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



Next Meeting: 10am April 6, 2024 NEW DATE

Emily Fowler Library in Denton

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
Color Guard — David Cook

Opportunities

1. **April 6, Denton SAR meeting**
2. **April 11-14, Texas State Annual Conference**
3. **April 27, Medal of Honor Parade, Gainesville**
4. **May 18, area Poster Contest awards**
5. **September 5, 250th anniversary of 1st Continental Congress**

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Chapter President Jim Akers Message:

Gentlemen:

Please recall that our next meeting is at 10:00 am, April 6, 2024 at the Emily Fowler Library, 502 Oakland Street, Denton, TX. This will be an important meeting where we will vote on changes to our Chapter By-Laws and Chapter Constitution, as well as elect new Chapter officers to serve for the next two years.

Our speaker for this meeting will be Captain Arthur Avery, who will speak on the militias in the Revolutionary War. Captain Avery is completing his Masters Degree in history at UNT, in preparation for his next assignment as an Assistant Professor at the US Military Academy at West Point.

On Tuesday, March 26, 2024 I was pleased to join the Benjamin Lyon (Denton) Chapter of the DAR, along with Compatriot Jim Hobdy and future member James Mack at a presentation by the DAR to the Denton Chapter of the Viet Nam Veterans Association. What a moving experience! There were about 80 attendees, including DAR members. The DAR presentation by Sylvia Hobdy was a patriotic audio-video program that celebrated the Viet Nam Veterans of America through a "Welcome Home" theme. These men and women proudly display their unit patches and awards and decorations on their chapter vests and caps. The number

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Chapter President's Message, continued

of Purple Heart Medal awardees and Silver Star recipients in Denton is inspiring. In addition to the DAR presentation, two of the members received patriotic hand-made quilts from an organization whose goal is to provide a quilt to each of the 100+ members of the Viet Nam Veterans of American organization.

We have several *additonal* events coming up in addition to those that I listed in a recent email. Please recall that April is the month for JROTC/ROTC awards. Chapter Treasurer and Past President Chris Strauss will be coordinating those awards, which include Ryan High School JROTC, University of North Texas Army ROTC, University of North Texas Air Force ROTC, Guyer High School JROTC, and Braswell High School JROTC. Chris will coordinate the presenter for each of these venues at our April 6, 2024 meeting, but please consider attending as many of these ceremonies as you can, even if you are not a presenter.

April is also the month for the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, TX. The parade begins on April 27, 2024 at 10:00 am on California Street, between the railroad and Braums. As a national event, Patriots who march or ride in the parade will be awarded the SAR Bernardo Galvez SAR medal. If you would like to march or ride in this event, please contact Color Guard Captain David Cook. This annual event will honor all Medal of Honor recipients, and some of the 66 still living Medal of Honor recipients will be in the parade. My preferred location for watching the parade is near the north east corner of the courthouse. Last year, we had three or four chapter members at that location, plus three or four members in the parade.

Again please remember that our next meeting will be April 6, 2024, 10:00 am at the Emily Fowler Library, 502 Oakland Street, Denton, TX.

Jim Akers, Chapter President

Candidate Slate, voting at the April 6, 2024 meeting

Proposed 2024-2026 Chapter Officers:

President:	Brandon Storey
Vice President:	OPEN
Recording Secretary:	Mike Frye
Secretary, Annual Reports:	Mike Connelley
Treasurer:	Chris Strauss
Assistant Treasurer:	Bill Rowell
Registrar:	Mike Lester
Sergeant At Arms:	Billy Roussell, III
Webmaster/Newsletter:	Bill Surles
Color Guard Commander:	David Cook

Upcoming SAR Events

Saturday, April 6, 2024: The Denton Chapter of the SAR meets at 10:00 AM in the Emily Fowler Library, 502 Oakland St., Denton, TX. This is an important meeting where we will elect new Chapter officers, and ratify our updated By-Laws. Our speaker will be Captain Arthur Avery, a history student and Assistant Professor of History designate at the US Military Academy at West Point, who will speak on the militias in the Revolutionary War.

Thursday to Sunday, April 11 to April 14, 2024: The Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will host the Annual SAR State Convention at the Double Tree Hotel, 611 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78216. Registration can be made at <https://www.txssar.org/> and click on "Events".

Saturday, April 27, 2024: Medal of Honor Parade, Gainesville, TX. 10:00 AM on California Street, between the railroad and Braums. If you would like to march in this SAR National Event, please contact Color Guard Captain David Cook. This annual event is an inspiring parade to just watch, and bring your wives and children or grandchildren.
<https://medalofhonorhostcity.com/>

Saturday, May 18, 2024: The Denton Chapter of the SAR will award a prize to the winning Denton Chapter grade school Poster contestant. We will participate in this award with other chapters at the Dallas Chapter meeting at 9:00 am, 2 Ventana Way South, Dallas, TX. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 AM for \$15.

May 18, 2024: The Van Zandt (Fort Worth) Chapter of the SAR will raffle a Henry SAR Commemorative rifle during their chapter meeting. Tickets are \$20, and you need not be present to win. Please let me know not later that May 17, 2024 if you still need to buy your tickets.

Saturday, May 25, 2024: There will be TWO Patriot Grave Markings. The first is in Maud, TX at 9:30 AM, Center Ridge Cemetery, 8641 Texas Highway 8, Maud, TX. Maud, TX is 45 miles east of Mount Pleasant, TX.

After a break for lunch, the second Patriot Grave Marking will be 55 miles west of Maud at 1:30 PM, Clarksville Cemetery, 608 West Washington Street, Clarksville, TX.

Please consider attending three or four of these events.

