

The Minuteman



Dallas Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution
Founded July 4, 1929

November 8, 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

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Larry Luby

HISTORIAN

Tom Manning

TRUSTEES

Gary Sisson

David Temple

COLOR GUARD

COMMANDER

J.D. Martin

President's Corner

Compatriots,

> Our Dallas Chapter is closing out this year strongly. The 250th anniversary events already are well under way. Please consider attending as many as possible. You can wear Colonial or civilian attire, but you will get more photos in Colonial! 2026 will be a special year for the SAR to shine.

> We need help in our Veterans Committee and in our Youth Programs. Consider allocating a portion of your time and talent to these signature outreach programs of the SAR and our Chapter. Needless to say, we are looking for a Registrar - you can learn on the job. And we have instructors available.

> Patriotically,
> Brent Harshman
> Chapter President
> BrentHarshmanSAR@gmail.com

AGENDA – November 8, 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 meetings of the Dallas Chapter of the TXSSAR, you acknowledge and agree that these proceedings may be made public.

Invocation– Former Texas SAR Chaplain Michael Goode

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



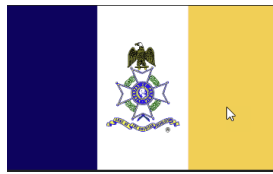
Pledges

American Flag – Tom Manning



Texas Flag – Mark Harrison





SAR Flag – Tom Milson

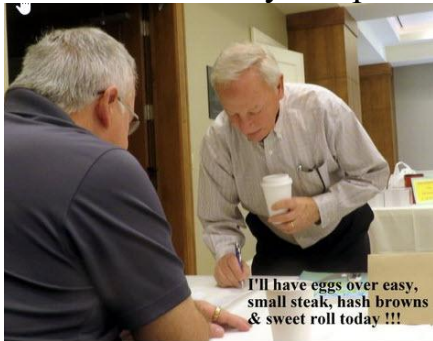


Mission Statement –

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 and David Temple; Asst. Inland Registrar Jerry Pinkerton; VP – Americanism David Scott; State Chaplain Michael Goode; Former McKinney Chapter President and DVP Tom Milson



Featured Speaker

Today's speaker, Paul Reed, was introduced by Interim Secretary Mark Harrison. Paul is a Vietnam veteran from Dallas with an incredible story of trauma, healing and eventually forgiveness following the war. Paul has two books, 'Kontum Diary: Captured Writings Bring Peace to a Vietnam Veteran' and 'The Healing Box: When Flowers Again Bloom in the Killing Fields'. He was interviewed on a variety of national media networks including a segment on the CBS '48 Hours' show. His story is captured on a YouTube video – 'Kontum Diary the Journey Home' -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRsv4IRGZOk>. At the conclusion of his presentation, Paul was presented a certificate of appreciation and a Dallas Chapter commemorative mug and an America

250 pin. State Chaplain Michael Goode presented a Texas SAR Wounded Veterans challenge coin.



Special Awards

Assistant Inland State Registrar Jerry Pinkerton received a Bronze Liberty Medal certificate and an oak leaf cluster for sponsoring another 10 new members.



The chapter was recognized with a Partners in Patriotism Award for work with veterans. Both of these awards were announced at the recently concluded national Congress.

New Member

Samuel Hoey was recognized with a memorial membership based on his ancestor Jan Hoey. Accepting for Samuel was his brother, Compatriot Vin Hoey.



New Patriots

We had two new supplementals that were recognized. They included:

- Jerry Pinkerton with his ancestor Solomon Strickland
- Larry Jordan with his ancestor George White



Because of his work schedule, Larry Jordan's certificate was presented prior to the start of the meeting.

Member Anniversaries

Our anniversaries being recognized this month by President Harshman include:

- John Morton (25 years)
- Michael Pickens (30 years)

It was announced that due to health concerns with his wife, John Morton will be focusing on her care rather than Dallas Chapter matters.

In Memoriam

Donald Barton Hay

1936 – 2025

SAR Member since 20 September 1999

Patriot: Joseph Stone plus 9 supplemental patriots



Officer Reports

Acting Secretary – Mark Harrison

Meeting Minutes were distributed by email earlier.

No corrections were noted so the minutes will stand as distributed.

Treasurer – Tim Chapman

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

Registrar – Mark Morgan

In Progress at Chapter - 27

At National for Review - 11

(4 Regular, 2 Junior, 5 Supp., 0 Memorial)

Approved - 23

New Members Approved - 13

Memorial Applications Approved - 3

Supplemental Applications Approved - 7

Total - 23



Closed – 43

We have a total of 104 Applications

New Member Inductions YTD - 8

New Members Inducted Today - 0

New Members to be Inducted - 7

Total - 15

Total Active Chapter Members 248

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 2026 Dues Invoice by [clicking here](#) and either pay online by [clicking here](#) or by USPS Mail, (remit to State Treasurer, Don Hayes, Texas SAR, c/o Texas SAR Treasurer, 19221 I-45 South, Ste. 250 Shenandoah, TX 77385).

Paper copies of the 2026 dues invoices have been distributed.

Historian – Tom Manning

Please submit any pictures or articles to Historian Tom Manning -tommanning.sar@gmail.com

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

Color Guard – Commander J.D. Martin

Upcoming Events:

Marine Corp 250th Birthday Celebration

November 10, 2025

AT&T Plaza – Dallas Discovery District



Veteran's Day

With Veterans Day coming up on November 11, the veterans in the meeting were invited to come up after the meeting for a group photo. This captures just a few who were with us for the meeting.

Thank you for your service, Veterans.



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 on the afternoon of November 15 starting at 3PM with the muster time of 2:30. This will be our third year to participate in this event. Information about the event on the festival website - <https://planoflagsofhonor.com/>.



JROTC – J.D. Martin & Wayne Stewart

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

Upcoming Programs – President Brent Harshman

James L. Robinson will present an interesting program at our December 13 meeting entitled ‘Blacks of the Revolution’. Please join us for what promises to be an interesting presentation.



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

Officer Elections

Officer elections for 2026 will be held at the December meeting. The nominating committee has presented the following slate for consideration. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

- President – Tom Manning
- 1st Vice President – Tom Van Fossen
- 2nd Vice President – J.D. Martin
- Secretary – Mark Harrison
- Registrar – OPEN
- Historian – Larry Moore
- Treasurer – Tim Chapman
- Chaplain – Larry Luby
- Trustee – Dr. Gary Sisson
- Trustee – David Temple

Thank you to those willing to stand for election for these offices. Please note that we are still looking for someone for the chapter registrar position. Please contact Mark Morgan with questions about what is involved if you think you might be interested.

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. This information is being requested to be submitted ASAP. You can send to John Anderson, Texas SAR Historian at historian@texassar.org. Please submit your bio information as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS –

Door Prizes

Door prize winners Jerry Pinkerton, John Greer and J.D. Martin.



Special Christmas Sale

Our own Elf (aka Santa's Oldest Elf) Tom Whitelock had a variety of special holiday items available.



BENEDICTION – Michael Goode

SAR RECESSIONAL – All

NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY December 13, 2025 @ 9:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Harrison, Acting Secretary

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

