

The Minuteman



Dallas Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution
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“writing – the mother of memory”

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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-

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J. D. Martin

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Larry Moore

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COLOR GUARD COMMANDER

J.D. Martin

President's Corner

Dallas Chapter Compatriots,

The annual first responder recognition ceremony our chapter holds for the March meeting is one of the most meaningful of the year for many of our members. It is always a special occasion to recognize exceptional public service by Dallas police, fire/rescue and EMS personnel. Much of their extraordinary work goes unnoticed and under appreciated, but we want to help the acts of heroism get the public attention they deserve. The services of these individuals are reported to the Texas SAR as well as being sent forward to the National Society. Only a small percentage of countless acts of bravery can be given adequate attention, but compatriots of SAR are casting light on at least a portion of these valued first responders.

Patriotically Yours,

Tom Manning

Chapter President

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AGENDA – February 14, 2026 Meeting

Call to Order – President Tom Manning



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– Chaplain Larry Luby



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

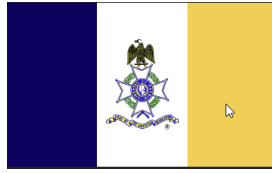


Pledges American Flag – Scot MacRae





Texas Flag – Gus Hinojosa



SAR Flag - Richard Allen

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 Tom Manning:

We would like to welcome the McKinney Chapter veteran’s chairman, Al Lisi, who was introduced by former McKinney President Tom Milson. Other guests include Asst. State Inland Registrar Jerry Pinkerton; Former Chapter President and current State Chancellor Brent Harshman, Other past Chapter Presidents Tom Van Fossen, Tom Whitelock, Mark Harrison, John Greer, and Paul Ridenour. Also recognized was former East Fork Trinity President Randall van Heyst and his wife D’auna by announcing that their daughter, Karalynn had that week received an appointment to West Point.





Featured Program – Public Service Awards

The tradition of our March meeting is always to recognize special members of the Dallas Police and Dallas Fire and Rescue for exceptional service. Led by 1st Vice President Van Fossen, we welcomed several of these members along with some of their command staff and fellow officers and families.



Dallas Police Department Honorees

Presented by Sergeant Marq Skinner

Officer Jasmyne Neria – SAR Life Savings Medal

Officer Broocke Anderson – SAR Life Savings Medal



Presented by Lt. Terran Dickerson

Officer Jesus Soto – Law Enforcement Commendation & Medal (unable to attend)

Senior Corporal Corie Reed – Heroism Commendation & Medal



A SAR Flag Certificate was presented to Lt. Dickerson. A certificate of appreciation was presented to the Dallas Police Department coordinator, Kay Broughton for her work in identifying the officers to be honored.



Dallas Fire and Rescue Honorees

Presented by Captain John Pope

Firefighter/Paramedic Caleb Shelton – EMS Commendation & Medal

Firefighter/Paramedic Jaylon Burkett – SAR Life Savings Medal

Firefighter/Paramedic Jeremy Pelts – SAR Life Savings Medal



Presented by Section Chief Rebecca Matthews

Lieutenant Julio Gonzalez – Fire Safety Commendation & Medal



Captain Pope accepted a SAR Flag Certificate on behalf of the department. He was also asked to pass on a certificate of appreciation for our long-time contact with the department, Public Affairs officer, Jason Evans for his work in identifying the officers to be honored.

To cap off the presentations, Compatriot Whitelock had arranged a special raffle for the police and also the fire/rescue groups. His efforts were most appreciated by the recipients. It was a true honor for the Dallas Chapter to recognize all of these deserving first responders from the City of Dallas.



New Supplementals

Dallas Chapter compatriot, Robert Duckworth was recognized for his approved supplemental application for his patriot ancestor Robert Kilgore. Congratulations, Robert.



Member Anniversaries

Our anniversaries being recognized this month by President Manning include:

- James Cunningham (10 years)
- Charles Farmer (40 years)
- George Huey, Jr. (65 years)
- Alan Lamb (5 years)
- Brian Lamb (5 years)
- James Williams (5 years)

Congratulations to these six compatriots.

