members*", you will find the link to the "**Member Contact Change Form**". Please fill out the form and click "**Submit**". Done! If you require any assistance in this regard, please feel free to reach out to any of the Chapter officers.

Companies Provide Donations to Employees who Volunteer for Nonprofits

On many occasions, a company or corporation will donate funds to a charitable organization based on the time the employee donates to said organization. For example, Texas Instruments will donate \$12/hour for the time that the employee devotes to the charitable organization.

Many companies have a Corporate Giving Program designed expressly to facilitate the giving of funds directly to a charitable organization based on employee involvement. This corporate philanthropy benefits the company, the community and the organization receiving the funds. Programs will differ from company to company.

Many Compatriots have approached their employers to learn about these programs and have achieved good results. If you have an opportunity, take a moment to see if your employer offers such a program.





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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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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





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Patriot Stories

**Contributed by Dave Fautheree
Regarding his Patriot Ancestor
Antoine Bordelon**

Antoine Bordelon was in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1733. His parents were Gabriel Laurens Bordelon, born 25 October 1696 in Le Havre, Normandy, France and Anne Françoise Rolland, born abt 1699 in Paris, France. Gabriel was an officer of the Company of the Indies which had the Royal Charter to settle Louisiana.

Antoine was married twice. His first marriage to Marie Anne Décuir was recorded on 23 April 1759 at St. François d'Assise Catholic Church at Le Poste de la Pointe Coupée in (what is now) the New Roads area of Pointe Coupée Parish, Louisiana. Seven children were born from this union. After his wife's death in 1778, Antoine married Marie Marguerite Frédéric dite Leonard on 20 July 1779. His second union produced five more children.

At the end of the French and Indian War in 1763, the Louisiana colony was transferred from France to Spain. Antoine was an officer in the Pointe Coupée Militia, serving as the militia company's primary aide (Aide-Major) and also as Assistant Regimental Adjutant in the Louisiana Infantry Regiment. He held the rank of Sous-Lieutenant (2nd Lt). He served under Governor Bernardo de Galvez against the British in the Galvez Expedition after Spain declared war on Great Britain in June 1779.

He participated in the Battles of Manchac, Baton Rouge, and Natchez where Galvez defeated the British and captured the British forts in those locations. This defeat of the British cleared the lower Mississippi River of British forces and put the mighty river totally under allied control.

In 1785, he was documented in a census as a resident of Le Poste de la Avoyelles (currently Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana). He had been granted 1000-arpenes of land there by the Spanish government - likely for his military service.

He died on 24 November 1785. His burial took place a day later and was recorded in the records of St. François d'Assise Catholic Church (Pointe Coupée Parish). His grave was likely located in the cemetery of the 1760 church. Unfortunately, almost all of the graves from this church were lost to the Mississippi River when it changed course in the early 19th Century.





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In Memoriam

Montye Whitlock

17 Saturday 2024

Montye Whitlock, wife of longtime Dallas Chapter Member Tom Whitlock, passed away on 9 July 2024.

Nick Gilliam represented our Plano chapter Color Guard along with numerous Dallas chapter members at her Memorial Service on 17 August 2024.



L to R: Tom Milson (McKinney), Mark Harrison, Tom van Fossen, John Mahoney, Jerry Patterson, Brent Harshman (Dallas), Nick Gilliam (Plano), Tom Manning and Bill Watts (Dallas).



Compatriot News



Chapter Compatriot Anniversaries

Chapter Membership Anniversaries for September

Happy Anniversary, Compatriots!

Steve Driever	2000
Bradford Gaian	2023
Drake Peddie	2003
Daniel Peddie	2010
Michael Radcliff	1997
John Rathermel	2006
Stephen Seachord	2000
Joe Smith	2022
Charles L Stephenson	2011
Charles R Stephenson	2011
Gregory Stewart	2017
Dave Fautheree	2022





This Month's Fun Factoid



Constitution Day 17 September

Constitution Day is celebrated on September 17, the anniversary of the signing of our Constitution in 1787. It is a National Day of Observance, but not widely celebrated. The law establishing the present holiday was created in 2004. Unknown by most, in 1917 the National Sons of the American Revolution (yes—our organization) formed a committee to promote Constitution Day. The committee included members such as Calvin Coolidge, John D Rockefeller and General John Pershing.



