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TEXAS SAR MONUMENT
DEDICATION APRIL, 18, 2026
TEXAS STATE CEMETERY
AUSTIN, TEXAS

The Texas SAR plan to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of our Nation's Independence with a monument dedicated to the Patriots of the Revolution buried in Texas has come to fruition. The monument has been installed at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin. The Patriot names inscribed are to remind this and future generations of their contributions to the Cause. Dedication of the monument will take place 10:00 AM, Saturday, April 18, 2026 during the Texas SAR State meeting.



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7th of JUNE



AMERICA 250!

Celebration

Featuring TXDAR State Regent
Susan Johnson, SAR Dignitaries
and Speaker Bill Covington

Texas Rangers Golf Course
701 Brown Blvd., Arlington, 76011

1:30-4:00 PM

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Tickets are \$\$\$ (Pending) per person

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CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JOSEPH KOHN, PRESIDENT

Fellow Compatriots,



As my two-year term as President of the Arlington Chapter ends, I want to say a heartfelt “thank You”. It has been one of the great honors of my life to serve alongside men who love God, family, country, and the ideals our Patriot ancestors pledged their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor to defend.

Over the past two years, we have strengthened our fellowship, expanded our presence in the community, and carried out our mission in meaningful and visible ways. We planted a Liberty Tree—an enduring symbol of the spirit of 1776—while continuing to honor service and sacrifice through events like Wreaths Across America and our many ceremonies throughout the year. We have also been blessed to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our friends in the DAR at multiple local events, proving again that when we work together, our impact multiplies.

Our Color Guard has represented Arlington SAR with excellence—presenting the Colors, supporting commemorations, and reminding the public that the American Revolution is not merely history, but a legacy worth preserving. Behind the scenes, countless members have contributed time, talent, and resources to make these efforts successful. None of this happens because of one person. It happens because members show up, step up, and quietly get the job done.

Now we look ahead to an exciting challenge: preparing for the Arlington 250 event and the broader approach to America’s 250th anniversary. This is our moment to remember, to educate, and to inspire, especially the next generation. My encouragement is simple: stay engaged. Bring a guest. Mentor a new member. Support our youth programs. Continue building strong relationships with our community partners. And keep telling the story of why the American Revolution still matters today.

Thank you again for trusting me with this responsibility. I am proud of this chapter, proud to be one of you, and I look forward to continuing to serve Arlington SAR in whatever capacity is needed.

In patriot service,

Joe Kohn, President, Arlington Chapter SAR



ARLINGTON CHAPTER #7 HONORS EAGLE SCOUT



Left- Chapter Color Guard members Jim McClain, Dan Hamilton, Compatriots John Anderson, Brent Houser and Color Guard member Brent Murray

Below- Color Guard including Compatriot Richard Coffey, far left



Sept. 11, 2025- Arlington Chapter #7 was proud to participate in the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Jr. Compatriot Andrew (Drew) Damon Fehler. The Arlington chapter provided the Color Guard who presented and posted the Colors to start the ceremony. Past Chapter President, John Anderson presented Compatriot Fehler with the SAR Eagle Scout

Certificate and medal then spoke briefly about SAR's commitment to Scouting and Eagle Scouts. Compatriot Brent Houser was also in attendance to celebrate Compatriot Fehler's achievement.



Above- Compatriot John Anderson presents Eagle Scout Drew Fehler with the SAR Eagle Scout Certificate and Medal to Drew Fehler.



Above- Compatriots J. Damon Fehler, John Fehler, Dan Hamilton, John Anderson, Eagle Scout Drew Fehler

DAR AND SAR COLOR GUARD IN GRAPEVINE

Sept. 17, 2025- Grapevine, Texas Public Library

Daughters of the American Revolution – Captain Mollie Corbin Chapter in coordination with Grapevine Public Library, USCIS and Sons of the American Revolution – Arlington Chapter hosted a naturalization ceremony. Jim McClain and Dan Hamilton from the Arlington chapter presented and posted the colors at the beginning of the ceremony.



