

The Minuteman



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

January 10, 2026

Ventana by Buckner South Tower, Grand Hall

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

Breakfast – 8:00am

Meeting – 9:00am

PRESIDENT

Tom Manning

1st VICE- PRESIDENT/PROGRAMS

Thomas F. Van Fossen

2nd VICE- PRESIDENT/AWARDS

J. D. Martin

SECRETARY

Mark Harrison

TREASURER

Tim Chapman

ACTING REGISTRAR

Mark Morgan

CHAPLAIN

Larry Luby

HISTORIAN

Larry Moore

TRUSTEES

*Gary Sisson
David Temple*

COLOR GUARD COMMANDER

J.D. Martin

President's Corner

Compatriots,

Welcome and thank you to the new Dallas Chapter officers and those officers continuing to serve! I have great faith in these Compatriots to carry our flag forward in achieving the worthy goals of the Sons of the America Revolution. I sincerely enjoyed my time as your Dallas Chapter President!

Patriotically,

Brent Harshman

Immediate Past Chapter President

BrentHarshmanSAR@gmail.com

Dallas Chapter Compatriots,

I am excited and honored to be the president of such an outstanding chapter. The year 2026 gives us an opportunity to do meaningful things as we are in the 250th anniversary year of our country. We hope to install a 250th anniversary granite bench as well as a 250th Liberty Tree in a local cemetery to commemorate this special birthday of our nation. We also will be hosting a SAR South Central District meeting in August, which is a opportunity to shine as we support that meeting on behalf of Texas SAR. During 2026 I would also like to try to build the numbers of our Color Guard into a more robust and possibly more active group, as this is a way to partner with and serve our community. Thank you for this opportunity for me to serve as president with a great BOM and a wonderful and strong group of compatriots.

Patriotically Yours,

Tom Manning

Chapter President

manning6@gmail.com

AGENDA – January 10, 2026 Meeting

Call to Order – President Brent Harshman



Rules of Engagement –

This meeting may be 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– Assistant Chaplain Larry Luby



Posting of Colors – Keith McMenemy

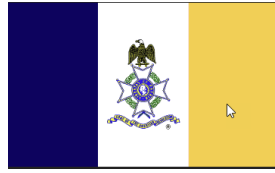


Pledges American Flag – John Maloney





Texas Flag – Tom Van Fossen



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 and Tracy Pounders; Asst. Inland Registrar Jerry Pinkerton; Former Dallas Chapter President and State Chancellor Mark Hansen; State VP – Americanism David Scott; Assistant State Secretary John Ray; our friend from McKinney and holder of many offices, Tom Milson; and long-time member Alan Clark who is joining us again. Also with us today is a new vendor who will be helping us with custom clothing, Patricia Hornbaker, her husband Dan and daughter Savannah from Blue Lynx Embroidery.

Outgoing President Harshman expressed his thanks to the chapter for the opportunity to serve as chapter president the last two years. He thanked his officer team for their assistance. Finally, he shared his belief that the brightest days for the chapter are ahead of us.

President Harshman then took the opportunity to share a few awards. First, he called First VP Tom Van Fossen, Registrar Mark Morgan and Acting Secretary Mark Harrison to the podium and presented a Texas Highways 2026 calendar as a special gift. He then presented Chapter Service Awards to incoming President Tom Manning, Treasurer Tim Chapman, Color Guard Commander J.D. Martin and JROTC Committee chair Wayne Stewart. Finally, the Color Guard commander presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Compatriot Keith McMenemy.



Officer Induction

The slate of officers for the upcoming year that were elected during the December 14 meeting were presented to the chapter by Assistant Inland Registrar Jerry Pinkerton to be formally sworn into their new positions by the outgoing President and current State Chancellor Brent Harshman. The officer slate includes:

- 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 # @

Officers relected to the same position

@ Will be sworn into office at a future meeting



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.

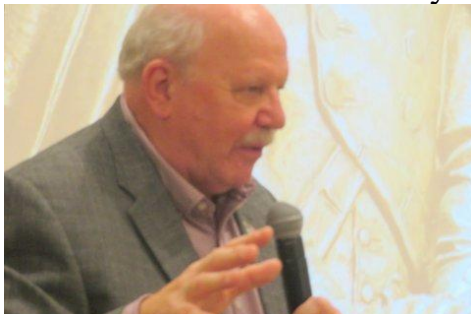
Following the induction, outgoing President Harshman presented the gavel to our new president, Tom Manning. Former President Mark Harrison presented Brent the most valuable award in the organization – the past president’s pin. President Manning made appropriate remarks about his excitement to be serving in this post and with the members of the Dallas Chapter. In particular, he noted that this our 250th anniversary year which will give us special opportunities. This includes an effort to place a memorial bench and a liberty tree.



