

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



**March 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

The Texas SAR State Convention

Compatriots,

I want to call all Members' attention to the upcoming **Texas SAR State Convention** scheduled for **March 27-29**. It's being held close to home at the **Richardson Hilton**. This is the first convention held here in several years and is an excellent opportunity to attend for our members.

Details and agendas are available at www.texassar.org. Look at the public site, scroll across to *Events*, then under Events down to *2025 130th Convention*.

There are numerous events scheduled where members can attend and learn more about Texas SAR. I suggest that you attend the three General Sessions. Drop in on committee meetings. As a guest you cannot vote, but you can sit in and learn about activities. You may find something *you* want to become involved in.

Attend Saturdays Youth Awards Lunch. You will hear the finalists in the State Youth Oratory contest deliver their presentations. Included will be our chapter's Oratory Contest winner, **Kayito Eche** who will deliver a powerful oration on *George Washington's Farewell Speech* and its lessons and advice still good today.

I think you will find attending the Convention highly worthwhile! See you there.

Bob Johns, President





Upcoming Texas Events



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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Upcoming Texas Events



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

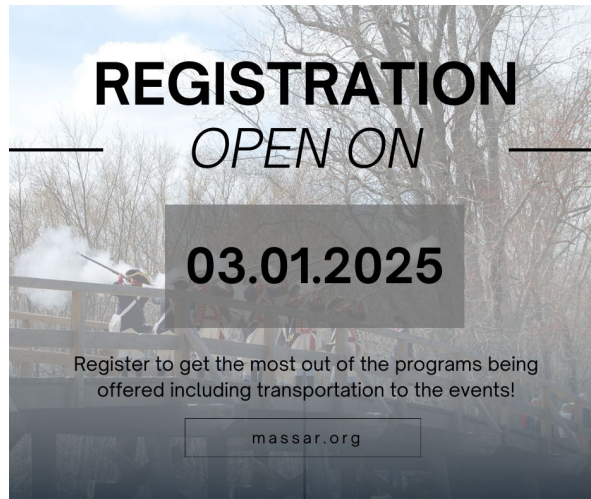
8:30 am - 9:00 am - Religious Service

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

Adjournment



America 250 and Patriotic Travel Events



250th Commemoration of Lexington and Concord

We are just 52 days away from the start of the 250th Commemoration of "the shot heard 'round the world'". **Please join the Massachusetts Society and New England District for the Commemoration of the Battle of Lexington and Concord, NSSAR's 2025 250th signature event.**

Be sure to register to get the most out of the programs being offered. *Transportation to and from the host hotel and the events is included. **Registration opens on Saturday, March 1st.***

The program promises to be something you will want to participate in and be glad you did. *Events begin on Friday, April 18th and go through Monday, April 21st.* Many of our National General Officers, National Color Guard, and members throughout the country will be joining us.

Your definitive source for SAR information on the Battle of Lexington and Concord 250th can be found by clicking the link below.

[Learn More](#)



America 250 and Patriotic Travel Events



The 2025 Activities Celebrating President James Monroe's 267th Birthday

by The James Monroe Memorial Foundation

You are cordially invited to attend and participate in both ceremonies for President Monroe – one in Richmond (at Hollywood Cemetery) and the other in Westmoreland County (at the Monroe Birthplace farm south of Colonial Beach). As always, these events are free and open to the public, so we hope that you will encourage your family and friends to join you.

Hollywood Cemetery Ceremony
412 S Cherry St Richmond VA 23220
28 April 2025, 11:00am

This year our annual wreath-laying ceremony at ***President Monroe's tomb*** in ***Hollywood Cemetery*** in Richmond will be at ***11:00 a.m. Monday morning***. April 28 is President Monroe's actual birthday, and the Hollywood Cemetery ceremony is traditionally held on that date. Since the 1930s, the Hollywood Cemetery ceremony has included a formal military ceremony with an Army unit presenting a wreath on behalf of the President. That tradition was discontinued by the Army last year, and we do not yet know when or if it will resume. Last year's ceremony, with a Foundation supplied color guard and band, was still outstanding, and the wreath presentations by a large number of lineage societies were as impressive as ever.

