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TEXAS SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION, DENTON CHAPTER #23, TXSSAR INC.



Next Meeting DATE: July 10, 2021 TIME: 10:00 AM Location: TBA

President's Message

The 2021 annual Texas SAR Convention was held via ZOOM over the weekend of 4/16-17/2021 and was a success. There were 127 Texas SAR members that registered for the event, a record number. Six of these registrants were from the Denton chapter. That is a good, strong number considering that our chapter membership is 31.

96 members logged on to the Convention meetings that occurred on Friday (4/16) and Saturday (4/17). The various Committee meetings had met 7 to 10 days prior to convention.

Drake Peddie, the current State President, along with other State officers, will stay on for one additional year in order to get the organization completely through the COVID quarantine period.

On a sad note, the memorial service on Saturday which recognized 69 members who passed away during the past year, included one of our own, "Sonny" Replogle. Sonny had been a long-time member of the organization, the Denton Chapter and the Texas Color guard. Remember, every time you say the pledges at one of our meetings, it was "Sonny" that personally purchased those flags for us.

We took our share of honors / recognitions at the Convention. We again received the **Joe Hill membership award** for achieving 100% membership renewal. We also won this award during the previous year. The Denton chapter also received the **Marshall Hunter attendance award** for having the highest percentage of membership attending the 2020 meetings along with a certificate from the National Society for **participation in the annual SAR flag certificate program**.

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President's Message, continued

The Society also announced the 2020 winners of the National Patriot Medal presented by the Texas SAR Society; a medal awarded for exemplary service to the organization. The Texas honorees were Bill Addriance, Louis Colantoni, **Bill Hurst**, Jack Allen Muggli, Mel Oller and Larry Spradin. Some of you may have worked with **Bill Hurst** on your application to the organization; he has assisted the Denton chapter for a number of years in the preparation of application paperwork.

It looks like we may get shut down on meeting at the Denton Public Library at our July meeting. The Library has stated they will not allow "in person" meetings until September 2021. Hopefully, we can come up with an alternate location to have a "face to face" meeting in July. Will keep you posted.

Don't forget to submit your writeup on your own Patriot Ancestor for inclusion in an upcoming edition of our chapter newsletter. Just a simple photo of the Patriot Ancestor's grave marker along with a short word document writeup of who he is, where he lived /buried and any specific action he was involved in during the American Revolutionary War. Send this to Bill Surles, our chapter newsletter editor or to me.

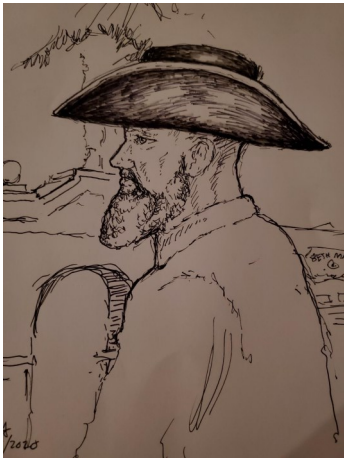
On April 27th, I had the honor and privilege to attend the Memorial Service for a World War II veteran; he was 98. There aren't many of these men left. Early in my own military service and business career, I was around many of these veterans. I quickly learned it was useless to "argue or disagree" with a man whose own life experiences included Okinawa, Iwo Jima, Midway, D-Day, Normandy, Battle of the Bulge, etc. Don't forget to let me know anytime you attend a memorial or funeral for a military veteran; this information is reported on our chapter annual report to the State.

I, along with Chris Strauss, was also able to attend the ZOOM ROTC awards ceremony for the ROTC unit at UNT Denton on the afternoon of April 27th. Our chapter presented one of the awards to an outstanding cadet at the school. Hopefully this next year we will be back to in-person meetings where the winning cadets can be congratulated "face to face".

April has been a busy month with the new slate of chapter officers taking over on April 1st to the ROTC awards at UNT on April 27th. Stay tuned; more to come from the Denton chapter in the coming months.

Chapter President: Mike Connelley

New Member Spotlight—Jim Gilmore



My name is Jim Gilmore. I joined the Sons of the American Revolution in 2020. My eight year old twin boys are also members of the SAR as junior patriots. I have been married to my wonderful wife for 15 years. We live in Denton Texas. My boys and I spend a lot of time together riding motorcycles, deer hunting, and building old classic vehicles. I help coach their little league baseball team. I talk to my kids often about our history and how brave these men and woman must have been. They love to get dressed up in their army clothes and pretend to be Confederate soldiers, WWI or WWII soldiers. They have a copy of the Declaration of Independence and pretend to be patriots protecting the document. I am very proud of the passion for history and patriotism they are showing at such a young age. If only more people were like that today.

