



Ellis County Chapter #70-Texas SAR
Sons of the American Revolution
February 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes



CALL TO ORDER - President David Hill

INVOCATION – Chaplain Calvin Brown

Chaplain also spoke briefly about the introduction of a “Prayer and Encouragement” program for the Chapter. He distributed personal Prayer Request forms and invited all to join him in helping each other.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO UNITED STATES FLAG

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO TEXAS FLAG

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO SAR FLAG

SAR MISSION STATEMENT

INTRODUCTIONS

- Recognition of Visitors
- Dave Fautheree (new dual member) – Mike Goode

District 6 VP Goode spoke about the SAR Veterans program, and introduce David Fautheree as the incoming Dist 6 VP (taking office in April).

AWARDS, CITATIONS, INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS

- Introduction of Officers for 2026: President Elect (Open) – Mike Goode
Chapter Secretary, John Haughton, introduced the Chapter Officers and asked them to assemble. VP Goode then reminded the Officers of their responsibility lead and support the Chapter and its membership. He also admonished the Membership of their duty to support the Officers as they carry out their duties.
- Induction Ceremony – 4 new members – David Hill
Jeffery Frost and Matt Gardner were inducted as new members.
Brent Batla and Jeff Jett were rescheduled for next month’s induction.
Ronald Finch is approved and will be inducted when his packet is received by Chapter.
- Award presentation -
 - President David Hill presented a special award and recognition from the TXSSAR President Oller to John Haughton for all the research and work completed in Recreation of the Texas Society SAR Flag. A Certificate of Appreciation and a Statue of an Eagle was a surprize (not on the Agenda) to Haughton.
- Tom Van Fossen – Presented the Bill Watts Foundation award to David Hill and (a member of Arlington Chapter ... name not recorded) for their work with the TXSAR Youth Programs.

PROGRAM – Speaker Chaplain Calvin Bown - This was the next segment of Chaplain Brown’s program about the life and endeavors of “the Chaplains of the Revolution”.

THERE ARE NO JANUARY MINUTES DUE TO WEATHER CANCELATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 250 Benchs – David Hill – Presented pictures of the 250 Remembrance Benchs and that planning for the two bench installation and dedication is in process for July 4th after the parade.



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Hill also said that a special float is to be the feature of our participation in the Parade, needing a larger trailer.

- Elementry School Poster, Rumbaugh Oration, Knight Essay, Outstanding JROTC Cadet Contests – Jack Haughton – Gave a brief update on the Youth Programs and will announce winners at next meeting.

CLOSING

- THANKS FOR COMING
- NEXT MEETING
 - ECC Monthly Meeting – March 28, 2026 at 9:30
Poker Room at Hamilton: 880 Garden Valley Pkwy, Waxahachie, Tx 75165.
Speaker – Micah Kimball “Slugfest at Eutaw Springs”
- CLOSING ADMONITION
- MOTION TO ADJOURN
- BENEDICTION – Chaplain Calvin Brown

Group Photo of Members & Guests Present – due to time constraints no picture was made.

Tom Van Fossen spoke after the meeting – presenting a new vendor of SAR monogrmed shirts.

Jack Haughton has flyers from vendor if members want additional information and prices.

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John Haughton

Past President/Secretary