

The Plano Compatriot Gazette

The Official Newsletter of Plano Chapter #37
Texas Sons of the American Revolution

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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 SAR Americanism Poster Contest

Compatriots,

I am pleased to let you know that our chapter sponsored a young student in the SAR Poster Contest this year by the name of Alesia Garcia. Her poster won our chapter's contest and won \$100. Alessia will be at the Dallas chapter meeting May 17 along with other area chapter poster winners where we will present her with her check and winners certificate.

SAR sponsors numerous student, teacher, and Eagle scout awards. Let's all as chapter members help support these contests. By doing so we can both support our own chapter and add to the list of students and teachers we can award.

Think about these contests and ask yourself if there might be entrants among your own acquaintances: grandkids, neighborhood kids, church kids, American History teachers you know or hear of. Suggest they enter one of our contests. Let's learn about the available contests and recruit more youngsters to apply.

[Here's where you can learn:](#)

- *Essay Contest - Grades 9-12
- *Americanism Poster Contest - Grades 3-5
- *Oration Contest - Grades 9-12
- *Brochure Contest - Grades 6-9
- *American History Teacher Award - The Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award recognizes a teacher of grades 7-12

Let's all learn a bit about these contests and keep them in mind. If you find potential entrants, give their names and contact info to V P Alan Roach who leads our efforts in this area. Or tell them how to enter—the information is on the web site page along with explanations of each contest.

Bob Johns, President





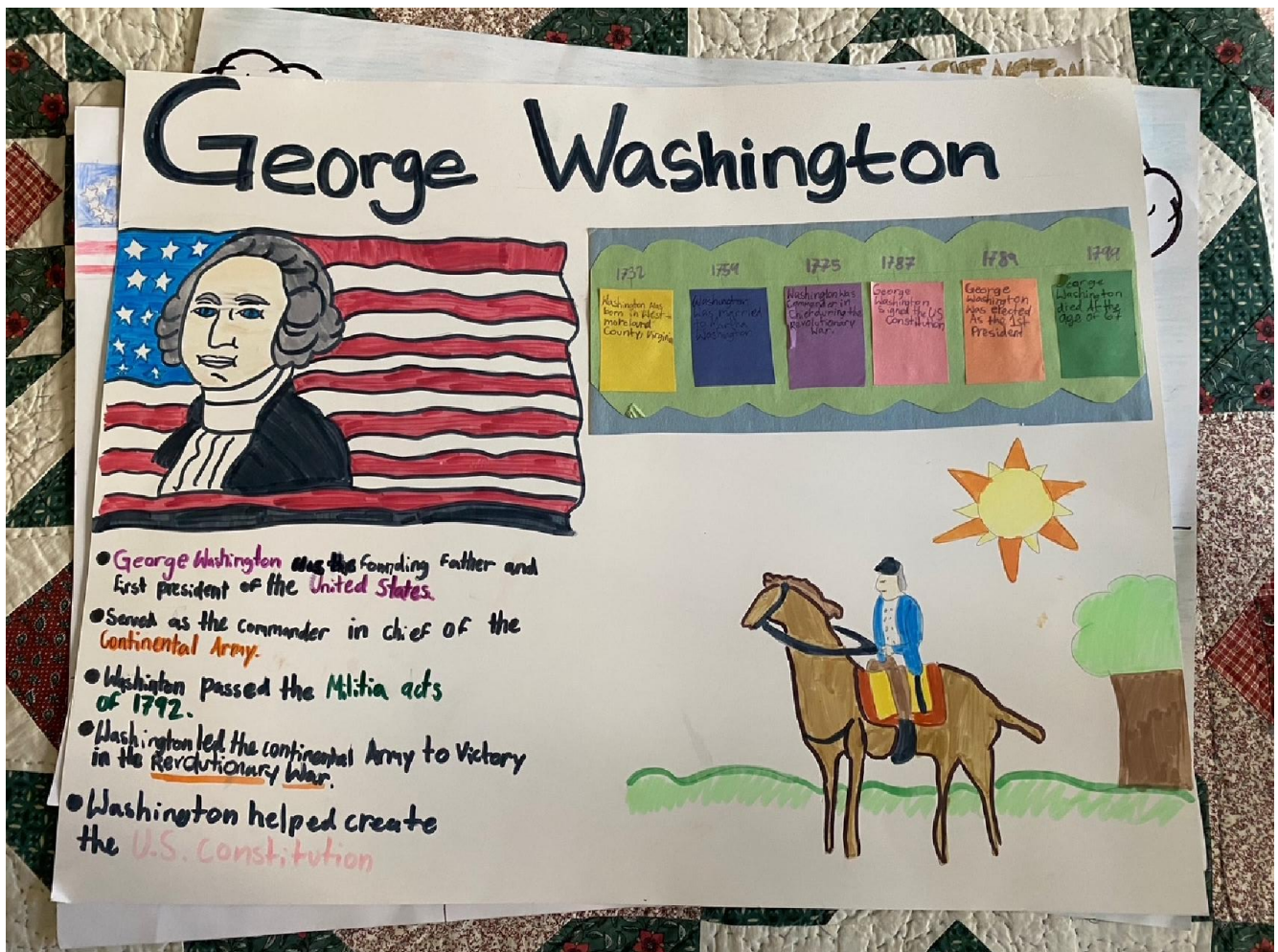
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The SAR Americanism Poster Contest

