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



Next Meeting: 10am October 14, 2023

Emily Fowler Public Library, 502 Oakland Street, Denton

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Sgt at Arms—Johnny Loomis
Color Guard — David Cook

Opportunities

1. **October 14 Chapter Meeting**
 2. **October 22 Texas BOM**
 3. **January 13 2024 Chapter Meeting**
 4. **April 11-14 2024 Texas State Annual Conference**
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Chapter President Jim Akers Message:

Gentlemen: The Denton Chapter Challenge Coins are in!

A few of our members have seen them, and everyone seems to think they turned out great. These will be Challenge Coins that you will be proud to display, give, or trade with other organizations or individuals—SAR, military, or others. I have confessed to a few of our members that at first I was “luke warm” to this project, but it has turned out to be a winner. Mike Connelley will have coins available for \$10 each at our next meeting.

On **October 20-22, 2023** the Fall Board of Mangers meeting will be held in person at College Station, Texas. Although the title of this two-day plus meeting is “Board of Managers,” everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. The host hotel is the Wyndham Garden College Station Hotel, and reservations for a reduced rate can be made at the same time you sign up. To sign up, go to the Texas SAR website (www.txssar.org), and click on the “Events” tab. Then click on “Fall BOM.” I will see you there!

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Chapter President's Message, continued

While we are on the subject, the 2024 Annual SAR National Conference will be held in San Antonio from April 11 to April 14, 2024. This is a good deal for those of us from Denton because it is only about a four and a half hour drive. In recent years, this conference was held in Orlando, Florida and Savannah, Georgia. Besides, April is always a good time to be in San Antonio. Registration is not open as of the writing of this message, but keep checking the same "Events" tab, and click on "Upcoming Meetings," or just keep watching our Chapter Newsletter.

The Texas SAR Website is also the place where you can easily pay your 2024 dues. Again, click on "Events," and then "Online Dues/ Donation Payments."

The Denton FIVE MEMBER Color Guard provided the Posting of the Colors for the Benjamin Lyon Chapter (Denton) of the Daughters of the American Revolution on September 15, for the "Ringing of the Bells" ceremony. This ceremony commemorates the church bells that rang out when 39 members of the Constitutional Convention signed the Constitution on September 17, 1787 at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Compatriot David Cook and the other members of the Color Guard have fully engaged Color Guard activities, and I think we can designate it a success. This time a year ago, we had to refer Color Guard requests to the American Legion because we did not have a functioning Color Guard.

The Chapter is working on a couple of events that you may be interested in. First, we have acquired a copy of Volumes Two and Three of the book "Proud Heritage, Pioneer Families of Dallas County," The Denton Public Library already has Volume One, and we are coordinating an appropriate donation ceremony, hopefully at our next meeting on October 14.

Thanks to Compatriot David Cook, we have a framed 33 inch by 27 inch copy of the Constitution that we would like to donate to the Denton County Courthouse. If you have not been to this new courthouse at 1 Courthouse Drive, Denton, I encourage you to stay tuned for the day and time of this donation. This courthouse is magnificent, and we hope that the framed copy of the Constitution will only enhance the decorum of the courthouse. Both of these planned events are examples of things that we at the Denton Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution do for the community.

The Denton Chapter will also schedule a flag retirement ceremony for sometime in the early fall. This ceremony oversees the respectful burning of United States flags that are torn, tattered, dirty, or otherwise not serviceable. The current plan is to enlist the help of the Denton Fire Department to conduct this ceremony. With that in mind, please gather your (and your neighbors) old and unserviceable flags for this ceremony, and bring it to our next meeting. If your flag is currently being displayed outside your home, maybe it's time to replace it with a new, clean flag. Amazon: \$39.99, 5 feet by 8 feet, and it will be here by tomorrow.

Our next in-person meeting will be the second Saturday in October, **October 14, 2023, 10:00 am** at the **Emily Fowler Public Library, 502 Oakland Street, Denton, TX 76201**. The speaker is scheduled to be retired UNT history professor and current president of the New Mexico Historical Society, Gus Seligmann. Dr. Seligmann is an informative speaker, with an entertaining style of delivery. Please mark your calendar for this meeting, and please feel free to bring your wives and other guests.

