



The Redoubt

Alexander Hamilton Chapter
Newsletter

Sons of the American Revolution



SUMMER AND FALL 2022



Alexander Hamilton (1755 – 1804), a soldier, statesman, politician, first Secretary of the Treasury, attorney, banker, and finally a duelist. The rendering above by H. Charles McBarron, depicts the victorious assault on Yorktown Redoubt 10, led by Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton. The taking of Redoubts 9 and 10 enabled General George Washington to complete the siege lines surrounding Yorktown and force the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. This British defeat ultimately ended the Revolutionary War and secured the independence and formation of our United States. We proudly honor our chapter's namesake!

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At right our new Chapter President:
DARRELL G. HUTCHINSON

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Chapter Meeting: 14 Jan 2023
- *SAR/DAR Washington's Birthday Luncheon: 18 Feb 2023
- *Chapter Meeting: 11 Mar 2023
- *Chapter Meeting: 13 May 2023
- *Chapter Memorial Day Color Guard Event: 29 May 2023
- *Chapter Meeting 08 July 2023

Go to:

<https://www.txssar.org/AlexanderHamilton/meetings.htm> for event times and locations!

CHAPTER EVENTS AND COMPATRIOTS IN THE NEWS

On July 2nd our Chapter Color Guard posted the colors for the Sun City Singers “Our Tribute To America” Independence Day event in the Sun City Ballroom at Georgetown, Texas. Pictured from left to right are Chapter President Darrin Hutchinson, Registrar Steve Hodges, Color Guard Commander and Past President Jim Scott, Secretary Vern Eubanks and Compatriot Ed Clendenin.



On July 9th our chapter hosted a special joint SAR/DAR attended event in the Cowan Creek Amenity Center at Sun City Texas. Our featured speaker was David Valdez, director of the White House Photo Office during the George H. W. Bush administration who traveled with the President to 50 countries as the official White House photographer. He also published *George Herbert Walker Bush: A Photographic Profile* in 1997. Pictured from left to right are Rene Piotrowski – Honorary Regent Daniel Coleman Chapter, Susan Goldsworthy – Regent Daniel Coleman Chapter, Treasurer Lane Redwine, Emma Griffis – Regent Robert Gilbert Livingston Chapter, David Valdez, Registrar Steve Hodges, Color Guard Commander Jim Scott, Chapter President Darrin Hutchinson, and Secretary Vern Eubanks.



The photo at the top left pictures our Chapter Historian and Purple Heart Integration Project Advisory Board member Ted Acheson opening the “Hell on Reels” video presentation and auction for PHIP on September 11th. Ted is also a Purple Heart recipient. Our Color Guard posted the colors for this important event raising funds for our wounded warriors. The ceremony took place in the main ballroom at Sun City Texas. Guard members from left to right are Registrar Steve Hodges, Chapter President Darrin Hutchinson, Color Guard Commander Jim Scott, Vice President Darrell Hutchinson, and Compatriot Jim Robinson. Photo Credit: all photos at this event are provided courtesy of Rudy Ximenez Photography, RSX Studios.

On the 24th of September chapter officers and compatriots attended the DAR/SAR/CAR Constitution Week Luncheon in Austin at the Chateau Bellevue. The Guest Speaker was Susan Johnston, in the persona of Eliza Hamilton and her program was titled: Reflections on My Life with Alexander Hamilton. She came to us in costume as Eliza Schuyler Hamilton, the wife of Alexander Hamilton and gave us her interpretation of her life as revealed in the book "My Dear Hamilton".



On December 10th we held our annual meeting and installed our new slate of officers serving for the 2023 through the 2024 term. Sworn in shown left to right Historian Ted Acheson, Secretary John Wade, Registrar Rob Tucker, President Darrell Hutchinson, Genealogist Steve Hodges, Treasurer Lane Redwine, Chaplain Bill Jones, Sergeant At Arms Ken Sears (could not attend) and TXSSAR District 4 Vice President Ron Walcik performing the installation.



The top left photo is our new Chapter President Darrell Hutchinson wielding the gavel. Darrell is presenting Appreciation Certificates and the book "The American Revolution, a Visual History" to Barbara Elrod (middle) representing the DAR Robert Gilbert Livingston Chapter and Compatriot S. Martin Shelton (right) who provided historical presentations during our chapter meetings. Compatriot Vern Eubanks and Compatriot Jim Robinson received certificates and books for their presentations as well.



