

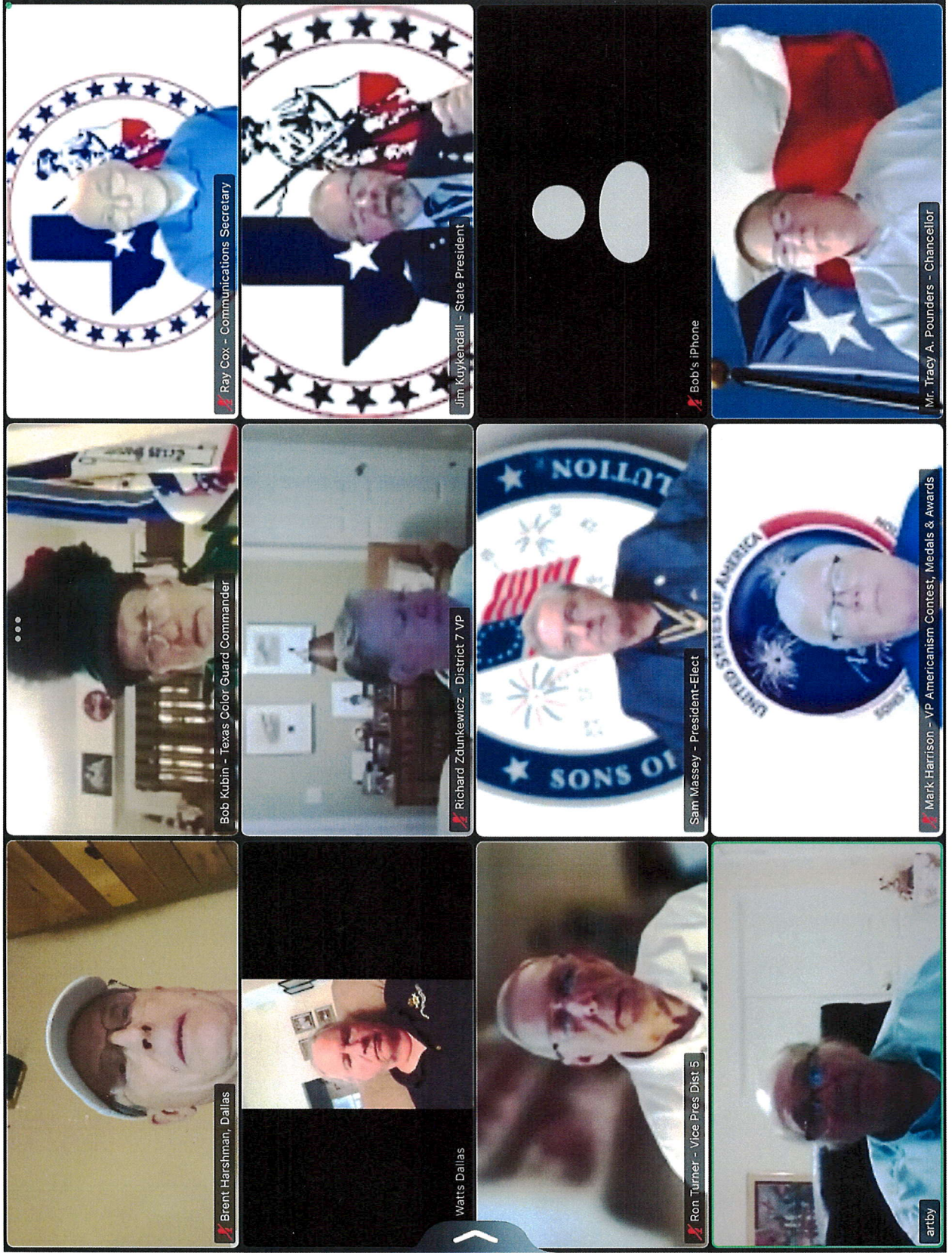
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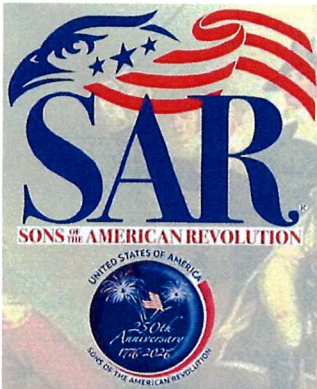
### Date