Jim Akers
President, Denton Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution

The Sons of the American Revolution
What are we as an organization and how
do I make the most of my membership?

Edition Number Three

ROTC / JROTC Award Program

The single largest youth award / recognition program the chapter is involved with is the annual recognition given to the outstanding cadets in the JROTC / ROTC programs at Denton area colleges and high schools. Our chapter is heavily invested in support of this annual program along with Denton area military organizations and DAR chapters in the Denton area. Those awards are presented in late March / April time frame and that is why I moved this topic up to the first part of 2024 articles. If you want to get involved with chapter community activities; this is a great program to begin that process.

Chris Strauss, long time chapter member, past chapter president and current chapter treasurer is the coordinator of the ROTC / JROTC program. Awards are given to the outstanding cadets at the University of North Texas, Texas Woman's University along with area high schools that have a JROTC program.

The program is a very well organized and efficient process with each educational institution and does not require what I call "heavy lifting" on the part of the presenter. The schools do a very good job of identifying the school winners with Chris getting the awards into the hands of the schools. The chapter attempts to have a "presenter" at each schools' program. The presenter just shows up in "casual business dress", presents the appropriate award and then sits back down. Simple and a great way to get involved with the chapter and a Denton area entity (the high schools).

So, what is considered "casual business dress"? I have seen presentations made in dress anywhere from suit and tie to very informal business attire. Personally, I prefer to make the presentation in a sport coat, slacks, dress shirt and tie. For the most part, the events occur during non-school hours around the 5PM to 6PM time frame. Sometimes a meal is served, other schools may just have snacks and cookies afterwards. Each educational institution somewhat sets their own agenda and format.

For me, it has always been a good feeling program in which smart, dedicated youth are recognized for their efforts. Give it some thought and let Chris know you are interested in becoming involved.

Mike Connelley, past chapter president, Denton Chapter # 23
Cell number 817-994-1356 (call me / text me with any question)

Denton SAR Chapter Color Guard



**Denton SAR Chapter
Color Guard at the
Texas Convention of
Colonial Dames
March, 2024**



Date	Time-muster	Event	Location	Chapter /State /National
4/27/24		Medal of Honor Parade	Gainesville, TX	S
5/25/24		Patriot Grave Markings	Maud and Clarksville Texas	S

Join the Denton Chapter Color Guard

Members can participate individually or we can attend as a Color Guard unit representing the Denton SAR Chapter. New Color Guard members are welcome. Color guard members wanting to attend are to contact Color Guard Commander David Cook.

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

“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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America 250 Decade Of The American Revolution



The National SAR has created this **Decade of the American Revolution** calendar to list Revolutionary War signature events each year that will be the focus of the NSSAR main celebration. Every State Society and all State Chapters should download the programs for the year and celebrate with us in your local area.

December 16, 2023 Boston Tea Party

September 5, 2024 The First Continental Congress

2025 Battles of Lexington and Concord.

2026 Declaration of Independence

2027 Battle of Saratoga

2028 French Alliance

2029 Siege of Vincennes/Fort Sackville Battle of Kettle Creek

2030 Battle of Kings Mountain

2031 Siege of Yorktown 2032 Battle of Blue Licks

2033 Treaty of Paris

Visit <https://america250sar.org/rd/> for details of each event.

Books New to the Genealogy Collection at the Emily Fowler Central Library

Need to figure what year a photograph was taken? Try establishing a date by identifying the clothes. Check out these books about fashion and clothing as well as a few of the other new books in the Genealogy Collection.



Identifying Clothing

18th-century Fashion in Detail
by North, Susan G 391.0094 NOR

19th-century Fashion in Detail
by Johnston, Lucy G 391.009 JOH

American Victorian Costume in Early Photographs
by Dalrymple, Priscilla Harris G 391.0097 DAL

Children's Costume: The Complete Historical Sourcebook
by Peacock, John G 391.309 PEA

The Chronicle of Western Fashion: From Ancient Times to the Present Day
by Peacock, John G 391.009 PEA

Dressed for the Photographer
Ordinary Americans and Fashion, 1840-1900
by Severa, Joan L. G 771 SEV

Vital, Court, Divorce, and Other Topics

6400 Suits for Divorce, Jackson County, Missouri, 1880-1900: An Index to Reports in Kansas City, Missouri, Newspapers
G 977.841 THA

African Americans and American Indians in the Revolutionary War
by Crowder, Jack Darrell G 973.344 CRO

Bucks County, Pennsylvania Orphans' Court Records, 1852-1900 by Myers, Thomas G. G 974.821 MYE

Chandler Cemetery and Its People (Henderson County TX)
by Smith, Jaycie M. G 976.4227 SMI

Divorce Cases Filed in Hendricks County, Indiana
by Thompson, Meredith G 977.253 THO

Essential Skills for the Occasional Genealogist: Beyond Beginner Genealogy Skills for Busy Family Historians
by Dondero, Jennifer Patterson G 929.1 DON

A Guide to Norwegian Genealogy, Emigration, and Transmigration
by Haakenstad, Liv Marit G 948.1 HAA

Last Names of Nuevo Leon, Hinojosa
by Garza, Moises G 929.2 GAR

List of Free African Americans in the American Revolution: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland, and Delaware: (followed by the French and Indian War and Colonial Militias) by Heinegg, Paul G 973.346 HEI

The People of Argyll, Bute, and Dunbarton, 1600-1699
by Dobson, David G 941.1 DOB

Timeline of the British Monarchy: Chart the History of the Royal Family
by Mason, Antony G 942.086 BAK

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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/>. On that site are the back copies of this newsletter, information about the Chapter, and links to the SAR State and National web sites.

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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