



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



08 November 2025

Our sixth and last meeting of 2025 was held on 08 November 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 **\$!ACjh3=**

### **Attendees**

There were 10 SAR #66 members in attendance. The attendees were: Grant Gee, Darrin Hutchinson, Reese Henry, Jr., Vernon Eubanks, Jim Rogers, Lane Redwine, Dick Peterson, Richard Randall, Lamar Notestine, and Keith Pearce.

Additionally, our guest speaker, Jarrod Weaver, was in attendance, as well as other Diane Klutz, from the Williamson County Veterans Memorial Advisory Group, and Rick Fawkes, from the Patrick Henry Chapter in Austin.

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Pledges and Invocation**

Keith Pearce led the pledge of allegiance to the American flag, the pledge to the Texas flag, and the pledge of the SAR, as well as the invocation.

### **President's Remarks**

Keith Pearce welcomed Chapter members and guests in the room and on the Zoom call, as well as acknowledging our speakers and guests. Each person present introduced themselves.

Keith mentioned in our last meeting 4 things he'd like to accomplish before the end of the year and provided the group with an update on each.

1. Conduct Officer Elections in accordance with our Chapter by-laws.
2. Identify a new Color Guard commander.
3. Convene a Communications Committee.
4. Meet with each Program leader to learn the state of the program and talk about plans for 2026.

Regarding Officer elections, Keith reported in the last meeting that elections were to be held today, but they will not. The reason is that the appointment made to the office of President was to fulfil Darrell Hutchinson's term, which he understood to conclude at the end of this calendar year. However, in re-reading the by-laws and looking at the Chapter history, Darrell's term would have ended in December 2026. So, we will hold elections for all officers one year from now, in November 2026.

Keith stated that he will work on identifying a new Color Guard commander, convene the communications committee, and meeting with each program leader, providing an update in our January meeting.

Keith reported that members should have received their SAR dues notice. Keeping your membership paid up is important for our Chapter so please get this taken care of by the end of December deadline.

Keith read an announcement from Diane Christianson, Historian for the Daniel Coleman DAR Chapter and Chair of the America250! Committee:

*The Alexander Hamilton Chapter of SAR is cordially invited to a Reception for the American Revolution Experience Traveling Exhibit on December 17th from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Williamson County Museum, 716 S Austin Avenue, Georgetown.*

*This Reception is only for the Williamson County SAR Chapter and the three DAR Chapters; Daniel Coleman, Robert Gilbert Livingston and San Gabriel to provide the Chapters an opportunity to partake in this unique experience. The interactive exhibit is sponsored by the Daniel Coleman Chapter of NSDAR and is hosted by the Williamson County Museum.*

*We hope some of your chapter members will be able to attend as we are looking forward to meeting more Alexander Hamilton members!*

**A flyer for this event is in the appendix of these minutes.** Diane would like an estimate of the number who will attend by December 10th.

Darrin made the Chapter aware of a new six-part documentary by Ken Burns called The American Revolution which looks really good. It starts November 16th on PBS.

The Texas SAR Annual State Convention will be held in Austin next year. In addition to being a great event to attend, there are opportunities to volunteer. It is being hosted by the Patrick Henry Chapter of the Texas SAR, which most you know is the Chapter in Austin and as I understand it, is the one from which our Chapter was started. The convention will be held at the Austin Southpark Hotel on April 15-19, 2026. Event registration is not live yet but is coming soon

Diane Klutz, Williamson County Veterans Memorial Advisory Group (WCVMAG), spoke to the group from the podium about their Restoring the Grandeur fundraising campaign. Our Chapter has worked with the WCVMAG in the past and Diane noted the positive collaboration, especially with the Color Guard. The current campaign is to convert the existing garden area with its Italian Cypress into a new reflection pond. Their fundraising goal is \$200k and they have raised about half of it. They are accepting individual contributions. They accept checks made out to SCTXCA but be sure to put "Reflection Garden" on the memo part of the check. WCVMAG also recently set up an online payment mechanism.