### Event

- 6** Texas Society BOM meeting was held August 6 via Zoom with President Jim Kuykendall presiding. Several Dallas Chapter members joined.
- 13** The Chapter held its regular monthly meeting at Ventana by Buckner on August 13. Attendees enjoyed hearing Duane Carter, Plano Chapter Registrar, speak on "The Apology of Dr. Benjamin Rush." New SAR members William David Hill and Ronald Allen Russell were welcomed into the Dallas Chapter.

# Texas Society BOM Meeting August 6, 2022 via Zoom





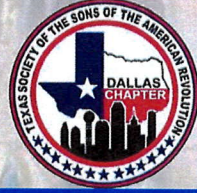
# The MINUTEMAN



## Dallas Chapter

Founded July 4, 1929

Texas Society - Sons of the American Revolution



August 13, 2022

Volume 23, No. 8

Ventana by Buckner South Tower, Grand Hall  
8301 N US 75-Central Expressway - Dallas, TX 75225

**WISH NOT SO MUCH TO LIVE LONG AS TO LIVE WELL.**

Breakfast – 8:00am

Meeting – 9:00am

## DALLAS CHAPTER 2022 OFFICERS

### **PRESIDENT**

Mark H. Harrison

### **1st VICE-PRESIDENT/PROGRAMS**

Thomas F. Van Fossen

### **2nd VICE-PRESIDENT/AWARDS**

JD Martin

### **SECRETARY**

William B. Watts

### **TREASURER**

Carl N. Harper

### **REGISTRAR**

Mark Morgan

### **ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

Jerry Pinkerton

### **CHAPLAIN**

Frank H. Pounders

### **HISTORIAN**

Brent Harshman

### **COLOR GUARD COMMANDER**

William B. Watts

## AGENDA

Call to Order – President Harrison

Rules of Engagement –

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Invocation – Mark Harrison

Pledges – American Flag – John Greer  
Texas Flag – Bob Clark  
SAR – Bill Watts

Welcome – President Harrison – Welcome to all.

## Visitors

Two former State President Bob Clark, state treasurer – David Kinsey, state registrar – Jerry Pinkerton, color guard Commander Bob Kubin. Tom Milson - McKinney Chapter

President, Steve Driever - Plano Chapter President, Jim Akers – Denton Chapter President, and John Greer from Edmund Terrell.

Ralph McDowell

# In Memoriam

## Ralph L. McDowell

**Chapter:**  
Dallas # 2

**Natl. # / State #**  
139629 / 7005

**Member Since:** 1992

**Military:** Capt. US Army;  
Past Chapter President 1998

TEXAS SAR  
COLOR GUARD



**Passed:**  
July 20, 2022

## Tom Whitelock

Ralph over the years had the outstanding record of 25 years of perfect attendance. I told Ralph that I was going to catch his record and ever since Ralph's passing I have heard his voice saying, "no way kid!" Tom then read a letter from his Daughter Patricia concerning his passing that says it all.



The Color Guard at the funeral, the SAR Compatriot Grave marker and a certificate for the family.



Mark Harrison saw the **93** on the podium and asked, "What is the 93?"

The Answer is; On July 4<sup>th</sup> the Dallas Chapter celebrated its 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

**Introduction of our morning Speaker** – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Van Fossen

Duane Carter – The Apology of Dr. Benjamin Rush

Duane is a member of the Plano Chapter where he is the

registrar. He has his PhD in Chemistry from Rice University.

