

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



**April 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



## National Vietnam War Veterans Day

Compatriots,

I want to call all Members' attention to our **National Vietnam War Veterans Day** which occurs on **29 March** every year and to the **United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration**, which continues through **Veterans Day, 11 November 2025**.

The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 designates March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day....*"a day set aside in perpetuity for our nation to thank and honor all Vietnam Veterans"*. This special day joins six other military-centric annual observances codified in Title 4 of the United States Code §6, among them Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day. 29 March is a fitting choice for a day honoring Vietnam veterans. It was chosen to be observed in perpetuity as March 29, 1973 was the day United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam was disestablished and also the day the last U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam. In addition, on and around this same day Hanoi released the last of its acknowledged prisoners of war.

[The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration](#) honors all veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, and their families. This national commemoration was authorized by Congress, established under the Secretary of Defense, and launched by the President to thank and honor our Nation's Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice.

**Bob Johns, President**





# SAR Military Service Medals and Pins

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There are two SAR Medals and one Department of Defense Lapel Pin available to SAR Member/Veterans who qualify. The chapter has publicized and awarded these to members in the past, but new members may not be aware and some current members may not have inquired.

***Here are the two SAR Medals:***

## **The Military Service Medal**



***This medal is earned by any member who has served in the military.***

The Military Service Medal may be presented to a Compatriot in recognition of military service which does not otherwise qualify for the War Service Medal.

Proof of Service: Proof of service, in the form of a copy of the member's discharge (or other U.S. or Allied Government proof in the case of a member in active service), must be provided to the [Chapter VP for Veterans Affairs, B J Bjorklund](#).

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# SAR Military Service Medals and Pins (Cont'd)

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## The War Service Medal



***This medal is earned by any member who served or is serving in a war.***

Proof of Service: Proof of service, in the form of a copy of the member's discharge (or other U.S. or Allied Government proof in the case of a member in active service), must be presented to the [Chapter VP for Veterans Affairs, B J Bjorklund](#) before the medal can be worn.

Such proof must show that the Compatriot:

- 1) Served, or is serving, honorably in:
  - a) The armed forces of the United States
  - b) The military forces of a country allied with the United States
  - c) A United Nations Peacekeeping Force
- 2) Served against a common enemy in a war or action recognized by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States
- 3) Received a campaign medal, combat ribbon or badge as shown on the DD-214 form (or equivalent).

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# SAR Military Service Medals and Pins (Cont'd)

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## The DOD Award Pin

### Department of Defense Vietnam War Lapel Pin



The DoD Vietnam War Lapel Pin is available to any veteran who served in the combat zone, in any military branch, in any capacity during the Vietnam War as defined by DoD as between Nov 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975. The veteran's statement that they served is Proof of Service. Contact [Chapter VP for Veterans Affairs, B J Bjorklund](#).



# The SAR JROTC Cadet Recognition Program

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Compatriots,

The importance of our **SAR JROTC Cadet Recognition Program** cannot be overemphasized. Here is an overview of what this program is about:

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) awards the ROTC Medal to foster the principle of the “citizen-soldier,” exemplified by the Minutemen of Revolutionary War days. This award is presented by an SAR Chapter, State-level Society, or the National Society to ROTC or JROTC cadets who are selected for having a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing, and general excellence. The recipients are selected by the Commanding Officer of the ROTC or JROTC unit, who should be given full latitude in making the selection.

SAR members are direct descendants of those patriots that achieved the independence of the American people and the objectives of the organization are intended to perpetuate a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers. Such were the ideals of Captain Alden Partridge, who is considered the founder of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program in the United States. Partridge founded the ROTC because his father, Samuel Partridge, a soldier of the Revolution, had concern for the newly founded United States and its lacking a development resource for qualified military officers. SAR supports all programs that encourage historical research, foster true patriotism, and maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom. It strongly supports the United States ROTC and JROTC as exemplary programs of these ideals.

What should be of importance to us, Compatriots, is the support that we can render to these programs by our attendance at the JROTC End of Year Awards Ceremonies. While our Color Guard participates in the programs, we compatriots can attend as observers who support the recipients in their JROTC journey. In this Newsletter, you will find a list of upcoming JROTC events that you can support by your attendance.