"George Washington" by your Poster Competition Winner, Alesia Garcia, Age 10





The SAR JROTC Cadet Recognition Program



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



7 May - Plano East Senior High School

6:30

3000 Los Rios Blvd, Plano, TX 75074

C/2LT Rahil Ali

8 May - Hebron High School

9th Grade Campus 4:00pm

4207 Plano Pkwy, Carrollton TX 75010

C/CPO Shyanne Miller

9 May - Lake Highlands High School

LHHS Multi-Purpose Academic Center (MAC) 11:00am

9499 Church Rd, Dallas TX 75238

C/SGM Christopher Bautista

10 May - Wylie East High School

Williams Center 5:30pm

3000 Wylie E Dr, Wylie TX 75098

C/1LT Serhat Vanli

12 May - Plano Senior High School

Auditorium 6:30pm

2200 Independence Pkwy, Plano, TX 75075

C/CPT Hannah Loether

C/2LT Anya Ahmed

14 May - Flower Mound High School

9th Grade Center 6:30pm (entrance on Old Settler Road)

3411 Peters Colony Rd, Flower Mound, TX 75022

C/ Yungyu Lee





Upcoming Color Guard Events



9 May - Lake Highlands High School JROTC 4th Annual Awards Ceremony/Pass in Review Arrive by 9 AM. Address: 9449 Church Rd, Dallas 75238. *NEED AT LEAST 5 COMPATRIOT VOLUNTEERS!* - contact [Alan Roach](#) if you would like to participate.

Chapter Event

27 May - Frisco Lake Veterans Club Memorial Day Ceremony

11 AM in Ballrooms D/E at Main Village Center.. Presentation and Posting of Colors. Muster at 10:30 AM. Contact [Color Guard Major Dave Fautheree](#) for additional information. **National Event**

29 May - DART Older American Event

Present colors at opening of the event at 10 AM in Centennial Hall in Fair Park, 1001 Washington St, Dallas, TX 75210. Muster time is 9:30 AM. Parking will be available behind the building. Contact [Color Guard Major Dave Fautheree](#) for additional information. **Chapter Event**

June Flag Day Flag Retirement - TBD - details to follow soon

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**

Dave Fautheree

Plano Chapter Color Guard Commander

Texas Society

Sons of the American Revolution





Chapter News Items



An Important Reminder.....

Compatriots,

Over the past several weeks, you have probably received a letter from the SAR Foundation soliciting funds. *If you have made a donation to the fund, please email [President Bob Johns](#), who has the responsibility for the **Americanism Award**.* The Chapter earns 1 point for each dollar contributed, up to \$3000 points, so if you have made a contribution, let Bob know the size of it. He and the folks in Louisville will be the only ones privy to that information.

Randall Bush, Secretary

Another Important Reminder.....

Regarding the May Meeting of the Dallas SAR Chapter #2

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we were informed by the Management of Ventana by Buckner, that **we will not be able to meet in their building on Saturday, May 10th, 2025 as previously planned.**

There will be extensive A/C equipment upgrading to the Ventana complex beginning Saturday morning May 10th at 8:00am and completed by 4:00pm the same day. The window for their use is for a one day service, and that is now Saturday, May 10th.

NOW, some good news! **We have been given Saturday, May 17th** as a date to move our meeting - just one week later. The meeting will be as we planned prior with the **same time (9:00am program)**, same guests, and **YOUTH AWARDS WINNERS**.

