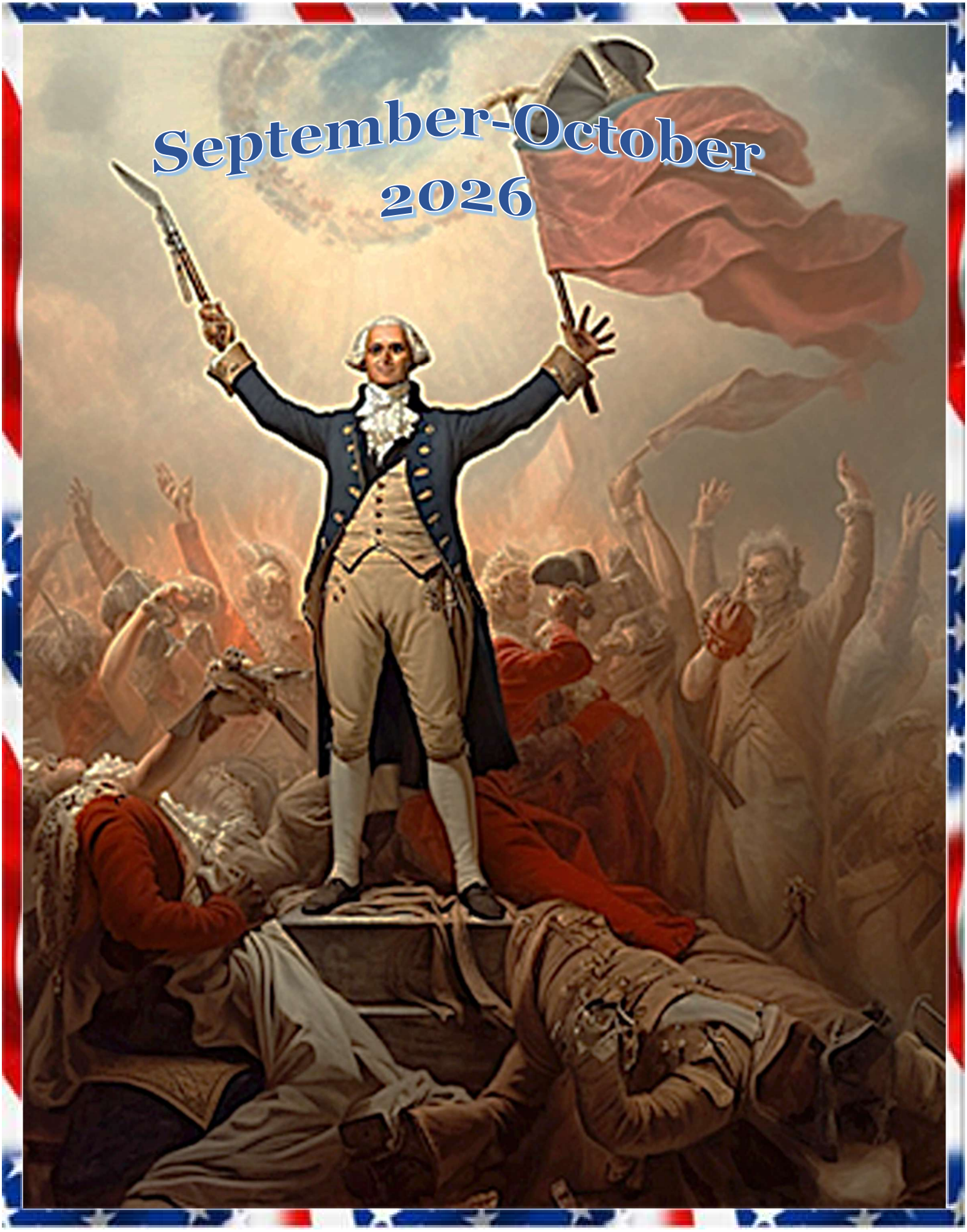
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President's Message

SAR Mission Statement

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

Greeting Fellow Compatriots!