Pictured above- - Dan Hamilton, Bonnie Kutz (Betsy Ross), BeLinda Nikkel, USCIS Lady, Jane Doclar, Terri Williams (Deborah Sampson), Ginger Zappone, Jim McClain.

Sept. 17, 2025-Mansfield, Texas



Daughters of the American Revolution – Quanah Parker Chapter, Blessing Funeral Home and Sons of the American Revolution – Arlington Chapter hosted a 250th anniversary, Bells Across America event. The notable "Bells Across America" observance is a celebration of the U.S. Constitution's signing on September 17th, a tradition inspired by the bells in Philadelphia that rang to announce its signing. Presenting and posting the colors for the event were SAR – Arlington chapter Color Guard members Richard Coffey, Jim McClain and Dan Hamilton.

OCTOBER 2025



Oct. 11, 2025– Left- Vice-President Bob Pope presides over the October Chapter meeting



Oct. 11, 2025– Right– John Anderson presents Revolution Rarities

Right– **Oct. 7, 2025**– Compatriots John Anderson and Bill Goodman manned the SAR table at the DAR House during the Texas State Fair.

Below– **Oct. 12, 2025**– Compatriots John Anderson and Color Guard members Jim McClain and Dan Hamilton at the DAR House.



Right– **Oct. 18, 2025**– Compatriot John Anderson and Wife, Lucretia Council Cochran DAR Regent, Meg Anderson at the Fall BOM.



ARLINGTON CHAPTER HON- ORS VETERANS

◆ BULLET POINT

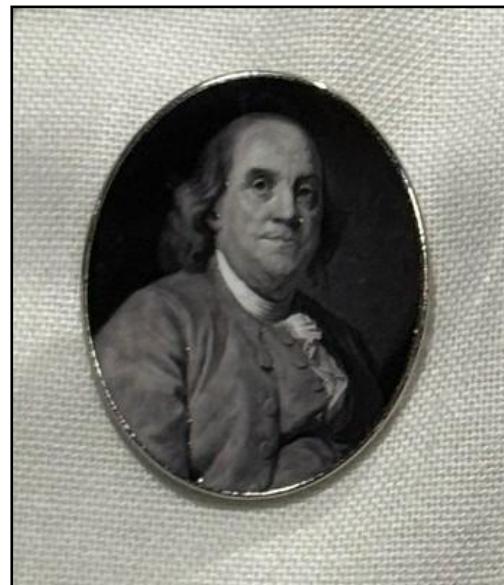
State and Chapter Historian, John Anderson is compiling Vol. III of the Texas SAR History. He is seeking Patriot biographies to include in the volume.



Nov. 8, 2025– Veterans pictured from left to right: Ron Carter, Bob Wehr, Richard Martin (kneeling), Kevin Jolley, Carl Shifflette, Cheryl Litke, Dan Frels, Bill Goodman



Nov. 8, 2025– During the Chapter meeting a Patriot rollcall was given by each Compatriot. Pictured is Jim McClain who related the story of his Patriot, Josiah Tanner who served as a Lieutenant in the SC calvary. Also pictured are Dan Hamilton, Richard Martin and Carl Shifflette.



Bill Watts Ben Franklin Lapel Pin

Nov. 8, 2025- Dan Hamilton is presented with the Bill Watts Ben Franklin Lapel Pin by President Joe Kohn. The Award requirements are participation in 5 SAR Youth activities and complete the Online SAR Youth Protection Training.



Nov. 8, 2025- Above- Compatriot and former Chapter President Ron Carter addresses the Chapter as Kevin Jolley, Dan Friels and Joe Kohn look on.

Nov. 8, 2025- Certificates were awarded to Pres. Joseph Kohn for SAR University participation for President and Registrar and Compatriot John Anderson for SAR University completion for Historian.