Come early and enjoy a full breakfast buffet beginning at 8:00am for only \$15, which also includes a raffle ticket for the door prize given that day. Location and featured event information details are below.

Please RSVP using the indicated button to let us know you will be attending in order for us to insure we have proper space, and we can advise our caterers of required food amounts.





Chapter News Items



**President Johns
awards a Certificate of
Appreciation and his
\$100 Winner's Award
to our High School
Oration Contest
winner, Kayito Eche!**

**The Color Guard attends the
Collin County Historical
Preservation Celebration on
5 April!**





Chapter News Items



**The Color Guard
Presents at Providence
Christian Academy!**





A Report: The Texas SAR State Convention



Compatriots, the Texas SAR State Convention produced a great deal of information detailing the accomplishments and actions of the Texas Chapters this past year. This report, compiled from the Final Report filed by Past President Tracy Pounders, gives the high points of this past year's activities:

Membership

As of March 8, 2025 we have 2,731 members. We have 45 new members and 230 Junior members, so we have a firm foundation for continued growth going forward. Although we currently have 544 drops we also had 334 reinstatements this year, so its likely many of these drops will likewise be reinstated. We should work hard to continue this trend and retain as many members each year as we can.

Community Engagement

The Texas SAR has been very active in the Community this year, both at the state level and the local level. There is no way to list them all in this report. But our relationship with Wreaths Across America is very special and should continue to be nurtured. And a special shout out to our color guards, both the state and our locals, is well deserved. There may be no better thing that we do to get the community's attention than what we do with our color guards – it connects both children and adults to our Revolutionary War heritage and provides them the perfect opportunity to ask about the SAR and what we do. Our color guards keep our organization in the public eye – and we can't get enough of that!

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Youth and Education

Our Youth Programs are strong, both at the local and State levels. Special recognition is owed to Mark Harrison for herding in the many awards we give out – he has been absolutely tireless – I am so thankful for you Mark! Special recognition is also due to:

- Wayne Courreges and his sub-committee for the Brochure Contest
- Joe Sogan and his sub-committee for the CAR Essays
- The Eagle Scout sub-committee
- Larry Luby and his sub-committee for the Oration Contest
- David Peavy, Ron Walcik and their sub-committee for the Knight Essay Contest
- Wayne Courreges, Bill Sekel and their sub-committee for the Poster Contest
- Jack Haughton and his subcommittee for ROTC recognitions
- Bob Cohen for 4-H recognitions
- Randall Van Heyst for the Video Contest, now a National contest as well.
- Joe Sogan and Art Byram for their support of the CAR.

Patriotism and Recognition

It fills me with pride knowing just how well we do this. Our local chapters have given out literally hundreds or perhaps thousands of Bronze Good citizenship medals and ROTC medals to students – our future! And we remember our teachers as well – recognition that is absolutely deserved! Very importantly, we've honored our First Responders and law enforcement personnel with:

- The SAR Heroism Medal
- SAR Life Saving Medal
- Law Enforcement Commendation Medal
- Fire Safety Commendation Medal
- Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal

Firemen, Policemen, EMTs, 9-1-1 operators, prosecutors and judges – they all deserve our thanks! Not only do these medals recognize our first responders for the heroic work they do for us but it permits us to get out in front of the community. Doing the right thing is an excellent way to get SAR better known in your home communities. Please continue and expand your programs in this area.

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Preservation Efforts

We have been very active in our preservation efforts. With the 250th Anniversary of our country coming up our efforts to memorialize this has been very active.

- Special recognition is given to Richard Zdunkewicz and Mel Oller for their work on our SAR Cenotaph to be installed at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin.
- Art Byram and Mel Oller with regard to the 250th bench.
- The Galvez Statute program headed up by Bill Adriance and Sam Massey is ongoing.
- And the Galvez Trail program headed up by Ed Butler and Tom Jackson.

Additionally, our Archives, History and Yearbook Committee headed up by John Anderson and his committee is actively recording what we do for posterity. And last but not least is our grave marking efforts throughout the state. Special thanks go to our many color guard members who have attended these events, bringing dignity and well-deserved recognition to these events. David Hamaker and the Freedom Chapter color guard have been especially helpful to me this year in this respect.



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2029 Congress

One of the most significant things we accomplished this year was to secure San Antonio as the site for the 2029 SAR Congress. This took a lot of work and persistence, as it was a multi-year process. Thanks to Tom Jackson and his committee for getting this done! I can hardly wait!

