Edmund Terrill Chapter #34

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

September 19, 2026, Meeting

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

The invocation was led by Chaplain Lynn Johnson.

The pledge to the US Flag, Texas Flag, and Texas SAR Pledge was led by President Gary Sisson.

Recognition of guests: Past Chapter Presidents Ted Wilson and Gary Barker and Dale Rideout. Richard Bayless, a new member being inducted this meeting, introduced his wife, Miriam. Also recognized were DAR members Barbara Johnson, Sheryl Vaughn, Mary Scheinost. Lawrence Cooper was recognized as guest. Richard Brooks was introduced as a prospective member.

New Business: Don Babbs was presented the gold 250th Anniversary American Revolution medal and certificate. Ted Wilson, who is this year's Terry L. Holden Golden Grinder Award holder will designate someone to recognize for next year in the November meeting. Gary Barker and Dr. Garry Sisson presented a Southmayd police officer, Scott Barrett, with a heroism award for assisting in saving a young girl's life by clearing her airway after choking. More local awards for heroism are forthcoming. The chapter has an award for properly flying the American flag, and if anyone notices careful display from individual or business, let John Young know so they can be recognized. Richard Bayless was sworn in as a new member. Richard was sponsored into the SAR by our webmaster, Chad Smith. The grave marking for Col. Joe Meredith Hill is coming up October 17 in Ledonia in Fannin County.

Registrar's Report: There are several new membership applications in the works.

Color Guard Report: Liberty Tree planting will be Veterans Day 11 November at 10:30 am rain or shine.

Historian: The national convention will be in Austin Texas in 2029, and preparations are underway.

Secretary: A motion was made by Gary Barker to dispense with reading the past minutes, and this was seconded by Lynn Johnson. All were in favor. Note: Chad Smith keeps the past meeting minutes online.

The Treasurer's report: Treasurer John Young said savings was at $1,326.38. Money was moved to a CD to make more interest and that account is $6011.71. Checking is $950.15. John conducted the raffle for the door prize ($20 Whataburger gift card).

Main Program: Compatriot and Chapter President Dr. Gary Sisson, along with Compatriot and Chapter Chaplain Lynn Johnson performed the program "Patrick Henry: A Liberty Well-Lived"

as Patrick Henry and Dr. George Cabell, covering the latter years and death of the great founding Patriot.

Our next meeting is planned for 9:30 am. Saturday, November 21, 2026, at Grandy's 3201 Texoma Parkway in Sherman. Texas State Representative Shelley Luther will be guest speaker.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Lynn Johnson.

SAR Recessional was participated in by all present.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am (motion moved by John Young and seconded by Gary Barker). Nineteen (19) signed the roster.

Harry Barber
Secretary