The Arlington Chapter was presented a certificate in recognition of its support of Partners in Patriotism and Wreaths Across America as part of Patriot Outreach in 2024.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MISSION

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





October

6th Roger E. Cobb
 9th Evan B. Morgan
 10th Bruce Cason
 15th Frank R. Dawson
 15th Lee M. Lurie
 16th Jack M. Hardwick
 21st James Stambaugh
 23rd David R. Friels
 29th Jonathan T. Kennedy
 31st Christopher W. Saunders

November

1st McCoy A. Salmon
 9th Lloyd D. Hubler
 12th William S. Covington, Jr.
 19th Martin T. Nichols
 20th B. Marshall Cope II (Jr. Member)
 30th Paul Stephens

December

4th Chase Blumenfield
 15th Roger E. Wehr
 26th Daniel L. Nichols

January

1st Joseph P. Sogan
 3rd Jacob C. Alexander
 6th Robert W. Wehr
 19th Charles H. Blumenfield
 21st Douglas Scott Steward
 22nd J. Damon Fehler
 22nd Adrian B. Cole (Jr. Member)
 28th Dustin D. Decker
 30th Dennis C. Walton

February

6th Ian A. Yuhasz
 11th Bill C. Goodman
 11th William R. Coffey
 15th Jeffrey D. Meller
 16th Chuck Andrews
 23rd William F. Deakyne

MILESTONES

Anniversaries

October

Gary S. Faletti 10/4/11 15 years

November

William R. Coffey 11/3/12 14 years
 John D. Anderson, III 11/22/16 10 years
 Stephen T. Anderson 11/22/16 10 years
Jr. SAR Member
 Grady Anderson 11/22/16 10 years

December

Dr. Richard B. Fleming 12/30/10 16 years
 Donald E. Billings 12/7/11 15 years
 Dennis C. Walton 12/31/13 13 years
 Michael B. Hutchins, Sr. 12/4/15 11 years
 David K. Setzer 12/31/16 10 years
 William F. Deakyne 12/11/20 6 years
 Evan B. Morgan 12/2/22 4 years
 Chuck Andrews 12/9/22 4 years

January

James M. Stanbaugh 1/1/1980 46 years
 J. Damon Fehler 1/13/88 38 years
 Joseph P. Sogan 1/15/1991 35 years
 Paul Stevens 1/21/13 13 years
 Bruce Cason 01/19/24 2 years

February

Jack M. Hardwick 2/14/1996 30 years
 William S. Covington, Jr. 2/26/13 13 years
 Lyndell W. (Wally) Penny 2/17/17 9 years
 Roger E. Cobb 2/16/18 8 years

**LUCRETIA COUNCIL COCHRAN DAR AND ARLINGTON SAR
CHAPTERS PLANT LIBERTY TREE AND DEDICATE MONUMENT
AT ARLINGTON VETERANS PARK**



LIBERTY TREE DEDICATION



Nov. 9, 2025– Above- Color Guard member Dan Hamilton and DAR member Nancy Bergvall plant the Liberty Tree.



Nov. 9, 2025– Compatriot Ron Carter served with the Color Guard at the Liberty Tree dedication,

SAR Liberty Tree Program

The 250th SAR Liberty Tree Program was rolled out at the Spring 2023 Leadership meeting by the NSSAR History 250 Committee with the goal of planting 250 Liberty Trees for the 250th Anniversary with at least one tree in each state on or before July 4, 2026. It is felt with by planting a Liberty Tree that it will help educate the public of the importance of the American Revolution and the sacrifices that were made to become our nation. Trees are installed with a dedication plaque. It is recommended that the Liberty Trees be planted in counties or cities named after a Patriot or in a location that will serve as a tribute to veterans.



Nov. 9, 2025– Chapter members present for the dedication from R-L– Bill Goodman, John Anderson, Chuck Andrews, Color Guard member Dan Hamilton, Pres. Joe Kohn and Vice- Pres. Bob Pope

♦ BULLET POINT

The Chapter extends thanks and gratitude to Wendell Black for his significant donation toward the Chapter's share of the cost for the Cedar Elm Liberty Tree and granite marker.

