



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



13 September 2025

Our fifth meeting of 2025 was held 13 September 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 25!A1IT?

Attendees

There were 10 SAR #66 members in attendance. The attendees were: Ed Deshields, Jim Scott, Grant Gee, Darrin Hutchinson, Rick Randall, Reese Henry, Jr., Vernon Eubanks, Jim Rogers, Lane Redwine, Carl Smith, Mike Greco, Lamar Notestine, and Keith Pearce.

Additionally, our guest speaker, Shiidon Hawley, was in attendance, as well as other guests Mark Chester, from Virginia who intends to transfer to our chapter, Bill Hathaway, and Tim and Dianne Nickerson. Tim's application is in process at the moment.

Call to Order

Keith Pearce, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 10:15 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 guest speaker, Shiidon Hawley. Visitors Tim and Dianne Nickerson and Bill Hathaway introduced themselves to the group.

Keith spoke briefly about our recently passed compatriot, Chapter President and dear friend Darrell Hutchinson. An excellent photo of Darrell in his Revolutionary War uniform was posted in the room, accompanied by a photo of the headstone of Darrell and Darrin's patriot ancestor. The group observed a moment of silence for Darrell.



Darrell's memorial service will be held next Saturday, September 20 at 2:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Round Rock. His obituary can be found [here](#).

President Keith Pearce acknowledged the tremendous help that Darrin Hutchinson provided in helping prepare for the meeting.

Keith provided some personal background and on his SAR journey, including his induction date in McKinney, Texas on January 12, 2024 and how he became Chapter Vice President. He explained the process outlined in our Chapter By-Laws regarding filling a vacant office, and that the Executive Committee acted to appoint him President for the duration of Darrell's term.

Keith introduced the Chapter past Presidents, Officers and Program Leaders:

- Lane Redwine, past President, and current Chapter Treasurer, and Chapter Sargent-At-Arms.

- Grant Gee, Chapter Registrar.
- Reese Henry, Jr. - Assistant Registrar and Assistant Genealogist, and a founding member of this Chapter.
- Jim Rogers, Chapter Historian.
- James Wood, our Webmaster
- Michael Greco, Veterans Affairs program leader
- Darrin Hutchinson, past President and our Technology Advisor
- Frank Elrod, past President.
- Ed Deshields, who leads our Guest Speaker program
- Jim Scott, past President and until just recently, our Color Guard commander. Regrettably, Jim has informed us that we will need to find a new Color Guard commander.

Keith spoke about the upcoming Chapter Officer elections and the election process. We will convene the Nominating Committee – which consists of all our active past Presidents – on or before October 1st. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers to the Chapter President to be sent to Chapter members by November 1st. Officers will be elected to two-year terms at our meeting on November 8 and installed at our January 10, 2026 meeting. The following Officer positions are unfilled at the moment: Secretary, Chaplain, Genealogist, and Vice President.

Activities that our Chapter has been asked to participate in include the Sun City Veteran's Day event in November, the Williamson County America 250 celebration on Flag Day in 2026, and the Round Rock Independence Day parade next year.

The last item Keith spoke about was that any Chapter member who participates in any SAR-Sponsored event involving children are required to take the SAR Youth Protection Training.

New Member Induction

Chapter Registrar Grant Gee presented inductee Mike Williams to the group and led the induction ceremony. Welcome, Mike!!





Officer Reports

- Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms - Lane Redwine. We have \$780.67 in the bank. Our Ancestry subscription was our most recent expense.
- Registrar - Grant Gee. Five applications in progress, including our guest today, Tim Nickerson. We had an inquiry from a woman on behalf of two children who appear to be eligible. They moved to the Georgetown area recently. National SAR has added staff to review applications, so they are down from 6 months to 4.5 to 5 months to process.
- Genealogist - Reese Henry, Jr. Nothing to report.
- Historian - Jim Rogers. Jim has been giving us some brief stories about historical events in our 250th year. Today, he shared four events.
 - a. June 17, 1775, the battle of Bunker Hill, the first major engagement of the revolution right outside of Boston. The British eventually claimed victory but at a heavy casualty cost.

- b. July 5, 1775 the Olive Branch Petition, which was a formal declaration to the King George III from the Continental Congress in an attempt dissuade him from further actions against the colonies and to avoid declaring war.
- c. July 6, 1776 the Declaration of the Causes and Necessity of Taking Up Arms was another formal declaration from the Continental Congress, with the intent clear in the name. The authors included Thomas Jefferson and John Dickerson.
- d. Soon after was the publication of a pamphlet called Common Sense by Thomas Paine. It did much to turn the tide in favor of independence for the colonies and established Paine as one of the preeminent political writers.

Program Lead Reports

- JROTC - Lane Redwine. Programs are done for the year. Nothing to report.
- Veteran Affairs - Mike Greco. Reminder to report your hours for events you've attended. Color Guard, veteran's funerals, etc. Mike also pointed out that our flag set-up was opposite of what it should be. The flag should be on the speaker's right, in the place of honor. Sergeant-at-Arms Lane Redwine unadvisedly took President Keith Pearce's word on this based on an internet search. Seems Keith did not correctly distinguish between stage left and stage right.
- Webmaster - James Wood. Our website has loads of good information and pictures of various events in the Gallery. Please send 2 to 3 photos of any events you attend with a brief description. You can send to James at

Guest Presentation – Shiidon Hawley

Keith Pearce introduced our guest speaker, Shiidon Hawley. Shiidon is the past President of the nearby Patrick Henry Chapter in Austin and the current Color Guard Commander.

Shiidon gave the group a fascinating presentation about his background, his interests and how he came to join the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company (AHAC) and other historic groups.

Shiidon is a Private in the Ancient and honorable Artillery Company, as well as several other distinguished societies. He explained that the Swiss Guard, established in 1505, is the oldest army still in existence. The Honorable Artillery Company, established by King Henry VIII in 1537, is the second oldest. And the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, chartered in 1638, is the third oldest such military organization in the world.



The appointment of the Captain Commanding has been recognized by the sitting governor of Massachusetts since 1638 and the AHAC is the honor guard for the governor. The AHAC is headquartered on the 4th floor of Fanueil Hall in Boston. Every Independence Day, the Captain Commander reads the Declaration of Independence from historic Fanueil Hall. There is an amazing museum there, which includes the waistcoat of Dr. Joseph Warren who was killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

Shiidon also mentioned that the Texas SAR annual convention next year will be held in Austin and volunteers are needed.

Recessional

The recessional was led by Keith Pearce.

Benediction

Our closing prayer is traditionally a silent prayer in remembrance of our departed members. In this meeting, we also prayed for the family of Charlie Kirk.

Adjournment

President Keith Pearce adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Additional Items

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

Our next meeting will be **Saturday, November 8** starting at 10:00 a.m. at the City of Georgetown Parks & Recreation Administration Building with simulcast on Zoom. We will conduct Officer elections at this meeting. Our guest speaker will be Jarrod Weaver, Executive Director of the H.E.L.P.S. America Foundation and his topic will be James Monroe. We will also have a brief presentation from Diane Klutz, Chairman, Williamson County Veterans Memorial Advisory Group.

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