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



Next Meeting: Scheduled for **10am October 8, 2022**

NEW LOCATION THIS TIME:

at the **North Branch, 3020 North Locust Street, Denton, TX 76209**

Chapter Officers

President—Jim Akers
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Opportunities

1. Participate in James Carter grave marking
2. Participate in Constitution Week
3. Texas Board of Managers—Plano

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Chapter President Jim Akers Message

On September 11, 2022 at 2:00 PM the Edmund Terrill Chapter in Sherman will commemorate a patriot grave marking at the Russell Family Cemetery, 1801 Nancy Lea (Lee) Street, Bonham, Texas. This grave marking of the grave of Revolutionary War Soldier James Carter is sponsored by the Sons of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Children of the American Revolution. As you may recall, John B. Denton who Denton County and the City of Denton are named for was a descendent of James Carter. Parking will be on Pioneer Trail in Bonham (use 1108 Pioneer Trail on your GPS).

As I mentioned in our last Chapter Newsletter, Constitution Day, September 17, 2022 is the day that celebrates the meeting of those Patriots who, on September 17, 1787, signed the U.S. Constitution. The commemoration of the Constitution was started by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in 1955 when DAR petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week.

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Chapter President's Message, continued

A schedule conflict at the Emily Fowler Library has necessitated a change in the planned Ringing of the Bells celebration. The Denton DAR Chapter will hold its regular meeting at the Emily Fowler Library on Friday, September 16, 2022, followed by the "Ringing of the Bells" at 3:00 pm for one minute, much as the church bells of Philadelphia rang out when the U.S. Constitution was first signed at 4 pm on September 17, 1787.

The goals of Constitution Week are to emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution; to inform people that the Constitution is the basis for America's heritage and the foundation for our way of life; and to encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

If you are available to attend with several of your fellow SAR members, your assistance in recognizing this important event sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution would be greatly appreciated. Mark your calendar: Friday, September 16, 2022, Emily Fowler Library, 502 Oakland Street, Denton, at about 2:45 pm.

The Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will be actively recruiting new members at the Texas State Fair from September 30, 2022 to October 23, 2022 at Dallas' Fair Park. Any members interested in assisting with this at Fair Park, please contact me or Chapter Vice President Brandon Story. The Denton Chapter typically sees several potential members from this activity.

America will also commemorate Veterans Day on November 11, 2022. Veterans Day, originally called Armistice Day, was designated as a day to reflect upon the heroism of those who died in service to the United States. In 1954 the holiday was changed to "Veterans Day" to recognize all veterans in all American wars, and we enjoy Veterans Day as a federal holiday.

The Texas Veterans Hall of Fame Museum is hosting the Vietnam Veterans Traveling Wall from November 9 through November 13 at the Golden Triangle Mall in Denton, in the south east parking lot. Events and displays include a live Pipe and Drum Band, a Vietnam War Era Huey Helicopter and other Aircraft Fly-over, Military Vehicle Displays, and of course music and food vendors. We are considering sponsoring an information table at this event, for at least some of the time. I am sincerely interested in your opinion about our participation. Please call, text, or email Immediate Past President Mike Connelley, Vice President Brandon Story, or me.

Each year, the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution asks that each chapter memorialize chapter activities through the USS Stark Report. Immediate past president and Reporting Secretary Mike Connelley has taken on the responsibility of collecting the data and reporting the Denton Chapter participation in these activities and submitting the USS Stark Report to the Texas Society. Mike's report will be more complete if each of us remember to provide data to Mike regarding not only our Chapter activities, but our individual activities that contribute to recognizing our Veterans. Those activities can be as involved as participating in Veteran's Day parades, visiting veteran's grave sites, meeting with veterans organizations, or as "routine" as sharing a moment or conversation with an individual veteran. If you are planning such a meeting, please contact Mike for Vietnam Recognition Service lapel pins. These lapel pins are provided by the Department of Defense, free of charge, and we can individually award these pins to Veterans who served in any service, in any capacity, in any geographical location during the Vietnam war (generally considered to be from November 1, 1955 to April 30, 1975).