THE LIBERTY TREE STORY

In the summer of 1765, Boston woke to a sight that would change the colonies forever. Hanging from the branches of a towering old elm—an ordinary tree planted more than a century earlier—were two stuffed effigies swaying in the morning breeze. One mocked Andrew Oliver, the man appointed to enforce the hated Stamp Act. The other, a boot with a devil peering out, ridiculed the British ministers who had dreamed up the tax.

By noon, the streets were packed. Merchants, sailors, apprentices—everyone pressed toward the elm at Essex and Orange Streets. The crowd roared its anger, and the tree became something new: a stage, a symbol, a spark. People began calling it the **Liberty Tree**, and the ground beneath it **Liberty Hall**.

From that day on, whenever Boston needed to rise up, the Liberty Tree called them. A flag hoisted above its branches summoned crowds within minutes. Effigies were hung, speeches shouted, and protests launched. Ebenezer Mackintosh, a shoemaker with a talent for rallying crowds, became the “Captain General of the Liberty Tree,” leading marches that shook the city.

When the Stamp Act was finally repealed, lanterns glowed from every branch as Bostonians celebrated beneath their beloved elm. Soon, other towns planted their own liberty trees, and the symbol spread like wildfire.

But the British hated the tree’s power. During the Siege of Boston in 1775, Loyalists crept in and hacked it down, turning the symbol of rebellion into firewood. Yet even in death, the Liberty Tree lived on. Patriots marked the spot with a liberty pole, and years later, the Marquis de Lafayette stood there and declared that the world must never forget what happened beneath those branches.

The Liberty Tree had stood for more than a century—but in its final decade, it helped inspire a revolution.



◆ BULLET POINT

The Chapter extends thanks and gratitude to Brent Murray for his generous contribution enabling the acquisition of a new Chapter Texas SAR Society flag.



ARLINGTON #7 MERCHANDISE

Keep in mind that Arlington #7 offers logo merchandise:

Challenge Coins- \$10

Lapel Pins- \$5

Coffee Cups- \$15

These can be purchased by contacting:
Sergeant-at-Arms:
Richard Martin

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CALENDAR

2026

14 Feb Arlington #7 Chapter Meeting– Skillet-n-Grill Café-9:30 AM
(C)

5-7 Mar Texas SAR Fall Leadership Meeting- (S)

14 Mar Arlington #7 Chapter Meeting– Skillet-n-Grill Café-9:30 AM
(C)

11 Apr Arlington #7 Chapter Meeting– Skillet-n-Grill Café-9:30 AM
(C)

15-19 Apr– 2026 Texas State SAR Convention– Austin (S) (CG)

17 Apr Dedication of Texas SAR monument to American Revolution Patriots buried in Texas- Texas State Cemetery– Austin (S) (CG)

9 May Arlington #7 Chapter Meeting– Skillet-n-Grill Café-9:30 AM
(C)

25 May Memorial Day

7 June Arlington Chapter SAR/Lucretia Council Cochran, NSDAR America 250 Celebration– Texas Ranger Golf Course, 701 Brown Blvd., Arlington, Tx 76011- 1:30-4:00 PM

13 June Arlington #7 Chapter Meeting– Skillet-n-Grill Café-9:30 AM
(C)

14 Jun Flag Day

4 July Independence Day

10 July 136th Annual Congress– Greensboro (N)

11 Jul Arlington #7 Chapter Meeting– Skillet-n-Grill Café-9:30 AM
(C)

15 Aug Arlington #7 Chapter Meeting– Skillet-n-Grill Café-9:30 AM
(C)

2027

9 Jul 137th Annual Congress– New Orleans (N)

(CG) = Color Guard , (C) = Chapter, (S) = State, (N) = National

VETERANS DAY 2025



Color Guard Opens ACTIV Center Veterans Day Event

Nov. 11, 2025- Arlington, Texas

ACTIV Center in Arlington hosted a Veterans Day luncheon. About 100 Veterans and friends enjoyed a great BBQ lunch with all the fixings. The Arlington Chapter was requested to provide a Color Guard to open the program. Compatriots Brent Murray, Richard Coffey and Dan Hamilton presented and posted the Colors. During the program, Compatriots Murray and Hamilton identified Viet Nam Era Veterans and presented 50th Anniversary Viet Nam Era lapel pins to 33 Veterans.