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the collective effort of our officers, committee chairs, and active members. For the record, my special thanks go to all of you, but in particular the following:

- Mel Oller for his work as your President-Elect – he just seemed to be everywhere this year. In particular he deserves my thanks for covering for me at several events this year, and a lot of our thanks for his work in getting us our general liability insurance and black powder insurance. OUTSTANDING!
- Sam Massey, our Immediate Past President and Trustee – for representing us at so many events out of state and for always being there to answer questions.
- Don Hayes for his work as your Treasurer, handling the transition in accounting, supervising our bookkeeper and assisting in the membership reconciliation – a big job!
- Kevin Kanter as your Secretary, for keeping track of and taking care of all the details of our members, as well as representing us at National and DAR events.
- Dustin Whittenburg as your Chancellor for his good legal counsel.
- Richard Zdunkewicz as your Staff Secretary – what can I say? Richard is the ultimate Staff Secretary, setting the agendas for our Executive, Board of Managers and State meetings, as well as the minutes. Can't say enough – above and beyond! INCREDIBLE JOB!
- Ray Cox as your Communications Secretary – kept us all connected through DADA, emails and website. And he hosted our online event registrations.

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2029 Congress

- John Anderson as your Historian – awesome job dealing with our archives issues, keeping our historical data safe and working on the Notable Texas and Texas History Vol. III projects.
- Michael Goode as your Chaplain – was our primary contact with the families of members who passed during the year; also for his work on the Veterans Committee which includes mustering all the information for the Stark Report, helping coordinate Wreaths Across America events and the Operation Ancestor Researcher.
- Mark Harrison as your VP Americanism, Contest Medals and Awards – busiest man at our meetings – he handled literally hundreds of our awards.
- Our District VPs: Ben Pollard, Frank Kebelman, Ron Walcik, Ron Turner, Michael Goode, Art Byram, Dennis Brunson, Chuck Wagner, Bill Sekel, and Tom Milson for looking after our local chapters.
- Ron Turner as your Newsletter Editor – is stepping down after a job well done!
- Jim Jones who leads the Perpetual Fund Trustees – stepping down after a job well done!
- And Tom Milson for every time I voluntold him to do something for me.

Respectfully submitted by:

Randall Bush

Secretary

SAR Plano Chapter #37





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TEXAS SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION 2024 MEMORIAL SERVICE

Song

Invocation

Scripture: Isaiah 25:6-9

New American Bible

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations. He will destroy death forever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Indeed, this is our God; we looked to him, and he saved us! This is the Lord to whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us.

Memorial Litany

We remember this day with thanksgiving to God, for our lives of the Compatriots who so recently served God, our country, and our society with devotion, loyalty and honor. They will always live in our memory as they continue to live in a world not limited by time and space.

Chaplain: Compatriots, let us remember and honor those of our ranks who are no longer with us.

Response: For they will rejoice in the bounds of the Lord and their sorrow will be no more. *Jeremiah 33:12*

Chaplain: The Lord is everlasting God. *Isaiah 40:28*

Response: The Creator of the ends of the earth. *Isaiah 40:28*

Chaplain: He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. *Isaiah 40:29*

Response: They will soar on wings like eagles, they will not run and not grow weary, they will walk and not grow faint. *Isaiah 40:31*



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Chaplain: How lovely is Your dwelling place. O LORD Almighty! *Psalm 84:1*

Response: Even the sparrow has found a home and the swallow a nest for herself. *Psalm 84:3*

Chaplain: Better is one day in Your courts. *Psalm 84:10*

Response: Than a thousand elsewhere. *Psalm 84:10*

Chaplain: O Lord Almighty, my King and my God. *Psalm 84:3*

Response: Blessed are those who dwell in the house of the Lord. *Psalm 84:4*

Chaplain: Restore us again, O God our Savior. *Psalm 84:4*

Response: And put away Your displeasure toward us and grant us Salvation.