Dr. Benjamin Rush was a medical doctor and a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Dr Rush is explaining his mistakes and asked for forgiveness as well as his successes during the Revolution.



# Happy Anniversary

★ 15 Years  
★ R. W. White

★ 30 Years  
★ J. Mark Hansen

## New Members

William David Hill - Abraham S. Elston  
Ronald Allen Russell - John Everitt



## New Supplemental Patriots

David Clippinger Scott - Isaac Guion



The whole group

**Which two South American countries produce the most coffee? Find the answer after Color Guard Report.**

## OFFICERS REPORTS

**Secretary – Watts**

– Minutes Approved – Gary Sisson

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**Patriot Research System**

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**Patriot Research System (PRS)**

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Volunteers needed to input newly approved applications  
<https://sarpatriots.sar.org/>

# Texas Recruiting Lapel Pin

District VP – Tom Van Fossen

A new pin for registering new members introduced by Jim Kuykendall and given to the District VP to hand out. If you bring a new member to our registrar and he gets approved you will receive this pin and you will be a recruiter.



Introducing the new Texas New Member Recruiting lapel pin

**Historian** - Historian Harshman

# History Projects

Send pictures of events for future yearbooks to:

Brent Harshman

[brentharshman@protonmail.com](mailto:brentharshman@protonmail.com)

**Color Guard** – Commander Watts

July and August Color Guard

Sunday, July 10, 2022 – Midway Cemetery - National Congress in Savannah, Georgia



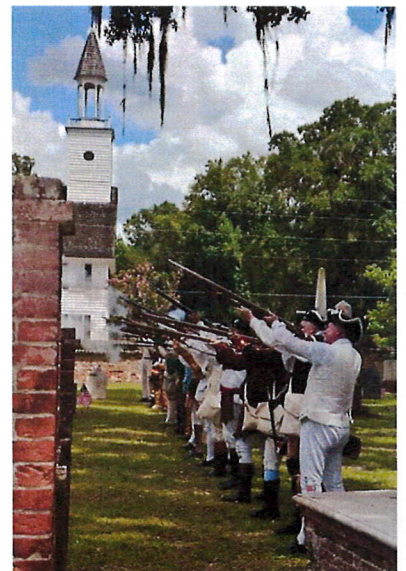
Display of grave markers with covers over the patriot soldiers

Tom takes a break



The Dedication of grave markers commemorating the service of patriot soldiers;  
Moses Allen      Nathan Brownson  
Lazarus Mallard      Thomas Stevens  
Andrew Walthour

Laying of carnations and wreath



A final volley!

Midway Church – Sunday, July 10, 2022

Bob Millwee, Tom Van Fossen and Bill Watts on Midway Church steps.



July 13, 2022 – The Texas Gang with the President General - National Congress in Savannah, Georgia

July 29, 2022 – The funeral service for Ralph McDowell





Upcoming events;  
Patriot Grave marking – **September 11, 2022**

Volunteers are needed to help with the James Carter Patriot Grave marking Ceremony before, during and after the ceremony.

- Cleaning the cemetery – 8/20/2022 and 9/03/2022  
Start at 9am.
  - Bring rakes, gloves, insect repellent
  - Wear comfortable shoes
- Aid with parking – guide or direct people to the cemetery there are 2 entrances
- Set up before ceremony – Tables and Chairs to set up 3 tents and sound system
- Take down and clean up after the ceremony
- Ushers and safety officers
- Volunteers to help where needed

1108 Pioneer Trail, Bonham Texas

This is a vacant lot. The grave yard is on the far end of the lot. You will see us working.

I will place a flag so you will know where we are. Please do not part in front of the driveways.



**August 26 – 27 South Central District BOM in Arkansas**

**September 17, 2022 – Constitution Day** with the DAR. Saturday Sept 17th 10:30 arrival Program starts at 11:00 AM. Lunch \$18.00 Need reservations for those that want to eat by Sept 9th. Food is very good. Constitution Day will be observed at 3:00 PM ringing of the Bell at the Hunt County Courthouse on Lee Street downtown Greenville.