Nov. 11, 2025- Photos from Arlington Veterans Day Parade courtesy of Compatriot Dan Hamilton. Dan partnered with Robert Williams, FW Chapter Military Order of World Wars and former Chapter presenter, to honor and celebrate our Veterans.



COMPATRIOT JOE SOGAN TO RECEIVE PATRIOT MEDAL



Compatriot Joe Sogan will be awarded the Patriot Medal at the Texas State Convention in April for his service and contributions as C.A.R. Liaison. The Patriot Medal is awarded only by a state society. It is the highest award given for service at the state or chapter level. This medal is presented only to individuals and may be received ONLY once. It represents long, faithful and outstanding service at the state and/or chapter level.

The Medal is sterling silver and bears the portrait of Compatriot General of the Army Douglas McArthur on the obverse within the inscription, "The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution". The reverse is inscribed "Awarded for Patriotic Service by the Texas Society SAR, 2026". The medal is suspended from a chest ribbon of royal blue. The design was selected by Compatriot McArthur. He received the first medal, presented posthumously at his tomb in Norfolk, Virginia on October 19, 1964, where it is on permanent display.



Dec. 6, 2025– Color Guard member Brent Murray, took part in the commemoration of the Battle of Great Cane Break fought December 22, 1775 in Greenville County, South Carolina, resulting in a Patriot victory, recapturing munitions intended for the Cherokees. Compatriot Murray is a dual member of the Colonel Robert Anderson SAR Chapter in Greenville.

Jan. 10, 2025 Compatriot Murray provided the Chapter with a slide presentation relating to the Battle of Cane Break.



**NATION'S
250TH BIRTH-
DAY IS COMING—
4 JULY 2026**



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA 2025



Dec. 13, 2025— The Arlington SAR Chapter once again provided volunteer service for the annual Wreaths Across America program at the Parkdale Cemetery in Arlington. Left— Color Guard member Dan Hamilton places the wreath to honor Patriots of the Revolutionary War.



Dec. 13, 2025— Pictured right are Compatriots John Anderson, III, Steve Anderson, John Anderson, Jr., Chuck Andrews and Dan Hamilton. Also pictured is Grady Anderson, son of Steve.



Dec 13, 2025— Compatriots of the Arlington SAR Chapter were also present to lend a hand at the Wreaths Across America event at Spring Creek Cemetery in Weatherford, Texas.

Pictured left— Compatriot Bill Goodman addresses volunteers. Also, volunteering but not pictured were Compatriots Brent Houser and Richard Martin.

Quote- “*We have it in our power to begin the world over again.*”

Thomas Paine

PROFILES IN PATRIOTISM

GEORGIA

Before the American Revolution, Georgia was the most hesitant of the thirteen colonies to rebel. It was young, prosperous under British rule, and dependent on British military protection against Native American nations. As a result, Georgia sent no delegates to the First Continental Congress in 1774.

But once fighting broke out at Lexington and Concord in 1775, revolutionary sentiment surged. Local Patriots—called Whigs—took control of the provincial government, formed committees to enforce anti-British trade measures, and gradually pushed Loyalists out of power. St. John Parish acted independently and sent **Lyman Hall** to the Second Continental Congress, marking Georgia's first step toward independence.

LYMAN HALL: FOUNDING FATHER, PHYSICIAN, CLERGYMAN, STATESMAN AND SIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Imagine a young man in colonial Connecticut, born into a family of ministers and scholars, expected to follow a straight, respectable path. That was **Lyman Hall**—until life pushed him in unexpected directions.

He began as a clergyman, standing in the pulpit of Stratfield Parish. But his pastorate erupted into conflict. Accusations flew, tempers rose, and Hall—under pressure and scandal—was forced out. Most men would have faded quietly. Hall did the opposite. He reinvented himself.

