



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



20 July, 2025

Our fourth meeting of 2025 was held on 12 July at the City of Georgetown Parks & Recreation Administration Building with simulcast on Zoom.

**Attendees**

There were 10 SAR members in attendance. The attendees were: Dick Peterson, Ed Deshields, Grant Gee, Darrell Hutchinson, Darrin Hutchinson, Rick Randell, Sampson Jordan, Reese Henry, Frank Elrod, and Keith Pearce.

Additionally, our guest speaker, Rick Fawkes, and his wife, Charlsey, were in attendance, as well as other guests Jessie Stewart, from the Philadelphia chapter, and Joanne DeShields.

**Call to Order**

Darrell Hutchinson, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Darrell made opening remarks which included a welcome to our guests and an opportunity to introduce themselves, and a welcome back to Frank Elrod.

**Pledges and Invocation**

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. Darrell Hutchinson gave the invocation.

**Chapter Activities and Reports**

Color Guard – Jim Scott. Jim did not have a report due to personal circumstance. Darrell reported on his behalf. We posted the colors at a patriotic event on June 27 and 28 at the Sun City social center.

### Update on the America 250! Event

Keith Pearce and Darrell Hutchinson gave an update on the free ice cream social event planned for Flag Day, 2026. Planning continues for the events, entertainment and more. Chet Garner, the Daytripper, will be the emcee for the event. Our chapter will post and retire the colors at the event, as well as mingle and answer questions. All members with a uniform, please make an effort to attend. If you don't have a uniform but want one, please contact Darrin Hutchinson for advice. More information will be forthcoming.

Registrar – Grant Gee. Grant reported that we have 3 applications at headquarters waiting to be reviewed and approved. We have 3 new inquiries and 1 supplemental inquiry. The applications are taking a very long time at headquarters, taking about 6 months per application. Darrell remarked that anyone who has associates with an interest in SAR should encourage them to apply. We currently have about 95 members in the Alexander Hamilton Chapter.

Treasurer – Lane Redwine was unable to attend. Darrin Hutchinson reported that we have a balance of \$891.04.

Darrell announced that Lane Redwine is our new Sargent-at-Arms. We still have openings for Chaplain and Genealogist.

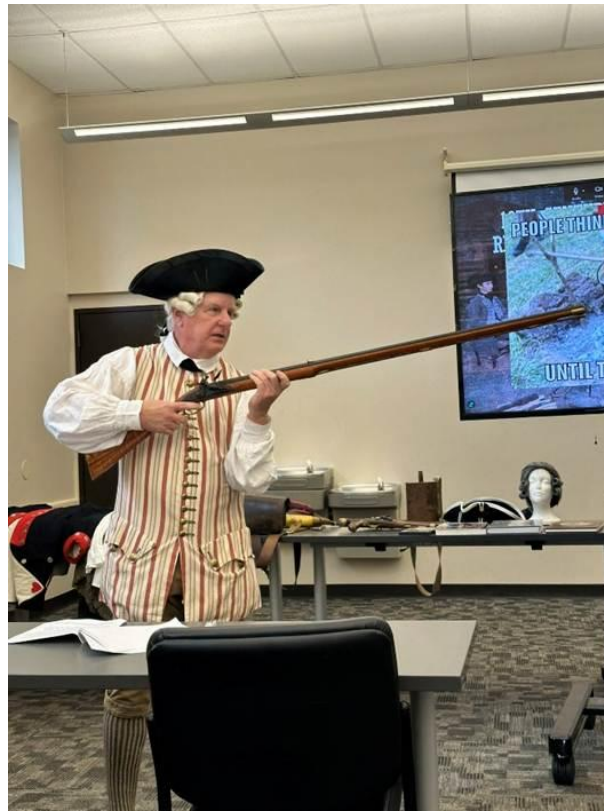
### **Guest Presentation – Rick Fawkes**

Ed DeShields introduced Rick Fawkes, our guest speaker, and noted that Rick's wife is an excellent seamstress. Rick has been reenacting for many years and particularly enjoys period long rifles.

Rick talked about the unique fun of reenactment, giving the example that items like cannons can be sort of boring unless reenactors are there. He pointed out that the very first thing people will notice about a reenactor is if they are not wearing period-correct eyeglasses. He gave some interesting and useful facts about the practical aspects of

reenacting, explaining things to do and not do with rifles, powder charges, and beverages.

Rick explained that it's important to wear wool or linen when reenacting because other fabrics can hold in heat and moisture, which is a major problem on a hot day. He showed several long rifles and pointed out a few key features and safety items with these old weapons. He explained the origin of the term 'gauge' when referring to ammunition. It's based on the number of balls that can be extracted from a pound of lead. So, 20 gauge is a smaller ball than 12 gauge because to get 20 balls, they have to be smaller. He showed a short video of a long rifle being shot at the Southwest Rendezvous near Waco.



Rich showed some great photos of reenactors and events in which he's participated. He was an extra in *The War That Made America*, a film about the French and Indian Wars. He

concluded his presentation by demonstrating the loading sequence of one of the several long rifles he brought.

### **Recessional**

The recessional was led by Keith Pearce.

### **Benediction**

Darrell Hutchinson gave the benediction.

### **Adjournment**

President Darrell Hutchinson adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

### **Additional Items**

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

Our next meeting will be **Saturday, September 13** starting at 10:00 a.m. at the City of Georgetown Parks & Recreation Administration Building with simulcast on Zoom.

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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
- Sargeant at Arms: Lane Redwine
- Veteran Affairs: Michael E. Greco
- Website: James Wood
- Speaker Search: Ed Deshields
- Technical Advisor: Darrin Hutchinson