**September 30 – October 23 State Fair of Texas**

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We will be at the Registration Table at the Jane Douglas House Daughters of the American Revolution in the Fair Grounds. Sign up is at;

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c49a5aa2aabf85-texas>

**The answer to; “Which two South American countries produce the most coffee?” Colombia and Brazil!**

## NEW BUSINESS –

Tom Whitelock told us that Ventana had run out of gravy. We investigated and found that it came back to one individual who kept heaving on the gravy. So the Board of Directors made the decision that we would augment his desire to have that substance so that our breakfast price would not increase. We have prepared a special JD's All American Gravy! This is being given to his wife to fill him up before the next meeting.



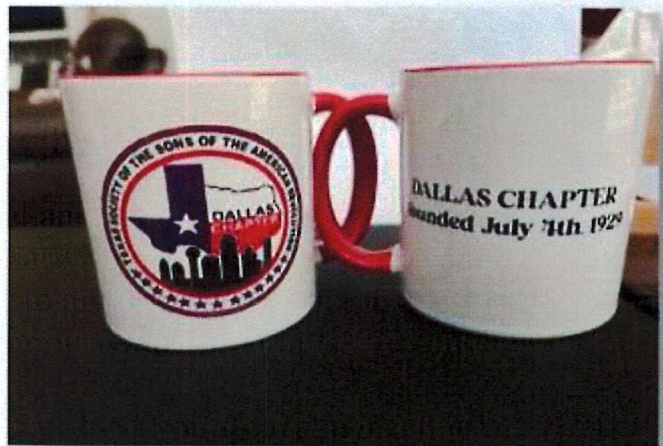
Gravy so thick it doesn't seep into my hat!

## Merchandise Table – Tom Whitelock

We have a new mug.

We have Metal and Wood Challenge Coins, 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal Set, and a Patriot House Banner to aid our Chapter in the efforts raise money for our youth programs.

**Remember; If at first you don't succeed, call it version 1.0!**



New Dallas Coffee Mugs

Larry Luby would like the Chapter to remember the contests for the next year. We need to reach out to our family and friends. We need to get more students involved! Remember we have a new video contest this year.

## DOOR PRIZE –

“Dilbert Avoids the Cubical Police” – Chelsey Russell

“American Indians During the American Revolution: - John Tompkins

## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

“You’re Chuffy!” That means; “I’m very hungry!” This word dates to 1647 and is used today as, “I’m starving!”

“I believe you’re Fishy!” Check right here next month! I hope you are enjoying this little word play.

BENEDICTION – Mark Harrison

SAR RECESSIONAL – Jim Akers

Join us at our next Chapter meeting:

- ★ Next Meeting — September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 09:00am
- ★ Upcoming Speaker — Carl Flowers  
*George Rogers Clark and the Western Campaign*

08:00 am - Breakfast buffet for \$10 including raffle ticket for door prize

09:00 am - Meeting program

## Committee Opportunities Available at the Dallas Chapter

- ▶ Public Relations & Publicity
- ▶ Community Service Awards
- ▶ Member Retention
- ▶ CAR Liaison
- ▶ DAR Liaison
- ▶ Annual Audit
- ▶ American History Teacher
- ▶ Brochure Contest (MS)
- ▶ CAR Essay Contest
- ▶ Eagle Scout Essay Contest
- ▶ Knight Essay Contest (HS)
- ▶ Oration Contest (HS)
- ▶ Poster Contest (Elem)
- ▶ Speaker’s Bureau

For more information concerning volunteer opportunities please contact;

Tom Whitelock      [tmwpro@live.com](mailto:tmwpro@live.com)

*William B. Watts* 



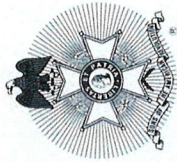
Respectfully submitted,  
William B. Watts, Secretary

