



September 13, 2025

## Ventana by Buckner South Tower, Grand Hall

8301 N US 75-Central Expressway - Dallas, TX 75225

Breakfast – 8:00am

Meeting – 9:00am

### **PRESIDENT**

*Brent Harshman*

### **1st VICE-**

### **PRESIDENT/PROGRAMS**

*Thomas F. Van Fossen*

### **2nd VICE-**

### **PRESIDENT/AWARDS**

*J. D. Martin*

### **ACTING SECRETARY**

*Mark Harrison*

### **TREASURER**

*Tim Chapman*

### **REGISTRAR**

*Mark Morgan*

### **CHAPLAIN**

*Frank H. Pounders*

### **ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN**

*Larry Luby*

### **HISTORIAN**

*Tom Manning*

### **TRUSTEES**

*Gary Sisson*

*David Temple*

### **COLOR GUARD**

### **COMMANDER**

*J.D. Martin*

## Sestercentennial Recognition Medal 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



**Members of the Sons of the American Revolution** have the opportunity to receive medals from the National Society, Texas SAR and the Dallas Chapter.

### **Sestercentennial Recognition Medal 250th Anniversary**

More information concerning the Sestercentennial Recognition Medal can be found under the New Business section later in this newsletter.

## President's Corner

Dear Compatriots,

Reflecting on our progress this year, the Dallas Chapter has achievements that reinforced our community relationships and further established our reputation as a service-focused organization. From our joint sponsorship with McKinney of the March Texas SAR Convention to our JROTC awards program and our outreach to local DAR and CAR chapters, each of our endeavors reaffirmed our commitment to honoring the legacy of our Revolutionary War Patriot ancestors.



Going forward our now 96-year-old Chapter will continue on the same path of public outreach to enhance SAR's visibility. We plan to enthusiastically celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. To achieve our goals, I invite you to attend events and ceremonies, volunteer, or contribute your talents to our Chapter's energy.

Before concluding, I must note that we recently lost one of our most devoted Compatriots, Bill Watts. Let us be inspired by what Bill was able to do in his time with us. Further, we just honored the amazingly faithful attendance and service of our beloved Compatriot, Tom Whitelock. Thank you, Tom, for inspiring us to greater support of our Chapter.

Our Dues renewal season is upon us, so please continue your support of the Chapter and the SAR by paying your dues. We need you!

Yours sincerely,  
Brent Harshman, President  
Dallas Chapter, Texas SAR

## **AGENDA – September 13, 2025 Meeting**

**Call to Order –**  
President Brent Harshman

**Rules of Engagement –**  
This meeting is being filmed and recorded. By joining this in-person or virtual meeting of the Dallas Chapter of the TXSSAR, you acknowledge and agree that these proceedings may be made public.

**Invocation–** Texas SAR Chaplain Michael Goode



## **Posting of Colors – Color Guard Commander J.D. Martin**



### **Pledges**

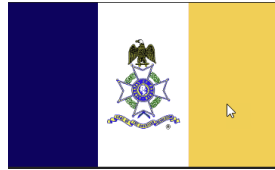
American Flag – Tom Manning



Texas Flag – Mark Harrison



SAR Flag – Jerry Pinkerton



### **Mission Statement –**

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country.

Welcome – President Brent Harshman:

We would like to welcome our guests: Former State Presidents Bob Clark, Drake Peddie and Tracy Pounders; Asst. Inland Registrar Jerry Pinkerton; VP – Americanism David Scott; Council of Chapter Presidents Secretary Tom Van Fossen; Former State Chancellor Mark Hansen; Former Council of Chapter Presidents Chairman Tom Milson; President of the Van Zandt Chapter Ron Turner and Former State Color Guard Commander and Dallas Chapter President Bob Northcraft





### Featured Speakers

Compatriot Wayne Stewart spoke on his new book about his family – “Texan in Blue, Captain Francis Asbury Vaughan of the First Texas Cavalry”.

Joining Wayne in the presentation is his co-author, Richard McCaslin, PhD, Director of Publications of the Texas State Historical Society.

Wayne and Rick gave an excellent presentation of Captain Vaughan and his very unusual Civil War role with a Union cavalry unit from Texas. The book should be available for purchase in the coming weeks. It will be a great read. Following their presentation, the speakers were awarded US Constitution mugs from the National Archives. Thank you, gentlemen.



### Special Awards

**Compatriot Tom Whitelock – Perfect Attendance Recognition**

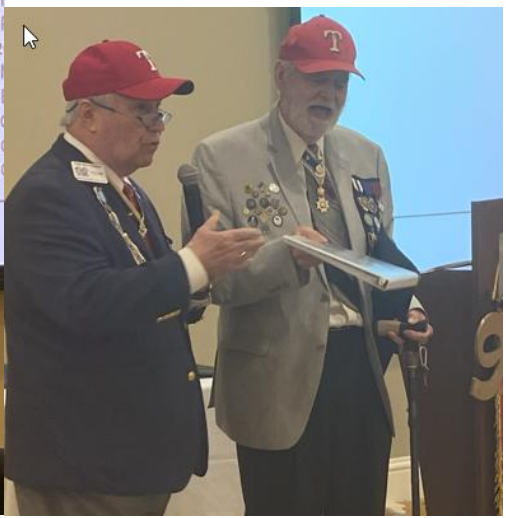
Tom Whitelock – our own T1 – was recognized for 28 years and 8 months – 332 consecutive meetings dating back to 1998. Tom Van Fossen (T2) served as master of ceremonies for the presentation and called on several members to assist with stories of the Legend of T1.