After graduating high school from Jesuit College Preparatory School I attended Texas A&M earning a BBA in Finance. Being an avid offroad motorcycle enthusiast, I quit my corporate accounting job and began a career in the motorcycle industry. After several years working in a motorcycle dealership I started my own business providing accounting consulting to powersport dealers. I have been doing this for over a decade now.

Growing up I spent a lot of time with my grandad. He would drive me to school listening to Johnny Horton and Marty Robins. In the afternoons him and I would look through his WWII memorabilia and flip through the letters my 3rd great grandfather wrote to his wife from the battlefields during the Civil War. We looked through old tintype pictures of our ancestors as he told me stories about the people. Spending this quality time with my grandad gave me a love of American history, especially the parts my family played in shaping our history. I joined the Sons of Confederate Veterans in 1995 while still in high school. I am still active with the SCV and currently treasurer of the local Denton camp.

While researching my family further I discovered my 5th great grandfather died in the American Revolution and his wife drove a wagon and supplied food for the soldiers. Her father was also a soldier in the revolution. I knew right away I wanted to join the Sons of the American Revolution. Being members of groups like the SCV and SAR documents my American lineage and honors the sacrifices our ancestors made. I am proud to be a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Editors Note: The above drawing of Jim Gilmore was made by Jim Johnson. Other drawings by Jim can be viewed on the SAR State website:

<https://texassar.org/artoftxssar.htm>

Editor Introduction

Hello, I'm excited to be the editor of the SAR Denton Chapter newsletter. Not the writer, but the editor. I take input from chapter members, and combine that with articles and stories from other sources to produce the monthly newsletter that serves as resource for the chapter and it's members. Make my task easy by providing information and suggestions. The more you participate, the more interesting and informative this publication will be. Thanks in advance.

Notice the "Ink & Quill" header on the first page? Copied from a 1990's Denton Chapter newsletter.

Oh, by the way, I'm also the chapter **Webmaster**, so comments, suggestions, etc. for the web are always welcome.

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Benedict Arnold memorial window at St. Mary's church, Battersea, London, England

General Benedict Arnold: Loyalist, Patriot, Traitor

General Benedict Arnold is one of the most famous (or infamous) figures of the American Revolutionary War. At first he fought for the British, then switched sides to fight for the Americans before returning to fight for the British once again. As a result of this, he is remembered as the archetypal traitor in American culture.

The centre of the above window itself is a monochrome portrait of General Arnold, and below it are the arms of George Washington, in whose army Arnold (at times) fought. The four flags in the centre are, left to right, the modern 'Stars and Stripes', an earlier version of the American flag with thirteen stars representing the original thirteen states, the 'Union flag' of 1777, and the modern 'Union Jack'. This window was donated by Mr Vincent Lindner of New Jersey, USA. Benedict Arnold, his wife and daughter are buried in the crypt, where their resting place is marked by a further memorial plaque.

Editor's Note: I lived in Battersea, London, England in the 1980's and was given a tour of St. Mary's by members of the American Women's Club of London.

We Need Your Patriot

You identified an American Revolution Patriot when you joined the Sons of the American Revolution. To highlight this relationship, we will be creating a web page listing each member and their Patriot.

A brief description of their American Revolution activities will be included.

Over time, we will feature each Patriot in the this newsletter.



RIP Sonny Replogle



Sketch by Compatriot
Jim Johnson

Compatriot Sonny Replogle, of the Denton chapter, at Jester Park in Corsicana, TX. He was present for a joint DAR-SAR event . Photo part of the collection entitled: [Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution \(TXSSAR\)](#) and was provided by the [UNT Libraries Special Collections](#)
Photo by Paul Ridenour, August 11, 2018.

May 22, 1944 – April 15, 2020

SUNSET – Cecil Earl “Sonny” Replogle Jr., 75, Sunset, TX died April 15, 2020. His family has chosen cremation and a memorial service will take place at a later date.

Replogle was born May 22, 1944 in Washington, IA to Cecil Earl Sr. and Mary Replogle. He graduated from McNicholas High School in Cincinnati, OH. He studied at University of Cincinnati and University of California, Los Angeles. He went on to serve his country in the United States Air Force.

He began a 25 year career with National Chemsearch Corporation. He was an active member of the Sons of American Revolution for three decades.

Replogle is preceded in death by his parents; grandmother, Muriel Replogle; grandfather, George Carl; aunts, Beatrice Huston and Rose Holthaus; cousin, Karen Davis.

He is survived by his life partner Linda Logan, Sunset; cousins Mark and Chris Huston and Phyllis Myers; daughter, Tina Helene Harris; son, Scott Aris, and four grandsons.

Source: Bowie News, 4/21/2020