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

12 September 2026

Our fifth meeting of 2026 was held the 12th of September, 2026 at the City of Georgetown Parks & Recreation Administration Building with simulcast on Zoom. The replay of the meeting can be seen here and you'll need the passcode which is **&6vjF@kY** Unfortunately, we had a technical glitch and the entire meeting was not recorded this time.

Call to Order

Keith Pearce, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Pledges

- The pledge to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Vice President Shawn Murray.
- The pledge to the Flag of the State of Texas was led by Chapter Genealogist Carl Smith.
- The pledge to the Flag of the Sons of the American Revolution as led by Compatriot and soon-to-be-announced DAR Liaison Chuck Hazlewood.

The invocation was given by President Pearce.

Introductions and Greetings

President Pearce welcomed Chapter members and guests in the room and on the Zoom call, as well as acknowledging our Guest Speaker, Jarrod Weaver.

Chapter News

Sad news was reported. Compatriot Rick Randall, an active member of this Chapter and regular attendee of our meetings, passed away July 31, 2026. Rick was a friendly fellow and President Pearce shared that Rick was actually the first member to greet him when he came to my first meeting here. I'm sure we will all miss Rick.

Our Board of Managers met on August 24. The topics were the state of our Treasury and the upcoming elections.

The first topic of discussion for the BOM was about what steps we can take to bolster our Treasury.

We receive funding from the State SAR office each year. It's a portion of the dues y'all pay to State SAR. It is not just our primary source of funding for the Chapter, it's the only source.

President Pearce spoke about having a bigger impact on our community and the City of Georgetown through service projects and other activities, but needing more available funds to do so.

For example, last meeting, we had representatives from the San Gabriel Chapter of the DAR present to us their Veterans Memorial project in Leander. They are selling bricks that will pave the paths to the memorial to raise funds for the memorial. At this time, our Chapter does not have the resources in our Treasury to buy a brick.

As a result, President Pearce took an action item to explore various fundraising ideas to bolster our Treasury and enable us to expand our reach in the community. More than likely, there will be a subcommittee formed to explore this.

Other action items from the BOM meeting to be done were:

1. Determine how to get control of our Facebook page. Vice President Murray has the lead on this one.

2. Color Guard Commander to inquire about our participation in Veterans Day at Sun City and Field of Honor. This effort is under way by Color Guard Commander Chester and President Pearce.

3. Locate our printed membership pamphlets. President Pearce completed this. Didn't find them but Compatriot and Chapter Register Grant Gee found the original tri-fold created for our chapter. We'll use these going forward for outreach.

4. Consider a December get-together. President Pearce and Compatriot Greco are to discuss in the coming weeks.

President Pearce reported that he has appointed Chuck Hazlewood to a new Program Leader position: Liaison to DAR. The goals are generally to look for opportunities to partner and collaborate with our local DAR Chapters. Having representatives from two of the three local DAR Chapters present to our Chapter last month was the result of partnering with DAR on the Williamson County America 250 event. President Pearce stated that he believes that as a Chapter, we need to branch out a bit from our current ways of serving the community.

Chuck and Keith will work on a few specific goals before the next meeting to see how we can begin to explore new ways for us to get active and involved. President Pearce asks for your support of Compatriot Hazlewood as he begins this new role for himself and the Chapter.

Speaking of our DAR presenters from last meeting, I wanted to remind you about the Leander Veterans Memorial that the San Gabriel Chapter representatives, Suzanne Jordan and Brenda Kane. They are selling 'bricks' to pave the path to the memorial. Our Chapter does not have the funds to buy a brick but if you are so inclined, I would urge you to do that. Information is here.

On the same topic of DAR partnership, Regent Cheryl Mazur shared a number of good suggestions for our Chapter in her presentation last month. President Pearce selected a few for our Chapter to implement.

1. Treat prospective members like members by inviting them to our Chapter meetings, lunch after the meeting, events and any other activities. Maybe have name badges for them. And most importantly, have people talk with them.
    a. This will be done through coordination between our Chapter Registrar and President.
    b. For some prospective members who might need more information than usual, a phone call will be made.

2. Prospective members who come to meetings, lunch, events and other activities will have their applications prioritized by our Chapter Registrar and Genealogist.
    a. We ideally want new members who will show up and participate with us.
    b. Grant tracks the inventory of prospective members and will implement a priority indicator for the applications.

