



Denton #23 Chapter Newsletter



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SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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NEXT MEETING: July 11, 2020 **TIME:** 10 AM **LOCATION:** Probably via "ZOOM"

From the President's Desk: Well, we are continuing in this quarantine status in a concerted effort to bring the COVID19 virus down but it has done a number on our scheduled meetings and chapter activities. With the Denton library having cancelled "all meetings" through December 2020; we will probably do the July meeting via ZOOM. For the October meeting, we plan to meet at Denton Presbyterian Church.

Welcome our newest chapter members; Jim Gilmore and his sons Noah and Owen, were inducted in an "outdoor, fresh air, social distanced" event.



Jim Gilmore and his two sons, Noah and Owen (on left), were inducted as our newest chapter members on May 5, 2020 on the lawn by the Denton County Courthouse; we chose this location to allow for "social distancing" while inducting the three of them. Attending were the chapter officers, Mike Connelley, Jim Johnson (in uniform), Chris Strauss and Tom Richards. We hope to see Jim and the boys, Denton residents, at our next meeting.

On Saturday morning, May 9th, the chapter held a virtual meeting via "ZOOM" in an effort to maintain some sense of normalcy during the current Quarantine phase. We had good attendance (40% of our membership), elected **Johnny Loomis** as our chapter Sgt. At Arms along with a new chapter Chaplain, **Joseph Rowell**; and also approved the Chapter Constitution and By-Laws. The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for July which we may again do via the ZOOM format. By the time of the October meeting, I am hopeful we have much of the COVID issue under control. We will plan on getting together at a "location to be determined" for that meeting then hopefully back to the library location for 2021.

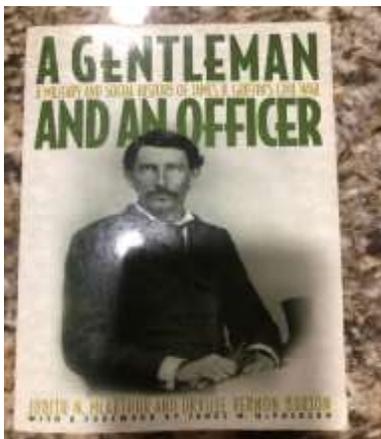
The Texas SAR annual Convention is still on schedule for the last weekend in July at The Woodlands (near Houston) pending any upsurge in the COVID 19 issue. I plan on attending and will bring the membership a report once it has been concluded.



A photo of the Blue Angels flying over Medical Center Alliance, I-35 West on May 6th, honoring our healthcare workers. I was there with a friend who took the photo. A good number of onlookers as the formation flew low over the area. Quite a sight.

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION TIMELINE – “THIS DATE IN HISTORY”

- **April 7, 1776** Captain John Berry, Commander of the American sloop of War, “Lexington”, captured the first British ship under battle conditions.
- **April 13, 1776** George Washington arrives in New York City with General Gates.
- **May 28, 1777** In the opening move of the Campaign of the spring of 1777, Washington marches from Morristown to Middlebrook Valley
- **April 4, 1780** British Commander Henry Clinton attacks Charleston, S. C.
- **May 12, 1780** The worst defeat during the Revolution, Charleston, S. C., surrenders of May 12th; the British capture over 3000 Patriots.
- **May 29, 1780** After the surrender of Charleston on May 12th, the 3rd Virginia is the only organized Patriot formation in the Colony. British Colonel Banastre Tarleton is given the mission to destroy Colonial resistance. The Continentals lose 113 killed and 203 captured. A cavalry charge breaks the Continental line as a Patriot Soldier is cut down as he raises the white flag of surrender.
- **April, 1781** General Nathaniel Greene sends Henry Lee to screen his forces against any movement by Lord Cornwallis in the Wilmington, SC area



Take some time during this Quarantine period to read a good history book. There are plenty of them out there on the American Revolution Era along with other timeframes. One I just ordered was mentioned to me by our newest chapter member, Jim Gilmore. It is called “A Gentleman and an Officer”. This is a Civil War Era book about one of Jim’s distant Great-Grandfathers’. It is next on my reading list. Mike

Don’t forget, take time to read a good history book...

See you at the July meeting which, as of now, will be via "ZOOM". In October, we will plan on having that meeting at Denton Presbyterian Church in Denton, Texas. Stay tuned for details.



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, October 10, 2020, via "ZOOM".

Denton Chapter #23 Officers

Chapter President / Secretary- Mike Connelley

Vice President – James J. Johnson, Jr.

Treasurer – Christopher E. Strauss

Registrar - Thomas C. Richards

Chaplain – Joseph W. Rowell, Jr.

Sgt. At Arms – Johnny L. Loomis