

Plano Chapter #37  
Sons of the American Revolution  
Plano TX



**February 2025  
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

## Chapter Meetings

Compatriots,

This month I would like to highlight attendance at our chapter meetings. We have a very loyal and regular group attending chapter meetings. Our attendance routinely numbers 30-35 members and guests. However, our chapter has equally loyal dues paying membership of around 125. So chapter attendance at meetings is around 20%

In 2025, I hope we can increase meeting attendance. We have a pleasant meeting place in the private room of the Outback Steakhouse in Plano. Attendees order dinner from the menu and pay their own dinner expenses beginning at 6:00.

After that hour of meals and socializing we begin our business meeting at 7:00 which usually lasts an hour or so.

During the evening, attendees learn about chapter activities, chapter business and recognize the accomplishments of members. And we always have an informative and interesting guest speaker.

I encourage those who don't attend to give it a try, at least once or twice. Get better acquainted with the members of the chapter. We meet monthly on the first Tuesday of the month.

Come join your fellow members and I believe you will experience a deeper and more meaningful personal membership experience and will enjoy the meetings.





# Upcoming Events



## Plano Symphony Orchestra School Concerts

The Robinson Fine Arts Center  
1800 Alma Rd, Plano, TX 75075

### “Space, Earth and Sky”

*February/March Schedule*

February 18-21 10:00am and 11:30am

March 25-28 10:00am and 11:30am

#### REPERTOIRE

|                                   |                            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| The Star Spangled Banner.....     | John Smith                 |
| Texas Our Texas.....              | William J. Marsh           |
| Also sprach Zarathustra.....      | Richard Strauss            |
|                                   | (opening fanfare)          |
| Symphony No. 6.....               | Ludwig van Beethoven       |
|                                   | (excerpts from mvt. 4 & 5) |
| Ride of the Valkyries.....        | Richard Wagner             |
| Spring from The Four Seasons..... | Antonio Vivaldi            |
|                                   | Sophia Zhou, violin        |
| Jupiter from The Planets.....     | Gustav Holst               |

#### INSTRUMENT DEMONSTRATION

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| Star Wars..... | John Williams |
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***Tickets to these Concerts are purchased online [HERE](#). Hurry, as they will sell out quickly. You will not only see a great performance, but also experience our Color Guard presenting the Colors!***







# Upcoming Events

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## The Anheuser-Busch George Washington Parade

Laredo TX

22 February 2025 9:00am - 12:00pm

The **Anheuser-Busch Washington's Birthday Parade** will take place on **Saturday, February 22, 2025**. Referred to as the "crown jewel" of the Washington's Birthday Celebration, this international parade is led by the ever-popular Anheuser-Busch Clydesdales and features dazzling floats from all over South Texas. During this parade, Princess Pocahontas is presented with a key to the City by the Mayor of Laredo; the Society of Martha Washington debutantes display their beautifully beaded, gowns; and bands, marching units, clowns and dance teams perform for the crowds making this a truly unforgettable event.

This event is a **National Color Guard Event**. Details, including Muster time and location, will be provided to all Color Guard members in a future Email.

For more information, contact [Major Dave Fautheree](#), Color Guard Commander.





# Upcoming Events

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## The Texas SAR State Convention

Hilton Richardson  
701 E Campbell Road Richardson TX  
27 - 30 March 2025

Dear Compatriots,

This year, the 2025 Texas SAR State Convention will be held close by in Richardson. If you have not had the opportunity to attend a State Convention, then this is your chance! The topics discussed at the convention vary widely and provide a good sense of where the State organization is and where it is headed in the future. It's also a fine occasion to network and meet new Compatriots from around the state. Please consider attending at some point during the convention. The tentative agenda is posted below.

