



Ellis County Chapter #70-Texas SAR
Sons of the American Revolution

May 24 2025 Meeting Minutes



CALL TO ORDER - Past President Jack Haughton – Pres Hill on vacation

- Post the Colors – Color Guard Commander Larry Kollie – participating Troops:
 - Mark Gundert, Philip Taylor, Tom Van Fossen, Ron Finch, Calvin Brown

INVOCATION – Acting Chaplain Calvin Brown

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO UNITED STATES FLAG All led by Jack Haughton

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO TEXAS FLAG

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO SAR FLAG

SAR MISSION STATEMENT

INTRODUCTION NEW APPLICANTS & GUESTS – Welcomed: Sharyn Taylor, Janie Howerton,

Micah Kimball's family: Leticia Ochoa, Austin Kimball, Sophia Kimball, Catherine Kimball

ANNOUNCEMENT –

- Appointment of Calvin Brown to Chapter Chaplain next month – Jack Haughton announced the appointment of Calvin Brown as Acting Chaplain. Calvin will be inducted as a new member in June and will be installed as Chapter Chaplain. Calvin spoke briefly about his credentials and his plans for supporting all chapter members as a true chaplain of the organization.
- Purple Heart Community Reception Convention Center June 16th 5:30 – 7:30
 - Honor Our Purple Heart Recipients – Name Badges – The chapter received an invitation to attend the reception in June and Honor those wounded in battle.
 - Sharyn Taylor – spoke of Philip's father receiving 2 awards.
 - Mark Gundert – spoke of his father in WW2
 - Patrick Haughton – spoke of his great uncle's awards as a tank commander in WW2 – receiving PH plus Bronze Star for Valor.

TREASURERS REPORT- Jim Cooper – reported no outstanding bills and monies collecting for Wreaths Across America.

AWARDS, CITATIONS, INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMEBERS

- Induction of: Dave Pilcher, Harlon Bounds, Larry Williams, Gary Howerton,

Micah Kimball, John Jett (next month), each inductee spoke of their ancestor and his service in the war.

- UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Jack Haughton gave a brief status on projects continuing



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- Donation of Books – over 36 books, Scheduled for June 28th meeting.
- 4th of July Parade – Participation
- \$71 was added to the Wreaths Across America can

NEW BUSINESS –

- 250 Project Memorial Bench, a picture of the proposed bench was shown and talked about the option of member names being added.
- Recreation of Texas SAR Flag – Jack Houghton spoke on his research on the possible recreation of the Texas SAR flag, with a promise of more information at next meeting.
- Flag Certificates – Jack offered to prepare SAR Commendations being made available for members to present recognizing proper display of the US Flag as part of June 14th – Flag Day.
- Philip Taylor asked again for members to write articles for the newsletter to tell us about their ancestors.
- Tom Van Fossen – gave a brief status report on the failing health of Dual Member Bill Watts, and that the Dallas Chapter is sponsoring the creation of the Ben Franklin Pin for all members that participate in SAR Youth programs, or otherwise work with children All to honor Bill Watts dedication to the Youth.

CLOSING

- THANKS FOR COMING
- NEXT MEETING & COMING EVENTS
 - ECC Monthly Meeting – June 28, 2025 at 9:30

Poker Room at Hamilton: 880 Garden Valley Pkwy, Waxahachie, Tx 75165.

- Speaker – Vicki Evans Williams will tell us about

“Unsung Heroines of the American Revolutionary War”

- Induction of 5 new members (John Jett, Calvin Brown, Patrick Souter, and Brent Rutan) plus David Spaulding
- CLOSING ADMONITION
- MOTION TO ADJOURN
- BENEDICTION



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