



March, 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**

**Denton North Branch Library, 3020 N Locust St, Denton, TX**

## Chapter Officers

President—Brandon Story  
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Mike Connelley  
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Color Guard — David Cook

## 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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## President's Message

Compatriots - now is the time to reach out to any family members and friends not currently in the SAR and get them involved. In April, the National Society is making a big push to sign up new members in the wake of 250 years of American Heritage.

If you know of anyone (NEW) considering an SAR application, now is the time for them to take advantage of this special - 50% off application fees. Applications must be sent/received in the month of April - so there is a little time to get this together, but not much.

Please forward this newsletter to anyone you may know who is on the fence about joining the SAR. Click here to get started:

[Apply in 4 Easy Steps – National Society Sons of the American Revolution](#)

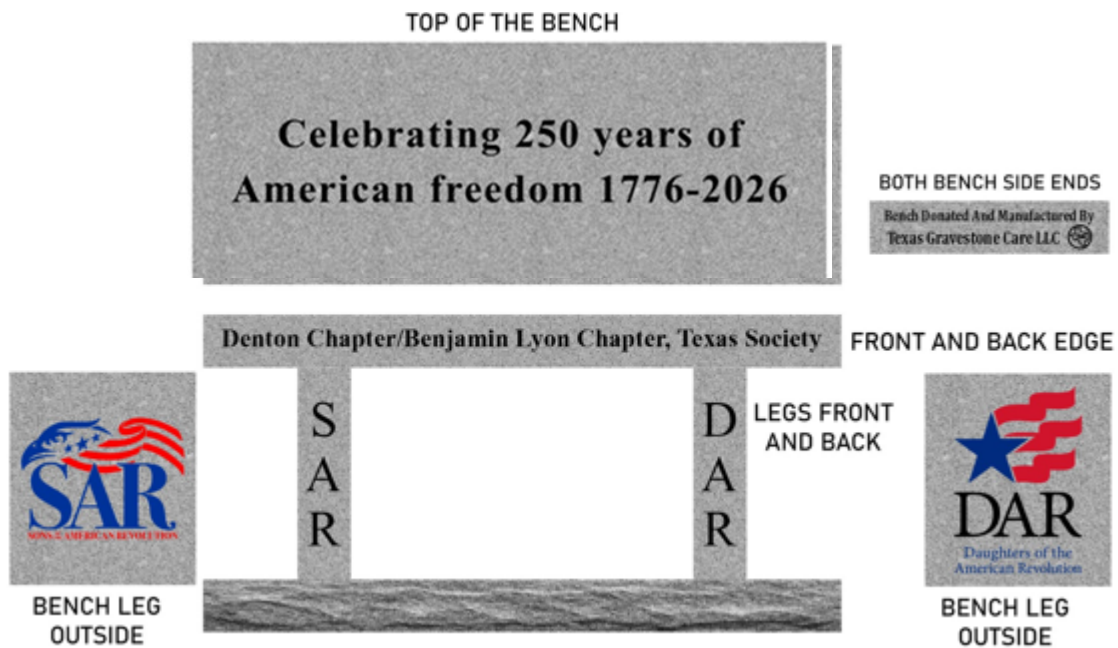
Lastly, please remember our upcoming March meeting on March 8 at 10 AM at the **NORTH BRANCH Library** (not Emily Fowler).

Our guest speaker will be Lt. General John Campbell.

Brandon Story, SAR Denton Chapter President

# **Bench for Denton**

## **Current Design Choice**



### **OTHER CHAPTERS considering a bench (As known by State President-Elect Mel Oller)**

- 1. Piney Woods Chapter, Humble, completed at the Texas Museum**
- 2. Freedom Chapter, Montgomery County Veterans Flag Park**
- 3. Paul Carrington Chapter, Houston, planning, trying for Houston Veterans Cemetery**
- 4. Robert Ranking Chapter, Katy, planning**
- 5. Texas SAR, looking for a suitable Austin location as The State Cemetery denied request so far**



### 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
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**  
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## MINUTES FOR CHAPTER ZOOM MEETING

January 11, 2025

### DENTON CHAPTER #23 TEXAS SAR

President Brandon Story called meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. due to ice event the meeting was held online. 15 in attendance

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance of the flag of the United States of America

Pledge to Texas Flag

Pledge of SAR

Quest speaker Gen Postponed

Old Business:

Brandon Story gave report on the SAR stone bench project Fabrication \$2,440; Denton SAR is working with DAR to cost share. SAR approx. \$1,300.