**Texas Society  
Sons of the American Revolution  
130th State Convention  
March 27 - March 30, 2025  
Dallas Chapter & McKinney Chapter - Host Chapters  
*Preliminary Meeting Schedule Summary as of 19 January 2025***

***THURSDAY • March 27***

1:00 pm - 3:00 Educational Program(s)  
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Meet the Nat'l Officer Candidates  
*Dinner on your own*

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## The Texas SAR State Convention (Cont'd)

**FRIDAY • March 28 2025**

8:00 am -11:30 am - Committee Meetings

8:00 - Finance Committee

9:00 - ROTC Subcommittee

9:45 - Americanism

10:45 - Council of Chapter Presidents

11:30 am -12:30 pm - Lunch Break

12:30 pm -1:30 pm - Committee Meetings

1:50 pm - Muster for Color Guard photo

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm -1st General Session (continued Saturday • March 29th)

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm - President's Reception

*Dinner on your own*

**SATURDAY • March 29th**

8:30 am -11:30 am - 2nd General Session

12:00 am - 2:00 pm - Youth Awards Lunch

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Memorial Service

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm - 3rd General Session

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm - President's Reception

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm - Dinner Banquet

**SUNDAY • March 30th**

7:00 am - 8:30 am - GSW 1812 Breakfast

8:30 am - 9:00 am - Religious Service

9:00 am -11:30 am - BOM meeting

Adjournment





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## 2025 SAR National Conference RAFFLE!

Compatriots,

The NSSAR is conducting a nationwide raffle in conjunction with the 2025 National Conference.

The Grand Prize is a custom tailored full colonial UNIFORM including Coat, Vest and Britches, or if a female wins-a full colonial female attire.

Second place prize is \$150 gift certificate for items from the uniform catalog.

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25 or 12 for \$100. Those interested, contact chapter President Bob Johns (847-691-9317 , [rjohns@outlook.com](mailto:rjohns@outlook.com))

*The winners drawing will be held at Conference March 29. Raffle tickets must be purchased by March 20.*

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**  
(Colonies and sample colors)  
New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island & Connecticut: deep blue coats with white facing & lining.  
New York and New Jersey: deep blue coats with buff facing and white lining.  
Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland & Virginia: deep blue coats with scarlet facing and white lining >>>  
North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia: deep blue coats with lt. blue facing & white lining  
(other colors/combinations might be available by next year)

*If a female customer purchased the winning Grand Prize ticket, she can order a colonial attire for herself if she chooses not to turn the UNIFORM award over to a male relative, and if she wins the second place, she can accept the Tricorn hat or request a Bonnet.*

**WOMEN'S SAMPLE STYLES**

Please PRINT **2025 TxSSAR Conference Raffle**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Chpt # \_\_\_\_\_

**130<sup>th</sup> TxSSAR Conference**  
**2025 RAFFLE**  
for top prize of a tailor made (to fit)  
**UNIFORM**  
Coat \* Vest \* Britches

Drawing Saturday Evening - March 29<sup>th</sup>





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## Bonham VA Quarterly Needs List

Dear Compatriots,

The Plano Chapter of SAR continues to support our veterans at the Bonham Veterans Center. At Christmas our chapter was responsible for buying lap blankets for the veterans. Your generous contributions are greatly appreciated by our veterans. Attached is a list of current needs. Please inform [BJ Bjorklund](#), chapter VP for Veteran Activities, if you feel called to help with items on this list. Thank you!

### Bonham VA Needs Listing

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.

- Clothing & Comfort Items: . Sweatshirts (Men's Small -XL)
- Sweatpants/Tops (Men's Small - XL)
- Full Zipper Hoodie Sweatshirts (Men's Medium -2XL), Body Wash (no bar soap or hotel/motel toiletries)
- Deodorant, Lotion, Razors (disposable double to triple blade), Electric razors (for patients on blood thinners), Shaving Cream, Nail clippers, Brushes and combs, Chapstick.
- Refreshments: Individually wrapped snack items to include ingredients are welcome, but no homemade food items. Items such as the following: Bottled Water, Coffee & Supplies, Juices (small boxed). Individually wrapped snacks (no homemade), Chips, Cookies, Candy ,Danishes and donuts.
- Miscellaneous: Leather Crafts, Plastic Models (Cars, Airplanes, Ships, Etc.), Dominoes (Big), Journals, notebooks. Adult coloring books, with colors or colored pencils, Paint by Stickers, Markers, Stamps, Pens, stationery. Gift Cards: Walmart, McDonalds, Whataburger, Braum's.
- Gas Cards

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## Bonham VA Quarterly Needs List (Cont'd)

### Bonham Needs Listing (Cont'd)

*Seeking Sponsorship for the following items/activities:*

- Monthly Birthday Socials
- 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: Brenda Magness, 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. 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 [brenda.magness@va.gov](mailto:brenda.magness@va.gov). Items may be mailed to the mailing address listed above.