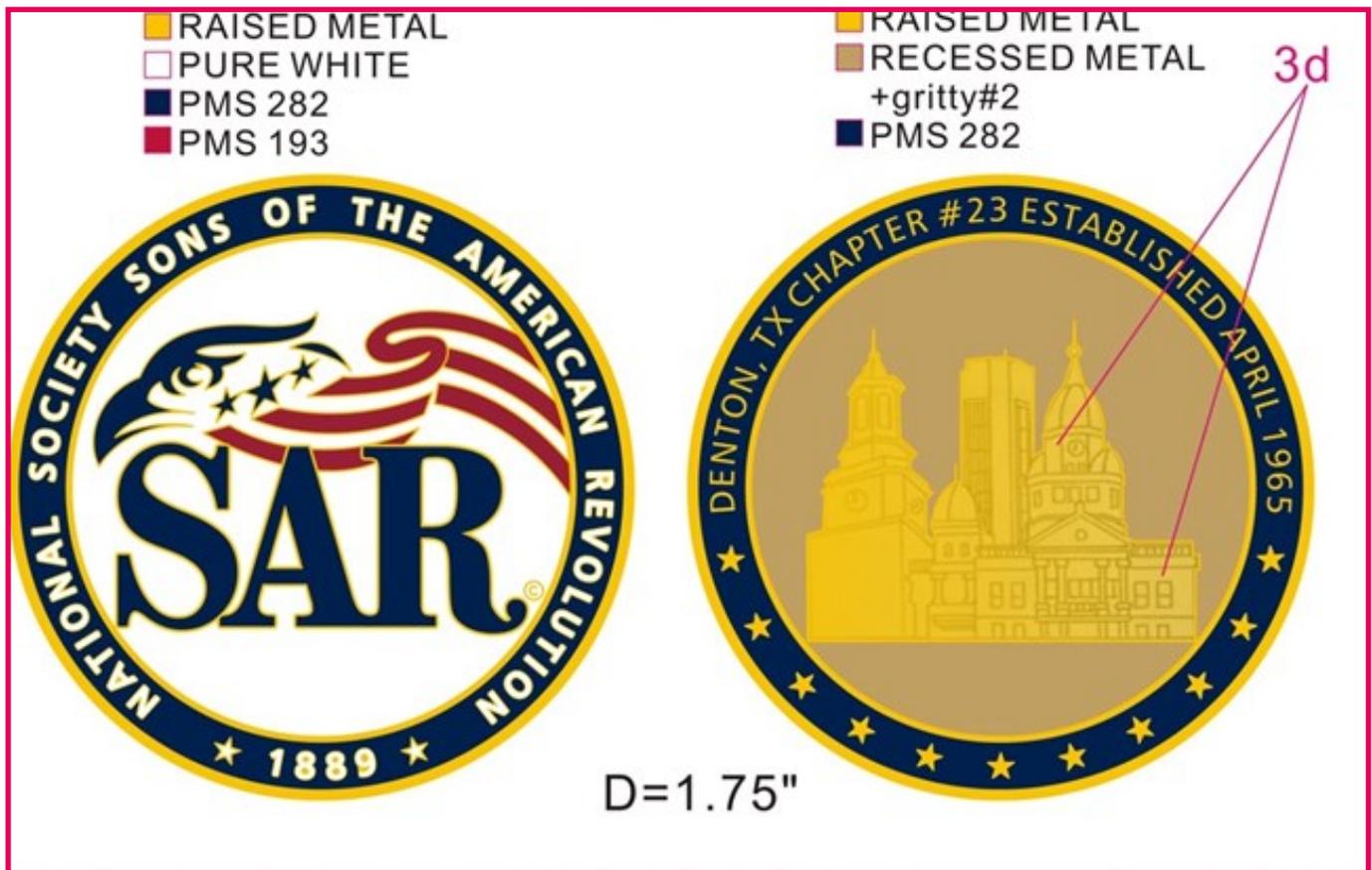
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Chapter President's Message, continued

Please remember that members and guests will have the opportunity to give a short (5 minutes, or less) biography of their Patriot Ancestor at our next meeting. Now is the time to refresh your memory of your Patriot Ancestor's service, whether this Patriot Ancestor has been approved at the SAR National Headquarters, or is one that you are working on getting approved.

We are a lineage-based society whose goals are to Promote Patriotism, Preserve American History, and Promote education to our future generations. These three things describe what the Sons of the American Revolution does. The Denton Chapter is committed to each of them, as shown by our activities of not only this month, but throughout the year.

