

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



**October 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



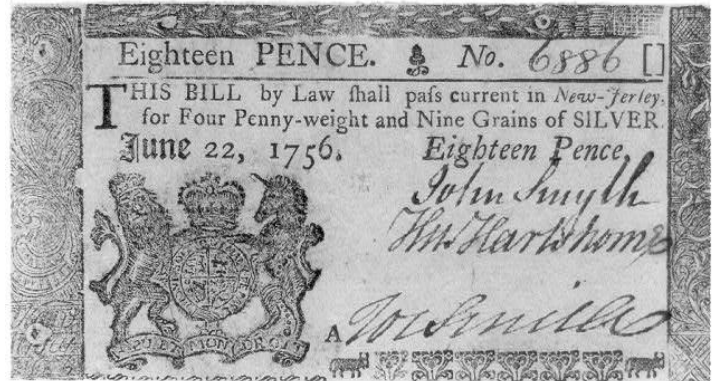


President's Message



By Bob Johns, President

The Yearly Support for Our Organization



October is an important month both for our Plano Chapter and our State Society. It's time to pay our annual dues.

Watch for a window envelope mailed to your home address beginning in October. It contains your invoice for next year's dues, but it has no wording on the envelope about DUES. It's NOT spam.

Each year our chapter grows with 18 to 20 new members, which is very rewarding. Unfortunately, about the same number of members fail to pay dues and drop their membership.

The Dues total is \$82.50. \$50.50 goes to National, \$12 to our state society and \$20 to our Plano chapter. Your \$20 dues finance our chapter's many youth contests, awards, support for veterans, awards to police and firefighters for public service, patriotism presentations for high schools, and the other activities we conduct.

Your dues go a long way toward our chapter living the SAR mission:
"Promoting patriotism, serving our communities and by educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country."

Please plan to renew your membership and pay your dues. And please notify [me](#) if you do not receive an invoice by December.





Upcoming Events



Chapter Christmas Dinner Reminder

3 December, 2024

Compatriots, this is a reminder that to make your reservations to attend the Chapter Christmas Dinner at Princi Italia in Plano on 3 December .

There are still seats available for the Chapter Christmas Dinner. To make your reservations. ***Please either: Mail your check, payable to Plano SAR Chapter #37 to Chapter Treasurer Howard Roach, 5616 Hillsborough Dr., Plano TX, 75093 OR bring your check to this Chapter meeting on 1 October 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



**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.





Upcoming Events



The State Fair of Texas (Cont'd)
Fair Park
1300 Robert B Cullum Blvd
Dallas TX 75210
27 September to 20 October 2024

A Call to Action From Compatriot Bill Watts

Compatriots,

The SAR is a service organization and we volunteer to help when there is a need. We need volunteers to work at the registration table to recruit fair attendees for membership in the SAR. The purpose of the registration table is to enable the SAR to actively recruit. You do not need to be a member of the Color Guard, anyone can participate in this all out recruitment activity.

Tom Whitelock and I are there on the first day to set up the table and we will be there on the last day to take down the table. Because I am retired I try to work the days during the week but I have to be there on the first and last day of the fair.

If you are not working a full time job please volunteer during the week days and leave the weekends to those who are still working. Please don't sign up for more than 3 weekend days as you are preventing others from having a chance to work the registration table.

You can sign up via Sign Up Genius:

[Jane Douglas Chapter NSDAR: Texas State Fair 2024 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)

Or at the Texas SAR Color Guard Event Calendar:

[Texas SAR Color Guard \(txssar.org\)](https://www.txssar.org)

Best Regards,

Bill Watts





Upcoming Events



Color Guard Upcoming Events

- **October 4 – 5** - 44th Annual Texas Hispanic Genealogical and Historical Conference at the Renaissance Dallas North Hotel 1590 LBJ Fwy Dallas in the Trinity Ballroom. We will have a table that will need to be manned. Further details to follow (Dallas Chapter event)
- **October 31 – November 3** - 2024 Texas Council for the Social Studies at the Kalahari Resort 3001 Kalahari Drive Round Rock, Texas. We need volunteers to talk about the SAR during the conference. Contact Shiidon Hawley at shiidon@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.
- **November 1 – 3** - Texas SAR BOM in Austin Texas at the Holiday Inn Town Lake 30 North I-35
- **November 9** - Fields of Honor Event at Red Tail Pavilion at Oak Point Park in Plano 2801 E Spring Creek Pkwy Plano Muster time is open at the present time - National Event
- **November 10** – The 44th annual Massing of the Colors, co-hosted by the Ft Worth Chapter MOWW and the Ft Worth ISD JROTC is being held at Birchman Baptist Church, 9100 N. Normandale St, Ft Worth, at 2 pm muster is at 1 pm - National Event
- **November 11** - Frisco Lakes Veterans Day Event at 11 AM. Muster at 10:30 AM - National Event
- **November 16** - Saturday Veterans Day Event at Red Tail Pavilion at Oak Point Park in Plano - 2801 E Spring Creek Pkwy Plano Muster time is open at the present time - National Event
- **December 4** – Dickens on the Strand Parade State Event in Galveston TX - State Event
- **December 14** – Wreaths Across America - National Event

For further information on any of these events or to learn how to participate, contact Color Guard Commander [Major Dave Fautheree](#).