He studied medicine, taught school, and rebuilt his reputation from the ground up. Then he left New England entirely, traveling south to the raw, growing settlements of South Carolina and Georgia. In the small coastal town of Sunbury, he became a respected physician and a leading voice in a community that burned with revolutionary spirit.

When Georgia hesitated to join the rebellion, Hall refused to wait. He convinced his parish—St. John's Parish—to send him alone to the Second Continental Congress. Picture him arriving in Philadelphia: one man representing a sliver of a colony, stepping into a room filled with giants. And yet he took his seat. He spoke. He voted. And in 1776, he signed the Declaration of Independence—one of only **four physicians** to do so.

The war struck back hard. The British burned Sunbury, forcing Hall and his family to flee north. But when the fighting ended, he returned to Georgia and was elected governor. He pushed for something he believed the new nation desperately needed: education. His efforts helped lead to the chartering of the University of Georgia, the first state-supported university in America.

In his final years, Hall lived quietly on a plantation near the South Carolina border, far from the drama of his earlier life. He died in 1790, but his legacy lived on—in **Hall County**, in schools bearing his name, and in the granite Signers Monument where his remains now rest beside Georgia's other Declaration signers.

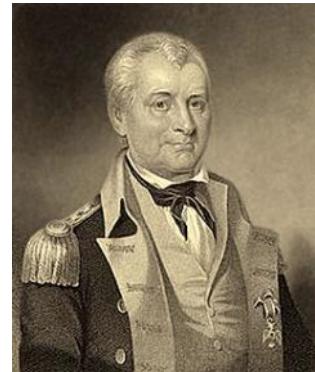
Lyman Hall's life was messy, bold, and full of reinvention. He stumbled, he started over, and he ultimately helped shape a nation.



LACHLAN MCINTOSH: MILITARY AND POLITICAL LEADER

Lachlan McIntosh, a Scotsman, emerged as one of Georgia's most important Patriot military leaders. By 1775, he was already a prominent figure in the colony's resistance movement. He helped organize Georgia's Provincial Congress and was commissioned a colonel in early 1776. McIntosh raised and trained the **1st Georgia Regiment**, defended Savannah, and helped repel the British during the **Battle of the Rice Boats**, earning a promotion to **brigadier general** in the Continental Army.

He was responsible for protecting Georgia's vulnerable southern frontier from British-controlled Florida, ordering the construction of **Fort McIntosh** and leading defensive operations along the border.



But McIntosh's Revolutionary career was overshadowed by his bitter political feud with **Button Gwinnett**, a radical Whig and signer of the Declaration of Independence. Their rivalry—rooted in competing visions for Georgia's leadership—exploded after a failed invasion of Florida. Public insults led to a duel in May 1777, in which McIntosh fatally wounded Gwinnett. Though acquitted, McIntosh's safety became a concern, and **George Washington reassigned him to Valley Forge**, where he commanded North Carolina troops during the harsh winter of 1777–78.

In 1778, McIntosh was appointed commander of the **Western Department**, headquartered at Fort Pitt. He attempted to launch an ambitious campaign against the British at Fort Detroit and built **Fort Laurens** and a second **Fort McIntosh**, though the Detroit expedition ultimately failed.

Returning south in 1779, McIntosh commanded troops during the **Siege of Savannah**, one of the war's bloodiest battles. Afterward, he helped defend Charleston until its surrender in 1780, when he was taken prisoner. He remained in captivity until exchanged in 1782.

After the war, McIntosh returned to Georgia to find his plantation ruined. Though he continued to serve in public roles—helping negotiate with Native nations, settling boundary disputes, and welcoming President Washington to Georgia—he never regained his earlier wealth or influence.



Acknowledgments and references

My thanks to all who provided contributed to this newsletter including Compatriots Joe Kohn, Dan Hamilton, John Anderson, Brent Murray, Bill Goodman and Brent Houser. President Kohn will soon pass the torch of the Chapter presidency. Thank you Joe for your leadership and service to Arlington SAR Chapter #7.

Special congratulations to Patriot Medal recipient, Joe Sogan.

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Chuck Andrews, Editor