Jim Akers, Denton Chapter President



The Eagle Scout Project

I'm excited to bring you the latest updates on my Eagle Scout project! I've reached some significant milestones and I can't wait to share the good news with you.

Project Completion: I'm thrilled to announce that I've successfully completed our fundraising efforts. Thanks to your incredible support and the generosity of our community, I've not only met but exceeded our fundraising goals. This achievement brings us one step closer to turning our vision into a reality.

A Surprise Twist: Here's the exciting part: all of the materials I needed have been generously donated by Texas Best Fence & Patio. This unexpected turn of event has exceeded our goal of supporting LLELA Nature Preserve.

Exceeding fundraising goals: Since I've received so much more than I initially anticipated, I am going to pay it forward. Any excess funds that are not used for our project will be donated back to LLELA for other projects. One of these projects is a new learning center, this initiative aims to create a space where individuals of all ages can access educational resources, helping us build a brighter future together.

I want to express our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you who has contributed to this project. Your kindness and support have made all the difference. I will continue to keep everyone posted with progress on my project as well with pictures.

Jonathan Lange,
Troop 192 Crew 60



National Society Sons of the American Revolution

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SARmagazine>



Also see the Denton Chapter Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/409893430767486>



Editor's Note

The Chapter website is <https://www.txssar.org/Denton/>. Note that the state and chapter web site will be unavailable for a few days in early October. 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 have a Facebook page, www.facebook.com, search for SAR Denton TX Chapter. 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

Denton SAR Chapter
Color Guard News, September, 2023



Current Status:

Congratulations to Bill Covington for agreeing to join our Denton SAR Chapter color Guard as our fifth member. Our current Color Guard roster includes: Bill Covington, Brandon Story, Christopher Strauss, Tom Richards, and Commander David Cook.

Additional Color Guard members are needed to have an effective unit.

Contact me as the Chapter Color Guard Commander for information on becoming a member.

Recent Events

The chapter Color Guard posted the colors for the Benjamin Lyonns DAR chapter on September 15th at the North Branch Library in Denton. Color Guard members included Bill Covington, Brandon Story, Christopher Strauss, Tom Richards and David Cook.

All are shown in the following photograph:



Left to right: David Cook, Brandon Story, Christopher Strauss, Bill Covington, Tom Richards

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Future Events

The following chart shows the available events for Color Guard participation. This has been distributed to the Chapter Color Guard members, **but has been revised as noted. The list is updated frequently as new information becomes known.**

Members can participate individually or we can attend as a Color Guard unit representing the Denton SAR Chapter. New Color Guard members are welcome.

It is significant to note that several events are designated as National Events which earns 20 points toward national and state Color Guard medals.

Date	Time-muster	Event	Location	Chp/st/na	
10/1/23 Sun	1:30	Viet Nam Memorial with CAR	State Fair- Jane Douglas House	?	
11/4 Sat	11-5	Field of Honor event	Red Tail Pavilion Oak park in Plano 2801 E. Spring Creek Parkway	N	
11/11 Sat	3:00	Veterans Day event	Oak point park in Plano 2801 e. Spring Creek Parkway	N	
11/5 Sun	1:30	Massing of Colors At Fort Worth	9100 N. Normandale St, Ft Worth	N	Rev
11/16 Thur	4:00	Grave Marking of State President H. P. Eller	Pecan Grove Cemetery 1701 McDonald st, McKinney TX.	S	
12/16 Tues	10:30	Wreaths across America	3900 Oakland Circle, Dallas	N	

“We are the face of the Sons of the American Revolution at the national, state, and chapter levels. Accordingly, as we further the Patriotic, Historic, and Educational Goals of the SAR let us have fun, enjoy the comradely, and practice safety for yourself and others. Yours in Patriotism