The year is moving along, summer break has turned into cooler temperatures and it's feeling like fall in our area. The Chapter welcomed five new members: Jim Baer, John Boswell, Keving Koehn, Kendall Mann and Dustin Mann. Thank you Registrar Larry Luckett for his time and dedication to each applicant and applications submitted to National. Our Color Guard continues to shine at the monthly Naturalization Ceremonies, Sgt. Mike Skiles commanded them for the first time on October 23rd as our other CG Commanders were attending the SAR State Board of Managers meeting in the Dallas area. Youth Protection Training was stressed at the BOM. A 30 minute course through the SAR University is good for three years before renewing the certification. In many of our SAR activities the organization interacts with those that are under the age of 18. This is something that is extremely beneficial to all.

We look forward to November and celebrating all Veterans. Those of you in the Chapter who are Veterans, I wish to pass on a heartfelt "thank you for your service." Please note that due to Veterans activities, the November EC meeting will be held on the 4th rather than the usual 2nd Wednesday, November 11th.

Ron Finch, Pres. SASAR Chapter #4

Chapter Meetings

Executive Committee Meetings:
2nd Wed. 11:30 AM
Nov. 4th – Dec. 9th
La Fonda Restaurant
8633 Crownhill Blvd
(Reservations not needed)

Chapter Meetings:
3rd Wed. 11:30AM,
Nov. 18th – Dec. 16th
Petroleum Club
8620 N. New Braunfels
Reservations are required:
txsarch4reservations@gmail.com

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Member's Corner

New Members

A good way to re-start after the summer break is to induct four new members into the chapter. Compatriots John Boswell, Kevin Koehn, Kendall Mann, and Dustin Mann were inducted by President Ron Finch and each presented a very interesting summary of their patriots and relationships. Welcome to all and the chapter looks forward to your involvement and support of chapter activities.



L-R: Kendall Mann, Dustin Mann
Kevin Koehn, John Boswell



Member's Corner

Obituaries

Along with the great news of new inductees comes sad news of the passing of two of our Compatriots, Bob Hancock, and Ronald Stevens.

Colonel Robert N. Hancock, Sr. USAF (ret.)

May 23, 1935 – August 11, 2026

Compatriot (Colonel) Robert Hancock, USAF (Retired), passed away at the age of ninety-one on August 11, 2026, in Houston, Texas, after a long battle with heart failure. Bob was an Air Force, defense contractor, Medina Valley Historical Association President, San Antonio Volunteer Fireman, Sons of the American Revolution San Antonio President, Member of the Rod and Gun Club of Ramstein, Germany, German Jeager, Mayor of Castroville Tx., and a lifelong member of the McAllen Masonic Lodge. Col Hancock dedicated his life to his family and his career to serving his country, the state of Texas, and the many communities he was a part of.

Bob was born during the great depression as the 2nd of three children. He graduated from McAllen High School in 1953 where he learned to fly and awarded his pilot's license. Bob raised calves to show and with a check from selling his grand champion steer to Mr. H. E. Butt (of H.E.B.) and other money earned, he was able to attend Texas A&M graduating in 1958. He was a Squadron Commander in the A&M Corps of Cadets and commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the United States Air Force. Later, he earned his masters degree in International Affairs from George Washington University.

Bob was a great contributor to the SAR chapter and community and will surely be missed. He was interred at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. Rest in peace Compatriot.





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Member's Corner

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Ron Stevens
July 23, 1955 – August 29, 2026

Ronald Lee Stevens, passed away on August 29, 2026. He was born on July 23, 1955, in Porterville, CA He is survived by his wife, Carol Stevens; three children, two siblings and ten grandchildren.

Ron grew up and attended schools in Phoenix, AZ. After High School, he attended the Air Force Academy. He met his future wife the week before entering the Academy while visiting his sister in Denver, CO.

While waiting for entrance to pilot training, Ron remained at the Academy working in the Public Affairs office. He attended pilot training at Laughlin AFB in Del Rio, Texas. After pilot training, Ron and Carol lived a typical Air Force life moving and living in various places throughout the world. His career led him back to Laughlin AFB, TX where he retired on August 31, 2004. Following his Air Force retirement, he was a commercial airlines pilot for Express Jet Airlines. Ron was also involved in the local Citizens Police Academy and the Civil Air Patrol. He was also a MENSA society member since 1980.