# News Items



## Charles L. Stephenson Funeral Services

Our chapter color guard was invited to perform Honor Guard services at the funeral of chapter member Compatriot Charles L Stephenson Saturday Jan 11 at Restland Funeral Home in Dallas. Charles was a 14-year member of the chapter, and his sons, Charles R Stephenson, Philip M Stephenson and grandson Richard C Stephenson are current chapter members.



President Bob Johns and Randall van Heyst (President East Fork Trinity Chapter) perform honor guard before the services begin.



Chapter members Drake Peddie and Larry Melton at their Honor Guard posts



Honor Guard L to R:  
Randall van Heyst, son Reagan van Heyst (CAR), Bill Watts (Dallas), Drake Peddie, Tom Whitelock (Dallas) and Bob Johns. Not shown -Larry Melton





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## The SAR Websites: An Overview

Compatriots,

We have many avenues in this digital age that can be accessed for information, support and for ordering merchandise. I'd like to review the three that are of prime importance and give a brief description of what is available at each:

- [The SAR Store](#)

This link directs you to the Merchandise store of the National Society. On this site members can order apparel, logo items, flags, America 250 items, etc.

- [The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution](#)

This is the National Sons of the American Revolution website. While there is a wealth of information to be had on this public site, much more is available if you create an account with your email and national number. Once logged in, you may access *eLearning*; *America 250 (upcoming national anniversary)*; *News*; *PRS (Patriot Research System)*, *SAR Foundation*; and *Other Links*.

- **eLearning**

- Take the SAR Compatriot Training. The modules shown will help you to learn more about the SAR.
- Take the PRS training course about this excellent research service which helps cemetery searches, ancestor searches, Biography searches, and others.

- **America 250**

- The America250 link provides valuable information including prepared presentations on our 250th National Anniversary for use by educators or members who want to make presentations to groups.

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## The SAR Websites: An Overview (Cont'd)

- **The Foundation Link**  
Learn about the SAR headquarters in Lexington KY, the SAR museum, library and visiting info.
- **NEWS**  
You will find events by dates related to activities, trips, past historical events and related information.

- [Texas SAR](#)

This is the Texas State Society website. It has two views. Click on **HOME** link and choose *public site* or *private site*. They have different contents, both useful. The public site does not require a username or password. The Private Member site *does* require username and password. If you do not recall them, ask a [Board Member](#). **Never share these details!**

On our State Society website, you can find information on the various chapters in the State, their officers, locations, web pages, etc.

You can find Event information, information on the contests SAR sponsors for students, scouts, teachers, etc. Your chapter does all of these events and your decision to participate in judging some of them will be much appreciated! Contact board member [Alan Roach](#) for more information.

Logon to the Private Member site (as stated above), and under *Members*, you can find the entire State's membership register alphabetically and by chapter. The links on *Information*, *Organization* and *Reports/Forms* contain much more information.

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## The SAR Websites: An Overview

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- [Plano SAR Chapter #37](#)

This is your own Chapter's website. It contains valuable history and information about your Chapter, including the names of the founding Officers and the Chapter Constitution and Bylaws.

Information is available about upcoming events, the Color Guard and the Youth and Education Awards that the Chapter sponsors.

Here you will find the names and contact information of the current officers and the list of Featured Speakers provided by our Chapter.

The section titled "In Memoriam" honors those Members who have passed on to their rewards.

The Documents section contains downloadable links to all of the Chapter Newsletters/Minutes and the Photo Gallery contains photos from special events attended throughout the year.

The Website is updated on a regular basis, so check back frequently for new information!

- The National Society also has an official [Facebook](#) page, and we invite you to follow us if you haven't already!

By following our page, you will:

Stay informed about the latest SAR news, events, and initiatives.

Engage with fellow members and share your passion for our shared history.

Access photos and updates from SAR events across the nation.

Learn more about our efforts to promote patriotism, historical education, and community service.

Our Facebook page is a great way to stay connected with NSSAR and be part of our mission to honor our patriot ancestors.





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## TO ALL PLANO SAR CHAPTER MEMBERS! You Make a Difference!

Compatriots,

As we prepare our annual report to State and National on our chapters support of veterans, please help us report everything, including individual members support that your chapters board may not know about.

**ALL** Compatriots that are members of the Texas SAR can participate in this effort, so I am asking you to review your calendars and records of non-profit giving for this year and other activities noted below and send responses to chapter president [Bob Johns](#). Your Chapter responses REALLY make a difference and strongly keep our State amongst the best in the SAR.

Authorized activities include:

(1) Memorial Services/Funerals of any Veteran. Please send name of deceased veteran, date, location, your role if any, and distance(r/t) travelled.

(2) Personal donations (check/cash) to a Veterans Service organization, such as Wounded Warriors, VFW, USO, Paralyzed Vets, Purple Heart, American Legion, Camp Hope, Tunnel for Towers, etc. I will NEED amount, date of gift, and organization that received your gift. The key to their qualification is: Is the organization's primary client the Veteran? If yes, it qualifies. For every mile driven/flown to a funeral, one point is credited. For every dollar donated, one point is credited.

(3) Donations of clothing (new or used) to a Veterans Service organization, such as VFW, American Legion, Texas Paralyzed, Disabled Texas Veterans or Disabled American Veterans. Others are acceptable as well, BUT they must have Veterans as the Primary client. Please indicate date donated, organization name, and amount paid for new clothing (men or women). If donating used clothing, then credit is based on 1/3 of original price. For each dollar value of clothing donated, one point is credited.

(4) Wreaths Across America - Purchase of 3 wreaths for Wreaths Across America will make a Chapter qualified at 50 points minimum for their Stark report.

(5) Personal cost incurred for Wreaths, Flowers, or Flags placed on the Graves of any Veteran.

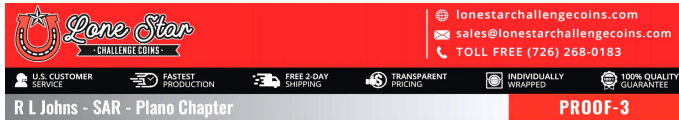
Thank you for all you do for our chapter.

Bob Johns, President





# News Items



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\*PLEASE REVIEW ALL DETAILS OF THE PROOF TO ENSURE ACCURACY OF SPELLING, GRAPHICS AND PRODUCT SPECS BEFORE APPROVING AS CHANGES CANNOT BE MADE ONCE PRODUCTION BEGINS

## A Special Item to Mark the 40th Anniversary of the Plano Chapter of the SAR

The Plano Chapter #37 of the SAR observes its 40th Anniversary next year in 2025. To celebrate the event, the Chapter Board has commissioned a Commemorative Celebration coin which is intended to both recognize our anniversary and to enhance our budget funds as a fundraiser.

The coin is a full color 2” antique brass coin. The front shows a rendering of the famous Minute Man sculpture by Daniel Chester French, presently standing in Concord in recognition of the Battle of Lexington-Concord. The reverse celebrates our chapter and gives our founding date.

This impressive coin is available to all chapter members for a \$20 donation to the chapter. Donations will enable our chapter to fund even more of the activities and awards we engage in to support veterans, youth awards, public service awards and more.

Please consider making your donation this calendar year. Personally, I plan to get five of the coins to use for recruiting awareness and for recognition.

Make your donation check payable to **Plano SAR Chapter #37** and send it to **Treasurer Howard Roach at 5616 Hillsborough Drive, Plano TX, 75093**. You will receive one of the coins in return.

Let’s make this a successful recognition program and fundraising opportunity.





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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:drhami75@gmail.com)





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## Patriot Stories

**Contributed by Mike Flagg  
Regarding his Patriot Ancestor  
Richard Callaway**

*Richard Callaway* (June 14, 1717 – November 8, 1780) was an American frontiersman, military officer, politician, and hunter who was one of the first white settlers in modern-day Kentucky. Born in Essex County, Virginia, Callaway joined Daniel Boone in 1775 in marking the Wilderness Road into central Kentucky, becoming one of the founders of Boonesborough, Kentucky. He took part in organizing the short-lived Transylvania Colony. In 1776, two of Callaway's daughters, along with Daniel Boone's Jemima, were abducted outside Boonesborough by Cherokee and Shawnee raiding party. Callaway led one of a group of settlers in the successful rescue of the girls. His nephew Flanders Callaway later married Jemima Boone. In April 1777, Callaway and John Todd were elected to the Virginia legislature as burgesses from Kentucky County, Virginia.