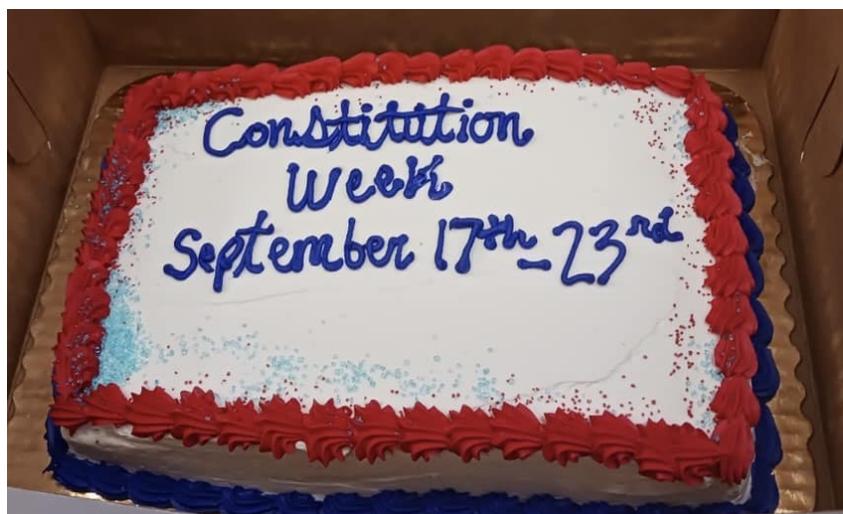
K. Scott Collins National Society SAR Color Guard Commander”

David R. Cook
Denton Color Guard Commander
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Constitution Week Sept 17 – 23, 2023



The Benjamin Lyon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution celebrated Constitution Week at the DAR Chapter meeting held on Sept 15th at the Denton North Branch Library.



50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration Lapel Pin Project

Like the Denton chapter, many other chapters within the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution participate in this very worthy project. One is our neighbor chapter to the South, the Major K M Van Zandt Chapter in Fort Worth, Texas. The Van Zandt chapter has been involved for about 7-8 years with the program scheduled to end in about two more years.

David Fleming, a member of the K M Van Zandt Chapter, is a Lieutenant with the Fort Worth Police Department and he has been in the chapter for the past 4 years. Below is his story about a lapel pin that he presented to Vietnam veteran in late September 2023.

Fleming wrote, "On September 26, 2023, I had the privilege of having lunch with Sergeant "Izzy Espinoza" of the Fort Worth Police Department.

Sgt. Espinoza is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and served as a navigator on the B-52 Stratofortress bomber during the 1970s. He was stationed at Carswell Air Force Base (now called Joint Reserve Base) and after separating from the USAF he stayed on in Fort Worth and joined the FWPD. He was hired in November 1982 and is currently in his 40th year carrying a badge for the City of Fort Worth. I presented Sgt. Espinoza with a Commemorative Lapel pin as well as the Major K M Van Zandt chapter challenge coin. I thanked him for his service to our Country and ensured him his contribution would never be forgotten.

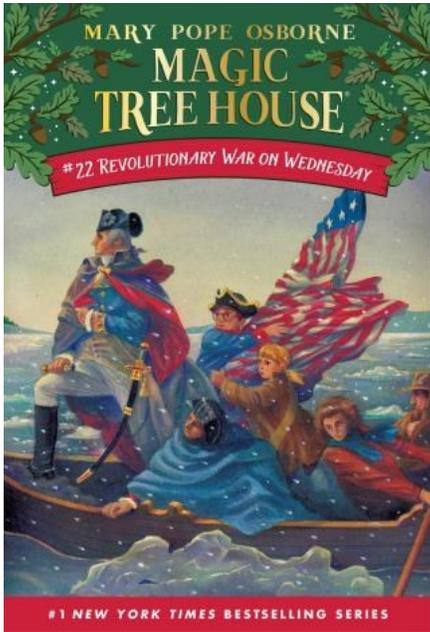


Sgt. Espinoza on the left in photo with Fort Worth Police Lt. and member of the Major K M Van Zandt chapter David Fleming on the right side.

The Denton Chapter has a supply of these lapel pins available for presentation to a Vietnam War Era veteran. Put a couple in your pocket or automobile glove box and join the effort to these guys and gals recognized. Get with past chapter president Mike Connelley; he has the lapel pins.