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Chapter President's Message, continued

Speaking of our Facebook page, Chapter Vice President Brandon Story has started helping Bill with that project. In addition to the website (<https://www.txssar.org/Denton/>), our Facebook page (SAR Denton TX Chapter) now has the text of our 1965 Charter. There is also a reference to a short YouTube channel, and soon to be podcast on "Revolutionary War Rarities." Please take a look at these resources and let Bill and Brandon know of any ideas or content you are aware of that will enhance these resources. And while you are at it, "like" us on Facebook.

The Denton Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution continues to grow! We now have three new members to be inducted in October. Please congratulate new Patriots Ryan Swingle, Merle Tanner, and Dustin

Tanner. In addition to those three, we have three more potential members whose applications were submitted in the second and third weeks of August.

Promote patriotism. Preserve American History. Promote education to our future generations. These three things describe what the Sons of the American Revolution does, and I think our Chapter activities reflect commitment to each of them.

Please mark your calendar for our next in-person meeting: October 8, 2022, 10:00 am, **Denton Public Library - North Branch, 3020 North Locust Street, Denton, TX 76209.**

This is a change in location from our usual meeting place, due to a conflicting event at the Emily Fowler Library

Chapter President Jim Akers

Participate in these SAR Activities

1. James Carter grave marking, Bonham, Texas, September 11
2. U.S. Constitution Week Ringing of the Bell, Emily Fowler Library, September 16, 2:45pm .
3. Denton SAR quarterly meeting, **North Branch Denton Library**, October 8
4. Texas SAR recruiting, State Fair of Texas, Dallas, 9/30—10/23.
5. Texas SAR Board of Manager's Meeting, Plano, October 21-23
6. U.S. Veterans Day, November 11

REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOT

IN BONHAM, TEXAS

James Carter participated in the Revolutionary War as a member of the North Carolina Militia.

He and his family moved to Texas in 1839.

His grave is the oldest in the Russell Family Cemetery located at 1801 Nancy Lea (Lee) Street.

**A Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony will take place
September 11, 2022 at 2 PM. Look for your dada
notification concerning this Celebration.**

**Sons of the American Revolution,
Daughters of the American Revolution and
Children of the American Revolution
are sponsoring this celebration of the life
James Carter an American Patriot.**

Join us at the Russell Family Cemetery

Parking will be on Pioneer Trail in Bonham, use 1108 Pioneer Trail a vacant lot on your Garmin to locate the cemetery. The cemetery is at the far end of the lot under a group of trees. Flags will be placed on the lot and you may park on the street and walk to the cemetery. We will have golf carts available for those who need help. Please don not part in front of a driveway. We do not want to block any homeowner. The Cemetery is old and uneven. Please wear shoes that can traverse uneven surfaces. (No high heels or slick sole shoes please.)

An RSVP will be required to facilitate an accurate count of attendees due to limited space.

Participation in the Wreath Laying will be facilitated by the event sponsors of the grave marking ceremony. Carnations will be provided for a \$5.00 donation per Carnation for all those who RSVP. There will be a registration desk where all attendees will be required to sign in to the Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony. We can not accept checks or credit cards – cash only please.

RSVP to; bill_watts@att.net

Fall BOM Information

(click on links below for more information)

Compatriots:

Registration for the Fall BOM is now available on the Texas SAR web site ([click here for online registration](#)). The registration period is from September 1st until October 17th.

Note: The Dallas Cowboys Star Tour registration will end on October 10 as they will need the number of attendees by then.

Additional information regarding this meeting includes:

- [Save the Date Flyer](#)
- [October BOM Meeting Location Flyer](#)
- [Meal Entrée Options Flyer](#)
- [Banquet Speaker Flyer](#)
- [Dallas Cowboys Star Tour Flyer](#)
- [Raffle Item \(Sword\) Flyer](#)
- [Ladies Auxiliary Raffle Flyer](#)

To make hotel reservations, [click here](#) (rooms must be reserved **by October 3rd**).

If you can, please register as soon as possible!

Please let me know if you have questions (please click email link below...clicking your Reply button will **not** result in email coming to me).