Ron was interred in a private graveside service at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Ron will surely be missed. Rest in peace compatriot.

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New Member Induction: The chapter welcomed James Baer into the chapter on October 21, 2026. Welcome aboard James. Your participation in the chapter activities will be welcomed.



L-R: Pres. Finch
James Baer
Larry Luckett

The America 250 medal has chapter (bronze), state (silver), and national (gold) levels based on points accrued. Compatriot Mike Skiles was awarded the America 250 Recognition Gold Medal for his participation as a color guard member representing the chapter in public events throughout the year. Congratulations Mike for your outstanding chapter support as a color guard member.



L-R: Pres. Finch
Mike Skiles

Compatriot Gary Neal was awarded the America 250 Recognition Silver Medal for his outstanding support of chapter activities at public events.

Compatriots Greg Surovic and Joe Weathersby were presented with the America 250 Silver Medal. Joe and Greg's participation in the color guard nationalization events throughout the year are exemplary.



L-R: Pres. Finch
Greg Surovic
Joe Weathersby





Gary Neal

Member's Corner

Awards

Military Service Medal: Pres. Finch presented Compatriots Joe Weathersby and Carl Hudson the SAR Military Service Medal for their service during armed conflict. The award originated in 1899 honoring those who served in the Spanish-American War, but was later expanded to cover all global conflicts. Congratulations Joe and Carl and thank you for your service.



L-R: Pres. Finch
Joe Weathersby



L-R: Carl Hudson
Pres. Finch

Special Recognition: Pres. Finch recognized Compatriot Ken Williamson for his $1,000 donation to the George Washington Endowment Fund – A Sons of the American Revolution Foundation, which is a permanently restricted fund of the National Society of NSSAR. It was established on February 27, 1993, to provide annual financial support for unfunded and underfunded committees and special projects of the National Society. Fund operations are overseen by the Endowment Fund Board. Thank you for your generosity Ken.



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Guest Speaker

Frontier Patriots: Guest Speaker for the September Meeting, wearing a dapper white suit and a patriotic tie, Compatriot and past Pres. General Judge Ed Butler, presented his most current book titled "Frontier Patriots-Story of the American Frontier during three wars." Judge Butler is a prolific author writing several books on events surrounding the Revolutionary War. His presentation centered around 70 of his patriots, who fought in battles during the Revolutionary War period. Judge Butler's books are detailed and very interesting. Any of you who enjoy reading about Colonial times would enjoy reading any of Judge Butler's books.









Chapter News



Special Guest: The chapter was honored to have Pres. Dustin Whittenburg, Texas SAR State President, in attendance at the September General Meeting. Even though Pres. Whittenburg is a chapter member and past chapter president, his schedule typically doesn't allow time to attend the meetings. He assisted in pinning on new member pins and gave a brief presentation on various state topics. Thank you Pres. Whittenburg for your attendance and words of wisdom.











Chapter News



South Central District: The South Central District (SCD) of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) is to coordinate regional cooperation, leadership, and communication among five state societies—Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, and Texas (collectively known by the acronym MOKAT).

The SCD has several key functions and purposes, which are:

- Regional Coordination: It links the individual state societies with the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) to help align regional activities with national goals. The SCD provides a way for states to share information and serve as a go between to the National Society (NSSAR).
- Annual Meetings: The district holds an annual meeting—rotated among the five member states—to share reports, discuss administrative business, and conduct color guard exhibitions.
- Supporting the SAR Mission: Like the broader national organization, the district supports efforts to honor Revolutionary War patriot ancestors, promote patriotism, serve communities, and educate future generations about the founding principles of the United States.

Compatriot and past chapter president Blair Rudy was honored to command the 28-member Color Guard for the SCD annual meeting held in Richardson, Texas. Next year the meeting will be in Bentonville, AR.