Psalm 85:7

Chaplain: I am the resurrection and the life. *John 11:25*

Response: He who believes in Me will live even though he dies. *John 11:25*

Chaplain: And whoever lives and believes in Me. *John 11:26*

Response: Will never die *John 11:26*

All: Amen

THE READING OF THE MEMORIAL ROLL

| First | Mid | Last | Ch.# | Death Date |
|-------------|-----|------------------------------|------|------------|
| Raymond | E. | Hargis | 34 | 2/13/2024 |
| Mervin | D. | Peters (L)(P) | 40 | 2/27/2024 |
| Douglas | A. | Weiberg | 65 | 3/9/2024 |
| Col. Jerry | E. | Marshall (Ret.) ⁷ | 4 | 3/17/2024 |
| Terry (TL) | L. | Holden (L)(P) ¹ | 34 | 4/8/2024 |
| Billy | B. | Dareing | 23 | 4/10/2024 |
| Thomas | E | Carswell, Jr. ¹ | 31 | 5/4/2024 |
| Rev. Gordan | L. | Waterman | 51 | 5/5/2024 |
| Frank | L. | Felcman | 49 | 5/10/2024 |

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| First | Mid | Last | Ch.# | Death Date |
|-------------|-----|----------------------------------|------|------------|
| Dennis | A. | Brand | 25 | 6/2/2024 |
| Herman | P. | Pressler, III ⁷ | 5 | 6/7/2024 |
| Thomas | W. | Cornett | 50 | 6/8/2024 |
| Russell | D. | Cox, Sr. | 38 | 6/20/2024 |
| Thomas | | McNish | 4 | 7/7/2024 |
| Thomas | B. | Green, III (L)(P) ¹ | 49 | 7/16/2024 |
| George | A. | Monroe, M.D. | 2 | 7/22/2024 |
| Gustava | A. | Sandstrom | 49 | 7/27/2024 |
| Wendall | E. | Edwards, PhD (L)(P) ¹ | 43 | 8/11/2024 |
| Patrick | A. | Patterson | 64 | 8/16/2024 |
| James | T. | Sanders | 37 | 9/1/2024 |
| David | A. | Bowles | 4 | 9/21/2024 |
| Eugene | E. | Trimble, (L) (P) | 63 | 9/22/2024 |
| Thomas (TA) | F. | Anderson | 28 | 9/26/2024 |
| William | J. | Yates | 33 | 10/21/2024 |
| Phillip | R. | Strickland | 4 | 11/27/2024 |
| Floyd | D. | Cox | 64 | 12/2/2024 |
| Curtis | A. | Laird, Sr. | 51 | 12/4/2024 |
| Dr. Tillman | M. | Daniel, Jr, M.D. | 33 | 12/8/2024 |
| William | P. | Johnson, Jr. | 2 | 12/10/2024 |
| Roger | M. | Leedy | 66 | 12/12/2024 |
| James | A. | Prugel, Jr. | 2 | 12/21/2024 |
| Matthew | D. | Elmer | 4 | 12/22/2024 |
| Gary | B. | Holloway | 31 | 12/28/2024 |
| George | K. | William | 1 | 12/30/2024 |
| James | K. | Martin, PhD | 5 | 12/31/2024 |
| Charles | L. | Stephenson | 37 | 12/31/2024 |

1 – Patriot Medal Awarded 2 – Minuteman Medal Awarded 3 – Past TXSAR Pres.
4 – National President 5 – Past CH. Pres. 6 – Reinstated 7 – Emertius (50+ yrs)



America 250 and Patriotic Travel Events



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

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 this commemorations to emphasize the role of this great Virginian and Founding Father in establishing our country, and its system of government and values.



America 250 and Patriotic Travel Events



The SAR Congress in Uncasville CT

July 2025

Compatriots,

If you plan to attend or are thinking about attending the SAR Congress in Uncasville, CT in July 2025, please send an email to me with your name and National Number so I can notify NSSAR that you qualify to be a Delegate for Texas SAR.

Please respond to sec@texassar.org if you want to be listed as a potential Delegate. ***NSSAR will issue Voting Credentials again this year...you will not receive them from the State Secretary as in the past.***

I have attached a pdf file from National with the most recent information about the 2025 Congress. I look forward to seeing you in Uncasville, CT.

Please respond by May 12, 2025.