The T-Shirt order form will be sent out soon.

Minutes of Oct, 2024 Submitted by Mike Frye

Recording Secretary

Seconded by Jim Akers

Treasurer's Report by

Chris Strauss, \$4356.89

Motion to approve Todd Wilber Second

New Business

Jim Akers will fill in as Registrar and reminded members of planned Veterans Day events

Jim Akers urged members to attend the SAR State Chapters meeting March 27-28-29-30 2025 in Richardson, Tx.

Tom Milson State Presidents Reception Fri 3-17, 2025. The state raffle fund raiser is at this time along with a Silent Auction for the State Youth Programs

Our own Jim Akers will be the new District VP.

January 11, 2025 Chapter Meeting Minutes continued on next page.....

Mike Connelly stated we need to begin recruiting for the 2025 Essay/orator awards program. We had no participants in 2024.

The poster contest for schools will begin soon. Chapter motioned to pay \$75.00 to the winner.

Jim Hobdy gave update on the 1776 lapel pins. Jim Akers made a motion to order these and Mike Frye seconded the motion.

April 12, 2025 Medal of Honor parade is in Gainesville, Tx. A color guard event

Jim Akers made a motion seconded by Todd for the chapter to participate in the Denton city 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade by selling bottles of water. Mike Miller to help with sales.

DAR chapter is having a Viet Nam veterans recognition meeting. Chapter voted to participate second by Jim Hobdy.

Mike Connelly asked members to keep a log of hospital/nursing home visits we make and funerals we attend for veterans. These give us points at the State level. Plus, this is work for a cause larger than us.

Tom Milson and Mike Connelly suggested we visit the Public Texas State SAR website and the private website so we can keep up with what we are about.

Brandon reminded the chapter 2025 dues are due now and can pay online.

Next meeting is March 8, 2025 at The North Denton Library. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

**Next Meeting ... March 8 at 10:00 AM  
at the North Branch Denton Library, 3020 N Locust St, Denton, TX**



# 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?**

## March, 2025

March 1, 1825 — Rogers Corner, North Carolina	March 19-21, 1825 — Savannah, GA
March 2, 1825 — Raleigh, North Carolina	March 23, 1825 — Augusta, GA
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March 3, 1825 — Raleigh, North Carolina	March 24, 1825 — Augusta, GA
March 4, 1825 — Fayetteville, North Carolina	March 25, 1825 — Warrenton, GA
March 5, 1825 — Fayetteville, North Carolina	March 26, 1825 — Sparta, GA
March 6, 1825 — Cheraw, South Carolina	March 27, 1825 — Milledgeville, GA
March 7, 1825 — Camden, South Carolina	March 28, 1825 — Milledgeville, GA
March 8, 1825 — Camden, South Carolina	March 29, 1825 — Milledgeville, GA
March 9, 1825 — Camden, South Carolina	March 30, 1825 — Macon, GA
March 10, 1825 — Columbia, South Carolina	March 31, 1825 — Buena Vista, GA
March 11-12, 1825 — Columbia, South Carolina	March 31, 1825 — Buena Vista, GA
March 13, 1825 — Charleston, South Carolina	March 31, 1825 — Fort Mitchell, AL
March 14-17, 1825 — Charleston, South Carolina	March 31, 1825 — Seale, AL
March 17, 1825 — Edisto Island, South Carolina	
March 18, 1825 — Beaufort, South 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.

## Denton Library Info

### Find Family News and Events Using NewspaperArchive

Newspaper research is fun! Where else can you find so many interesting tidbits, gossip, obituaries, wedding notices, sports mentions, and so much more about your ancestors?

In this second installment in our series on genealogical databases available from home for FREE with your Denton Public Library card, we're looking at a great newspaper resource: NewspaperArchive.

