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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**

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Opportunities

1. Denton chapter meeting—Denton Library North Branch
2. Texas Board of Managers—Plano
3. Texas SAR recruiting

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Chapter President Jim Akers Message

As we look ahead to the next few months, it seems like we have a lot going on!

Our main activities for October are centered on the Youth Programs, including Teacher of the Year. As of this writing, we have not identified any potential Denton SAR candidates for the Oration Contest, the Essay Contest, the Poster Contest, or the Teacher of the Year Contest. Each of these events are directly related to the goals of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, especially, "promote education to our future generations." Contest descriptions and entry requirements are available for downloading as a brochure at <https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Youth-Awards-Programs-Brochure.pdf>. Please check with your friends, neighbors, and business associates for potential nominations for these scholarship awarding programs.

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We are planning on establishing a presence at the Traveling Viet Nam War Memorial, that will be at the Golden Triangle Mall from November 10 to November 13, 2022. The major events include opening ceremonies on November 10, at 6:00 pm, recognition of Denton County Killed in Action on November 11, at 2:00 pm, and closing ceremonies on November 13, at 3:00 pm. Other events and displays include a live Pipe and Drum Band, a Vietnam War Era Huey Helicopter and other Aircraft Flyover, Military Vehicle Displays, and music and food vendors. The traveling Viet Nam Wall will be open 24 hours from Thursday, November 10 at 9:00 am thru Sunday, November 13 at 4:00 pm. We hope to have a table at select times that will need to be manned by our Denton SAR members. This is a great time to team up with a fellow SAR compatriot or potential member and sign up for times convenient to each of you to man our table and answer questions of members of the public about the SAR.

Another major event of the season will be the Wreaths Across America on December 17, 2022. The National Wreaths Across America website describes this as a day to remember our

fallen US Veterans, honor those who serve, and teach children the value of freedom. This is accomplished by sponsoring a veterans' wreath at a cemetery in the local area, volunteering, or donating to a local sponsorship group. Our Denton Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter is a local sponsor, and a worthwhile organization for us to assist with individual donations. Those donations are \$15 for one wreath, \$30 for two, or five wreaths for \$75. We will have a sign up sheet at our next meeting. Bring your checkbook!

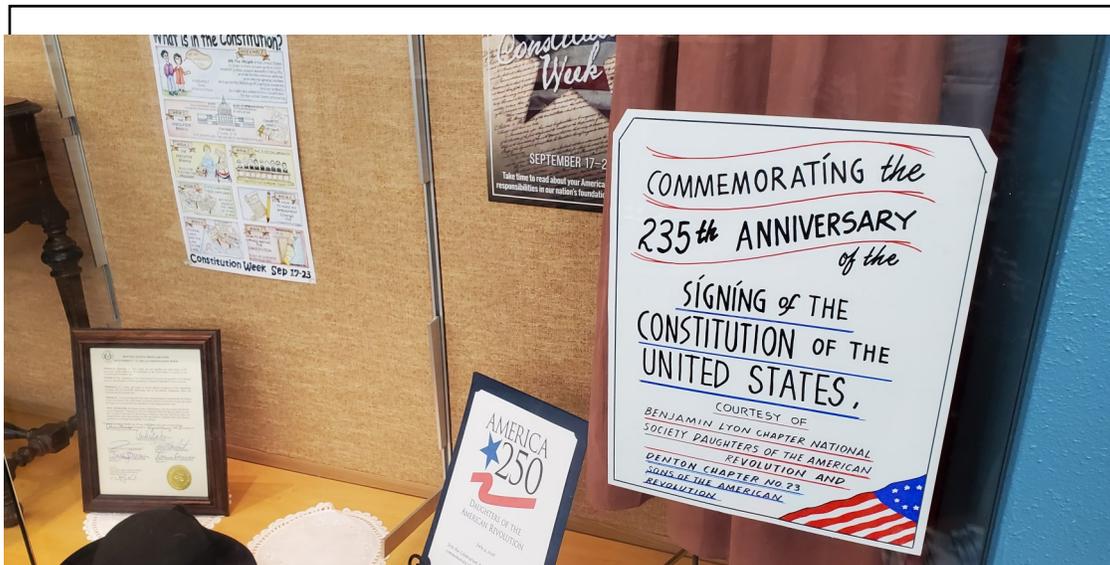
Promote patriotism. Preserve American History. Promote education to our future generations. These three things describe what the Sons of the American Revolution does, and I think our Chapter activities reflect commitment to each of them.