Officer Reports

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

2026 Registrar Activity

In Progress at Chapter – 14

At National for Review - 9

(5 Regular, 1 Junior, 3 Supp., 0 Memorial)

Approved - 2

Closed – 25

We have a total of 50 Applications

2026 New Approvals

New Members Approved - 0

Memorial Applications Approved - 0

Supplemental Applications Approved - 2

Total - 2

New Member Inductions YTD - 5

New Members Inducted Today - 0

New Members to be Inducted - 6

Total - 11



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**).

We are still in need of someone to relieve Mark Morgan as our chapter registrar. If you are interested or even if you are just curious about it, please contact Mark or one of the other officers. This is a critical role for our chapter.

Historian – Larry Moore

Please submit any pictures or articles to Historian Larry Moore – info@sardallas.org. **Please note that Larry now has a new address for SAR related email.**

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

Color Guard – Commander J.D. Martin

Texas Independence Day – March 2

Compatriot Jerry Pinkerton coordinated a Texas Independence Day event at Ventana on March 2. Contributing to the program were Compatriots Wayne Stewart, J.D. Martin, Tom Van Fossen, Gus Hinojosa, Mark Harrison and his wife, Linda. The Ventana residents in attendance not only enjoyed the presentation, but learned a lot of the history of Texas.



DAR State Convention

The SAR color guard was invited to present the colors at the Texas DAR State Convention at the Grand Hyatt at DFW on March 12. Compatriots, Tom Whitelock, Tom Van Fossen, J.D. Martin and Mark Harrison assisted with the event.



Future Activities

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

- March 28 – Scouting America Camporee in Pottsboro
- 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
- May 3 – “Feathered Freedom” 250th Anniversary Celebration, Moss Haven Elementary
- June 20 – Audie Murphy Parade in Farmersville

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

Our April 11 meeting will feature Vicki Evans Williams and her program on “Unsung Heroines of the American Revolution”.

Committee Opportunities

Public Relations & Publicity	Brochure Contest (MS)
Community Service Awards	C.A.R. Essay Contest
Member Recruitment & Retention	Eagle Scout Essay Contest (HS)
C.A.R. Liaison	Knight Essay Contest (HS)
DAR Liaison	Oration Contest (HS)
Annual Audit	Poster Contest (Elem)
American History Teacher	Video Contest (MS & HS)
Web and Social Media	Speaker’s Bureau
Color Guard Members	Greeter
JROTC Members	State Fair Recruitment Table
Veterans Affairs	

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 –

Credit Card Option Now Available

The Dallas Chapter can now accept credit card payments for either the purchase of meals or items from our merchandise table. A slight upcharge is automatically added to cover processing fees. Thanks to treasurer Tim Chapman for his work with this project.



The Texas SAR State Convention

The state convention is scheduled for April 16 – 19 at the Austin Southpark Hotel in Austin. All members are encouraged to attend. Registration and the meeting agenda are now available on the state website - <https://texassar.org/> under 'Events'.

Texas SAR 250th Anniversary Monument Dedication

The newly completed Texas SAR Monument is being dedicated on April 18 at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin. This will be a featured part of the Texas SAR state convention.



Dallas Chapter 250th Anniversary Bench and Liberty Tree

Fundraising for the granite commemorative bench sponsored by the chapter is complete and the bench is on order. The bench and a liberty tree will be placed at Frankford Cemetery in Addison. Some additional donations may be required for the tree and related dedication expenses. Site selection work is underway with the cemetery board. Stay tuned for dedication information.

South Central District Meeting – August 21 – 22, 2026

The Dallas Chapter will be the host for the South Central District meeting in Richardson on Friday and Saturday, August 21 – 22. Planning is underway. Former State President Drake Peddie is the VP General for this district. Representatives will be in attendance from the member states (Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas) along with several national officers. Stay tuned for more information on how you can assist.

Door Prizes

Door prize winners J.D. Martin, Bill Eastwood and Jack Carpenter (even though he tried to give his prize away!). Congratulations!



BENEDICTION –Chaplain Larry Luby

SAR RECESSIONAL – All

NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY April 11, 2026 @ 9:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Harrison, Secretary

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