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

# DALLAS CHAPTER



Saturday, 13 August 2022 | 09:00am

## Agenda

- ★ Call to Order
- ★ Invocation
- ★ Pledges
- ★ Welcome
- ★ Featured Speaker
- ★ New Members & Patriots
- ★ Member Anniversaries
- ★ In Memoriam | Ralph McDowell
- ★ Officer Reports
- ★ Old & New Business
- ★ Closing & Door Prize
- ★ Benediction
- ★ Recessional



\*George Washington at Princeton\*  
by Charles Wilson Peale, 1779  
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## Call to Order

PRESIDENT MARK HARRISON

# Invocation

CHAPLAIN FRANK POUNDERS

## Pledge of Allegiance



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.

# Pledges

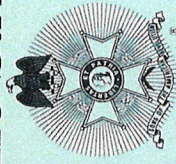
ALL ATTENDEES

## Pledge to the Texas Flag



Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.

# Pledge to the S.A.R.



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.

## Featured Speaker

**Duane Carter**

SAR Compatriot, Plano Chapter Registrar

*The Apology of Dr. Benjamin Rush*



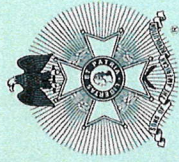
## Welcome

PRESIDENT MARK HARRISON

## New Members & Patriots

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR JERRY PINKERTON

# New Members



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# Member Anniversaries

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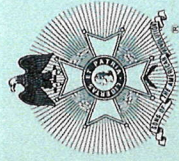
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*Happy Anniversary*

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# In Memoriam

PRESIDENT MARK HARRISON

# In Memoriam



Funeral Honor Guard-29 July 2022

Mark Harrison

# In Memoriam

**Ralph L. McDowell**

Chapter:  
Dallas # 2

Natl. # / State #  
139629 / 7005

Member Since: 1992

Military: Capt. US Army,  
Past Chapter President 1998

TEXAS SAR  
COLOR GUARD

2006

2022

Passed:  
July 20, 2022

A circular portrait of Ralph L. McDowell in military uniform is centered at the top. Below the portrait are several military and organizational medals and insignia, including a Texas SAR Color Guard patch and a 2006 award. The background is dark with white text.

Mark Harrison

# In Memoriam



Funeral Honor Guard-29 July 2022

Mark Harrison

# Officer Reports

- ★ Secretary | Bill Watts
- ★ Treasurer | Nick Harper
- ★ Registrar | Mark Morgan
- ★ Historian | Brent Harshman
- ★ Color Guard | Bill Watts
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## Meeting Minutes

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9 July 2022

Bill Watts

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Brent Harshman

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Tom Van Fossen

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SAR National Congress  
Display of grave markers with covers over the patriot soldiers;  
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Bill Watts



## Color Guard Past Events



Laying of carnations and a wreath;  
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A final volley!



Bill Watts

10 July 2022 - Midway Church (Video)

Bill Watts

## Color Guard Past Events



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10 July 2022  
Midway Church

Bob Millwee, Tom Van Fossen, and Bill Watts on  
Midway Church steps

Bill Watts

## Color Guard Past Events



10 July 2022 - Fort Morris (Video)

1778, Col Lewis Fuser demanded that Fort  
Morris surrender.  
The reply was "Come and Take It!"

Bill Watts

## Color Guard Past Events



11 July 2022 – Memorial Service (Video)

Bill Watts

## Color Guard Past Events



13 July 2022 – The Texas Gang with the President General

Bill Watts

## Color Guard Past Events



12 July 2022 – Youth Awards Luncheon (Video)

Bill Watts

## Color Guard Past Events



A surprise visitor to Congress (Video)

Bill Watts

## Future Color Guard Activities

- ★ South Central District BOM in AR – **August 26-27**
- ★ Grave Marking Ceremony in Bonham, TX, for Patriot James Carter – **September 11**. We need help cleaning the cemetery August 20 and September 3
- ★ **September 17<sup>th</sup>** Flag Presentation at the Greenville DAR at the Webb Country Club in Wolf City, Texas

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Bill Watts

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Bill Watts

## Future Color Guard Activities

- ★ State BOM in McKinney, Texas **October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>**
- ★ **November 6<sup>th</sup>** Massing of the Colors in Ft Worth
- ★ **November 11<sup>th</sup>** Veterans Day Parade in Dallas
- ★ **December 17<sup>th</sup>** Wreaths Across America

More information will follow as these events unfold.