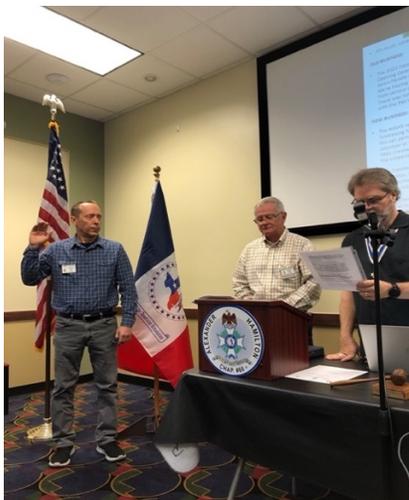
On December 17th our chapter officers participated in laying wreaths during the Wreaths Across America event at the Texas State Cemetery at Austin, Texas. Pictured on the left is newly installed Chapter President Darrell Hutchinson. The right photo features Past Secretary Vern Eubanks, Darrell, and Past President Darrin Hutchinson.



MEMBERSHIP AND CERTIFICATES



This summer our chapter received the Colonel Joe M. Hill Membership Award certificate from the National Society for achieving 100% membership renewal from 2021 into the 2022 fiscal year. This achievement was accomplished in large part through the outreach efforts and business cards created for our membership by Secretary Vern Eubanks. We hope all of our members are pleased with our chapter activities and will renew again heading into fiscal year 2023! Thank you Vern!



On November 12th Rob A. Tucker (at left) was inducted as a new Compatriot in our chapter. Rob is a gifted researcher and we look forward to his term as our Registrar. At right Compatriot John A. Wade receives his Supplemental Certificate for another patriot ancestor he discovered and documented in his line. John is a local teacher with strong administrative skills. We look forward to his term as our Secretary.



At the December 10th meeting we inducted Grant Gee as our newest Compatriot. At left and center he is seen taking the oath and receiving the symbolic SAR Rosette pin signifying his membership. At right Compatriot and Past Secretary Vern Eubanks is receiving his Supplemental Certificate for another patriot ancestor he discovered and documented in his line. New Compatriots receiving certificates during the year were: Dennis L. Adams, James A. Baker, Marcus D. Barton, Cameron M. Caldwell, Ryan P. Hodges, J.R. Randy Ramseur, Joshua S. Trevino, Rob A. Tucker, AND 6 New Junior Members. Compatriots receiving Supplemental Certificates this year were: Steven C. Hodges, John A. Wade and Vernon R. Eubanks.

We will make every effort to photograph and publish all new inductee and supplemental ceremonies in our newsletters in the future.

HUZZAH TO ALL OF YOU!

COMMITTEE MEN. WE WANT YOU!



Compatriots, your chapter needs your skills and a bit of your time to fulfill our commitment to our Society and our community. The chapter needs committee men to support our Veterans Program, Membership Program and Community Programs. Please contact Chapter President Darrell Hutchinson at txssarhamilton@gmail.com or call 512-869-4882 for details and to discuss your area of interest. Current priorities identified by the Board of Managers are supporting Veteran's groups and Membership efforts including new member recruiting, mentoring and development. Write or call today!

HISTORY - LOST AND FOUND

My Dear Marquis

We have just received
advice from New York through different
channels that the enemy are making
an embarkation with which they menace
the French fleet and army. Fifty transports
are said to have gone up the ~~Rhode River~~
to take in troops and proceed directly
to Rhode Island. The General is absent
and may not return before evening -
though this may ~~only~~ be only a demon-
stration yet as it may be serious, I
think it best to forward it without waiting
for the General's return.

We have ~~several~~ different
accounts
from New York of an action in the
West Indies in which the English lost
several ships - I am inclined to credit
them.

By I am My Dear Marquis
with the kindest affection
Y. Mott Obedt
A Hamilton
Adm de la Fayette

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July 21st 80

CNN (JULY 2022) — A letter written by Alexander Hamilton, one of America's founding fathers, thought lost for decades is finally going on display at the Commonwealth Museum in Massachusetts. Written by Hamilton in 1780 to the Marquis de Lafayette, the letter is believed to have been stolen from the Massachusetts State Archive during World War II, according to a news release from William Francis Galvin, secretary of the Commonwealth.