After the ceremony, a ***lunch reception*** will be held at the ***Taylor House, 2325 Monument Avenue*** in Richmond. The Taylor House is regarded as one of the finest homes in Richmond, and the reception there last year was a great success.

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America 250 and Patriotic Travel Events



The 2025 Activities Celebrating President James Monroe's 267th Birthday (Cont'd)

Westmoreland County Ceremony
The Birthplace and Visitor's Center
4460 James Monroe Highway Colonial Beach VA 22443
5 October 2025 2:00pm

Starting at **2:00 p.m. at the Birthplace**, the 267th anniversary ceremonies are expected to include local and state elected officials. Come to see both the **Birthplace House** and the exhibits at the **Visitor Center**. The ceremony will be in front of the Birthplace House again, rather than in front of the Visitor Center. See www.monroefoundation.org for the Birthplace location at 4460 James Monroe Highway (State Rt. 205) just outside of Colonial Beach.

Please remember that President Monroe was the only President besides George Washington to have actively served in the regular army during the Revolutionary War, participating in six major battles (as well as wintering at Valley Forge, crossing the Delaware with George Washington, being seriously wounded at Trenton and cited for conspicuous bravery) and subsequently served simultaneously as Secretary of War and Secretary of State (during the War of 1812, when he helped coordinate American defenses against the British). He was also an active participant in our first American lineage society, the Society of the Cincinnati.

When James Monroe and other patriots seized the Virginia Governor's Palace on June 24, 1775, and distributed its armory of muskets, pistols, and swords to the Williamsburg militia, that act began the Revolutionary War in Virginia. Let's celebrate that 250th anniversary by honoring James Monroe in proper fashion!

We hope that you will be able to participate with us in these commemorations to emphasize the role of this great Virginian and Founding Father in establishing our country, and its system of government and values.





Upcoming Color Guard Events



13 March DAR State Convention - the Texas State Color Guard has been asked to present the colors for the **DAR State Convention**, in Houston, Texas. Contact dada@texassar.org ASAP if you plan to attend. **State Event**

25-28 March Plano Symphony Orchestra School Concerts - present and post colors at 11:30 AM Tuesday and 10 AM & 11:30 AM Wednesday - Friday. Robinson Fine Arts Center, 1800 Alma Dr, Plano, TX 75075 (Plano ISD Facility - no weapons allowed). Muster at 11 AM Tuesday and 9:30 AM Wednesday thru Friday. May leave after posting colors at 11:30 AM. Contact [Color Guard Major Dave Fautheree](#) for additional information. **Chapter Event**

27-30 March TXSAR State Convention - State Color Guard Meeting from 12:30-1:30 AM Friday. Muster for Color Guard Photo at 1:50 PM Friday. Memorial Service 2-3PM Saturday. Post Colors at Banquet 6:30-9:30 PM. Contact [Color Guard Major Dave Fautheree](#) for additional information. **State Event**

28 March C.A.R. State Convention - the CAR has asked the State Color Guard to present the colors for their State Convention in Richardson, Texas. Contact [Color Guard Major Dave Fautheree](#) for additional information. **State Event**

9 April Patriots Day at Providence Christian School - 5002 W Lovers Ln, Dallas Muster 7:45 am. Contact [Color Guard Major Dave Fautheree](#) for additional information. Dallas Chapter sponsored, **National Event**

12 April Medal of Honor Parade Gainesville, Texas Contact [Color Guard Major Dave Fautheree](#) for additional information. **National Event**

18 April Patriots Day at Del Webb Union Park Amenity Center

Need 2-4 Guardsmen in uniform to meet and greet Union Park community members at their History Club event by SAR member Jeff Meek. He is giving a presentation on Lexington and Concord. Muster at 9 AM, presentation at 9:30 AM. Snacks provided after the event. The address is 7600 Del Webb Blvd and is in the Little Elm area north of US 380. Contact [Color Guard Major Dave Fautheree](#) for additional information. **National Event**

