



Denton #23 Chapter Newsletter



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

From the President's Desk: The annual Texas SAR Convention will be held in The Woodlands, Texas in March, 2020. This is when the organization makes the awards for the various youth and history programs sponsored by the SAR Organization. What do the winners receive? Look below:

- The Texas winner of **the high school Essay contest** receives a \$2500.00 scholarship award and then competes for \$5000.00 at the National SAR contest.
- The Texas winner of the **high school Oration contest** receives a \$2500.00 scholarship award and then competes at the National SAR contest.
- The **Texas SAR Eagle Scout competition** winner receives a \$2500.00 scholarship award and then goes on to compete for the National SAR \$10,000. Award.
- The winner of **the "enhanced" Texas SAR Jr. ROTC award** receives a \$2500.00 scholarship award.
- The winner of **the 4-H public speaking award** at the Texas SAR annual convention receives a \$1000.00 scholarship award.
- There are lesser awards for winners of the **elementary age poster contest, the middle school brochure contest and the CAR (children of the American Revolution) contest.**

Where do these Texas SAR youth competition entrants come from? **They come from us**, the winners at the local chapter level. The local chapter competition begins in the fall and maybe one of next year's winners can be a Denton chapter entrant.

Don't forget, chapter members' children or grandchildren can enter any of these contests.

I will be in attendance at the Texas SAR Convention and will bring a report to the Chapter members at our April 11th meeting. Next year, 2021, the event will be at a location in North Texas and hopefully some of our other chapter members can attend.

The National SAR organization will present a special certificate of recognition to our military veteran SAR members; you just have to fill out a PDF form and get that to me along with a redacted copy of your DD214. Send me an email and I will get the form to you and assist you in that process. It's not a complicated process.

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION TIMELINE – “THIS DATE IN HISTORY”

FEBRUARY-MARCH

March 23, 1775 - At a meeting in Richmond, VA, the Virginia Convention hears Patrick Henry deliver his “Liberty or Death” speech.

March 2, 1776 – American artillery bombard Boston from a redoubt at Lechmere Point.

March 17, 1776 – British begin their evacuation of Boston

February 23, 1778 – Baron Von Steuben arrives at Valley Forge and commences training soldiers in close order drill and instills new confidence in the Continental Army.



The Texas SAR Color Guard Unit is always recruiting new members. This unit is the most active and visible of the Texas SAR entities. If you are interested, check with any of the chapter officers or chapter color guard members for information.

Don't Forget

The next scheduled chapter meeting is Saturday morning, 10AM, April 11, 2020, Emily Fowler Library Bldg., Denton, Texas

Denton Chapter #23 Officers

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