**Randall Bush, Secretary**





# Upcoming JROTC End of Year Ceremonies

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Compatriots,

The scheduling of the various JROTC events is frequently in flux. As more information becomes available, especially the times of the events, I will broadcast email updates to the Chapter Membership.

**29 April - Plano West Senior High School**

**Auditorium 6:00pm**

5601 W Parker Rd, Plano TX 75093

**2 May - Wylie High School**

2550 FM 544, Wylie TX 75098

Time to be announced.

**2 May - Marcus High School**

**Larry Sigler Auditorium (Main Campus) 7:00pm**

5707 Morriss Rd, Flower Mound TX 75028

**8 May - Hebron High School**

**9th Grade Campus 4:15 - 6:30pm**

4207 Plano Pkwy, Carrollton TX 75010

**9 May - Lake Highlands High School**

9499 Church Rd, Dallas TX 75238

Time to be announced.

**10 May - Wylie East High School**

**Williams Center 7:30pm**

3000 Wylie E Dr, Wylie TX 75098





# Upcoming Color Guard Events

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**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**

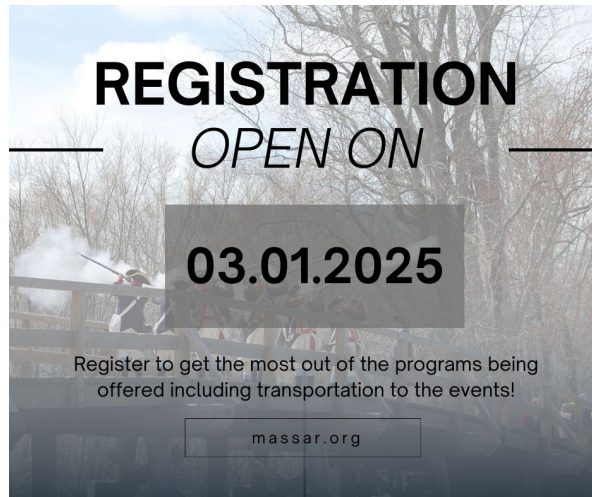
Post colors at opening of meeting at 7 PM. Location is First Baptist Church of Plano at 3665 W George Bush Turnpike in the Student Ministry Area. Muster at 6:15 PM. Contact [Color Guard Major Dave Fautheree](#) for additional information. ***Chapter Event***





# America 250 and Patriotic Travel Events

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## 250th Commemoration of Lexington and Concord

We are just 19 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

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## 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

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## 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](http://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.





# Contribution Opportunities

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## Bonham VA Summer Needs List

Dear Compatriots,

The Plano Chapter of SAR continues to support our veterans at the Bonham Veterans Center. 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 for Summer 2025. All items must be new and in original packaging.

#### Gift Cards:

- Exxon or Shell gas cards (Social Work to assist Veterans to/from appointments)
- Whataburger Gift Cards
- Braum's Gift Cards

#### Clothing & Comfort Items:

- Diabetic gripper socks – *Special request as regular gripper socks are too restrictive on legs of the diabetic or patients with larger legs.*
- Athletic Shorts (Men – various sizes)
- Women's summer tops (various sizes)
- Crop pants or long pants summer weight (Women – elastic waist, various sizes)
- T-shirts or short sleeve pullover
- Body Wash (no bar soap or hotel/motel toiletries)
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Electric Razors (for Veterans on blood thinners)
- Razors (disposable double to triple blade)
- Shaving Cream

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

**Refreshments:** Individually wrapped snack items to include ingredients are welcome, but no homemade food items. Items such as the following:

- Breakfast pastries/muffins for coffee cart
- Peanut Butter/Cheese Crackers
- Chips, Cookies (Variety Pack, Individual Bags)
- Bottled Water
- Small Bottles Gatorade
- Ground Coffee (regular only)
- Juices (small boxed)
- Liquid Creamer (individual packs/cups only)
- Coffee supplies (8 oz cups, sugar/Splenda packets)