Major Dave Fautheree
Plano Chapter Color Guard Commander
Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution





Upcoming Events



**Patriot Grave Marking Dedication
William Gates
Gates-Perry Cemetery
Washington TX 77880
16 November 2024 1:30pm**

Compatriots,

The SAR Freedom Chapter would like to announce an upcoming marker dedication at the historic [Gates-Perry Cemetery](#) located in Gates Crossing, a ranch community in Washington County, Texas. We will honor Revolutionary War **Patriot William Gates** who, as part of Stephen F. Austin's "Old Three Hundred," arrived in Texas in the early 1800s and settled in what is known today as Washington on the Brazos. The SAR Freedom Chapter and the DAR Coushatti Trace Chapter will be adding Patriot Grave Markers within the cemetery.

We will jointly host this dedication ceremony with the DAR for these markers on **November 16, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.** Formal invitations, including details, maps, parking information, and other logistics, will be posted on the [events calendar](#) in the coming week. Please mark your calendar and share this with your members or others who may be interested. We look forward to your presence as we celebrate this significant event!

If you have any questions, contact:

David Hamaker

SAR Freedom Chapter President

dhamaker@yahoo.com

(936) 522-6018





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Call for Special Presenters

Compatriots,

Do you enjoy public speaking? Do you have an interest in speaking about historical events that occurred around the time of the Revolution? If so, our Chapter can use your talents as a Special Presenter. Special Presenters have the opportunity to offer a 30 minute discourse at a Chapter Meeting on subjects related to Colonial America and the Early Republic.

To learn more about how to become a Special Presenter, speak with any of our officers or contact [President Bob Johns](#) for more information.

SAR Name Badges Now Available Locally

We have developed a local source for member name badges. These badges are similar to those available from National for \$35. This local supplier makes them for \$18 and they attach to clothing with magnets.

They may be ordered from AAI Trophies in Plano.

AAI Trophies and Awards

1710 K Ave

Plano TX 75074

972-422-9420





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Chapter Officer Elections

Compatriots,

It's that time of year again. Officer elections! During the November Chapter meeting, nominations for Officers are put forward by the Membership and voted upon. Installation of the elected Officers occurs at the January meeting. Any member in good standing is welcome to nominate another member to a position. All of us are aware of the power of the privilege to vote. Please make an extra effort to attend November's Chapter meeting in order to participate in this important process.

The Texas Compatriot - Summer Edition Now Available!

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

Texas SAR Compatriots,

The Summer 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

Secretary' Note: On page 9, you will find a nice article and photos of our Chapter's involvement at the Bonham VA veterans Cookout on 27 June.





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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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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





Patriot Stories

Contributed by Ronald Carey
Regarding his Patriot Ancestor
John Pringle

John Pringle (cataloged by the DAR as John PRINDLE) and his brother Samuel were soldiers stationed at Ft. Pitt (now Pittsburgh) during the French and Indian war. They deserted their post with two others who were eventually captured but John & Samuel hid in the wilderness living off the land. History has them recorded as living in what is known as the "Pringle Tree" of Buckhannon, West Virginia. After the war was over and they realized they were no longer wanted, they returned to civilization. John was a pioneer of Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky while Samuel led a group of settlers to form a community named South Branch (of the Potomac river).

Both brothers are listed on page 639 of Virginians in the Revolution serving with the Kentucky Militia. John also provided supplies during the war as documented in George Rogers Clark papers 1781-1784. He married Rebecca Simpson and I am a direct descendent of their eldest daughter, Catharine.





Compatriot News



Chapter Compatriot Anniversaries for October

Happy Anniversary, Compatriots!