Revolutionary War on Wednesday

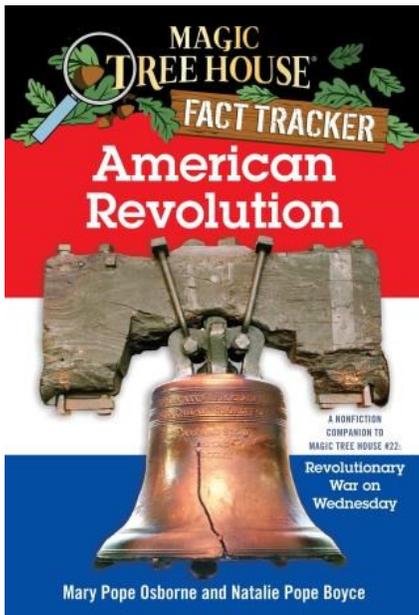
Author: Osborne, Mary Pope



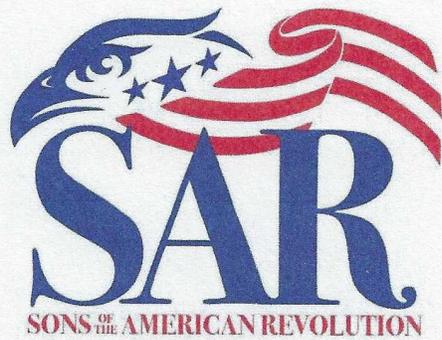
It is a dark and snowy night when the Magic Tree House whisks Jack and Annie back to colonial times. General George Washington is about to lead his army in a sneak attack against their enemy. But now terrible weather is making the great general question his plans. Can Jack and Annie keep history on track? The fate of the country rests in their hands!

American Revolution

Authors: Osborne, Mary PopeBoyce, Natalie Pope



Track the facts with Jack and Annie! When Jack and Annie got back from their adventure in Magic Tree House #22: Revolutionary War on Wednesday, they had lots of questions. What was it like to live in colonial times? Why did the stamp Act make the colonists so angry? Who were the Minutemen? What happened at the Boston Tea Party? Find out the answers to these questions and more as Jack and Annie track the facts.



SAR Embroidered Shirt Order Form

Shirts will be ordered from Angelheart Embroidery (tim.angelheart@gmail.com) who is located in Saginaw. Shirts will be embroidered with the new SAR Logo (above) on the left breast (Jim Akers has our SAR approval to use this.) **Optional:** Patriot, Compatriot Name and Chapter can be added as well.



Shirt Styles

		
Polo	Short Sleeve Button Down	Long Sleeve Button Down
Price (includes logo): (S-XL) \$32.42	Price (includes logo): (S-XL) \$34.98	Price (includes logo): (S-XL) \$36.98
(XXL) \$34.42	(XXL) \$36.98	(XXL) \$38.98

Color Palette – Button Downs

 Athletic Gold/ Light Stone	 Bark	 Black/ Light Stone	 Bright Lavender
 Burgundy/ Light Stone	 Classic Navy/ Light Stone	 Clover Green	 Court Green
 Dark Green/ Navy	 Light Blue/ Light Stone	 Light Stone/ Classic Navy	 Maui Blue
 Mediterranean Blue	 Navy/ Light Stone	 Purple/ Light Stone	 Red/ Light Stone
 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Royal/ Classic Navy	 Steel Grey/ Light Stone	 Stone	 Strong Blue
 Teal Green	 Texas Orange/ Light Stone	 Ultramarine Blue	 White/ Light Stone
 Yellow			

Color Palette – Polos

 Black	 Blue Lake	 Deep Orange	 Forest Green
 Gold	 Grey Concrete	 Iron Grey	 Kelly Green
 Lime Shock	 Maroon	 Purple	 Texas Orange
 Tropic Blue	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> True Navy	 True Red	 True Royal
 Vegas Gold	 White		



Shirt Order Form	
Name (as you want this to appear):	Personalize with Name (right breast): <div style="text-align: right;"> Y [] N [] - Plus: \$6 </div>
Chapter Name (as you want it to read):	Personalize with Chapter Name under SAR logo (left breast): <div style="text-align: right;"> Y [] N [] - Plus: \$4 </div>
Patriot Name (as you want this to appear):	Personalize with Patriot Name (right sleeve): <div style="text-align: right;"> Y [] N [] - Plus: \$6 / name </div>
Shirt Color (see palette above):	
Shirt Style:	Short Sleeve Polo [] Short Sleeve Button Down [] Long Sleeve Button Down [] - Prices detailed above by shirt size & type: \$32.42 – \$38.98
Shirt Size:	S [] M [] L [] XL [] XXL []
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	
Delivery Address:	<div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px;"> Shirts to be returned to Denton Chapter during next scheduled meeting. </div> <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> ORDER DEADLINE: October 7, 2023 </div>
Donation to Denton SAR:	\$8.00
TOTAL REMITTED:	\$.

Return Order Form & check made out to "SAR Denton Chapter" to:

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