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Sign-up information will be managed online and the link sent to all members in this month's newsletter.

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Bill Watts

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J. D. Martin

## Award Programs

- ★ 40 JROTC Letters Sent
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- ★ 11 Presentations (Certificates & Medals)

## Upcoming Programs

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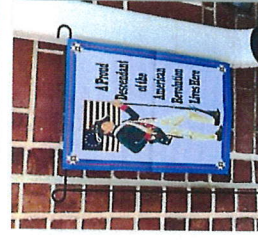
## Old & New Business

PRESIDENT MARK HARRISON

## Merchandise Table



125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal Set



SAR Porch Banner

Tom Whitelock



## Merchandise Table



New Dallas  
Challenge Coin



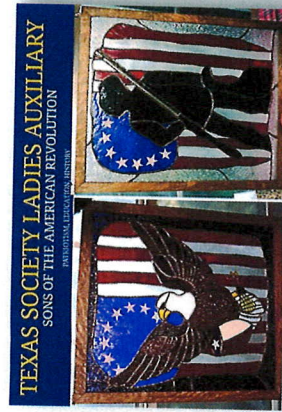
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Tom Whitelock

## Closing & Door Prize

TREASURER NICK HARPER

## Merchandise Table



Tom Whitelock

## Connect

### Website

[www.txssar.org/Dallas](http://www.txssar.org/Dallas)

### President | Mark Harrison

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214-733-7078



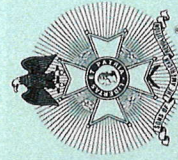
# Benediction

CHAPLAIN FRANK POUNDERS

# Meeting Adjourned

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!  
Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am

# Recession



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.

# SAR Dallas Chapter Meeting August 13, 2022 at Ventana by Buckner



Plano Chapter Registrar Duane Carter was the August 2022 Chapter Meeting speaker.



Welcome new Compatriots William David Hill & Ronald Allen Russell!

# New Compatriot Ronnie Russell Front Page of Focus Daily News August 21, 2022



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## Ronnie Russell Inducted Into National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)

By RICK MAUCH  
Focus Daily News

After having lived a life many only dream of, Ronnie Russell had one of his greatest dreams come true recently. He is now officially a member of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). The prestigious ceremony took place on Saturday, Aug. 13 in Dallas.

"Definitely a bucket list item here for me, especially after 10 years and hundreds of hours of research makes it even sweeter for my family," Russell, a 61-year-old Waxahachie resident, said.

The SAR is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and teaching American history to future generations.

Russell plans to use his SAR membership to enlighten youths, such as his own grandchildren about "what happens when a community of men can come together with like beliefs, whom are trusting of one another, while ever diligent at seeking the truth, all while knowing that self sacrifice, self motivation along with teamwork that is needed to meet a specific goal, while never forgetting to remember The Golden Rule."

### A Lifetime of Service

Russell has a lifelong history of serving. Now retired, he joined the DeSoto Fire Department in 1980 at age 18 and was there 33 years, including 15 years as a battalion chief.

"My SAR goal is to help to educate the public by volunteering with the Patriot Guard, possibly in some re-enactments or even parades, to help educate our youth on the honorable truths of our founding fathers and show how important it is to be a patriot," he said.

The induction process is rigorous and in-depth, Russell said. It requires having multiple documentation on each line of relations, such as marriage and death certificates, wills and probate documents, land documents, elected or positions of authority, and more. Also, formal application process must adhere to strict guidelines exactly.

