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



Next Meeting: Scheduled for **10am January 14, 2023**

**LOCATION THIS TIME:**

at the **Emily Fowler Public Library, 502 Oakland Street, Denton, TX**

## Chapter Officers

President—Jim Akers  
Vice President—Brandon Story  
Registrar & Genealogist—  
Tom Richards  
Recording Secretary—Mike Fry  
Treasurer—Christopher Strauss  
Chaplain—Bill Rowell  
Past President—Mike Connelley  
Sgt at Arms—Johnny Loomis

## Opportunities

1. Vietnam Wall activities
2. Partners in Patriotism
3. Denton chapter meeting—Emily Fowler Public Library, Denton

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## Chapter President Jim Akers Message:

Mike Connelley and I attended the Fall 2022 Board of Managers (BOM) meeting for the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution from October 21 to October 23 in Plano. The meeting, or actual series of meeting, was hosted by the McKinney Chapter.

The meeting included presentations by candidates seeking office in the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and the National Society Foundation. Although most candidates are running unopposed, it was still necessary for the Texas Society to select our candidates to support in the national election.

Meetings were also held by the Americanism Committee for Texas. The Americanism Committee guides the youth programs, including the Essay Contests, Oration Contests, the new Video Contest, ROTC and JROTC awards, and the Teacher of the Year Contests.

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The Veterans Committee also met, and Chapters were encouraged to report their contacts with veterans through the USS Stark Report. In this regard, Mike Connelley is beginning to collect data for the annual STARK report as to "visits with veterans". If you visited with a veteran, let Mike know who and when so this can be collected on the STARK report. This also applies to those who have disbursed the Vietnam Veteran lapel pins. Send Mike an email with where and when you gave out a lapel pin- you don't have to have the individuals name.

The Registrar Committee reported on using "proof documents". This is a new addition to the methods that everyone has to clarify and explain relationships in the new or supplemental application. It is a free-form document that explains relationships that may not be readily apparent, and it must be shown in the References section of the application.

It was also noted that YouTube videos have been posted that are useful to both new members and members that have been members for some time. These videos were described as "SAR 101" and "SAR 102".

A continuing theme at SAR events is the "Youth Protection Program". Any member that has, or anticipates having any contact with young people as part of their SAR activities is required to have completed this short class on SAR.org. Some chapters have taken the step of using this training, for which a Certificate of Completion is awarded, as one of their programs for Chapter meetings.

The BOM also approved adopting the national society's Legal and Ethics standards for the Texas Society. Those can also be found at SAR.org.

This BOM was well organized and run by our fellow Compatriots at the McKinney Chapter.

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: January 14, 2023, 10:00 am. We will be returning to the **Emily Fowler Public Library 502 Oakland Streety, Denton, TX 76201.**

Ron Akers, Denton Chapter President

## Participate in these SAR Activities

1. Vietnam Veterans Traveling Wall, November 9 - 13, Golden Triangle Mall in Denton
2. U.S. Veterans Day, November 11
3. Partners in Patriotism, November 13—see page 6
4. January Denton Chapter SAR Meeting, January 14, 10am at **Emily Fowler Public Library 502 Oakland Streety, Denton, TX 76201**

### 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](http://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](mailto:wsmerch@gmail.com)**

## SAR Meeting Minutes, October 8, 2022



President Jim Akers called the meeting to order

Invocation Bill Rowell, Chaplin

Pledge of Allegiance led by Tom Richards Pledge

to Texas Flag by Brandon Story

Pledge of SAR led by Mike Connelly, Secretary

Annual Reports

Introduction of guests: Fred Brown, Stanley Hobbs, Tim Wilbert

Chapter Treasurer report: Given by Chris Strauss amount in treasury \$2,623.94, no outstanding invoices.

Chapter Secretary report: Announced last meeting minutes are in the last newsletter. Beginning this date minutes will be in the newsletter rather than being posted on the website or e-mailed. Motion to accept this and the minutes as stated by Jim Hobdy seconded by Brandon Story.

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New Business: Gary Barker, District Vice president spoke on SAR commitment to the JROTC/ROTC in the high schools. There are four in Denton now and two detachments at UNT, Army and Air Force. Mr. Barker stated the UNT could use volunteers to lecture for the ROTC at UNT. He also gave a report on the National Congress and Current SAR events.

Mike Connelly reviewed the SAR scholarship program for this year and noted a new category, Tick Tock has been added which is for students involved in the age of electronics. More info to follow.

President Jim Akers gave update on the James Carter Grave Marking Ceremony. Also spoke on our chapter assisting the DAR with the December 2022 laying of Wreaths Across America at veterans graves in Denton. Jim reminded the chapter that the Viet Nam Traveling Memorial would be in Denton Nov 11, 2022 and asked for volunteers to represent the chapter at our information table.

The official SAR polo shirt purchasing by members of the chapter proposal was discussed. The matter was tabled for further review.

Old business: None

- Meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM with the attendance being 16 members and 5 visitors.

Closing prayer was led by: Chaplin Bill Rowell

Mike Frye, Secretary Denton Chapter #23 Denton, TX

## Chapter information from Mike Connelley

Chapter president Jim Akers has passed on some BOM information in the newsletter so I thought I would do the same.

The chapter was recognized at the Board of Managers meeting through the presentation of the “Partners in Patriotism” certificate that was given to us from the National SAR organization. Photo of the certificate is below:



So, what is this all about? The SAR organization has a big interest in doing things for veterans. It is one of the major programs within the organization. The “partner in patriotism” recognition is when a chapter, in this case “**US**”, partners with other veterans organizations to do something for or with military veterans groups. In our case, we worked with other area organization in the “Massing of the Colors” celebration every year in November when the Fort Worth area JROTC units and color guards from the various military organizations, veteran groups and SAR color guards from around the Dallas / Fort Worth metroplex. We, the Denton chapter, are involved with this due to my connection to the Military Order of World Wars which is composed of retired or former commissioned officers that served in the Military. It is an impressive display of American Flags being presented by many different organizations and is held every year, in November, at Birchman Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas.

Try to make the event this year. It will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2022, 2:00PM at Birchman Baptist Church, 9100 N. Normandale, Fort Worth 76116. It will last about one hour and worth your time