Kevin Kanter
Secretary, Texas SAR
(210) 213-2455

[2025 Spring Congress
Information](#)





Contribution Opportunities



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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Contribution Opportunities



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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Contribution Opportunities



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

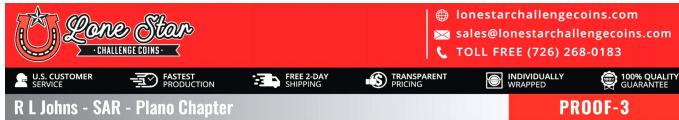
Monetary and In-Kind Donations by mail, please send to:

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



Contribution Opportunities



SIDE A

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

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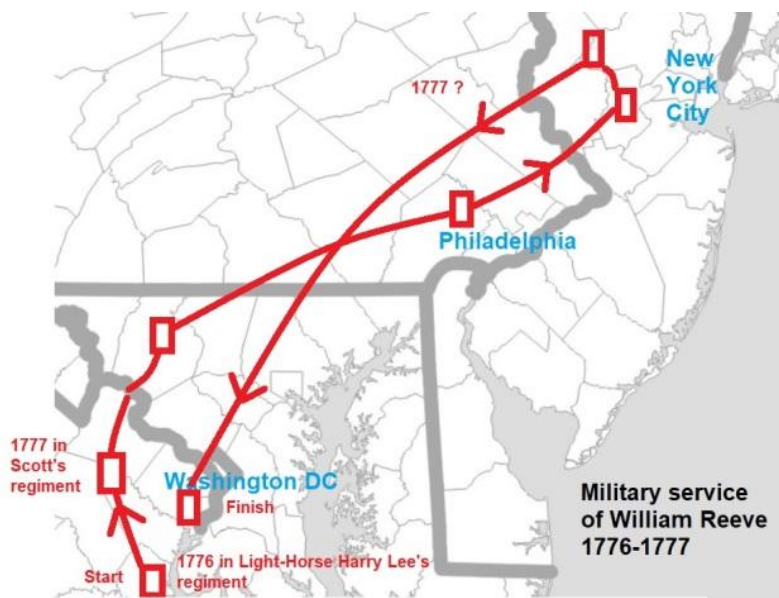
Patriot Stories

Contributed by Randall Bush
Regarding his Patriot Ancestor
William D Reeve

William D Reeve, the son of George Reeve (1730 - 1778), was born on 5 April, 1756 in Prince William County Virginia. In the summer of 1776, William enlisted in Prince William County and served for three weeks as a Private in James Ewell's Company under Colonel Henry Lee's Virginia Regiment. In the fall of 1776, he again enlisted for three weeks and served as a Private in the same company and regiment. On 1 January, 1777, he enlisted in Fauquier County, Virginia and served for four months as a Private in Captain James Scott's Virginia Company under Colonels Hollingsworth and Stricker.

Private Reeve saw action in the Battle of Quibbletown, NJ on 8 February 1777. He then served for three weeks as a Lieutenant in Captain Evan's Virginia Company. In 1781, he served for three weeks as a Lieutenant in Captain Valentine Payton's Virginia Company.

Upon his discharge, Lieutenant Reeve was given land in Abbeville District, SC where he went to live. In 1840, he removed to DeKalb County, GA to live with his son, James White Reeve. Lieutenant William Reeve passed on 14 March 1842 in DeKalb County, GA. He rests along with his wife, Arnetta, in the Nancy Creek Primitive Baptist Cemetery.



Cynthia Jennings 2015



Compatriot News



In Memoriam

Compatriot Larry Melton

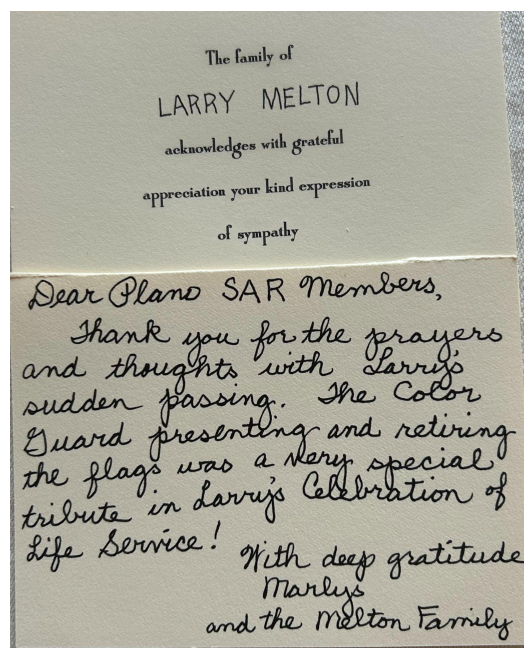
29 March 1944 - 29 March 2025

Compatriot Laurence "Larry" Melton passed away on the day of his 81st birthday, March 29, 2025.

Larry was a 15 year member of the Plano SAR Chapter and served in many positions, including Chapter President. He was an active member of the Chapter Color Guard and was an enthusiastic and active supporter of the Chapter.