"This has an application that must be written perfectly with no grammar mistakes, misspelling or wrong dates," Russell said. "Each line of heirs must be in that specific spot, along with all documents to support that line. It must meet intense scrutiny to be accepted."

Issues like common spelling must be perfect. For example, Everett vs. Everitt must be proven by several angles.

"Censuses are commonly misspelled, thus making it more difficult in some instances."

"That's why it took me 10 years, even with the documentations, even with my name in a book from a certified genealogist. It's much more complicated than most understand, as I too was unaware of before I began the process," Russell



With wife Andrea placing the ceremonial pin on his lapel, Ronnie Russell was inducted into the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Photo courtesy of Ronnie Russell

said. "That why its such a big deal. "Once you receive your number, no one can take it away, every family successor afterwards will also have their own number as well, and they can attach to your number once they supply a birth and marriage certificate."

For example, he has two brothers, Jimmy and Terry, who also can now apply, that includes their children as well. The sons can apply for the SAR and the daughters can apply for the DAR or daughters of the American Revolution.

Ronnie Russell is joined by his family members at his induction into the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Photo courtesy of Ronnie Russell

### Tracing Lineage

The SAR is a lineage society consisting of national, state and local chapters whose members can trace their ancestors back to the American Revolutionary War. As for his own lineage, it can be traced to North Carolina patriot John Everett.

"My mother, Carole Russell, is through the heirs that established this certified bloodline to John Everett," Russell explained.

"Those ancestors faced great challenges and answered when called upon to fight for the very freedoms that we enjoy today," Russell said. "Through their efforts and sacrifices the United States of America was founded. We cherish and support those same values, liberties, and freedoms today. History calls us."

"In times like we live in today, it is often easy to forget the rights and principles that this country was founded upon. This country was founded by people who were able to work through differences and come to resolution. Everyone has a place at the table, and everyone has a voice. We are dedicated

having scholastic contests and scholarship awards for young people, and recognizing young leaders in JROTC, Eagle Scouts, and those in 4H.

"We promote history and recognize outstanding history teachers. We also provide color guards for many patriotic and community events. The marking of patriot graves and so much more," Russell said.

"We the descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution. 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."

### A Passion For History

Russell has always had a passion for history, which he came by naturally because many of his family served.

Family reunions were a good place to learn where I would be around ones talking about family members in the past, as well as some of these family members talking about their own old war wounds and time since past."

Russell and his wife of 36 years, Andrea, have been residents of Ellis County since 1990, with one exception for about five years when they resided in Garland.

With wife Andrea placing the ceremonial pin on his lapel, Ronnie Russell was inducted into the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Photo courtesy Ronnie Russell.

"We have been so blessed with four sons who are all happily married and have provided Andrea and I with some incredibly special daughter-in-laws and some magnificent grandkids," he said, adding that the newest grandchild is due on Christmas day.

Andrea is the owner of Liberty Tax Office in Forney for the past 11 years. Oldest son Joshua is an orthopedic surgeon, Caleb is a financial advisor, as is Seth, and youngest son Daniel is a geologist.

All four sons played college football. Joshua and Caleb played for Texas A&M, while Seth and Daniel played for Baylor.

"Amazingly, one thing that I can say for my family is that whoever was playing at the time, the other brothers and spouses were always in some way, shape or form supporting their brothers. Really incredible!" Russell exclaimed.

"I'm so proud of this great honor, not only for me but also for my family generations after me. This is forever along my bloodline. This is living proof that our ancestors in this line did not die in vain."

The SAR does this by recognizing veterans and public service members, to promoting history, patriotism, and education - three things that must always be communicated to those around us."

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Ronnie Russell is joined by his family members at his induction into the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

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Ronnie Russell, with his mother, Carole Russell, has lineage back to American Revolution patriot John Everett. Ronnie was inducted into the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution recently.

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