3. Use the Facebook page as a record of activities and longer term, as a primary way of communicating to the Chapter members.
    a. Once we get access, this will fall to the Chapter Secretary, once we have one.

Badges

Just as a reminder, to order a badge, simply go to our provider's website scnamebadges.com - Sun City Name Badges - and order the badge. He has the template and everything. The good news is that they cost just $8 through Glen compared with $35. The URL is Sun City Name Badges President Pearce showed a slide in the meeting that had incorrect information. Please use this URL.

Upcoming Events

Veteran's Day is November 11 and Field of Honor is November 7 through 12.

Flag Retirement Ceremony – Sunday, September 20 at 3:00 PM in Austin. See the **appendix** to the minutes.

San Gabriel America 250 Patriot Marker Dedication – Sunday, November 22nd. Regent Suzanne Jordan requested participation from our Color Guard and Fife & Drum Corp. Color Guard Commander Chester will coordinate Color Guard and President Pearce will coordinate Fife & Drum.

WilCo Fair and Rodeo Invite – Opportunity to partner with the Daniel Coleman chapter of the DAR by help promote heritage and history. Need people to man the table and represent SAR - October 21st – 24th. See the **appendix** to the minutes.

Upcoming Chapter Elections

Per our Chapter By-Laws, we hold Officer elections every two years. The Board of Managers, composed of our past Presidents and current Officers, met in August to assemble a slate of nominees. These are to be presented in the September meeting and voted on in the November meeting.

In the appendix to the minutes, you'll find a description of each position. Please take a moment to read them. **If you wish to volunteer for the open positions, please contact President Pearce.**

The nominees for the upcoming term are:

- President - Shawn Murray
- Vice President - **none**
- Treasurer - Lane Redwine
- Secretary – **none**
- Registrar - Grant Gee
- Genealogist - Carl Smith
- Sergeant-At-Arms - Lane Redwine
- Historian - **none**
- Chaplain - Mike Greco

In our November 14 meeting, we will confirm the nominees by an acclimation vote. The process will be as follows: the slate of nominees shall be presented to the members in the room and on Zoom for an acclimation vote. A motion shall be raised to confirm the slate of nominees. The motion shall be seconded. Members are instructed to applaud as an indication that they agree that the nominees should be elected and the motion will be carried.

New Member Inductions

Two new members were inducted into our Chapter: **David Lawrence Kimble** and **Holden Greer**. Photos are here.

Welcome, new Compatriots!

Officer and Program Leader Reports.

- Vice President – Shawn Murray: Nothing to report
- Treasurer - Lane Redwine. Started with $327.52. After expenses, our balance now is $68.62.
- Registrar - Grant Gee. Reported 60 prospective and confirmed candidates on the working list. Lots of activity in coordination with Genealogist Carl Smith.
- Genealogist – Carl Smith. Compatriot Smith echoed the report of Grant Gee. President Pearce noted the great cooperation and teamwork.

And now, our **Program Leader Reports**

- Veteran Affairs - Mike Greco: Not present
- Technical – Darrin Hutchinson: Nothing to report
- Color Guard Commander - Mark Chester: Not present.
- Fife & Drum Leader – Ron Moulton. Nothing to report.

Guest Speaker

Jarrod Weaver, PhD History from Liberty University and Executive Director of the Education H.E.L.P.S. America Foundation shared an overview of the fascinating life of Aaron Burr. Please watch the Zoom call replay – it is well worth your time!!



Closing Remarks

Our next meeting is November 14, same place, same time.

Closing Prayer – President Pearce

A silent tribute to our fallen Compatriot, Rick Randall, and those lost during the 9/11 tragedy.

Recessional – President Pearce

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

The Williamson County Fair and Rodeo Organizer invited The Daniel Coleman Chapter NSDAR to host an educational table at the Fair/Rodeo. They are interested in heritage and history and think we fit well with this new objective. They also want us to showcase DAR—what we represent and how we benefit the community.

We are inviting the Robert Gilbert Livingston and San Gabriel DAR Chapters, the Sybil Ludington C.A.R. Society, and the Alexander Hamilton SAR to help.

