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Dedication of a Braille Flag and a Flag Raising Ceremony



On Saturday, June 7, 2025, the Star of Destiny Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) of Katy, Texas gathered at the Katy Play Station Park in Katy, Texas to dedicate a Braille Flag and perform a Flag Raising ceremony for the park. Members of the Robert Rankin Chapter and the Freedom Chapter Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), were invited to assist with this ceremony. The ceremony started with the presentation of the colors.





The flag for the new flagpole was raised by Freedom Chapter President Dave Hamaker and Robert Rankin Chapter President Ralph Reed with the others at attention behind.



The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sharon Boure, Chairman of the Flag of the United States of America Committee, Star of Desitny Chapter, NSDAR. After the pledge, a recorded Star-Spangled Banner was played. The Color Guard then retired the colors.



The history and unveiling of the Braille Flag were given by Sharon Bourne, followed by presentations of individual Braille Flags.



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The Mission of the SAR

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CHAPTER EVENTS

Monthly Meeting
Spring Creek BBQ
9/19 - 6:30

Constitution Week
Varies
9/17 - 23

Constitution Day
TBD
9/17 - TBD

Stars & Stripes, CAR Work Day
Cinco Ranch Library
9/19 – 2:00 pm

Katy Rice Harvest Festival
Katy, TX
10/4

Monthly Meeting
Spring Creek BBQ
10/8 – 6:30

Flag Day at Solea Cinco Ranch



The Robert Rankin Chapter SAR was invited to present a Flag Day ceremony to the community at Solea Cinco Ranch on June 14. Solea Cinco Ranch is a 55+ active apartment complex that supports a sizable percentage of retired military.

June 14 is not only flag day but is also the 250th anniversary of the founding of the Army.



Three members of Robert Rankin chapter performed the presentations. The members were President and Commander of the chapter Color Guard Ralph Reed, chapter Historian and past State President Tom Jackson, and Editor of the Rankin Register Newsletter Jerry Martin.



Scattered around the room were approximately thirty different flags from around the world including some flags that pre-dated the American Revolution.

SFC, Army (Retired) Valerie Broils, who is responsible for this ceremony, started the presentation and introduced her helpers and guests.

The afternoon then started with an outstanding brunch.







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Tom Jackson gave an interesting talk of the meaning of "Flag Day" followed with a discussion of the Lexington and Concord battle and "the shot heard around the world. Jerry Martin discussed the various official flags and how they developed during the Revolutionary War. Ralph Reed recognized the attending Vietnam Veterans and presented certificates and 50-year anniversary pins of the Vietnam War.





















Valeria Broils was awarded a special Citizenship medal by Tom Jackson and Ralph Reed.

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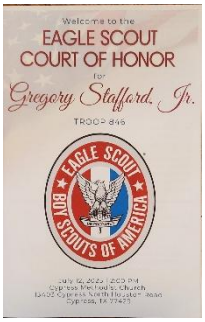







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Eagle Scout Court of Honor



On July 12, 2025, a gathering of friends, family, and fellow Troop 846 members gathered at the Cypress Methodist Church in Cypress for a ceremony of the highest honor in Boy Scouts.



Gregory Stafford, Jr. of Troop was elevated to the Rank of Eagle Scout.

Gregory's father, Mr. Stafford, pins Gegory with his Eagle Scout pin.



Robert Rankin SAR members President Ralph Reed and Steve Vetters present Gregory with the SAR Certificate of Recognition


The National Society
of the
Sons of the American Revolution
Awards this
Certificate of Recognition
to Eagle Scout
GREGORY R. STAFFORD JR.

"Our country is in danger, but not to be despaired of. Our enemies are numerous and powerful; but we have many friends, determining to be free, and heaven and earth will aid the resolution. On you depend the fortunes of America. You are to decide the important question, on which rest the happiness and liberty of millions yet unborn. Act worthy of yourselves."

~ Joseph Warren

SAVE THE DATE

This is a reminder that the Texas SAR 2025 Fall Board of Managers (BOM) hosted by the Alexander Hodge and Paul Carrington Chapters will be at the Hilton Garden Inn in Sugar Land, Texas of October 17-19, 2025.