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

Ron Akers, Denton Chapter President

Participate in these SAR Activities

1. Denton SAR quarterly meeting, **North Branch Denton Library**, 3020 N Locust St, Denton, TX 76209, October 8
2. Texas SAR recruiting, State Fair of Texas, Dallas, 9/30—10/23.
3. Texas SAR Board of Manager's Meeting, Plano, October 21-23
4. U.S. Veterans Day, November 11
5. Vietnam Veterans Traveling Wall, November 9 - 13, Golden Triangle Mall in Denton



Benjamin Lyon Chapter DAR of Denton celebrated the 235th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution with a display window at the Denton central library.

Denton Chapter SAR Compatriot MERLE TANNER's Revolutionary War Ancestor

Although Henry Ware, Sr. was sworn to military duty in the Caroline Co. Militia on 13 Mar 1762, at age 36, it was not until 1771 that he attained the rank of Captain. Being a blacksmith, Henry was undoubtedly in excellent shape for the job. The Revolution began in 1775, Henry was 50, two years later he organized and equipped a company of militia at his own expense, which served on active duty during the war, in which all five of his sons, served with him.

Robert Garrett, Nicholas Ware III, and Henry Ware were sworn to military duty on the same day, 13 Mar 1762; Nicholas and Henry as Lieutenants, and Robert Garrett as a Commissioned Officer in the Caroline Militia. A Halifax land deed later shows Nicholas as "Col. Nicholas Ware" on 10 Jul 1777. They took oath to His Majesty's Crown and Government, the first under the Commonwealth of Virginia. Henry married Martha Garrett, and his brother Nicholas married her sister, Dorothy "Dolly" Garrett, daughters of John Garrett and Frances Dudley.

The Wares soon left Virginia and made their home in South Carolina, Henry and Martha settled in an area called District Ninety-Six. Henry may have moved his family to Ninety-Six District in South Carolina as early as 1772.

Henry's sons Nicholas, James,

Henry Jr., and Robert Ware returned home safely after the war. It is not known if his son John died during the war, but he died during this time period, leaving behind two young sons Thomas and Henry, of whom only Henry survived to be named in his grandfather's will in 1801.

After returning home from the war, Henry, Sr. received a land grant in Wilkes County, Georgia (in a part which later became Lincoln Co.) for his service during the war, and soon moved to Wilkes County which was one of the first seven counties established in Georgia. That initial warrant and survey was for 400 acres.

After settling in, he was selected by the community to hold the office of Justice of the Peace in Wilkes County and in 1783 he was chosen to represent Wilkes County in the Georgia House of Representatives. He received another land warrant on 12 July of 1784 in Wilkes County for 200 acres. In 1798 he was selected to be a Georgia Delegate to the first Constitutional Convention in Louisville, Georgia. Notes: . According to the will of John Garrett, they were living in Georgia on 23 Oct 1784. In Georgia, they lived in Wilkes County, Georgia near the Savannah River side of the county that was cut off to form Lincoln County in 1796.

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He was appointed Justice of the Peace in Wilkes County, Georgia on 12 Jan 1782 by House of Assembly, and again on 30 Apr 1782 and 4 Feb 1783. He was a member of the House of Representatives of the State of Georgia, and a member of the Continental Congress elected from Georgia. He attended the Savannah Assembly on 7 Jan 1783 as Representative of Wilkes County. He was Justice of Inferior Court, Lincoln County, Georgia 24 Aug 1796 and Feb 1798, and a delegate from Lincoln County to the Convention in Louisville in 1798 when the Georgia state constitution was formed.

In one pension for soldier Thomas Snelson, the following was written regarding his service. In the year 1780, Snelson was living in Wilkes County, Georgia, when he

Volunteered under Captain Henry Ware, Lieut. Hughy Gillitin, commanded by General Clarke and marched to Augusta in the state of Georgia, and there fought the British Tories and Indians from Wednesday until Monday," according to the pension application.

This tour lasted 10 days and was called the first Siege of Augusta, during which engagement the British reinforced and General Clarke with his troops were compelled to give ground.

Historians peg that battle, the first siege of Augusta, as September 1780. The historians report that Lt. Col. Elijah Clarke came down to Georgia from North Carolina, gathered up 600 men attacked General Brown, who got reinforcements and sent Clarke scurrying back to North Carolina.

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You Never know when, where or how You will have the opportunity to honor / recognize
A veteran of the Vietnam War

Over the time span of October through December many of our chapter members will have the opportunity to recognize / honor a veteran who served during the Vietnam War Era. The pins are provided by the Federal government; all we have to do is pin it on the shirt / hat / coat of a veteran of that conflict. It can be given to a friend, family member or some random encounter with a veteran of that era. Here is a couple of examples of how it can be done.