Larry was born in Dallas, attended Texas Tech University where he met and married his wife, Marlys, a Member of the DAR. He enjoyed a career as a dentist and served in the U S Air Force.

Our condolences go out to Marlys, their two sons Lauren and Jeremy, their daughters-in-law Jennifer and Melissa and their 7 grandchildren.





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Compatriot Anniversaries for May

Happy Anniversary, Compatriots!

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| Steven B Aldridge | 2023 |
| Steven B Aldridge II | 2023 |
| Joshua M Bolding | 2019 |
| James S Bowden | 2017 |
| Timothy D Brown | 2020 |
| Ronald Carey | 2023 |
| Luke P David | 2024 |
| David R Pickett | 2010 |
| Travis L Steel | 2022 |
| Alan Steel | 2022 |
| Robert Whaling | 2013 |



This Month's Fun Factoid



The Coinage Act of 1792

The Coinage Act of 1792 established a national mint located in Philadelphia. Congress chose decimal coinage in parts of 100, and set the U.S. dollar to the already familiar Spanish milled dollar and its fractional parts (half, quarter, eighth, sixteenth). This resulted in coins of the following metals and denominations:

Copper: half cent and cent
Silver: half dime, dime, quarter,
half dollar, and dollar
Gold: quarter eagle (\$2.50),
half eagle (\$5), and eagle (\$10)



In 1792, during construction of the new Mint, 1,500 silver half dimes were made in the cellar of a nearby building. These half dimes were probably given out to dignitaries and friends and not released into circulation. The Mint delivered the nation's first circulating coins on March 1, 1793: 11,178 copper cents.

These new cents caused a bit of a public outcry. They were larger than a modern quarter, a bulky size for small change. The image of Liberty on the obverse showed her hair steaming behind her and her expression "in a fright." The reverse featured a chain of 15 links, similar to the Fugio cent. However, some people felt that it symbolized slavery instead of unity of the states. The Mint quickly replaced the chain with a wreath, and a couple months later designed a new version of Liberty.



Connect!



Upcoming Meeting Tidbits and Officer Connection Information

6 May 2025 Meeting Highlights

- The History Minute is “Ticonderoga” presented by Duane Carter.
- The Featured Speaker is Major Dave Fautheree who will present “Kilts in the Revolution”.

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](#)

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The Minutes

of the

1 April 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 Rocky Miller, Chaplin



Pledge to The American Flag: offered by Durwood 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 BJ Bjorklund

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 Joe Conger

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: 32**

Bob Johns, Dave Fautheree, Duane Carter, Steven Driever, BJ Bjorklund, Scott Knightly, Peter Knightly, Kevin Ennis, Rocky and Linda Miller, Ken Dabbs, Joe and Mary Conger, John Rothermel, John and Dorene Martindale, Durwood and Laurie Ray, Gary Base, Jay Madden, Bryan and Lea (DAR) Humphreys, Bob Clark, Paul Brule, Melvin Richards, Randy Bush, Ron Carey, James Mitchell, Mike Becker, Nick and Robin Gilliam, Mike Morgan, and Grover Thurman.

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

The March Meeting Minutes were approved by acclamation.

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

- Checking Account Balance \$12,066.37
- Investment Account: \$14,843.05

The History Minute

“The Shot Heard Around the World” and “Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death”

Presented by Duane Carter, Registrar and Randy Bush, Secretary

Compatriot Carter discusses the actions surrounding the first military action of the Revolution on 19 April, 1775 in Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts. Compatriot Bush recites Patrick Henry's famous speech, “Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death!”.



The Featured Speaker Presentation

“Paul Revere, His Midnight Ride and Life”

Introduced by Melvin Richards, VP of Programs

Presented by Dr. Steven Drier, Past President Plano SAR Chapter #37

Dr. Drier discusses the history and life of Paul Revere. Information included his early life and education, his work as a silversmith and his involvement in the work of forming the new Continental government.

Color Guard Report

Presented by Major Dave Fautheree, Color Guard Commander

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

Completed:

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)

New Member Inductions and Supplementals

Presented by Bob Johns, President

President Johns introduces Compatriots Durwood Ray and Ken Dabbs.

Current/Other Business

Presented by Bob Johns, President

The Benediction: Offered by Rocky Miller, Chaplin



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

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Respectfully Submitted,

Randall Bush
Secretary
Plano Chapter #37
Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution