



February, 2025

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



Next Meeting: **March 8, 2025 at 10am**

Emily Fowler Public Library, 502 Oakland Street, Denton

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## Opportunities

1. **March 8, Denton Chapter meeting**
2. **March 27-30, SAR State Convention**
3. **April, 250th anniversary of the Battle of Lexington & Concord**
4. **May 10, Denton Chapter meeting**
5. **SAR National Conference, July 2027**

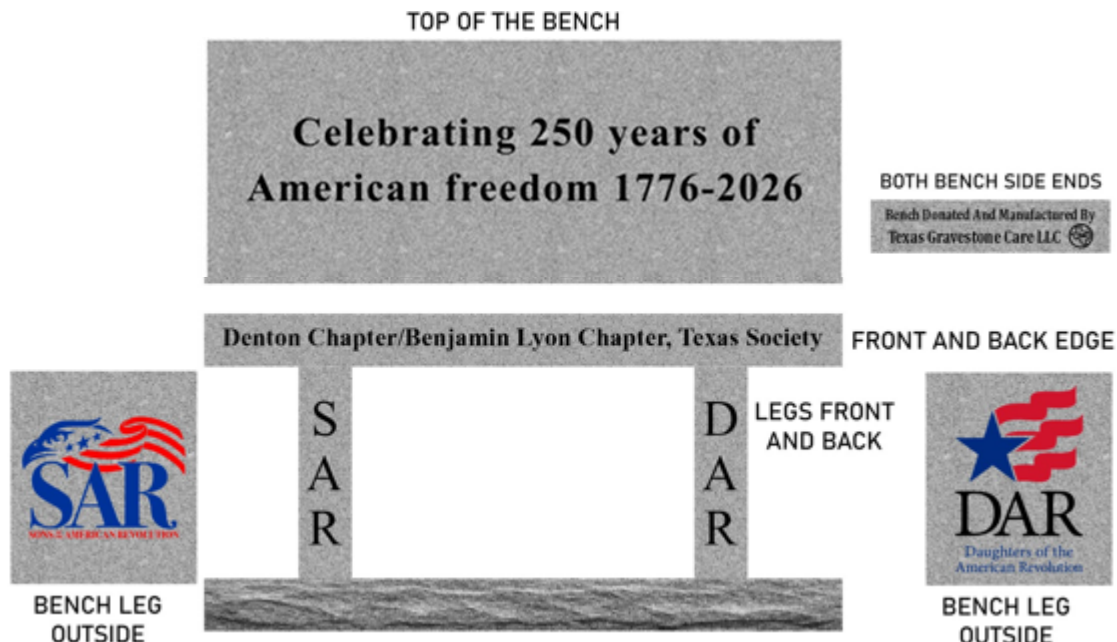
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## Bench for Denton

## Current Design Choice



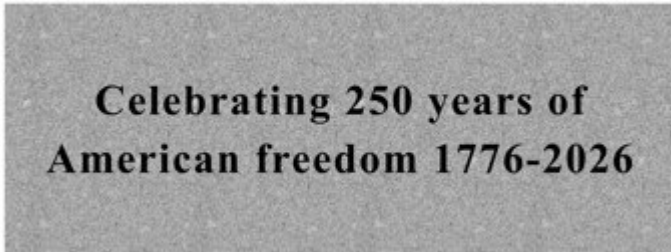
# **Bench for Denton**

## **SAR 250th Anniversary of America**

### **Memorial Bench Program**

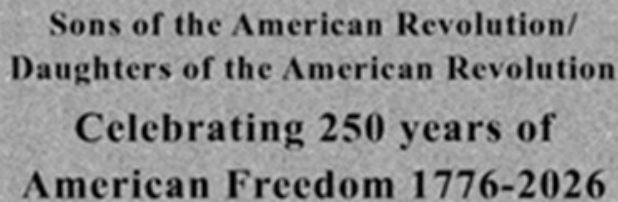
The Bench Committee needs your opinion. Please vote for one of these choices for the top of the bench, and/or make a suggestion.

#### **Design 1**



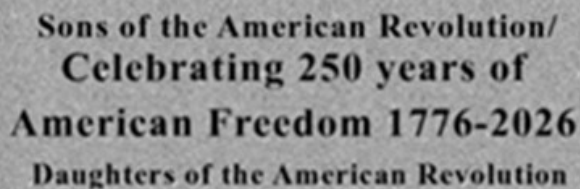
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American freedom 1776-2026**

#### **Design 2**



**Sons of the American Revolution/  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
Celebrating 250 years of  
American Freedom 1776-2026**

#### **Design 3**



**Sons of the American Revolution/  
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Daughters of the American Revolution**

Send you opinion, comments and/or suggestions to:

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**Bench for Denton**  
**SAR 250th Anniversary of America**  
**Memorial Bench Program**

**OTHER INFORMATION**

- 1. Cost of the bench: \$2,440 minus the donation by the memorial company of \$1,140 = \$1,300**
- 2. Cost of delivery and setting = \$1,850**
- 3. \$1,000 more if a concrete base is required (could be done by a local company)**
- 4. Denton SAR & DAR have agreed to share the work and expense**
- 5. Denton local memorial company declined to bid**
- 6. Need contacts and permissions for Denton City and/or County for location**



### A SAR Color Guard Story

Our small SAR chapter Color Guard unit in North Georgia was asked one year to be in a small North Carolina town July 4 parade, in which we did.

An observer took a video of the parade and shared it with me after the parade. The video shows the police car leading the parade with a short break of nothing. Then it showed the very tops of four Colonial flags coming up a slight hill. Slowly emerging were four uniformed SAR Color Guard members caring the flags and flanked by militia musket bearers on each end of the line.

I know every spectator watching the Color Guard marching in that Fourth of July parade felt a strong sense of patriotism and were proud to be an American.

**That**, is what SAR Color Guard units do. It is the “pay” we receive for volunteering our time and energies to promoting patriotism.

**That** is what the Denton SAR Chapter Color Guard “COULD” do. Yes it takes time, priority and a little cash. But to be in that parade and pass by a little boy, flag in hand, and saluting our flag will remain in my mind forever.

Joining and participating in the Denton SAR Chapter Color Guard is up to you.

David R, Cook, Denton SAR Chapter, Color Guard Commander  
2025 Schedule:

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	ATTENDEES- PLANNED
Jan 23/5.30	Malvern Elementary Fair, traveling trunk	McKinney	
Feb 22/9am	George Washington parade,	Laredo ,TX	
Feb 28-march 2	TBA	Kingwood	
March 27-30	TX SAR State convention	Richardson	David cook
April 9/7:45 am	Providence Christian School, Patriot Day	LoversLane, Dallas	David cook
April 12	Medal of honor parade	Gainsvill	
April 18/ 9am	Historical presentation Lexington/concord-greeters	Little Elm	David cook Mike lester
June 28	Denton parade, independence	Denton	

### Join the Denton Chapter Color Guard

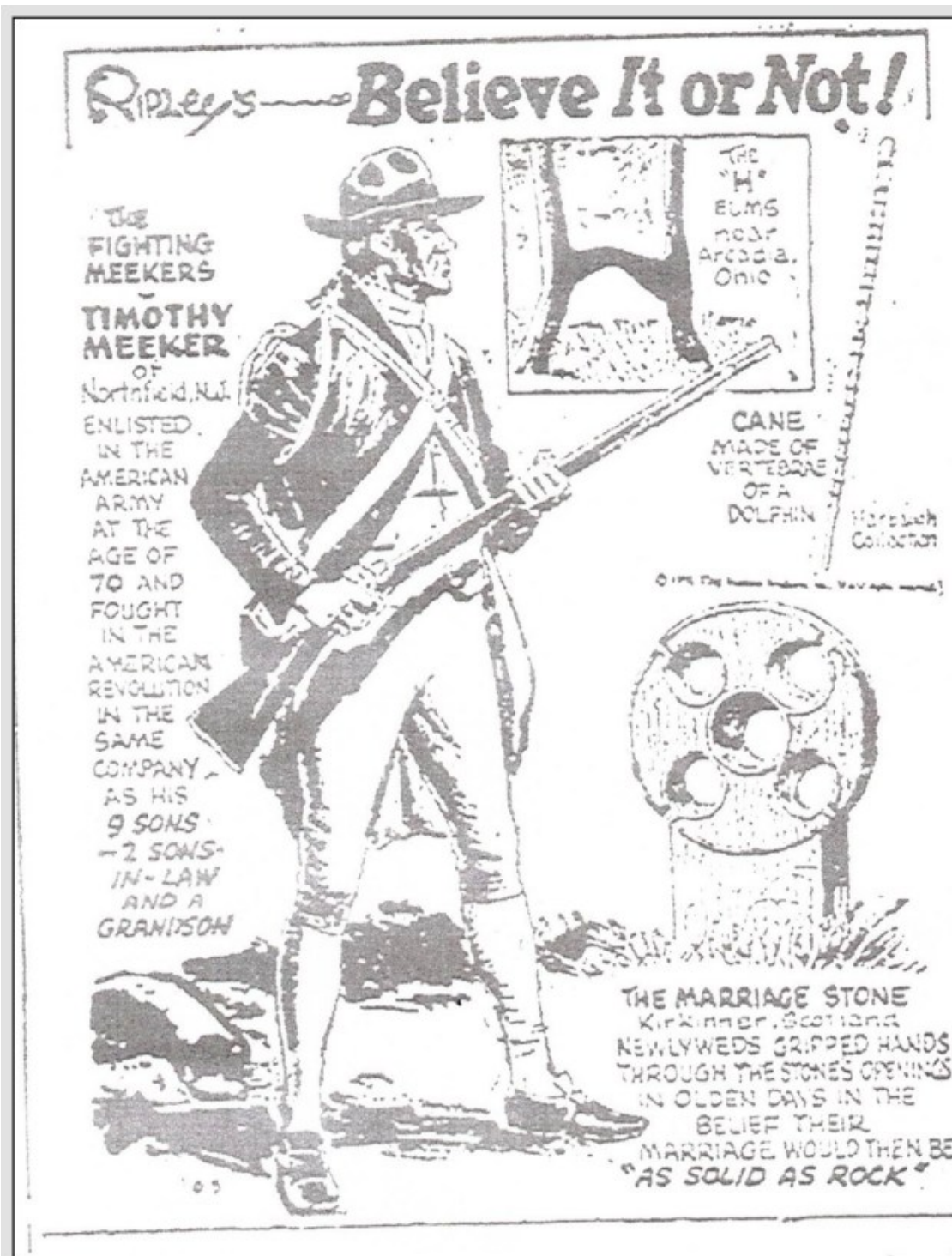
Members can participate individually or we can attend as a Color Guard unit representing the Denton SAR Chapter. New Color Guard members are welcome. Color guard members wanting to attend are to contact Color Guard Commander David Cook.

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**  
**706-835-5910**  
**davidcook1936@gmail.com**



This guy was 70 when he fought In the American Revolution, Moses was 80 yrs old when he led the children of Israel out of Egypt and Noah was 80 yrs old when he built the arch. Incidentally, the specs for the ark are still the basis for all naval architecture, I.E. 5 times as long as it is wide.

Most certainly we are in as good a shape as they were, **so come to the meetings.** Like our ancestors and the above listed, we have a higher calling.

With respect, Mike Frye



# Bicentennial of Lafayette's Farewell Tour



**August 16, 2024** saw the kick off this monumental Bicentennial celebration. The hundreds of events planned will trace Lafayette's footstep on the exact dates and in the exact order he followed on his tour of America as the "Guest of the Nation" between 1824 and 1825. Celebration and party at every stop.

An introductory video is here:

<https://vimeo.com/855470022>

**Did your Patriot meet Lafayette on his tour? Check out the map on the Tour website <https://lafayette200.org/>, research your Patriot's life and/or family in 1824-1825. Was he still alive? Was he or his ancestors on the Tour route? Any family documentation for that period of time?**

## February, 2025

February 1-2, 1825 — Harrisburg, Pennsylvania  
February 2-3, 1825 — York, Pennsylvania  
February 4, 1825 — New Baltimore, Maryland  
February 6-20, 1825 — Washington D.C.  
February 21, 1825 — Alexandria, Virginia  
February 22, 1825 — Washington D.C.  
February 25, 1825 — Suffolk, Virginia  
February 26, 1825 — Somerton, Virginia  
February 26, 1825 — Murfreesboro, North Carolina  
February 27, 1825 — Conway, North Carolina  
February 27, 1825 — Jackson, North Carolina  
February 27, 1825 — Halifax, North Carolina  
February 28, 1825 — Enfield, North Carolina  
February 28, 1825 — Rocky Mount, North Carolina



# **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**

**August 14, 2024 200th Anniversary of Lafayette's arrival in the U.S. for his Tour**

**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.

## DPL Online Genealogy Resource Spotlight: HeritageHub

We're kicking off a five-part series on various genealogical resources available to all Denton Public Library cardholders—accessible from the comfort of your own home through your DPL account!

In this first post, our focus is on HeritageHub. In coming posts, we'll feature Newspaper Archives, Heritage Quest, The Denton Record Chronicle Collection, and Fold3.

HeritageHub's databases includes obituaries and death notices published in newspapers as far back as 1704—though most of the publications are much more recent. HeritageHub also includes databases of funeral home notices back to 2019, and Social Security Death Index (SSDI) records between 1935-2014.

HeritageHub has some great features:

Narrow your search results to a manageable number by using the options on the left side bar. Sort results by best matches, newest, or oldest matches. Narrow the dates included in the results, or choose various sources, such as particular newspapers.

Create a free account by clicking the "Session Folder" at the top of the results page. You will be prompted to create your account there. This gives you access to various features:

- Save your searches. For example, if you plan to search often for items on "John Smith" you can create that saved search. When you return to Heritage Hub at a later time, you simply run that saved search.
- Create an Alert, and Heritage Hub will send you an email when there are new matches for your search criteria. Convenient!
- Create Personal Folders to keep track of your finds. Save them in one main folder or create individual folders, such as for various surnames.

After viewing the quick tutorial available at this link <https://www.newsbank.com/videos/heritagehub-tutorial>, I decided to do a little searching for myself. I decided to look for an obituary for my great-grandfather Edward Joseph Baker, who died in 1961 in Cleveland.

First, I viewed the "A-Z Source List" on the home page to see what was available in Cleveland. HeritageHub lists just a few publications from Cleveland, with starting dates ranging from 1845 to 2008. The only two publications that included 1961 were the *Plain Dealer* and the *Cleveland Leader*. Ticking those off, I then chose the "Search Within These Selections" button at the page bottom.

On the search page, I entered *Edward, Baker, and 1961* in the search fields. I got one hit: an obituary that I do not have—published on 29 December 1961 in the *Plain Dealer*.

The screenshot shows the HeritageHub search results for "Edward J Baker". At the top, there's a navigation bar with "Select Articles 1 - 1" and "1 selected". Below this, the article title "Edward J Baker" is highlighted. The results are organized into four columns: Source, Article, Event, and Family Relationships. The Source column lists "December 29, 1961 | Plain Dealer (published as THE PLAIN DEALER) | Cleveland, Ohio | Page 29". The Article column shows a preview of the obituary text: "BAKER, EDWARD J. Age 73; beloved husband of...". The Event column lists "Born 1888" and "Died December 29, 1961". The Family Relationships column lists "Wife Catherine Cassidy", "Son Charles", and "Unknown Mrs Joseph Gilbride".

Source	Article	Event	Family Relationships
December 29, 1961   Plain Dealer (published as THE PLAIN DEALER)   Cleveland, Ohio   Page 29	<b>BAKER, EDWARD J.</b> Age 73; beloved husband of... erine (nee Cassidy) (de... dear father of Charles (de... Mrs. Joseph (Josephine) C... Mrs. Peter (Kathryn) G... Mrs. Henry (Gertrude) G... Mrs. Henry (Marybelle) K... Jane; grandfather of 12; grandfather of two; brother Rev. Fr. Vincent L. Bak... Ina Fitzellbons, both of 1	Born 1888  Died December 29, 1961  Age 73	Wife Catherine Cassidy  Son Charles  Unknown Mrs Joseph Gilbride  Unknown Josephine Gilbride ...More

Search results for Edward Baker obituary.



Though I already know a great deal about my great-grandfather Edward and his death information, I still learned a few new facts from this obituary: He had 12 grandchildren; the Riczo Funeral Home handled his arrangements; and his funeral was held at St. Henry Catholic Church in Cleveland.

**BAKER, EDWARD J.**

Age 73; beloved husband of Catherine (nee Cassidy) (deceased); dear father of Charles (deceased), Mrs. Joseph (Josephine) Gilbride, Mrs. Peter (Kathryn) Gambino, Mrs. Henry (Gertrude) Harris, Mrs. Henry (Marybelle) Kosak and Jane; grandfather of 12; great-grandfather of two; brother of the Rev. Fr. Vincent L. Baker and Ina Fitzgibbons, both of Canada. Friends received at the Riczo Funeral Home, 17504 Harvard Ave., where services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a. m. and St. Henry Church at 11 a. m.

*Edward J. Baker's Cleveland Plain Dealer obituary.*

This treasure of an obituary also included the name of his wife (including her maiden name); his children's names (including the daughters' married names and their husband's names), and the names of his living siblings in Canada. It also noted which family members were already deceased. Had I not been more familiar with Edward Baker, finding this obituary would have been like striking gold for the wealth of information it includes.

Ready to try out HeritageHub for yourself?

- To access HeritageHub, login to your Denton Public Library account.
- Navigate to "Research Tools," then "Genealogy," or follow this link: [https://library.cityofdenton.com/screens/dpl\\_research.html](https://library.cityofdenton.com/screens/dpl_research.html)
- Choose HeritageHub from the menu.
- Enter your library card number under "Connect to NewsBank resources"
- Get a quick tutorial on how to navigate HeritageHub by viewing the video at this link: <https://www.newsbank.com/videos/heritagehub-tutorial>
- For more information, a Frequently Asked Questions PDF is also available. Click the dropdown under "How to Use HeritageHub" at the top right of the homepage to download it.
- Still need more help? Email [genealogy@cityofdenton.com](mailto:genealogy@cityofdenton.com), call one of the genealogy librarians in Special Collections, at 940-349-8762 (press 3, 3), or drop into the Emily Fowler Central Library for more assistance.

What discoveries will you make on HeritageHub? Let us know in the comments.

—Nancy Gilbride Casey, DPL Volunteer

## 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/dentontxsar>



### 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. NOTE: **There is now a Chapter calendar on the website.** Right-most tab: <https://www.texassar.org/Denton/calendar.htm>

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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