

# Denton Chapter #23, Denton, Texas

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## SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

**NEXT MEETING:** January 11, 2020 **TIME:** 10AM **LOCATION:** Emily Fowler Library, Denton

From the President's Desk:

This is "edition one" of the new newsletter for the Denton Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. It is a "work in process" as I attempt to see what works / what doesn't work and more importantly what I can do or not do with setting up a newsletter. I hope to have some items of interest and importance for the chapter members to read. Let me know via email what you would change, add, delete, etc. in order to make the newsletter informative and more interesting to our members.

The Chapter has gotten off to a good start as a result of the October 26, 2019 meeting at the Denton Public Library. We had a good turnout of current members, new members, potential transfers to the chapter and visitors. New officers were elected which include Mike Connelley, chapter president and secretary; James Johnson, chapter vice-president, historian and program chairman; Christopher Strauss, chapter treasurer and Tom Richards as chapter chaplain. Each of us present at this meeting represent the nucleus of a growing chapter in Denton Texas.

The next quarterly meeting will be January 11, 2020, 10AM, at the Denton Library. We have several new members to induct, a guest speaker who will discuss "Christianity During the American Revolution" and other chapter business. Have a good holiday and see you in January.

## Texas SAR News and Information

The Texas SAR dues statements for 2020 dues are "in the mail" as of late October or early November. Hopefully you received the dues statements. If you didn't get them, they are lost, misplaced, the dues can be paid on the Texas SAR website by credit card or print the dues statement and pay by check; web link is as follows: <https://txssar.org/dues.htm> . Any questions, get hold of Mike Connelley via his email address or cell phone 817-994-1356.



A group photograph of those attending the Denton SAR chapter reorganization meeting held on October 26, 2019 at the Denton City Library in downtown Denton, Texas. Those present, not in order of appearance, are Johnny Loomis, Joseph Rowell, Jim Johnson (in uniform), Stephen Strauss, Christopher Strauss (in uniform), Sonny Replogle, Jeffrey Zwall, Dennis Martin, Tom Richards, Bob Sikes, District Vice President Ted Wilson. Not in photo, Mike Connelley (taking photo).

**THIS MONTH (December) DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR (1781-1783):**

In December of 1781, after the Battle of Eutaw Springs, Nathanael Greene departed the area. British forces are now commanded by Major John Doyle who takes over from a wounded Alexander Stewart. Greene launches an assault at Dorchester, South Carolina, located 15 miles northwest of Charleston and defended by 850 men. The British fail to realize that Greene has only 400 men under his command and hastily retreat to Charleston after destroying what they are unable to carry with them. British forces are so concerned about a Patriot attack upon the city that they take the extraordinary step of arming black slaves.

British troops commanded by Major James Henry Craig are posted at John's Island, outside of Charleston, after they evacuate Wilmington, North Carolina. Henry Lee's intricate plan of assault is aborted when a column led by Major James Hamilton arrives too late and is unable to cross the Wapoo River, which was only fordable once or twice a month.

In December of 1783, General Washington bids farewell to his officers during an address at Fraunces Tavern in New York City on December 4th.

On December 23rd, Washington resigns as commander in chief of the Continental Army and retires to his home at Mount Vernon.

Also in 1783

The supreme court of Massachusetts declares that the 1780 state constitution abolished slavery by stating that all men were "born free and equal."

The first map of the United States is produced.

Boston Magazine begins publication.

Noah Webster publishes the American Spelling Book and A Grammatical Institute of the English Language in an effort to standardize the American language.

The Empress of China is the first U.S.-flagged ship to visit China.

I will add / modify /delete content for the Denton Chapter newsletter over the next few months in an effort to create a document we enjoy. Let me know what you would like to see added or changed around. As I mentioned, it is a work in progress to keep our chapter members informed on chapter, National and State SAR news along with American Revolutionary War history information.

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Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and see you at the January 2020 meeting!!