18 September Mary Shirley McGuire Chapter DAR Meeting

Post colors at opening of meeting at 7 PM. Location is First Baptist Church of Plano at 3665 W George Bush Turnpike in the Student Ministry Area. Muster at 6:15 PM. Contact [Color Guard Major Dave Fautheree](#) for additional information. **Chapter Event**





Contribution Opportunities



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 Gift Certificate for \$600 from his or her choice of a Colonial Attire Vendor. The Gift Certificate will apply to the order from that Colonial Attire Vendor.

A \$150.00 Certificate will be awarded for the 2nd place winner.

Gift Certificates are not redeemable for cash.

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)

The winners drawing will be held at Conference March 29. Raffle tickets must be purchased by March 20. Winner does not have to be present to claim their prize.

Just in!!!!

The Grand Prize Gift Certificate amount has been increased from \$600.00 to \$800.00!!





Contribution Opportunities



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)

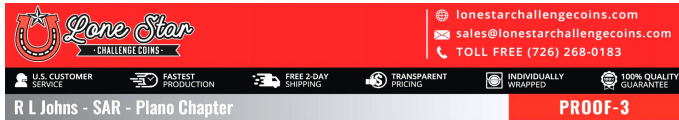
Seeking Sponsorship for the following items/activities:

- 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. Items may be mailed to the mailing address listed above.





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SIDE B



*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 Scott Knightly at 3121 Satsuma Drive, Dallas TX, 75229**. You will receive one of the coins in return.

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





Contribution Opportunities



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](#)





Contribution Opportunities



Texas SAR History Volume III Compatriot Biographies Needed!

Compatriots,

Our Texas SAR History Volume III editor, Matt Hoffman, is gathering Compatriot Biographies for publication in the upcoming **Texas SAR History Volume III**.

Compatriot biography information about yourself or any Texas Compatriot during the period since our previous Texas SAR History Volume II in 2005 is needed. Tell us about your SAR experiences, your SAR awards, your SAR accomplishments, were you in the Color Guard? Those are important. You should brag about yourself! Don't overlook your military and career assignments, but our focus is your SAR experiences. Doctors, lawyers, educators, farmers, ranchers, military, civic, professionals, SAR chapter officers, Texas SAR Officers, NSSAR Officers, committee members, etc.; we all are prominent in some way.

Let's fill up this upcoming History Volume so it is rich with compatriot biographies. You are important! An easy [Compatriot Questionnaire](#) is available for download to assist with gathering your SAR experiences. Send either or both the questionnaire and/or a compatriot biography to Matt Hoffman. His email address is historyvolume3@texassar.org.

John Anderson
Texas SAR Historian
historian@texassar.org





Contribution Opportunities



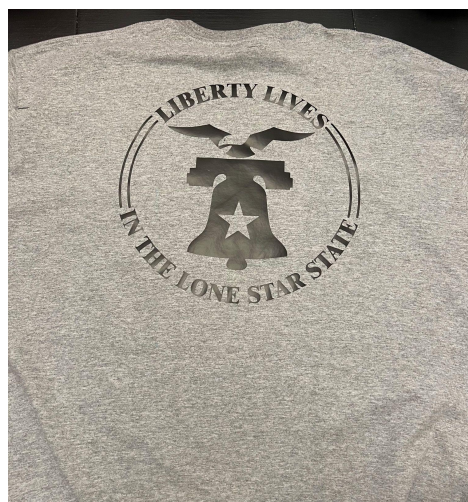
The “Liberty Lives” T-Shirt

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





News Items



The Plano SAR Color Guard Presents the Colors at The Plano Symphony Orchestra Children's Concerts



**PLANO
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA**
HECTOR GUZMAN MUSIC DIRECTOR



The Plano Chapter Color Guard presented and posted the colors during the National Anthem at seven concerts from 2/18 - 2/21.