T2 started with a recap of all of the President Generals and Texas Society Presidents who have served since T1 started this string. The list is long. He then presented T1 a binder with letters received to commemorate the event. One that he highlighted was from the current President General, Michael J. Elston. Other national officer letters include Brooks Lyle and Keith Weisinger and former State President Tom Jackson, Drake Peddie, Jim Kuykendall and current State President Mel Oller.

Several Compatriots were invited to come up to make comments (roast??) Whitelock. Former Dallas President and former State Chancellor Mark Hansen told a story of T1's home made past presidents medal. He was followed by former Dallas President Dr. Gary Sisson telling a story of Tom having 'possibly taken' and then 'bravely returned' the joke book from the chapter President. He also told a story of when Tom received the first Golden Sledge Hammer Award and the Meritorious Service Award and his wife, Montye, receiving the Martha Washington Award. Immediate past State President Tracy Pounders told a story of when Tom's perfect attendance streak almost ended. Tracy was chapter President in 2004 when Tom was hospitalized requiring historic efforts to include him in the meeting. Finally, Bob Northcraft, former Dallas Chapter President and state color guard commander telling a story of Tom's leadership and participation in the color guard.

Van Fossen presented a few gifts to Tom. First, a 'raz frame' was presented. This commemorates the 'raz frames' that Tom has prepared for every new Golden Sledge Hammer winner. He was then presented a certificate from President Harshman commemorating his over 28 years perfect attendance. Finally, he was presented an oversized picture of Tom from the backside – accurately recording how he was often seen! It helps explain where his head is much of the time. Tom responded with gracious comments and thanks for the honor. Note the pictures below.

At the conclusion of the meeting, all members present were invited to come to the front for a group picture with Tom that will be submitted to the National SAR Magazine.







## DAR – Hannah White Arnett Medal

Regent Pat Thibodeau of the Susan Emma Daugherty Bannister DAR Chapter presented the Hannah White Arenett Medal to Tom Whitelock commemorating his long-time support of DAR.



### Honorary Admiral of the Texas Navy

Former State President Drake Peddie called State Chaplain and former East Fork Trinity President Michael Goode to the front of the room. Drake announced that Michael is being commissioned as an Honorary Admiral of the Texas Navy. This is a prestigious award requiring approval by Texas Governor Greg Abbott in recognition of long service to veterans, SAR and other organizations.



### Bill Watts – Ben Franklin Lapel Pin

We will report on all of the new recipients of the Bill Watts – Ben Franklin Lapel Pin since the last meeting. Our newest recipients include:

Pin #	Name	Date	Organization
28	Ridenour	8/14/2025	East Fork Trinity
35	Wayne Stewart	9/13/2025	Dallas



Congratulations to these newest recipients and thank you for your support of our youth activities.

### Member Anniversaries

One anniversary is being recognized this month by President Harshman.

Lawrence Boyd (35 years)



Congratulations, Lawrence.

## Officer Reports

### Acting Secretary – Mark Harrison

Meeting Minutes were distributed by email earlier.

### Treasurer – Tim Chapman

Treasurers Report – Treasurer Tim Chapman – copies available at the check-in table.

### Registrar – Mark Morgan

In Progress at Chapter - 8

At National for Review - 19

(5 Regular, 5 Junior, 6 Supp., 3 Memorial)

Approved - 12



New Members Approved - 7

Memorial Applications Approved - 0

Supplemental Applications Approved - 5

Total - 12

Closed – 36

We have a total of 79 Applications

New Member Inductions YTD - 8

New Members Inducted Today - 0

New Members to be Inducted - 1

Total - 9

Total Active Chapter Members 242

A notice to all members was just distributed with information about the dues invoices for 2026. These need to be paid by Dec 31, 2025. You may obtain your 2025 Dues Invoice by [clicking here](#) and either pay online by [clicking here](#) or by USPS Mail, (remit to State Treasurer, Don Hayes, PO BOX 9387, Spring, TX 77387-9387).

Paper copies of the 2026 dues invoices are expected in coming weeks.

### Historian – Tom Manning

Please submit any pictures or articles to Historian Tom Manning [-tommanning.sar@gmail.com](mailto:-tommanning.sar@gmail.com)

When submitting photos, please identify the event, the date, and the location.

### Color Guard – Commander J.D. Martin

## Plano Flags of Honor

The Plano Flags of Honor at Red Tail Pavilion (Oak Point Park), Plano. The event runs from Saturday, November 8 – Saturday, November 15. Our Color Guard has been invited to participate in a flag presentation and flag retirement ceremony the afternoon of November 15. Planning is underway now along with participants from the Plano and McKinney chapters. This will be our third year to participate in this event. Information about the event on the festival website - <https://planoflagsofhonor.com/>. Stay tuned for details.