On Monday morning, August 29th, my wife and I were walking into the Bluebonnet Café in Marble Falls, Texas (a great place to eat breakfast). I spotted this man and his wife also headed in the same direction. The hat (Vietnam Veteran) caught my eye along with his “age range” which told me this guy is a veteran of the War. I thought to myself this is a good opportunity to present him



with the commemorative Vietnam Veteran

lapel pin.

I went back to the car, got one out of the glove box and walked back in. He and his wife were at a table not far from us. I walked up to him, shook his hand and asked if he was a veteran (**that’s the first thing you need to do**). He answered that he was in Vietnam in 1967-1969 timeframe.

He had never received one of the lapel pins and I took the opportunity to present him one on behalf of the “Sons of the American Revolution”. I asked his wife to take our photo together (**that’s the second thing to do**) He took it from me, we chatted a bit about our shared military experiences and then he set down for breakfast and my wife and I, along with her two sisters did the same thing. A few minutes later, he and his wife finished their breakfast, he came over to us and showed me that he already had the pin on his baseball cap. He thanked me, we shook hands and he was off for the day.

Never got his name although we both introduced ourselves to each other (at 83 you don’t always remember everything people tell you) and I will probably never see him again but I am sure he will hang on to that lapel pin.

Another way is by giving it to a friend. This is a photograph of myself and an old, old friend, Jimmy Hartman, that I grew up with in Fort Worth. During the War, he enlisted with the Marine Corps, became a pilot and served one tour in Vietnam in the early 70s. He left the Marine Corps then flew for several major airlines and also for FedEx. He now lives in

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Mississippi but was in Fort Worth a few weeks ago. We met a Angelo's BBQ in Fort Worth and exchanged stories over a sandwich and an "adult beverage". His Vietnam flying stories were much better than mine. I had the honor of giving him one of the lapel pins for him to wear. This was on Friday, Sep-



tember 2nd of this year.

In October I hope to have a new supply of lapel pins which will be distributed to our chapter members with the specific instructions to put them in the hands of a Vietnam veteran who has never received one **(all veterans should get one- that's the goal of the Lapel Pin Program)**.

We will also have an opportunity to do this in November when the "traveling Vietnam Wall" pays a visit to Denton. We, the Denton chapter, will have a table at the location of the traveling wall. The plan is for you to hand out one or two of these pins to any veteran **who served on active duty** during the Vietnam War era which runs from November 1st, 1955 to May 15, 1975

(remember that date range). Get a photo, if you can and get their name, if you can. Its worth your time and effort.

The plan is to talk more about this at the October meeting and then do this over the October-December time frame which, of course, will include Veterans Day on 11/11/22 and then report your results back at our next meeting. Mike Connelley

Editor's Note

THANKS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF GREAT ARTICLES, with pictures. The more, the better.

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.

Bill Surles, wsmerch@gmail.com

James Carter

Revolutionary War Soldier Patriot Graveside Dedication



We just don't have that many of these guys buried in Texas. With the Revolutionary War being fought in the late 1700s not that many made it all the way west to Texas during their lifetime but James Carter did. He is buried in a private cemetery located in, of all places, a nice residential neighborhood in Bonham, Texas. When he died in the 1830s, it was part of his farm / ranch land which was a long way off the beaten path in early Texas.

Once the burial site became known efforts were begun this past year to prove the Revolutionary War service of James Carter and to repair the tombstone. Texas SAR members began to work on clearing up / cleaning out the bur-

ial site in addition to major repair work on the tombstone which had suffered from age and "wear and tear" over the years.

On September 11, 2022 a joint graveside dedication was conducted by members of both the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter in the area along with representatives from a number of the north Texas chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) located in north Texas, including the Denton chapter. Many state officers were in attendance along with members of many of the north Texas Chapters. State president Jim Kuykendall, State president elect Sam Massey and immediate past president Drake Peddie were speakers at this event. Our own SAR district vice president Gary Barker was one of the driving forces in getting this project up and running. Denton chapter was represented by President Jim Akers, vice president Brandon Story, chapter member Allen Wright and past president Mike Connelley.

The cemetery is unique in that it is located right in the middle of a residential neighborhood in Bonham. If you are adventurous and want to see the cemetery yourself, enter in your GPS / iPhone maps the address "1108 Pioneer Trail, Bonham, Texas" and it will take you right to this cemetery. It is just off of highway 82 in Bonham and not far from the McDonalds you will see just as you exit off of highway 82. You will be in a residential neighborhood but look for the "big Oak trees, and I mean big! That is where the cemetery and marker will be found.