Our table will be inside with the Vendors – no worries about rain, wind, snow nor heat!

The Daniel Coleman Chapter will be responsible for the table displays. You just need to be on-time and be your normal smiley, friendly selves!

WilCo Fair and Rodeo – Expo Center in Taylor

Fair Physical Address: 5350 Bill Pickett Trail, Taylor, TX 76574

October 21st – 24th

Day	Hours	DAR Table
	Event Hours	Shift Times
Wednesday	4-10 pm	4p-7pm
Thursday	4-10 pm	4p-7pm
Friday	4-Midnight	4p-7pm
Saturday	10am-Midnight	10a-7pm – (3 shifts)

- Call or text Diane Christensen 512.517.4356 if your members are interested in helping with a shift. This does not commit anyone; it simply lets us contact you in early October to ask whether you are available to volunteer.
- Would like at least two face painters to volunteer
- More Information will be coming closer to October.
- P.S. I'm trying to get free Rodeo tickets for the volunteers.

SECTION 1 – PRESIDENT: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers and the Chapter. He shall appoint all standing committees and oversee their functions. He shall perform any other duties as pertain to his office.

SECTION 2 – PRESIDENT ELECT: The President Elect in the absence of the President shall preside at Chapter meetings and the Board of Managers meetings. He shall serve the President in other matters when asked to do so by the President. He shall be responsible for **arranging all programs**.

SECTION 3 – SECRETARY: The Secretary shall record the **minutes** of the meetings of the **Board of Managers** and notify all members of their election and of such other matters as may be directed by the Board of Managers. He shall give due **notice of the time and place of all meetings** of the Chapter and the Board of Managers. It shall be the further duty of the Secretary to keep a correct **list of the members** and their addresses, the dates of their admission to the Chapter, their resignations, transfers, or other terminations of their membership in this Chapter. He shall also be responsible for submitting all **required reports** as indicated in the TXSSAR Constitution and By-Laws.

SECTION 4 – TREASURER: The Treasurer and the President have custody of all moneys of the Chapter and shall **collect all the moneys** due the Chapter and shall deposit them to the credit of the Chapter in a depository bank or savings institution selected by the Board of Managers. The Treasurer, or the President in the absence of the Treasurer, shall **pay all bills and obligations** incurred by the Chapter after receiving proper documentation. All checks shall be signed by the Treasurer or President in the absence of the Treasurer.

SECTION 5 – GENEALOGIST: The Genealogist shall provide **assistance and support to the Registrar** by providing research that documents and validates certifiable lineage for prospective applicants.

SECTION 6 – REGISTRAR: The Registrar shall furnish application forms and information to **those seeking membership**. He shall receive all applications for membership or supplemental applications and **review them for completeness and accuracy**. The Registrar shall sign these applications as the sponsor and will **submit them** to the TXSSAR Registrar for approval. He shall **keep accurate records on those applicants** who have applications being completed and those which have been submitted. He shall also be the **custodian of the Chapter Archives** of completed and approved original and supplemental **application forms** by members.

SECTION 7 – HISTORIAN: The Historian shall **maintain a record of the activities** of the Chapter and its members, and his duties shall include the maintenance of a scrapbook containing the photos, clippings, and other relics of such activities for presentation to the State and National Society Conventions, as well as the maintenance of such other documents as the Chapter might require. The Historian shall **produce a twice annual newsletter** in June and in December of the same year.

SECTION 8 – SERGENT-AT-ARMS: The Sergeant-At-Arms shall be responsible for the **maintenance and order** at all meetings of the Chapter, subject to the instructions of the President. He shall also be responsible for the **safe keeping of all flags, banners, and signs** used at the meetings and oversee the arrangement of the items used **in the Chapter meetings**. The Sergeant-At-Arms shall also oversee the **arrangement of the meeting room** on entry and exit. The Chapter may elect two Sergeant-At-Arms if the membership chooses to do so.

SECTION 9 – CHAPLAIN: The Chaplain shall be responsible for the **spiritual needs of the Chapter**. He shall give the Invocation and Benediction at all meetings. He shall also keep watch for any **illnesses or deaths of members** and notify the President. He shall also see that **proper remembrances** are made in the event of the death of a member, such as contributions to the Patriot's Fund or the Chapter Memorial Fund.