Looking forward to a great meeting in October,

Tom Milson

Host Chapter President

McKinney Chapter

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Editor's Note

The Chapter **website** is <https://www.txssar.org/Denton/>. On that site are the back copies of this newsletter, information about the Chapter, and links to the SAR State and National web sites.

We now have a **Facebook page**, www.facebook.com, search for **Denton TX SAR**. Please join and participate.

All of these communication devices take time to maintain. If you would like to help and/or take over one of these, please let me know.

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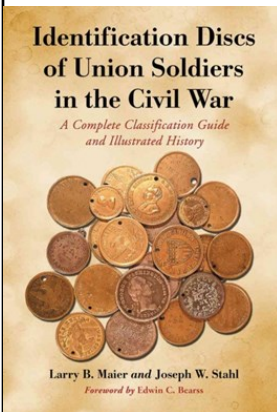
UNIFORMS, MEDALS & MORE

BOOKS TO EXPLORE YOUR FAMILY'S MILITARY HERITAGE

Among your family heirlooms, you might have a grandfather's Army uniform or medal, a Navy patch, or if you are really lucky, an old tintype of an ancestor in Civil War garb. Or maybe you're trying to determine what uniform your great uncle is wearing in that old photo.

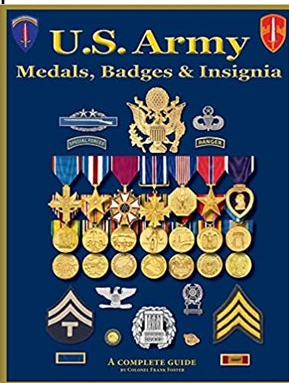
How can you be sure you're identifying the uniform and its components correctly? Once more, the Emily Fowler Public Library comes to the rescue with books on understanding uniforms, medals, badges, insignia, and more.

Stepping back in time to our nation's founding, **Uniforms of the American Revolution** (John Mollo and Malcolm McGregor, 1975), describes 208 military uniforms, insignia, and personal weapons of British, American, German, French, and Native forces, as well as commentary on the Revolution and organization of armies. One reviewer called the book, "...by far most complete single book on the subject."



Moving forward in time to the Civil War, **Identification Discs of Union Soldiers in the Civil War: A Complete Classification Guide and Illustrated History** (Larry B. Maier & Joseph W. Stahl, 2008), delves into this precursor of today's dog tags, worn or carried by Union soldiers. It covers descriptions and images, authentication of tags, as well as a survey of identification tags by state and style.

Naval uniforms worn during WWII are the focus of two books in the Library's collection: **U.S. Navy Uniforms and Insignia 1940-42** and **U.S. Navy Uniforms and Insignia 1943-1946** (Jeff Warner, both 2007). The books include over 800 previously-unpublished archival and contemporary photographs, documents, and dramatic reconstructions of U.S. Navy and Marine Corps uniforms, including officer and enlisted dress uniforms and insignia, combat and fatigue uniforms, camouflage, field gear, and experimental equipment, and more.



U.S. Army Medal, Badges & Insignia (Col. Frank C. Folster, 2019), includes how to identify, obtain and display veteran's medals; full-color plates of all Army decorations, medals, ribbons, badges, and insignia with their criteria; a full-color chart of all U.S. Army awards and ribbons; pictures, criteria and specifications of all Army skill and specialty badges; and much more.

Uniforms worn in conflicts from Desert Storm through Somalia, Iraq and Afghanistan are reviewed in **Desert Uniforms, Patches and Insignia of the US Armed Forces** (Kevin M. Born, 2016). Born brings his extensive knowledge of military history and over 50 years of military experience to bear while examining desert uniforms worn by Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard units, using original source documents and pieces from extensive public and private collections.

Finally, **Military Photographs & How to Date Them** (Neil Storey, 2009), focuses on United Kingdom military history from the 1870s-1940s, offering advice on identifying military uniforms, badges, insignia, medals, and other clues in military photos in personal collections. Storey—a professional military and social historian—illustrates cases with 230 black and white photos, representing a cross-section of all of the UK's services, corps, and line infantry.

—Nancy Gilbride Casey
Denton Public Library Volunteer