

# 20251112 ECC Board Meeting Minutes

Topics for status reporting and discussion at ECC Board meeting Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at Hamilton, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Invited attendees:

David Hill - President/Registrar  
Jack Haughton - Secretary/Past President  
Larry Williams - Treasurer  
Philip Taylor - Historian/News Letter Editor  
Calvin Brown - Chaplain  
Larry Kollie - Color Guard Commander  
Ron Finch - (acting) Sergeant-at-Arms

**\* All Attending**

1. Wreath's across America purchase of wreaths to meet Due date

**\* David Hill presented status of the funding and the volunteers' from other organizations.**

2. Grave marking prior to Dec 13, recommended for Dec 11 or 12th

**\* David has continued in his cleaning of Grave Stones and explained plan to mark graves with colored flags, denoting assignment to volunteer groups. He has asked the various groups to meet at the pavilion for Sign-in and Invocation. We will provide map of assignments and other instructions as necessary. These meetings will continue until December 11th. Funds for the program were paid, but additional moneys were requested from various sources. Program looks good and receiving strong support.**

3. 250 Bench #1

**\* Bench #1 in preparation for engraving. Site selection is to be submitted to Council pending final approval on Courthouse Square.**

4. 250 Bench #2

**\* Bench #2 stone is on order with list of names being finalized. Site will be at the Old Cemetery Pavilion.**

5. 250 Bench #3 plus: any more?

**\* David has contacted individuals in Midlothian, Ennis, and Red Oak and received positive response on having a bench in their town. This is still in development.**

6. ECC new member transfer: David Hickman

**\* SAR Member David Hickman is transferring his membership from Athens to Waxahachie. He has been a member for several years and wants to be an active member of an active chapter. He is experienced work with the SAR Youth**

programs as well as chapter functions. We'll welcome him and his wife at the November meeting.

7. ECC New Member Induction Jett, Batla, Gardner

\* **Once again we have scheduled the induction of two new applicants and now a third for induction at the November meeting.**

8. Texas SAR Flag Reproduction Project

\* **We have received approval from the Texas BOM to proceed with the Texas SAR Flag project. Our first production cycle has started with tentative ETA before end of November.**

9. Texas Motor-park July 4th celebration preparation by Color Guard and Chaplain

\* **The Texas Motorplex is celebrating and has invited SAR Color Guard and Calvin Brown, our Chaplain, to assist with the opening ceremonies. The program will be nationally televised. We are asking for volunteers from other Chapters to join us. Planning and procedures are in discussion.**

10. Starke Report

\* **This is an annual report due at end-of-year reporting Support of American Veterans. The report is online and all members are asked to open their report of any and all done for our Vets. We also ask that donations (see recommended list, attached) be brought to the November meeting for transport to the VA Center.**

11. Americanism Report

\* **This too is an annual end-of-year report listing other activities of ECC reporting our involvement with the DAR and other Organizations in joint projects and supporting projects supporting our Ellis County Community.**

12. 2025 Youth Programs

\* **ECC is starting our SAR Youth programs. We need leaders to learn the rules and coordinate the contests. All members are encouraged to participate. See Jack Houghton for more information.**

13. Open Officer Positions

\* **ECC needs a President Elect to shadow David Hill during this upcoming year in preparation for assuming the Presidency for 2027-2028. An assistant Secretary position also needs to be filled for the same term in office.**

14. B&W Veterans Program

\***Baylor, Scott, and White has asked that we assist with their Veterans Program.**

15. New Business?

\* **No new business was brought before the Board.**

16. Publication of minutes in Newsletter?

**\* It was agreed that these minutes be distributed as an attachment to the ECC Newsletter.**

17. Scheduling of next ECC BOM: January of 2023 date TBD

**\* It was proposed and accepted that the ECC Board of Managers (ECCBOM) hold meetings at mid-month, during the first month of each quarter of 2026. Any member wishing to bring questions, recommendations for change and new projects are welcome to contact the Chapter Secretary to get on the agenda.**

Note 1: Most items on the agenda require only brief statement of status. If action is required, leadership will be assigned. Discussion will be kept to a minimum or deferred to a secondary meeting.

Note 2: The DVP 6, Mike Goode, will be copied on Minutes of the Meeting to keep him informed regarding the ECC plans and activities.

Submitted:

John C (Jack) Haughton  
Past-President/Secretary