



# *The Redoubt*

## *Alexander Hamilton Chapter*

### *Newsletter*

*Sons of the American Revolution*



**WINTER-SPRING 2025**



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 Chapter President:  
DARRELL G. HUTCHINSON

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

\*Chapter Meeting: 12 July 2025  
\*Chapter Meeting: 13 Sept 2025  
\*Chapter Meeting: 08 Nov 2025  
\*Chapter Meeting: 10 Jan 2026

Go to:

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



## **January**

On January 11<sup>th</sup> our Guest Speaker was Major General Rodney P Kelly, USAF Retired.

General Kelly shared some great stories and details about his distinguished career.

*Figure 1- General Kelly*



Figure 2- Dr. Towns

## March

On March 8, 2025, Dr Towns, Stephen F Austin State University Lecturer and Director of the Cartography Lab, treated us to a very comprehensive overview and history of cartography and how maps were made and refined as better surveys were completed. She showed us many replicas of early maps.



Figure 3 - from left Grant Gee, Carl Smith and Keith Pearce

The March 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting included the Induction of new Chapter member, Carl Smith.





Figure 4 Jane Doclar and Linda Simmons

## May

On May 10, 2025, our Chapter Meeting featured, DAR and Daughters of the War of 1812 members, Jane Doclar and Linda Simmons. They treated us to a special presentation that included costumed characters discussing events from the War of 1812.



Figure 5 – from left - Keith Pearce, Grant Gee, David Burnett, Reese Henry, Jr.

Also at the May Meeting, Keith Pearce conducted the induction of new Chapter Member, David Burnett.



Figure 6 - from left Steve Dufour and Hudson Dufour

Keith also inducted new Chapter Members Steve Dufour and his son, Hudson Dufour at the May Meeting.

## **CHAPTER MEMBERS - WE WANT YOU!**

Compatriots, your chapter needs your skills and a bit of your time to fulfill our commitments 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](mailto: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

### **Bit of History**

Between January 1 and July 1, 1775, several key events unfolded in America as tensions between the colonies and Britain escalated:

1. **February 9:** King George III declared Massachusetts to be in a state of rebellion.
2. **April 19:** The Battles of Lexington and Concord marked the official start of the Revolutionary War.
3. **May 10:** The Second Continental Congress convened, taking steps toward organizing colonial resistance.
4. **June 14:** Congress began debating the appointment of a commander-in-chief for the Continental forces and agreed on the formation of an Army and Navy.

The Battles of Lexington and Concord, fought on April 19, 1775, were the opening conflicts of the American Revolutionary War. Their significance lies in several key aspects:

1. **Start of Armed Resistance:** These battles marked the first military engagements between the American colonists and British forces, signaling the transition from political protest to armed rebellion.
2. **Mobilization of Militia:** The battles demonstrated the effectiveness of the colonial militia system, with thousands of Patriots rallying to confront the British troops.
3. **Boost to Morale:** The colonists' ability to repel the British forces and inflict significant casualties bolstered their confidence and resolve for the war ahead.

These events set the stage for the eight-year struggle that ultimately led to American Independence.

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***COMING IN OUR NEXT SUMMER-AUTUMN 2025 ISSUE***

**CHAPTER EVENTS AND COMPATRIOTS IN THE NEWS**

**SEE IT THIS COMING DECEMBER, 2025!**

***This Newsletter editor was our Historian Jim Rogers.***

