



**Sons of the American Revolution  
Texas Society  
Alexander Hamilton Chapter  
Georgetown, Texas**



Our second meeting of 2025 was held March 8, 2025 at the City of Georgetown Parks & Recreation Administration Building with simulcast on Zoom.

### **Attendees**

There were 14 SAR members in attendance and one SAR inductee (apologies for any misspellings). The attendees were: Dick Peterson, Michael E. Greco, Lamar Notestine, Sylvester Helton, Vernon Eubanks, Ed Deshields, Lane Redwine, Grant Gee, Darrell Hutchinson, Darrin Hutchinson, James Rogers, Reese Henry, Jim Scott, Keith Pearce, Carl Smith (SAR Inductee).

Additionally, our guest speaker, Dr. Lydia Towns was in attendance.

### **Call to Order**

Darrell Hutchinson, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Darrell made opening remarks which included identifying the open officer positions of Secretary, Chaplain, and Sergeant-at-Arms and the need for volunteers to take these positions. Darrell additionally introduced Keith Pearce as the new Chapter Vice President.

### **Invocation**

Lane Redwine gave the invocation.

### **Pledges**

Keith Pearce, Chapter Vice President, led the pledge of allegiance to the American flag, the pledge to the Texas flag, and the pledge of the SAR.

### **Chapter Activities**

Jim Scott reported on color guard, including that the Chapter did a presentation at Sun City Veteran's Day. Jim further reported that there were not many events booked right

now but we need a minimum of 4 people to be able to present colors, so we need more volunteers. Opportunities come up, quickly sometimes, so it would be good to have a list of folks who can do this. Volunteers will need to have a Revolutionary War uniform.

Lane Redwine reported that ROTC presentations increase in the Spring. We've already received a request from the new leader at Vista Ridge in Cedar Park. Have not yet heard from Georgetown or Leander. Certificates and folders were ordered last year and are already in hand. We need volunteers for these presentations.

Darrell Hutchinson reported that he, Darrin Hutchinson, Vern Eubanks, and Keith Pearce participated in the joint SAR/DAR meeting in Austin celebrating George Washington's birthday with the Austin Chapter. We will have another joint meeting in the Fall.

#### **Registrar Report – Grant Gee**

24 applications in process. One supplemental application. One youth application approved. We should have two inductions at our next meeting.

#### **Historian Report - Jim Rogers**

We've been contacted by the VA in Temple to support some of their activities. Be sure to send Jim photos of any activities you're doing so it can be put in the newsletters. Also, please send relevant obituaries, if any, to Jim.

#### **Treasurer Report - Lane Redwine**

Current balance of our account is \$759.07.

No additional reports, questions or comments.