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Spending the Fourth of July with the VFW



Three members of the Robert Rankin Chapter SAR attended the annual the 4th of July celebration, auction, and fundraiser of the VFW Post 9182 in Katy Texas.



Rankin chapter President Ralph Reed, Chaplin Don Andress, and Editor of the Rankin Register Jerry Martin set up a display table alongside the Star of Destiny chapter DAR. The DAR booth was attended by Regent Laurel Cull and several other members.



Among the volunteers were the Stars and Stripes Chapter of Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) with Senior President Kathryn Smith and Chapter President Ali Heywood and the Katy Sea Cadets under the Command of LtJG Dennis Taylor, USNSCC.



We were welcomed by Post Commander Ruben Arriaga and the Ladies Auxiliary of Post 9182. Our booth received tremendous interest in becoming members,

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Flag Day with the Stars and Stripes Chapter Children of the American Revolution



Jerry Martin was invited by the Stars and Stripes chapter of the Children of the American Revolution, in Katy, to discuss the origin and history of the American Flag to celebrate Flag Day. Since Jerry could not bring the actual flags, he was able to show them pictures of each flag while he was discussing them.

The Stars and Stripes chapter was also celebrating their 30th anniversary. Here is Jerry presenting the Certificate of Recognition to chapter President Ali Heywood (center) and Senior Society President Kathlyn Smith (left).





America250 SAR

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The 250th is here. Will You Join Us In Celebration?

July 4, 2026 will be the 250th birthday of our country.

It didn't start or stop on that day, but was a decade long process: 1773 - 1783

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Memorable events

250 years ago…

- 2023 Boston Tea Party
- 2024 The First Continental Congress
- 2025 Battles of Lexington and Concord.
- 2026 Declaration of Independence
- 2027 Battle of Saratoga
- 2028 French Alliance
- 2029 Siege of Vincennes/Kettle Creek
- 2030 Battle of Kings Mountain
- 2031 Siege of Yorktown
- 2032 Battle of Blue Licks
- 2033 Treaty of Paris

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The Birth of the United States Army

When the American Revolutionary War began at the Battles of Lexington and Concord in April 1775, the thirteen colonies did not have an army. Several colonies had created their own militias for local defense. As tensions with the British government increased, colonist began to reform their militia in preparation for the potential conflict. Several colonists proposed creating a national militia force, but the First Continental Congress rejected the idea. The Colonies did not trust each other.

On April 19, 1775, the Battles of Lexington and Concord occurred.

In retaliation, the Massachusetts Provincial Congress authorized the raising of a colonial army followed by New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.

On June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress met and decided to proceed with the establishment of a Continental Army for purposes of common defense.

On June 15, the Congress elected George Washington as Commander-in-Chief by unanimous vote. The Congress also made Dr. Joseph Warren a Major General.



The newly minted Continental Army soldiers already faced a powerful enemy: the tough redcoats of the acclaimed British Army, backed by the renowned sailors of the mighty Royal Navy. A big battle loomed. It just might decide the American Revolution before the Continental Army got going.

As of June 16, 1775, their formal designation as Continentals under the command of Washington was unknown to the 3,000 or so New England militiamen occupying the heights of the Charlestown Peninsula overlooking the British-held city of Boston.

Col. William Prescott commanded the American defenders entrenched on Breed's Hill (62 feet above sea level), backed to his northwest by another contingent dug into Bunker Hill (110 feet up). These low hills didn't seem like much. But together, the pair of rises dominated Boston to the south across the Charles River.



British Lt. Gen. Thomas Gage did not give much credit to his opposition. His spies told him that the American command included two major generals Israel Putnam and Joseph Warren but too many senior officers and a lack of experience. Because of his lack of experience, Major General Warren had decided to fight as a private with his men.

The American's were able to stop the British advance for two attacks. By this time, the Colonials were running out of ammunition and was unable to stop the third British advance. The defenders were all massacred, including Major General Joseph Warren. Warron was stripped of his clothing and repeatedly bayoneted and buried in a shallow grave.

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