In June 1778, he was appointed a justice of the peace and made colonel of the county's militia. Callaway was a defender during the Siege of Boonesborough. He disagreed with some of Boone's actions and resented the younger man's popularity with the settlers, and later brought court martial charges against Boone. Callaway was angry when the court acquitted and then promoted him. On November 8, 1780, Colonel Richard Callaway was ambushed about a mile outside of Boonesborough by a Shawnee war party. He was killed and scalped, and his body was mutilated. Callaway County, Kentucky, was named after Callaway.



# Compatriot News



## Compatriot Anniversaries for February

Happy Anniversary, Compatriots!

|                |                        |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Marvin Fergus  | 2020                   |
| Ashton Higgins | 2019                   |
| Michael Milner | 1997 <b>(28 years)</b> |
| Howard Roach   | 2007                   |
| David Sparks   | 1988 <b>(37 years)</b> |
| B.Brent Truitt | 1983 <b>(42 years)</b> |
| Luke L Truitt  | 2001                   |
| Garold Base    | 2018                   |





## This Month's Fun Factoid



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### SAR Presidents of the United States!

An important factor that has attracted men of all social and economic levels to join the Sons of the American Revolution is that the Society is thoroughly American; democratic; nonpartisan and nonsectarian.

The qualifications are simply to be of good character and be a lineal descendant of a Patriot who served the cause of American independence during the Revolutionary War. In the one hundred and twenty-six years our Society has been in existence, the Sons of the American Revolution membership rolls list 149,000 Compatriots.

Station in life is not a factor for SAR membership. However, the SAR is justly proud of our Compatriots that have become, or are, Presidents of the United States of America. The importance of the Presidency of the United States has dramatically increased since George Washington, our first President. We would like to think that the patriotic ideals and declared goals of the Society had some influence on the decisions these Presidents made. Since our founding, in 1875, seventeen Presidents of the United States have been or are members of the SAR. Unfortunately, as a Society we have no provisions for honorary membership, hence Presidents John F. Kennedy and Ronald W. Reagan who did not have the necessary Revolutionary War ancestry to attain SAR membership were not eligible. Presidents James Garfield, Chester Arthur, Grover Cleveland, Woodrow Wilson, Richard M. Nixon and William J. Clinton had the required ancestry, but for reasons unknown to us did not join. President Ulysses S. Grant, was not a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, but was a member of our parent organization, the Sons of Revolutionary War Sires. He passed away before the SAR was founded, but his membership in the Sons of Revolutionary War Sires would have automatically transferred his membership into the SAR, hence his inclusion in the roster of Presidents of the United States who were or are members of the Society.

#### U. S. PRESIDENTS WHO ARE SAR MEMBERS

***Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford Hayes, Benjamin Harrison, Wm. McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Taft, Calvin Coolidge, Warren Harding, Herbert Hoover, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, George W. Bush, George H. Bush, Jimmy Carter, Gerry Ford and Lyndon Johnson.***





# Connect!

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## Upcoming Meeting Tidbits and Officer Connection Information

### 4 February 2025 Meeting Highlights

- The History Minute is “The Restraining Acts” presented by Randy Bush.
- The Featured Speaker is Dallas Chapter Compatriot Richard Brock who will present “Exploits of my Ancestor in the War for Independence”.
- New Member inductions!

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### Connect with our Officers!

President [Bob Johns](#)

Treasurer [Scott Knightly](#)

Color Guard Commander [Dave Fautheree](#)

VP of Medals and Awards [Kevin Ennis](#)

VP of Chapter Programs [Melvin Richards](#)

VP of Veterans Affairs [BJ Bjorklund](#)

VP of Youth Activities [Alan Roach](#)

Registrar [Duane Carter](#)

Sergeant at Arms [Ronald Carey](#)

Chaplin [Rocky Miller](#)

Secretary [Randall Bush](#)

[Plano SAR Chapter #37 Website](#)

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*“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 January 2025

### Chapter Meeting

### Plano Texas

### Chapter #37

### Sons of the

### American

### Revolution

Seals and delivery  
in the presence of us

\* J. J. [Signature]



**Tuesday 7 January, 2025 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

Based on the Apostle Paul's first letter to Timothy



**Pledge to The American Flag:** Offered by John 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:** Jim Smetzer

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: 27**

Tracy Pounders, Bob Johns, Dave Fautheree, BJ Bjorklund, Tim Bjorklund, Scott Knightly, John Ray, Kevin Ennis, Nick Gilliam, John Rothermel, Billy and Stacy Brewer, Bryan and Lea (DAR) Humphries, Michael Morgan, Michael Goode, Joe Smith, Melvin and Marita Richards, Rocky and Linda Miller, Randy Bush, Drake Peddie, Ron Carey, Mike Becker, Alan Roach, Grover Thurman.