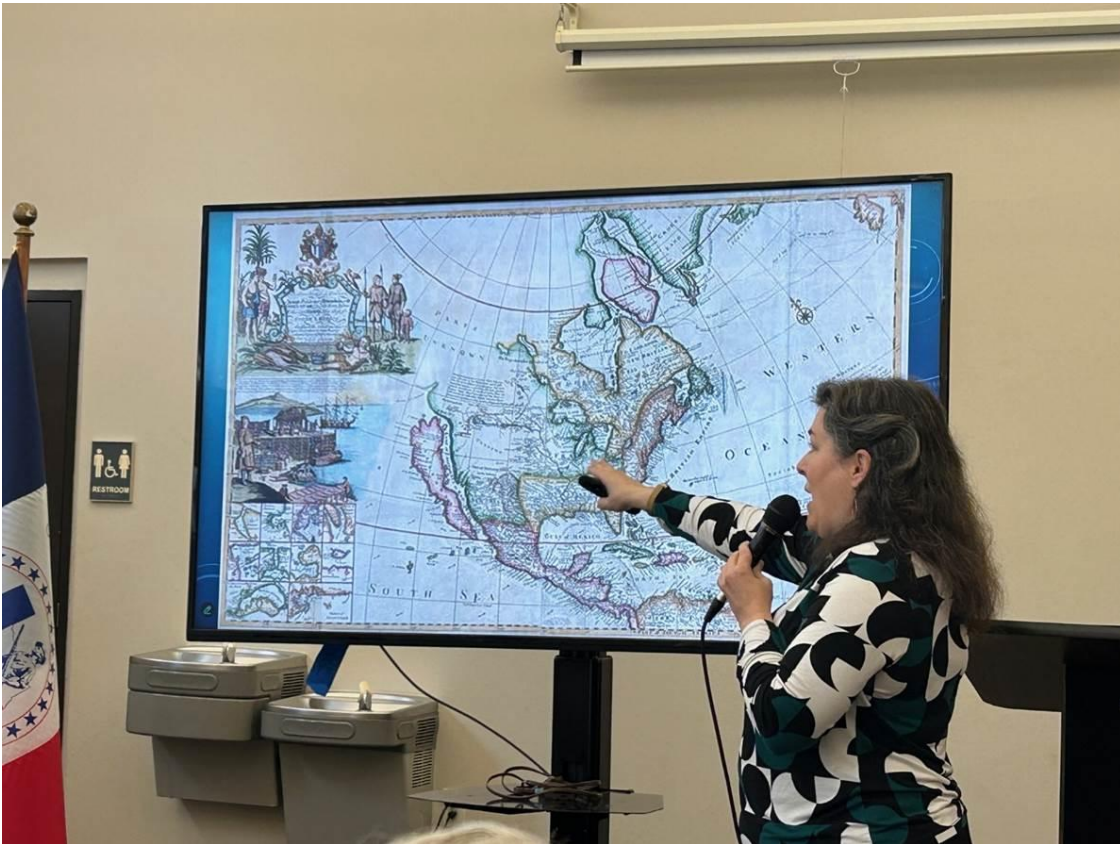
#### **New Member Induction – Carl Smith**

Carl Smith's application was approved by the national SAR on January 24, 2025. He was inducted by Registrar Grant Gee, Historian Jim Rogers, and Vice President Keith Pearce. Welcome to the Sons of the American Revolution, Carl!



### **Guest Presentation – Dr. Lydia Towns**

Dr. Lydia Towns joined us from Nacogdoches. Dr. Towns is a Lecturer in the History Department, faculty advisor for Phi Alpha Theta and Director of the Cartography Lab and History Research Center - a new initiative she started at Stephen F. Austin State University. She also serves as the VP and President Elect of the Society for the History of Discoveries and is the 2nd Vice President of the Texas Map Society and a Faculty Advisor at Phi Alpha Theta.



Her outstanding presentation helped us see that the availability and quality of maps that were available during the Revolutionary War had a huge impact on the battles. Dr. Towns explained how mapmaking evolved over time and how these mapmaking techniques were used by the Americans and the British.

The best available maps of the Colonies were of the larger port cities and that's where the British did well. However, in the inland areas where few good maps existed, the local knowledge of the area helped the Americans excel there.

Dr. Towns pointed out that one of George Washington's first loves and first jobs was as a surveyor. She explained that Washington repeatedly asked Congress for maps and that he had surveyors with his army who would document the areas through which they were traveling for future use.

Dr. Towns brought some maps for viewing after her presentation and answered many questions from the group. Chapter Vice President Keith Pearce presented Dr. Towns with a certification of appreciation from the Sons of the American Revolution.



### **Benediction**

Lance Redwine gave the benediction.

### **Recessional**

The recessional was led by Vice President, Keith Pearce.

### **Adjournment**

President Darrell Hutchinson adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

## **Additional Items**

An optional lunch meet-up was held at Masfajitas Restaurant in Georgetown.

Our next meeting will be **Saturday, May 10** starting at 10:00 a.m. at the City of Georgetown Parks & Recreation Administration Building with simulcast on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Pearce, Vice President

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## **Chapter Activity Coordinators**

- President: Darrell Hutchinson
- Vice President: Keith Pearce
- Secretary: **Open**
- Treasurer: Lane Redwine
- Registrar: Grant Gee
- Assistant Registrar: Reese Henry, Jr.
- Historian: Jim Rogers
- Genealogist: **Open**
- Chaplain: **Open**
- Color Guard: Jim Scott
- Sergeant at Arms: **Open**
- Veteran Affairs: Michael E. Greco
- Website: James Wood
- Speaker Search: Ed Deshields
- Technical Advisor: Darrin Hutchinson