The School Concert Education Program impacts over 17,000 3rd - 5th Graders from over 145 Schools from over 10 School Districts.

The Color Guard Compatriots participating are: (L to R) Bob Johns, Nick Gilliam, Major Dave Fautheree (Commander) and Alan Roach





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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.





News Items



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.





Patriot Stories

**Contributed by Michael Becker
Regarding his Patriot Ancestor
Isaac Washburn**

Isaac Washburn was born on Feb. 1, 1755 in Middleborough, Mass. He resided in Taunton, Mass.

Isaac was a descendant of Mayflower pilgrim Priscilla Mullins and John Alden. Unfortunately, the Pilgrims were ill equipped for the harsh Massachusetts winter and a large percentage of them died during the first year. Eighteen year old Priscilla was the only member of her family to survive the first winter. Her father, step-mother and younger brother all perished. She and John were the third Mayflower couple to marry sometime between 1621 and 1623.

Isaac was a Taunton Minuteman under Capt. Robert Crossman in Col. Nathaniel Leonard's regiment. On April 20, 1775, word of the battles at Lexington and Concord reached Taunton which is about 40 miles south of Boston. The Taunton militia assembled and marched to Dorchester Heights under the command of Capt. Oliver Sofer and became part of the 8th Foot Company of Col. Timothy Walker's Massachusetts Regiment. Isaac later served in the 22nd and 13th Regiments. Isaac served 3 enlistments (which were traditionally short terms), is credited 1 year and 18 days of service in the War of Revolution; and, is a veteran of the Battle of Boston.

Isaac married three times and had 17 children. His first wife, Polly, died at age 25 on June 7, 1785. His second wife, Eunice, died May 12, 1797 at age 37. His third wife, Elizabeth "Betsey" Richmond, died July 11, 1855 at age 75. He had four children with Polly, four with Eunice and nine with Betsey, including John Nichols Washburn who is the grandfather of my paternal grandmother. Isaac died in Taunton on Nov. 3, 1832 at age 77. He and his three wives are buried in the Plain Cemetery in Taunton, Massachusetts.



Compatriot Anniversaries for March

Happy Anniversary, Compatriots!

James A Baird	1995 (30 years)
Chuck Brennaman	2021
Alfred Utley	2009
James H Madden	2016
Durwood Ray	2024



This Month's Fun Factoid



The History of Boston Baked Beans

Cornbread and baked beans were commonly made by Native Americans and the Pilgrims at Plymouth Colony learned these recipes in the early 1620s. They likely added barley to the cornmeal to invent New England brown bread. The triangular trade of slaves in the 18th century helped to make Boston an exporter of rum, which is produced by the distillation of fermented molasses. At that time, molasses was added to local baked bean recipes, creating a distinctive style of baked beans unique to New England.

In colonial New England, baked beans were traditionally cooked on Saturdays and left in brick ovens overnight. On Sundays, the beans were still hot, allowing people to indulge in a hot meal and still comply with Sabbath restrictions. Brown bread and baked beans along with frankfurters continue to be a popular Saturday night staple throughout the region.

The region has two main styles of baked beans: Boston baked beans and Maine baked beans. The difference between the two styles is that Boston beans are made with small white navy beans or pea beans with thin skin while Maine beans are made with native bean varieties with thicker skins. The varieties used in Maine are Marafax, soldier, and yellow-eye, with yellow-eye being the most popular variety.

Both varieties are often made with salt pork or bacon. However, there is also a long tradition of vegetarian baked beans made with the same recipe as Boston baked beans or Maine baked beans but made without the addition of salt pork or bacon.





Connect!



Upcoming Meeting Tidbits and Officer Connection Information

4 March 2025 Meeting Highlights

- The History Minute is “The Minutemen” presented by Duane Carter.
- The Featured Speaker is Color Guard Commander Dave Fautheree who will present “George Washington’s Swords”.

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](#)

“Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an Independent Supreme Court, and a Nation of Free Men.”



