

Edmund Terrill Chapter #34

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

January 17, 2026, Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by Acting President Dr. Gary Sisson.

The invocation was led by Acting Chaplin Lynn Johnson.

The pledge to the US Flag, Texas Flag, and Texas SAR Flag led by Acting President Sisson.

Recognition of guests by Acting President Sisson: Texas Society SAR President, Mel Oller and other SAR chapter presidents (past-presidents) and current officers were recognized – Tom Van Fossen (Dallas Chapter) and Tom Milson (McKinney), Gary Barker, Dale Rideout, Wade Graves and Ted Wilson (Edmund Terrell). Barbara Johnson and Michelle Jones were recognized guests.

The following new officers were inducted by Texas State SAR President Mel Oller and sworn in for a two-year term:

President:	Dr. Gary Sisson
Vice President:	Andy Jones
Secretary:	Harry Barber
Treasurer:	John Young
Chaplain:	Lynn Johnson
Registrar:	Dr. Gary Sisson

President Oller gave remarks about (and encouraged attendance) the upcoming State Convention in Austin from April 15-19. A SAR 250 Monument Dedication Ceremony is planned for Saturday 18 April at 10 am. At the Texas State Cemetery. Governor Greg Abbott is invited. The State SAR has approx. 3,200 members and we need to reach out (especially this 250 anniversary) to members who are non-participants. In addition, the society need more participation at the state level so please consider.

New Business: Tom Van Fossen (Dallas President) was recognized, and he said he was encouraged by the growth in our chapter, and asked that we keep August in mind for a large gathering of chapters from five (5) states (TX/AR/LA/MO/OK) in Dallas. Also, there is a new youth outreach that includes a Ben Franklin pin that the chapter is trying out.

President Sisson presented Mel Oller with a Liberty Bell desk ornament in thanks for his service to us. President Sisson presented Eagle Scout Awards designed to recognize SAR members who achieved Eagle Scout. Three received the award:

Rob Vaughn
Barry O'Neal
Wade Graves

Texas SAR History Volume 3 will get us up to the current day and will be online only. They are seeking biographies. It may reach 400 pages. If interested send biographical inputs via the given form that is online.

First Responder Awards is still a goal for the chapter to develop. If anyone knows of contacts for recognizing our local first responders, please see President Sisson. We want to present five annually.

Color Guard Report: Ted Wilson the Color Guard coordinator noted a large gathering in Laredo on February 21 for the George Washington Parade. Ted has a list of hotels if interested. On Saturday March 21 there will be a need for 8 Color Guard members at Ft Sam Houston in San Antonio for a Medal of Honor recipient. Lastly there will be Color Guard at the State Convention Monument Ceremony 18 April.

Historian: Ted Wilson asked for photos of Longhorns for the presentation at the National Convention that will be coming to Texas. We want to highlight the Hispanic involvement in the war.

Secretary: Harry Barber noted the past meeting Minutes are online. A motion to accept and approve the Minutes was passed.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer John Young, who also conducted the raffle (raffle to encourage attendance and participation). The Treasurer presented detailed notes and accounting for the Budget, the Savings Account, Certificates of Deposit and chapter financial transactions were presented.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lynn Johnson.

SAR Recessional was participated in by all present.

Our next meeting is planned for 9:30 am. Saturday 21 March 2026 at Grandy's 3201 Texoma Parkway in Sherman.

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 am.

Harry Barber
Secretary