To get started, access the NewspaperArchive database at this link: [https://library.cityofdenton.com/screens/sc\\_resources.html](https://library.cityofdenton.com/screens/sc_resources.html). You'll need to enter your library card number and your pin to log in to the site.

From the NewspaperArchive homepage, you can either dive right into searching for your ancestors or scroll down to take a look at the various publications available on the site by location, date, or publication name. Remember that no one newspaper site will hold images for every newspaper, nor every year for any given newspaper. It pays to determine if the site includes newspapers of interest

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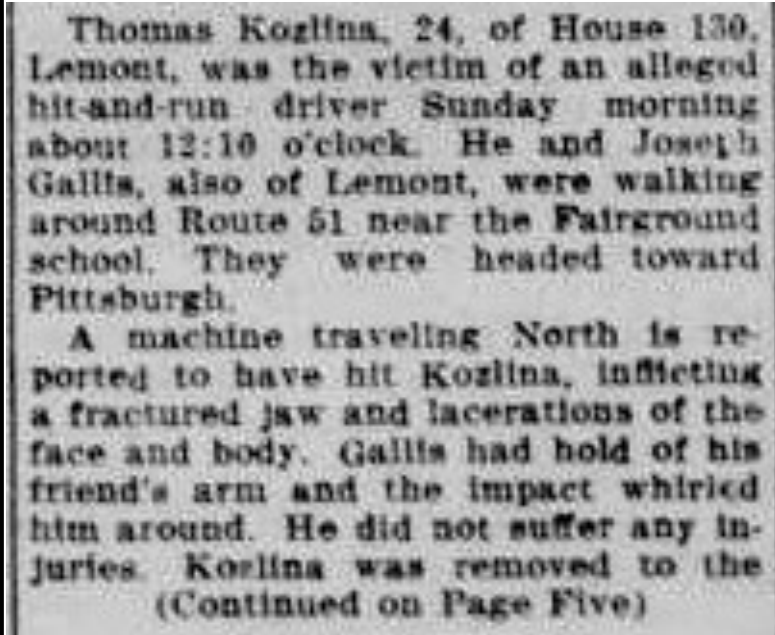
before you get frustrated looking for items in papers not in their collection or not for the dates you need.

The browse by location option shows that NewspaperArchive holds not only U.S.-based newspapers, but also from a wide range of countries, from Canada to Mexico, Algeria to Uzbekistan. Target the locality you wish to search for by choosing the country, state, city, and publication options.

The browse by date page allows searchers to find newspapers by century from the 1600s to the 2000s. Choosing any century brings up a list of the years in which the site has newspapers in its collection. Clicking on the year brings up all the newspapers available for that year. (Be sure scroll down the page to view this option.)



The browse by publication page takes you to the “All Newspaper Directory,” which is listed by date the title was most recently updated. Clicking on the red “Newspaper” heading will re-sort the titles alphabetically. Narrow your location, date range, and title by entering information in the search boxes on the right side.



Using this search option, I located a few paragraphs about my grandfather Thomas Kozlina, who was the victim of a hit and run in 1934 near Lemont Furnace, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, in which he suffered a broken jaw. The item was part of a larger article about a string of auto accidents in the area, including a fatal bus accident. The two paragraphs include my grandfather's age, local address, who he was travelling with, where they were headed, and that his condition at the hospital was good.<sup>1</sup>

Once logged in, researchers can create a free account in order to save favorite pages or specific searches and create folders for clippings. Click on the “My Account” option at the top right to work with those features.

NewspaperArchive has one feature I've never seen in a newspaper database before: options to change the shape of the clipping for those odd articles which span more than one column. What a great option!

If scrolling through old newspapers is a favorite pastime, be sure to check out NewspaperArchive with your DPL card. Here's hoping you find some family treasures!

—Nancy Gilbride Casey, DPL Volunteer

1. “Discover Young Woman Pinned in Wreckage After Others Are Moved,” The Morning Herald [Uniontown, Penns.], 16 April 1934, p. 1, col. 6; imaged, NewspaperArchive (<https://access.newspaperarchive.com/us/pennsylvania/uniontown/uniontown-morning-herald/1934/04-16> : accessed 6 Jan. 2025). *Search results for Edward Baker obituary.*

## 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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