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First Responders (SAFD) Recognition: Throughout the year, the chapter recognizes and honors San Antonio First Responders for their outstanding efforts protecting the community. The SA Fire Department was recognized for the October meeting.

Dr Stephen Harper, SAFD Medical Director, was the guest speaker outlining the many achievements of the Fire Department and his role as the medical director.



L-R: Pres Finch
Dr. Harper

Firefighter Recognition Awards

Engineer James G. Biela

Engineer Daniel J. King

Engineer Bryan Ackley (Ret)

Engineer Randy G Ruston (Was not present)



L-R: Daniel King
Pres Finch



L-R: James Biela
Pres Finch



L-R: Bryan Ackley (Ret)
Pres Finch





Chapter News



Totes for Vets: The chapter supports the veterans programs throughout the year with donations and attendance. One of the main endeavors is the Totes for Vets program. Each year during the holidays, we take donations to the Audie Murphy Memorial VA Hospital to help provide a good meal for the veterans who are down on their luck or have no family support. During the October meeting, the hat was passed once again and your kind donations amounted to $921.00. This money is then used to purchase food and supplies for a $50 tote to be given to a needy veteran, as determined by the hospital volunteer services, for a holiday meal. This year's donations will go along way to make a veteran's holiday season a happy and joyous occasion. A BIG thanks to all who contributed.





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Wreaths Across America

Honoring our fallen heroes is a major goal for the chapter and is an ongoing effort. The chapter has been local sponsors of Wreaths Across America for the past few years. Wreaths are laid at the grave of each veteran who served in defense of our nation. While the wreaths are laid at the veterans' graves during December, we have set up our account early in an effort to increase our participation this year. We are requesting you step up and help us with this endeavor. To purchase your wreath, use the link provided on the chapter website (texassar.org/SanAntonio/) to access our sponsorship page. Select the "Docs" tab then "Society Docs & Forms" in the dropdown and look for the Wreaths Across America link under "Chapter Documents" Again, we ask that you participate with us in this very important event. Contact Compatriot Kevin Kanter at kevinkanter@icloud.com if you have questions.



Tejano 250 : SAR, DAR Alamo Chapter, Friends of Casa Navarro and DRT Members along with other heritage organizations participated in the 2027 Tejano 250 Plus Genealogical and Historical Conference on October 24.



L-R: Jose Hernandez-Ron



L-R: Jose Hernandez-Ron Finch-Diane Baird Peter Baron-Sandi Salinas



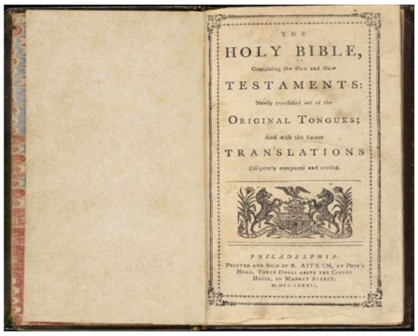


Miscellaneous



The Bible of the Revolution
(The Aitken Bible)

Submitted by Ken Williamson



The Aitken Bible was the first English language Bible to be printed in the U. S. and it was the only Bible to ever receive Congressional approval. Robert Aitken wrote to our Founders:

To the Honorable, The Congress of the United States of America, The Memorial of Robert Aitken of the City of Philadelphia, Printer:

Humbly Sheweth (show) t*hat in every well regulated Government in Christendom, the Sacred Books of the Old and New Testament, commonly called the Holy Bible, are printed and published under the authority of the Sovereign Powers, in order to prevent the fatal confusion that would arise, and the alarming Injuries the Christian Faith might suffer from the spurious and erroneous Editions of Divine Revelation. That your Memorialist has no doubt but this work is an object worthy the attention of the Congress of the United States of America, who will not neglect spiritual security, while they are virtuously contending for temporal blessings. Under this persuasion, your memorialist begs leave to inform your Honours That he both begun and made considerable progress in a neat edition of the Holy Scriptures for the use of schools, but being cautious of suffering his copy of the Bible to Issue forth without the sanction of Congress, humbly prays that your Honours would take this important matter into serious consideration & would be pleased to appoint one Member or Members of your Honorable Body to inspect his work so that the same may be published under the authority of Congress. And further, your memorialist prays, that he may be commissioned or otherwise appointed & Authorized to print and vend editions of the Sacred Scriptures, in such manner and form as may best suit the wants and demands of the good people of these States, provided the same be in all things perfectly consonant to the scriptures as heretofore established and received amongst us.*

And as in Duty bound your memorialist shall every pray

Robt. Aitken , Philadelphia. 21, Jany. 1781.