Hamilton, who was then the captain of a New York artillery company, sent the letter during the end of the Revolutionary War. Lafayette, a French aristocrat, was aiding Americans in the fight against the British. In the letter, Hamilton warned Lafayette of "enemy" forces coming to Rhode Island and endangering French troops.

An archive employee who stole the letter was arrested in 1950 and found to have sold it, alongside other documents from America's founding fathers, to rare books dealers, according to Massachusetts court filings.

In November 2018, the letter emerged at an auction house in Alexandria, Virginia, before coming into the custody of the FBI the following year.

The Commonwealth Museum's July 4th exhibit is the first opportunity the public will have to see the letter since it was returned to Massachusetts, the news release said.

COMPATRIOTS, IF YOU FIND A REVOLUTIONARY WAR ARTICLE THAT ALL WOULD ENJOY, PLEASE SHARE IT WITH YOUR EDITOR!

IN REMEMBRANCE

Recognizing those compatriots we have recently lost and are greatly missed.

CHAPLAIN & SERGEANT AT ARMS PAUL JOSEPH STAUTZENBERGER-CROWN

1971 to 2022



Reverend Paul Joseph Stautzenberger-Crown became a member of the SAR in 2008. Paul was instrumental in setting up our first Chapter web site which provided many of the building blocks we now use on the current site. He served as our Chaplain and Sergeant At Arms simultaneously, and took the lead in providing gift baskets from our Chapter to the Veterans home in Temple during Christmas each year. Paul also served as a Color Guard member and dressed in period attire typical of that worn by a Chaplain during the Revolutionary War. He also participated in JROTC events issuing certificates on the behalf of our chapter. As stated by one of his beloved Masonic brothers, "Paul was quirky, not afraid to stand out in a crowd, and intelligent beyond all measure. Paul was a friend to all he met, especially those who had the good fortune to know him well. If he wasn't researching case law for a rich person, he was freely giving his time and talent to help those less fortunate with legal or computer problems. He always gave more than he took. His love and thirst for knowledge about every aspect of farming was beyond most city folks' comprehension. Paul, you will always be in our hearts."

PRESIDENT'S YEAR END MESSAGE



Our Alexander Hamilton Chapter 66, Sons of the American Revolution has gained many new members in 2022, including some who have stepped up to take a leadership role. And we thank them for their interest in being active members of our Chapter. John Wade is our new Secretary. Rob Tucker is our Registrar. And Bill Jones will continue as our Chaplain.

Members take note: The Alexander Hamilton Chapter will meet 9:30-11:30 am every other month in 2023-2024 (This January in the Andice Room, Cowen Creek Amenity Center, Sun City), March, May, July, September and November at the Georgetown Parks and Recreation Administration building (Community Room) 1101 N. College St. Georgetown. After each meeting fellowship and lunch will be at a Georgetown restaurant to be determined.

Our members are invited to DAR/SAR Luncheons: Feb. 18, Washington's Birthday and Sept. 23, for Constitution Week. Both of these events begin at 11 am at the Chateau Bellevue, Austin Woman's Club, Austin.

Our Chapter goals are to increase member participation at Color Guard events and ask members to be involved by attending our General Membership meetings. To attract interest we plan to continue having speakers at each of our meetings who have a story to tell through visual presentations. We have two new members, Joshua Trevino and Ed Deshields, who will be responsible for programs in 2023.

I am looking forward to a good year with more new and active Chapter Compatriots and increased attendance at events.

In Service & Patriotism,
Darrell Hutchinson
President (2023 thru 2024)
Alexander Hamilton Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution
Texas Society, Georgetown

Chapter President
Darrell Hutchinson

AND JUST WHAT EXACTLY IS A REDOUBT?



“A fort or fort system usually consisting of an enclosed defensive emplacement outside a larger fort, usually relying on earthworks, although some are constructed of stone or brick.” according to Wikipedia. For details on LTC Hamilton’s victorious assault on number 10, and a look at a scaled replica go to <https://ahec.armywarcollege.edu/trail/Redoubt10/index.cfm> to see the U. S. Army’s narrative and photos on the topic.

IN OUR NEXT WINTER & SPRING ISSUE 2023

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*This year’s editor was Steve Hodges.
We look forward to the next issue which will be published by our
Historian and new editor Ted Acheson.*