- **2025 Officer Inductions and Oaths of Office - Tracy Pounders, President, Texas SAR** The elected officers for the 2025 calendar year are sworn in. They are (L to R) Bob Johns, President; Ronald Carey, Sgt. at Arms; Rocky Miller, Chaplin; BJ Bjorklund, VP Veterans Affairs; Scott Knightly, Treasurer; Melvin Richards, VP Programs; Kevin Ennis, VP Medals and Awards and Randy Bush, Secretary. Not shown are Dave Fautheree, Color Guard Commander; Duane Carter, Registrar and Alan Roach, VP Youth Activities.



- **Treasurer's Report: Presented by Scott Knightly, Treasurer.**
  - Investment Account \$15,088.20
  - Checking Account Prosperity Bank \$9,679.39

## The Featured Speaker Presentation "Christmas in the Revolution"

Introduced by Melvin Richards, VP of Programs

Presented by Tracy Pounders, Texas SAR President

President Pounders discusses the connection between the United States Code and the Sons of the American Revolution. When Congress created Title 36 of the Code to list non-profit organizations that took on specific responsibilities, Chapter 1 lists the four organizations it had in mind: The DAR, the SAR, the American Red Cross and the American Historical Association.

President Pounders sets the stage for events of Christmas 1776 by explaining the the Puritans and Quakers of the Northeast did not celebrate Christmas. Gifts were not given in the same way as today and Santa Claus had not yet appeared in the colonies. There was a great deal of deprivation that year. Both the British and the Patriots were blockading ports and cutting off supplies. Despite the military losses suffered by George Washington, he received four special Christmas gifts: Thomas Paine's "The American Crisis" was published. The second was that 3,600 reinforcements arrived, making a total of 6,000 troops under his command. The third was the reception of much-needed supplies, including wool blankets. The fourth was the successful capture of Trenton, NJ after crossing the Delaware River. We have much to be thankful for these presents to George Washington.





## Special Recognition



### Tracy Pounders

President Bob Johns presents President Pounders with a Certificate of Appreciation for tonight's Presentation

## Color Guard Report

**Presented by Major Dave Fautheree, Color Guard Commander**

Commander Fautheree provides the current and upcoming Color Guard events schedule:

Completed:

Wreaths Across America was attended in December.

Upcoming:

The Funeral Services of Compatriot Charles Stephenson

The Plano Symphony Orchestra School Concert Series

The George Washington Parade, Laredo TX

## Special Recognition



### **Nick Gilliam Alan Roach**

President Bob Johns presents Compatriots Alan Roach and Nick Gilliam with Certificates of Appreciation for exemplary Patriotism and service to the SAR at the Texas State Fair.

## Other Business

### Presented by Bob Johns, President

President Johns reviews the accomplishments of our Chapter over the last year. The Americanism Report is reviewed: Membership 137 (8 new members) and our Chapter's 40th Anniversary recognized with our Commemorative Coin. 100 blankets purchased and activities were attended with the Veterans in Bonham VA Center. Over 400 wreaths were purchased for placement on Veterans graves at the Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney. Seven of our Chapter Members participated. A cash prize was awarded to the winner of our Youth Poster Contest. Two Special Chapter awards were issued to Howard Roach and Tracy Curtin. Ten Certificates of Appreciation were issued for Color Guard events. Dave Fautheree and Randy Bush gave Special Presentations at numerous meetings and venues. Our Chapter awarded seven Certificates of Commendation to City of Plano Police Officers and Firefighters. Six Flag Certificates were awarded to residents who fly the flag in a patriotic manner on a daily basis. Two Flag Retirement Certificates were awarded to the Plano Fire Department. The Chapter has made several technology upgrades and improvements, initiated its first Chapter Newsletter and updated the Chapter Website.



# Special Recognition

## Randy Bush

President Bob Johns presents Compatriot Randy Bush with the Distinguished Service Medal for providing exemplary outstanding personal service to the Chapter.



## 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