An interesting sidelight to the history around Constitution Day is that in recommending the concept of a holiday, U S Senator Warren G Harding first used the term “Founding Fathers” at the Republican National Convention in 1916. That phrase has been used since by nearly everyone who writes about our national origin.

The Constitution and its co-founding document The Declaration of Independence are stored in our National Archives and continue to be honored and celebrated for nearly 2 ½ centuries.

Let's fly Our National flag on September 17.

“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

6 August 2024

Chapter
Meeting

Plano Texas
Chapter #37

Sons of the
American
Revolution

Seals and delivery
the presence of us

* W. G. Lott

Tuesday 6 August, 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 Proverbs.

Pledge to The American Flag: Offered by Mike Becker

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 Scott Knightly

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 Justin Day

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 & Judy (DAR) Johns, Kevin Ennis, Melvin Richards, Jim Wallace, Randy Bush, Tracy Curtin, Mike Becker, Ron Carey, BJ Bjorklund, John & Dorane Martindale, Howard & JoEllen(DAR) Roach, Alan Roach, Scott Knightly, Drake Peddie, Tom Van Fossen, Dan Ray, Bill Watts, Nick Gilliam, Justin Day, Grover Thurman, Jim Sanders, John & Jackie Rothermel, Rocky Miller, and Patricia Thibodeau.



- **Consideration and approval of The Minutes from the July 2024 Chapter Meeting:**
As no meeting was held in July, no minutes were brought forth for approval.

- **Treasurer's Report: Presented by Howard Roach, Treasurer.**
 - Investment Account \$15,593.00
 - Checking Account Prosperity Bank \$9,088.00



The History Minute

“The First Virginia Convention”

Presented by Randall Bush, Secretary



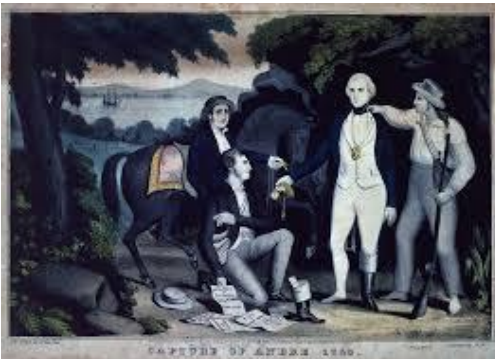
Randy takes a look at the beginnings of organized resistance to the British Government on a colonial level. We examine the first such movement by the Virginia House of Burgesses after they were dissolved by the Governor, Lord Dunmore, for showing public support for the colonists in Boston after the British government enacted the Boston Port Act. The Burgesses convened at Raleigh Tavern and declared themselves the rightful government of the colony. They called for the other colonies to do likewise and to send delegates to a Continental Congress.

The Featured Speaker Presentation

“Ravens and Sparrows: Washington’s Spies”

Introduced by Melvin Richards, VP of Programs
Presented by Patricia Thibodeau

Patricia discussed the secret intelligence network created by George Washington to assist in gaining information that would help the Patriots win the war. She described the underground spy network consisting of men (Ravens) and women (Sparrows) who utilized secret alias covert signals for communication (like a white handkerchief hanging from a clothes line) and common letters containing messages written with invisible ink. Pat revealed the exploits of intrepid spies such as Nathan Hale who, after successfully passing a good body of intelligence to General Washington, was caught by the British and hanged. She explained the work of the Culper Ring, a covert spy ring commissioned by General Washington and centered in New York City. Pat concluded with a description of how these various spy operations gained valuable intelligence enabling the Patriots to win the Revolutionary War.



Pat Thibodeau receives her Certificate of Appreciation from President Bob Johns and VP of Awards Kevin Ennis.



Other Business

Presented by Bob Johns, President

- We have an opening for a volunteer on the Chapter Audit Committee. No previous experience is required. Those interested may contact [President Bob Johns](#) for more information.
- The annual Christmas Dinner will change venue this year. The dinner will be held at the Princi Italia restaurant in Plano on 3 December at 6 o'clock. ***Please see the article in this Newsletter for information on the cost, menu and how to secure and pay for your reservations.*** The last day to make your reservation is 15 September.

The Benediction: Offered by Rocky Miller, Chaplain



The Adjournment/Recessional: The Meeting is adjourned by President Bob Johns at 8:00pm

“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