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Congress realized the value of having a copy of the Bible available to the citizens of the United States of America and authorized that the Aitken Bible be reviewed for accuracy by The Chaplains of Congress. The Chaplains submitted their report deeming the edition to be of "great accuracy." Two days later, September 12, 1782, Congress authorized Aitken " to publish this recommendation in any manner he shall think proper."

Written in the Journals of Congress, September 12, 1782, it states, "That the United States in Congress assembled, highly approve the pious and laudable undertaking of Mr. Aitken, as subservient to the interest of religion, as well as an instance of the progress of arts in this country." On September 25, 1782, Aitken sent a package to John Hanson, the president of the Congress which included an edition of the Aitken Bible. The authorization from Congress to print the Aitken Bible is included inside the Aitken Bible. This inclusion of authority from the Congress of the United States inside the Bible shows that The Aitken Bible was the only Bible recommended and endorsed to the citizens of the United States of America by our Founders (The Congress of The United States). And to this day it is the only Bible recommended to Americans. God Bless America!

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Editor's Correction: The July-August issue of the Compatriot article titled "In God We Trust" was mistakenly attributed to Compatriot Ken Williamson. Actually, Compatriot Jim Nelson should have been recognized for the contribution. My apologies for the confusion.

Coming events: There are several major Nov. - Dec. events to put on your calendar. Please come out and help the chapter support the veterans. Your presence is needed.

Veterans Appreciation Days - Shavano Park VA Clinic. November 9th and 10th – 9:00am.

Veterans Day Parade Bandera, TX. November 14, 8AM. Contact Peter Baron for details.

Annual DAR, San Antonio De Bexar Chapter, December Christmas Luncheon (See next page for details). A wonderful event to get into Christmas spirit.





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DAR

Daughters of the American Revolution

SAN ANTONIO DE BEXAR CHAPTER

December 2026 Chapter Luncheon Meeting

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026
11:00 A.M. Meet and Greet • 11:30 A.M. Meeting
San Antonio Country Club • 4100 N. New Braunfels Ave.

PROGRAM
Alamo Heights High School Choir High School
"Sounds of the Season"

MENU OPTION # 1 - $63
Braised Short Ribs
Served with Mashed Potatoes,
Seasonal Vegetables, and Braising Jus
Creme Brulee with Seasonal Berries
Rolls, Katy Kornettes, Iced Tea and Coffee

MENU OPTION #2 - $47
Chicken Saltimbocca
Served with Parmesan Brussels Sprouts,
Celeriac Potato Puree, and Brown Butter Sauce
Creme Brulee with Seasonal Berries
Rolls, Katy Kornettes, Iced Tea and Coffee

DESSERT
Vanilla Crème Brulee
Served with Fresh Seasonal Berries
and A Butter Cookie

CHILDREN'S PLATE - $28
Chicken Tenders
Served with French Fries, Lemonade and Dessert

RESERVATIONS

Your Payment is Your Reservation
Your check or Zelle payment MUST be received by the Treasurer by the deadline date and is not refundable after this date.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS
Friday, November 27, 2026

Late Reservations:
Late reservations are subject to the Club's 30% late charge.

Make Checks Payable To:
San Antonio de Bexar NSDAR
List your menu choice on your check

Mail Checks To:
San Antonio de Bexar NSDAR
12211 Stable Pass
San Antonio, TX 78249-4626

Questions?
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CHAPTER ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

If you have items to donate to the Annual Fundraiser, please arrive a bit early to allow time for set up. If you plan to purchase Fundraiser tickets, please bring some return address stickers for them.