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## **New Member Induction**

Chapter Registrar Grant Gee presented inductee **John Jackola** to the group and led the induction ceremony. Welcome, John!!



## Officer Reports

- Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms - Lane Redwine. We have \$465.63 in the bank. Expenses were for Zoom expenses and inductee rosettes. New balance is \$324.13.
- Registrar - Grant Gee. One supplemental application in process and one waiting to be signed. We have some very young applicants and have 23 letters of inquiry.
- Assistant Registrar - Reese Henry, Jr. Nothing to report.
- Webmaster - James Wood. Please send photos of any event, if you take them. It's important for us to include them in the newsletter.
- Historian - Jim Rogers. Jim has been sharing stories about historical events in our 250th year. Today, he shared four important events with us.
  - a. On Aug 23, 1775 there was the proclamation of rebellion by King George declaring that the colonies were in rebellion and it's participants were traitors. This meant that the

patriots could be prosecuted and hung, making the consequences of getting caught much more dangerous.

b. The British burned of the town of Falmouth (now Portland), Maine in retaliation for the resistance.

c. In October 1775, Congress created the Continental Navy. The Continental Army was created in the Spring of 1775. This was all before the Declaration of Independence.

d. Congress authorized the invasion of Canada. General Richard Montgomery advanced from New York and conquered Montreal on November 13, 1775.

e. Also, during this time, Benedict Arnold led a march through the wilderness to capture Quebec, but it failed.

### **Guest Presentation – Jarrod Weaver**

Keith Pearce introduced our guest speaker, Jarrod L. Weaver. Jarrod is the Executive Director of the Education H.E.L.P.S. America Foundation. After graduating from Texas A&M University in 2004, Jarrod began working for Texas Congressman John Carter in 2005 and he continues in campaign politics for candidates throughout the nation. In 2021 he finished his master's degree in history from Texas A&M – Central Texas. Jarrod is currently finishing the dissertation for his PhD in History from Liberty University and works as an adjunct history professor at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, Texas. Jarrod has served as the Killeen Rotary Club's President, the Killeen-Fort Hood Area A&M Club President, and on the National Mounted Warfare Foundation Board.

Jarrod spoke about the origin of our rights. He played a video from Senator Tim Kaine in which he stated that rights come from laws and from government, when in fact the Declaration of Independence and other writings of the founding fathers indicate that our rights are from our Creator or are natural laws. Jarrod covered the evolution of these values starting with Charles A. Beard and through various historical figures and events that shaped our thinking about rights and government.

Jarrod also spoke about the life of James Monroe, which is the subject of his PhD studies. It was fascinating and not possible to summarize here. **I strongly urge you to watch the Zoom recording!**



### **Recessional**

The recessional was led by Keith Pearce.

### **Benediction**

Our closing prayer is traditionally a silent prayer in remembrance of our departed members.

### **Adjournment**

President Keith Pearce adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

### **Additional Items**

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

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

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### **The Williamson County Veterans Memorial Plaza Needs Your Help!**

A major fundraising effort is underway to revitalize the area behind the Williamson County Veterans Memorial Plaza. The original landscaping has outlived its life expectancy and must be replaced. To honor all veterans, the campaign aims to create a new Reflection Garden as a lasting tribute of beauty and remembrance.

The total project cost is estimated at \$200,000, with a fundraising deadline of November this year. If the goal is met, construction will begin early next year and be completed in time for Memorial Day 2026.

This one-of-a-kind memorial has always been funded entirely by local citizens and businesses. Without broad community support, the Reflection Garden cannot become a reality. We invite you to join this important effort and help ensure a place of reflection and honor for generations to come.

Please make checks payable to **SCTXCA** and write Reflection Garden in the memo line. Contributions may be sent to:

**Sun City Texas, 2 Texas Drive, Georgetown, Texas, 78633.**

Every gift, large or small, makes a difference. Thank you for supporting our veterans and helping to preserve this important memorial.