## JROTC – J.D. Martin & Wayne Stewart

Work is gearing up for the upcoming school year with 32 Dallas ISD high schools.

## Upcoming Programs – 1st VP Tom Van Fossen

Jim Battles, Dallas Compatriot, will tell us about his new book about his family: “The Over the Mountain Men”.

## Committee Opportunities

Public Relations & Publicity  
Community Service Awards  
Member Recruitment & Retention  
C.A.R. Liaison  
DAR Liaison  
Annual Audit  
American History Teacher  
Web and Social Media  
Color Guard Members  
JROTC Members

Brochure Contest (MS)  
C.A.R. Essay Contest  
Eagle Scout Essay Contest (HS)  
Knight Essay Contest (HS)  
Oration Contest (HS)  
Poster Contest (Elem)  
Video Contest (MS & HS)  
Speaker’s Bureau  
Greeter  
State Fair Recruitment Table

Note that we are looking for some officer positions help. Anyone interested in either helping with the Registrar or Secretary positions or help with any of these committees, please discuss opportunities with Compatriots Van Fossen or Harrison

## **Veterans Committee**

The Veteran's Committee has named Jerry Pinkerton and Jon Tompkins as approved by the Veterans Administration to support activities at the Bonham VA. Compatriots, thank you for your service to our veterans.

## **Old Business**

### **Texas SAR History – Vol. 3**

The Texas SAR History – Vol 3 is being compiled at this time. All Compatriots are asked to submit a brief bio of your service with the SAR. A form is available on-line at [https://www.texassar.org/pdf/TexasSAR\\_CompatriotQuestionnaire.pdf](https://www.texassar.org/pdf/TexasSAR_CompatriotQuestionnaire.pdf). This information is being requested to be submitted ASAP. You can send to John Anderson, Texas SAR Historian at [historian@texassar.org](mailto:historian@texassar.org). Please submit your bio information as soon as possible.

### **South Central District Meeting**

Several Dallas Chapter members attended the South Central District in Oklahoma at the Folds of Honor headquarters in Owasso, OK. Former State President Tracy Pounderes, President Brent Harshman and Former President Tom Van Fossen were in attendance. Dallas Chapter will be the host chapter next year for the SCD meeting.



## **NEW BUSINESS –**

Funds are being raised for expenses related to the dedication of the SAR monument at the Texas State Cemetery. Donations can be sent to the state treasurer.

Some of Bill Watts' uniforms and related items are available for purchase. Contact Tom Milson for details and availability.

### **Texas State Fair – DAR House**

SAR members are invited to work at the Jane Douglas DAR House at the State Fair Grounds for the upcoming Texas State Fair. The house will be open throughout the fair from September 26 –



October 19, 2025. There will be 2 shifts each day for SAR members to staff our table. You can sign up for either the morning or afternoon shift at [Texas State Fair 2025 Sign Up](#). Details to follow. Signup soon as slots are going fast.

**Sestercentennial Recognition Medal (described on page 1 of this newsletter)**  
**250 submission information and form can be found at <https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/250th-Anniversary-Form.pdf>**

The medal is easy to earn:

The recognition program is designed to encourage and recognize those compatriots, chapters and societies that participate in local, state, national and international events which publicly educate, and recognize, honor, and celebrate the events and heroes of the period surrounding the American Revolution. Participation involves the planning and execution of these events, as well as attendance. The medal covers the celebration of any event's 250th anniversary where said event related directly to acts of resistance to British attempts to coerce the residents in America: from the first Parliamentary Acts protested after the conclusion of the French and Indian Wars, through the armed struggle of the American War for Independence, to the ratification of the Treaty of Paris by the Continental Congress. This therefore will cover any public celebrations in the period from 2014 to 2033. Form may be submitted to cover multiple years and following the first submission be submitted in multiple years, only covering activities since the previous submission. Scorekeeping is the responsibility of each compatriot and awarding authority. You will receive an email authorizing the purchase from merchandising. The guidelines and points are described below:

PLEASE SUBMIT TO: mailto: [250AnniversaryRecognition@sar.org](mailto:250AnniversaryRecognition@sar.org)

Awards are based on activity and the awarding of points for each type of activity:

- a. Directing, chairing or co-chairing an event or sub-committee for the duration of the event. (20 points)
- b. Participation in the planning, financing, promotion or conduct of an event other than directing, chairing, or co-chairing an event. Those that do direct, chair or co-chair an event and also serve as a regular member of a committee or sub-committee in a non-leadership role, may also earn points. (10 points)
- c. Attending an Event (3 points)
- d. Attending an event in Colonial Attire (5 points)

### **Door Prizes**

Door prize winners Dr. Gary Sisson, Wayne Stewart and Tracy Pounders

**BENEDICTION** – Larry Luby



**SAR RECESSIONAL** – All

**NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY September 13 @ 9:00 AM**

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Harrison, Acting Secretary

DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION MEETING LOCATION (A) PARKING AREA (B)