Ira Archer	2018
William Dalrymple	2020
Steve Driever	2005
Larry Keller	2018
Spenser Madsen	2005
Christopher Martindale	2023
Jeffrey Martindale	2023
John Martindale	2023
Michael Martindale	2023
Robert Morris	2015
David Stutts	2018
Austin Stutts	2018
Austin Waugh	2022
Thomas Waugh	2022
Clinton Dansby	2005
Warren Alter (NSSAR President 2018-2019)	1998





This Month's Fun Factoid



The Battles of Saratoga: A Turning Point



September and October are important dates in the history of the American Revolution. In 1777 a major element of the British army numbering 7000 trained troops commanded by General John Burgoyne left Canada with the intention of capturing Albany and controlling New York and the New England colonies.

General Horatio Gates and his Continental Armies numbering over 12,000 troops were camped about 10 miles south of Saratoga. The two armies met in skirmishes almost daily from September 19 to October 7. General Gates knew General Burgoyne's supply line was exhausted and that no reinforcements were available to him. Gates pressed the battle and Burgoyne surrendered on October 17, 1777.

When news of this American victory reached France, King Louis XVI saw an opportunity to damage British control of the colonies. If the Continental Army could successfully defeat British regulars, they might win independence. King Louis XVI, on February 6, 1778, signed the Treaty of Alliance with the Continental army and the Colonial Government making France a decisive ally to the Americans in their fight for independence.

“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

3 September 2024

Chapter Meeting

Plano Texas Chapter #37

Sons of the American Revolution

Seals and delivery
in the presence of us

* W. G. Cottrell

Tuesday 3 September, 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 Psalms 2:1-4.

Pledge to The American Flag: Offered by Dan Ray

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 Nick Gilliam

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: Tom Van Fossen

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: 31**

Bob Johns, Kevin Ennis, Bryan and Lea (DAR) Humphries, Melvin Richards, Randy Bush, Tracy Curtin, Terry Curtin, Mike Becker, Ron Carey, BJ Bjorklund, Steve Driever, Dave Fautheree, Howard & JoEllen (DAR) Roach, Alan Roach, Bradford Gaian, Scott Knightly, Ira Archer, Tom Van Fossen, Dan Ray, Duane Carter, Nick Gilliam, Grover Thurman, John and Jackie Rothermel, Rocky and Linda Miller, Kyle Potts, Mercedes David and Luke David.



- **Consideration and approval of The Minutes from the August 2024 Chapter Meeting:** Motion to accept the minutes was put forth and seconded. The membership unanimously voted “Aye”.
- **Treasurer’s Report: Presented by Howard Roach, Treasurer.**
 - Investment Account \$15,161.00
 - Checking Account Prosperity Bank \$9,520



The History Minute

“The First Continental Congress”

Presented by Duane Carter, Registrar



The first Continental Congress met 250 years ago this month. Duane unfolds how representatives of twelve of the thirteen colonies met for the first time to address complaints by Massachusetts against the British Government as stated in the Suffolk Resolutions. The primary cause of the disputes against the British were trade relations. Retaliatory actions by the British Government and the overt involvement of the East India Company caused much consternation. The Congress made a firm start toward resistance against these actions by introducing a trade embargo against Britain.

The Featured Speaker Presentation

“Religion in the English Colonies and the Early American Republic: The Great Awakening”

Introduced by Melvin Richards, VP of Programs
Presented by Randall Bush, Secretary

Randall discusses how the Great Awakening, a series of spiritual revivals occurring in Europe and North America, affected the attitudes and actions of, first the early Colonists, then the citizens of the new Republic of the United States. Beginning in the 1730s, a sea change of religious thinking was beginning to appear by means of the preaching of men such as Solomon Stoddard, Jonathan Edwards and George Whitefield. The effects of this approach was to build in the subsequent generations of Colonists the concepts of self-determination, individualism and independence that blurred the boundaries of the social classes. The Second Great Awakening resulted in the establishment of many colleges and seminaries, along with the “camp-meeting” form of revivals.



New Member Inductions:

Luke David



Compatriot Luke David takes the SAR Oath of Membership from President Bob Johns. Luke's Patriot Ancestor, Reuben Radford, served in the Virginia Militia during the war. After the war, he settled in Georgia in 1783.

Jim Smetzer

Compatriot Jim Smetzer takes the SAR Oath of Membership from President Bob Johns. Jim's Patriot Ancestor, Andreas Daniels, was born in Pennsylvania and served in a Delaware unit. He saw action in the vicinity of Yorktown. He passed away at the age of 88 and is buried in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.



Color Guard Report

Presented by Dave Fautheree, Color Guard Commander

Commander Fautheree provides the upcoming Color Guard events schedule and explains the workings of the Color Guard and how to join.

Other Business

Presented by Bob Johns, President

- President Johns explains the new QR codes found on the last page of the Chapter agenda.
- Discussion of presenting the Plano Municipal Employees Awards in October.

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
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