**Miscellaneous:**

- Headphones - Over the head with plug for phone/TV (no earbuds, no wireless)
- Plastic Models (Cars, Airplanes, Ships, Etc.)
- Dominoes (Big)
- Journals, notebooks
- Adult coloring books, with colors or colored pencils
- Markers
- Postage Stamps
- Pens, stationary
- 1,000, 1,500 and 2,000 piece Jigsaw Puzzles
- Crossword puzzles/word search (large print)
- Sudoku books (large print)
- **New** books, **new** magazines

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

### Seeking Sponsorship for the following items/activities:

- Monthly Birthday Socials
- Popcorn & Movie
- Bingo & Prizes
- Cooking Group – monthly or quarterly
- Bowling for Domiciliary Residents
- Bonham State Park Pass
- Sporting & Music Events

Monetary and In-Kind Donations by mail, please send to:

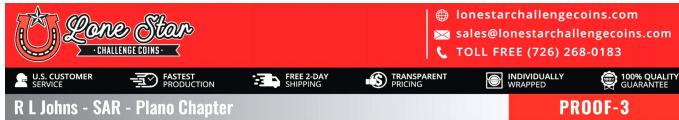
**Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Center  
Center for Development and Civic Engagement (135)  
Atten: Brenda Magness, CDCE Specialist  
1201 E.9th Street  
Bonham, Texas 75418**

- 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.





# Contribution Opportunities



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SIDE B



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## 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

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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](#)







# Contribution Opportunities

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## 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](mailto:historyvolume3@texassar.org).

John Anderson  
Texas SAR Historian  
[historian@texassar.org](mailto:historian@texassar.org)





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## 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 four concerts from 3/25 through 3/28.

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 who participated over the four events are: Bob Johns, Mike Becker, Joe Conger, Dan Hamilton, Ron Carey, Nick Gilliam, Major Dave Fautheree (Commander) and Alan Roach**





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## The Plano SAR Honors JROTC Cadets From Berkner, Richardson and Pearce High Schools

On 27 March 2025, the JROTC Cadets from the programs at RISD Berkner, Richardson and Pearce High Schools were recognized for their achievements by Compatriot Alan Roach, VP Youth and JROTC Programs and Compatriot Ronald Carey.





# News Items

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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.





## Patriot Stories

**Contributed by Bryan Humphreys  
Regarding his Patriot Ancestor  
John Black**

My 5th great grandfather John Black was born in Scotland about 1723. He and his wife Abigail and son James came to the colonies about 1745 and settled in Tyrone township, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. John Black acquired a significant amount of land over the years. Tyrone township became Rye township in 1766 which still exists today in the current Perry County, Pennsylvania, which is near Harrisburg & Hershey. John and Abigail raised 6 sons and 4 daughters. I descend from their second son John who was born in 1746.

The Pennsylvania Militia act of 1777 required all men between the ages of 18 and 53 capable of bearing arms to serve 2 months of militia duty on a rotating basis. So, at the age of approximately 52 years old, John Black, along with 4 of his sons, enlisted in the 1st Company, 7th Battalion of the Cumberland County Militia under Col Frederick Watts & Capt James Fisher. A 5th son, William, had moved to Georgia where he served in the Georgia Militia.

John Black likely did not serve longer than one year in the militia due to his age. I have not found any records describing revolutionary war activities of his Company and Battalion.

His son John, from which I descend, married Mary Robinson whose father George Robinson is my original patriot.



## Compatriot Anniversaries for April

Happy Anniversary, Compatriots!

Richard Bradley	2018
Durrell Dallas	2013
George Joyce Jr	1997
Christopher Mayfield	2020
Scott Knightly	2023
Peter Knightly	2023
James Parsons	2019
Edward Bishop Jr	2021
Gary Campos	2015





## This Month's Fun Factoid

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### The New England Pine Tree Riots

Leading up to the American Revolution, Great Britain relied heavily on its Royal Navy, and in order to build and maintain this huge fleet of ships, they needed trees. Under the Mast Preservation Clause in the Massachusetts Charter in 1691, Britain laid claim to any white pine measuring 24 inches in diameter



or greater, and in 1722 a law passed in New Hampshire made it illegal to cut down white pines measuring 12 inches or more.