Another interesting fact that ties James Carter back to Denton, Texas. Do you know that one of James Carters' direct descendants is John B. Denton for which the city of Denton, Texas is named? It is a small world. Mike Connelley

More Pictures from the James Carter Revolutionary War Soldier Patriot Graveside Dedication

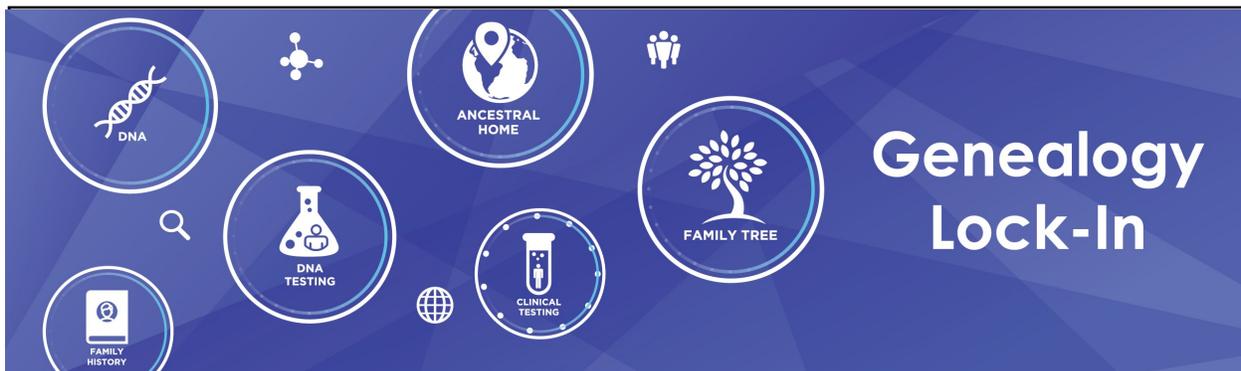


Denton Chapter members Brandon Story, Mike Connelley, Allen Wright and chapter president Jim Akers, left to right standing by the headstone of



Brandon Story and his daughter, Isabella, at the Patriot Grave marking event in Bonham, Texas





2022 Genealogy Lock-In

October 21, 2022 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Emily Fowler Central Library ~ 502 Oakland St.

Denton Public Library and the Denton County Genealogical Society are partnering with other libraries and genealogy societies across Texas to host the Annual State-Wide Genealogy Lock-In. You can "come and go", stay for the full day or view the programs virtually. Eight presentations, recorded specifically for this event, will be streamed throughout the day. Refreshments will be served but feel free to bring your own lunch. After 6 p.m. there will be individual research time, one-on-one help, and tours of Special Collections. If you register to view the presentations remotely you will receive a link to the event webpage about 24 hours before the event. Sponsored by the Genealogy Network of Texas.

The event is free, but registration is required for both virtual and in-person options. https://library.cityofdenton.com/screens/sc_lockin.html or call (940) 349-8752.

Schedule of Programs

9:00 – 10:00 am **Deciphering Handwriting in Genealogical Records**

Presented by Joseph B. Everett, MLS, AG, Family & Local History Librarian (BYU Library)

10:10 – 11:00 am **Improve, Expand, and Enrich your Family Tree – With Tax Records!**

*Presented by Doug Waggoner, Family Historian **Sponsored by:** Waco-McLennan County Library*

11:10 – 12:10 pm **Choosing Genealogy Services & Software**

Presented by Tony Hanson, Family Historian

12:25 – 1:35 pm **Building and Researching Your Family Tree**

Presented by Bill Buckner and Hannah Kubacak, Genealogy Center (Waco-McLennan County Library)

1:45 – 2:35 pm **Citing Sources Without Stressing Out**

Presented by Amy Johnson Crow, MLS, founder and lead educator at Generations Connection, host of Generations Café podcast

2:45 – 3:35 pm **Making the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center Your Research Assistant**

Presented by Curt B. Witcher, MLS, FUGA, IGSF Manager, [The Genealogy Center](#) Senior Manager, Special Collections, Allen County Public Library

3:45 – 5:00 pm **How to Approach and Solve Brick Wall Problems with DNA**

Presented by Sara Allen, Senior Librarian, Allen County Public Library, Genealogy Center

5:10 – 6:00 pm **United States Migration Patterns: Why They Left, Where They Went, and the Stories They Left Behind**

Presented by LeAnne McCamey, professional genealogist, publisher, author, and owner of American Genealogical Research Services

6:00 – 8:00 pm **Genealogist Lock-In:** Individual research time, tours of Special Collections, one-on-one research help.