Thank you for your service to the chapter, Past President Harshman. Welcome aboard President Tom Manning.

Featured Speaker

Our speaker for the day was introduced by Mark Harrison. Carl Flowers is a returning speaker for the chapter following presentations in 2022 and 2023. He describes himself as more of a historical story teller rather than a historian. His talk for the day was entitled ‘Henry Knox and the Fort



Ticonderoga Cannons’.

New Members

We were proud to welcome five new members to the Dallas Chapter. Richard Allen (John Berry), David Jones (Giles Parman) and Matthew Frick and his two sons, Joseph and William (Samuel Bridgewater). All gave excellent descriptions of their patriot ancestors and their patriotic service.

Welcome, new members!



Member Anniversaries

Our anniversaries being recognized this month by President Manning include:

- Lance Eddleman (35 years)
- Dennis Morris (45 years)

Congratulations to these two compatriots.

Bill Watts – Benjamin Franklin Pin

Vice President Tom Van Fossen reported that two DAR members of the Lucretia Council Cochran Chapter, Nancy Rushing and Cindy Sharp, have qualified for the Bill Watts – Benjamin Franklin Pin. Two members of the Arlington SAR chapter also qualified including Compatriots Brent Murray and James McClain.



Officer Reports

Secretary – Mark Harrison

Meeting Minutes were distributed by email earlier.

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

End of Year Reports: The end of year reports for 2025 are being compiled at this point. If you haven't already reported your activities, please send immediately to Secretary Mark Harrison (mharrison.SAR@gmail.com). This includes any state meetings attended, color guard activities, flag certificates presented or veterans donations or visits to the VA.

Treasurer – Tim Chapman

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

Registrar – Mark Morgan

2025 Registrar Activity

In Progress at Chapter – 30

At National for Review - 10

(5 Regular, 1 Junior, 4 Supp., 0 Memorial)

Approved - 29

Closed – 43

We have a total of 112 Applications

2025 New Approvals

New Members Approved - 18

Memorial Applications Approved - 3

Supplemental Applications Approved - 8

Total - 29

New Member Inductions YTD - 9

New Members Inducted Today - 5

New Members to be Inducted - 6

Total - 20

Total Active Chapter Members 250



A notice to all members was distributed with information about the dues invoices for 2026. The dues were due by Dec 31, 2025, but can still be paid. If you haven't already done so, please submit as soon as possible. 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**).

Historian – Larry Moore

Please submit any pictures or articles to Historian Larry Moore – jelvmoore@aol.com.

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

Color Guard – Commander J.D. Martin

Future Activities

Additional information will be coming out on each of these events. Please stay tuned.

- March 2 – Texas Independence Day at Ventana
- April 8 – Providence Christian School Patriots Day
- April 16 – 19 – Texas SAR State Convention in Austin
- April 18 – Texas SAR Monument Dedication – Texas State Cemetery in Austin
- April 18 – Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville
- June 20 – Audie Murphy Parade in Farmersville

Plano Symphony Orchestra School Concerts

The Plano Chapter Color Guard is once again posting colors at the Plano Symphony Orchestra School Concerts at the Robinson Fine Arts Center (1800 Alma Dr., Plano). There are morning and afternoon sessions daily from Jan 26 – 28 and Feb 17 – 20. Dallas Color Guard members are invited to participate.

Dave Fautheree is coordinating these events. Dave can be contacted at 469-360-3536 or dave.fautheree@gmail.com to signup.

It was noted that each of these will count as a youth event and count toward the five required to earn your Bill Watts – Benjamin Franklin Pin.

JROTC – J.D. Martin & Wayne Stewart

Work is gearing up for the upcoming school year with 32 Dallas ISD high schools. Stay tuned as the presentation schedule develops.

Upcoming Programs – 1st Vice President Tom Van Fossen

We are honored to welcome to our February 14, 2026, meeting former Texas SAR state president Drake Peddie discussing the Texas Navy.

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
Veterans Affairs

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

Old Business

Texas SAR History – Vol. 3 – FINAL LAST CALL

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 –

New SAR Clothing Vendor

Our new Dallas Chapter SAR custom clothing vendor was in attendance. Patricia Hornbaker with Blue Lynx Embroidery brought sample shirts and was able to take orders for interested members. Please see Tom Van Fossen for more information and order instructions.



Door Prizes

Door prize winners Jerry Pinkerton, John Greer and one of our new junior members, William Frick.



BENEDICTION – Chaplain Larry Luby

SAR RECESSIONAL – All

[NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY February 14, 2026 @ 9:00 AM](#)

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Harrison, Secretary

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