The “mast pines”, as they were named for their suitability as single-stick masts and booms, were identified by a Surveyor of the King’s Woods, and marked with a broad arrow for exporting to England. The colonists resented the restrictions on the timber they used for their needs and livelihoods, and many continued to harvest the marked trees.

The law caused more anger and backlash than the Stamp Act or even the Tea Tax, and eventually resulted in the Pine Tree Riot of 1772. After being fined and refusing to pay for harvesting trees marked with the broad arrow, a New Hampshire mill owner, along with other mill owners and townsmen, assaulted the Sheriff and his Deputy by lashing them with tree switches, cutting off their horses’ ears, manes and tails, and forcing them out of town through a jeering crowd.

Occurring almost two years prior to the more well-known Boston Tea Party, the Pine Tree Riot was one of the first acts of forceful resistance against British royal authority by the American colonists, and among the disputes that culminated in the American Revolution.





# Connect!

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## Upcoming Meeting Tidbits and Officer Connection Information

### 1 April 2025 Meeting Highlights

- The History Minute is “The Shot Heard Around the World” presented by Duane Carter and Randy Bush.
- The Featured Speaker is Dr. Steven Driever who will present “Paul Revere, His Midnight Ride and Life”.

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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

4 March 2025

Chapter  
Meeting

Plano Texas

Chapter #37

Sons of the  
American  
Revolution



**Tuesday 4 March, 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 Bob Johns, President



**Pledge to The American Flag:** offered by Mike Becker

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and justice for all.



**Pledge to The Texas Flag:** Offered by Mike Morgan

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 Dr. Steven Drier

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: 23**

Bob Johns, Dave Fautheree, Duane Carter, Steven Drier, BJ Bjorklund, Scott Knightly, Peter Knightly, Kevin Ennis, John and Jackie Rothermel, Bryan and Lea (DAR) Humphreys, Billy Brewer, Melvin and Marita (DAR) Richards, Randy Bush, Ron Carey, Mike Becker, Mike Morgan, Drake Peddie, Alan Roach, Grover Thurman and Thomas Thurman.



- **Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the February 2025 Chapter Meeting; Presented by Bob Johns, President.**

The February Meeting Minutes were approved by acclamation.

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

- Checking Account Balance \$10,262.89

## **The History Minute "The Minutemen"**

**Presented by Duane Carter, Registrar**

Compatriot Carter discusses the actions and purpose of The Minutemen. Massachusetts had a very strong militia presence. They formed a sub-group of the militias that was smaller and able to deploy much faster. The colonists established a system of communications comprising drums and riders as the British rode through the countryside seeking arms and munitions. The result was that General Gage highly underestimated the colonials.

## **The Featured Speaker Presentation "George Washington's Swords"**

**Introduced by Melvin Richards, VP of Programs**

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

Commander Fautheree discusses the various types of swords used in the Revolutionary War period, as well as the origins and details of some of the swords that were actually possessed by General Washington. Commander Fautheree had several swords on display for the members to see.



Bob Johns, President presents Commander Dave Fautheree with a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation "George Washington's Swords".





Color Guard Commander Major Dave Fautheree presents Compatriots Ronald Carey and Scott Knightly with promotions within the Color Guard ranks. Compatriot Carey now holds the rank of Lieutenant Adjutant and Compatriot Knightly now holds the rank of Sergeant.

## Color Guard Report

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

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

Completed:

Seven concerts for the Plano Symphony Orchestra Plano TX

Upcoming:

Texas SAR State Convention

Richardson TX

Texas CAR State Convention

Richardson TX

Texas DAR State Convention

Houston 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:

Upcoming:  
Veterans needs list (found in the  
Newsletter)

## Current/Other Business

**Presented by Bob Johns, President**

Compatriot Drake Peddie  
informs the Chapter about  
events the Color Guard  
attended. He recounts the  
experience of attending the  
funeral of Compatriot Charles  
Stephenson.



**The Benediction: Offered by Bob Johns, President**



**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