The Minutes

of the

4 February 2025

Chapter Meeting

Plano Texas Chapter #37

Sons of the American Revolution

Seals and delivery
in the presence of us

* [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 Psalms 123.



Pledge to The American Flag:

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 Bryan Humphreys

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 Ira Archer

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: 26**

Bob Johns, Dave Fautheree, Duane Carter, BJ Bjorklund, Scott Knightly, Kevin Ennis, Ira Archer, Richard Brock, Jim Wallace, John Rothermel, Jeff Meek, Bryan and Lea (DAR) Humphreys, Jo Ellen and Howard Roach, Lou Zettler, Melvin and Marita Richards, Rocky and Linda Miller, Randy Bush, Ron Carey, Mike Becker, Alan Roach, Grover Thurman and Bill Watts.



- **Treasurer's Report: Presented by Scott Knightly, Treasurer.**

Treasurer Knightly outlines the changes that will be made in our investment accounts to better utilize our cash on hand.

- **Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the January Chapter Meeting; Presented by Bob Johns, President.**

The January Meeting Minutes were approved by acclamation.

The History Minute

"The Restraining Acts"

Presented by Randall Bush, Secretary

Compatriot Bush discusses two Acts passed by the Parliament of Great Britain which comprised the Restraining Acts of 1775. These limited colonial trade in response to both increasing and spreading civil disobedience in Massachusetts and New England, and similar trade restrictions instituted by elected colonial representatives.

These two Acts taken together limited trade only with Great Britain and affected New England and, shortly later the remainder of the colonies. Instead of quieting the populace, these coercive laws had been met with increasing resistance and rising resentment among the colonials.

The Featured Speaker Presentation

"Exploits of my Ancestor in the War for Independence"

Introduced by Melvin Richards, VP of Programs

Presented by Richard Brock

Compatriot Brock discusses the experiences of his Patriot Ancestor, Captain John Johnson, during the Revolution running British blockades in New York while smuggling gunpowder to the rebels. He tells several anecdotes about Captain Johnson: In one, using a hatchet, he hacks off the hand of King George's statue in New York City. Flinging it away, he proclaims "this hand will never sign another bill of taxation for we Americans!"

He and his wife sold all of their New York properties and removed to Charleston SC, where they lived for the remainder of their days. Richard made a trip to the church in Charleston where they saw the graves of Captain Johnson and his wife and the epitaphs on their stones.





President Bob Johns presents
Compatriot Richard Brock 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:

Provided a Color Guard Detail for the Memorial
Service for Compatriot Charles Stephenson

Upcoming:

The Plano Symphony Orchestra School Concert
Series

The George Washington Parade, Laredo TX

TXSAR State Convention, Richardson TX

Patriots Day at Providence Christian School,
Dallas TX

Patriots Day at Del Webb Union Park, Little Elm
TX





Veterans Report

Presented by BJ Bjorklund, VP
Veterans Affairs

Compatriot Bjorklund provides the current and upcoming Veterans information:

Completed:

Gave 300 lap blankets to the
Bonham VA Center
Donated extra funds to Wreaths
Across America

Upcoming:

Veterans needs list (found in the
Newsletter)

New Member Inductions

Lou Zettler, Jr Lou Zettler III, Lou Zettler IV

President Bob Johns presents Compatriot Lou Zettler III with Membership Certificates for himself, his father, Lou Zettler, Jr (Memoriam) and his son, Lou Zettler IV for their Patriot Ancestor, **William Amos**. Compatriot Zettler explains how his father commissioned a deep research into his family's genealogy, resulting in production of a 2 volume research set. Lou became involved later and picked up where his father left off, resulting in a supplement revealing his Patriot Ancestor.



Member Supplementals

Bryan Humphreys



Compatriot Bryan Humphreys explains the military service of his ancestor in the Pennsylvania Militia. His Patriot Ancestor, **John Black**, enlisted in the Militia in Cumberland County at 52 years of age and resided in the Harrisburg PA area.

Other Business

Presented by Bob Johns, President

President Johns reminds all about the upcoming State Convention in March in Richardson.

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

