



Ellis County Chapter #70-Texas SAR
Sons of the American Revolution
April 21, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes



ECC BOM meeting at 2:00 pm in Golf Room of Hamilton on April 21, 2026.

CALL TO ORDER - President David Hill

Attending: David Hill, Philip Taylor, Jack Haughton, Calvin Brown, Larry Kollie, Larry Williams.

AGENDA:

1. New Officers - David Hill – Board approved plan to introduce two new officers into the Chapter organization. Mark Bounds will assume an office as Nominated President Elect. Harlon Bounds will assume the office as Assistant Secretary. Both officers will shadow the current President and Secretary for the rest of the year. In November, in accordance with the Chapter By-laws an election will held with these officers standing for permanent offices. Our thanks to the Brothers Bounds for stepping up to take more responsibility in the Ellis County Chapter of Texas SAR.
2. TXSAR State Congress Awards - Philip Taylor – The Chapter received many awards at the State Congress, held this past weekend. Philip reported these accomplishments in the last Chapter Newsletter, published 4/19/2026.
3. TXSAR State Congress Expenses - David Hill – The Board approved a procedural change. Expenses incurred in attending the Texas SAR Annual Congress will be reimbursed. This will require a change to the Chapter By Laws. The change was proposed by Philip Taylor and will be presented to the membership at the next Chapter meeting. In accordance with the current practices and procedures, this must be done 30 days prior to calling for a vote of acceptance.
4. ECC Local Poster Contest - Jack Haughton – The North Texas SAR Elementary School Poster Contest awards program will be held on May 1st in McKinney Texas. Jack Haughton will attend, representing ECC, and present a \$100 check to Tucker Halley, our contest entrant. Halley's entry took first place at State Competition.
5. ECC Local JROTC Contest - Jack Haughton – Mike Tull, ECC JROTC Committee Chairman will attend the Red Oak Highschool JROTC awards program to present the SAR Bronze JROTC Medal to Cadet Robert Ferguson. Jack Haughton will also attend to present the ECC Outstanding JROTC Cadet award to Cadet Ferguson for his entry in the Enhanced JROTC Competition, along with a \$250 check.

Next year the Waxahachie Highschool will be eligible to participate in this competition along with Midlothian Highschool JROTC. ECC will have to provide Bronze awards for all three schools, and select one cadet as entry in the State Competition.
6. Wreaths Across America - Red Oak -- Calvin Brown – Calvin introduced ECC's WCA participation program to the Baptist church leadership in Red Oak. They wish to learn more about how they can introduce the program in their community. Members of ECC are invited to meet with the Church leadership on April 30th to discuss plans and procedures. Thanks to Calvin for his work on introducing the program to Red Oak.



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7. ZOOM meetings - Calvin Brown – Calvin proposed that ECC explore the use of a ZOOM type application to provide membership remote access to the Chapter Meetings. Calvin and Ron Finch to develop a test use of such an application.

8. 4th July Parade -- Jack Haughton – Ron Russell, a Charter Member of ECC, has offered the use of a 24' x 8' trailer and towing vehicle for ECC's entry in the parade. Ron will arrange for the rig to be moved to the back of David Hill's property prior to the parade date (for decoration).

In the future the Liberty Bell, developed for use in the parade will be used in touring Ellis County schools and promoting Patriotisms.

9. Chapter History Strategy - Philip Taylor – Philip Taylor and Larry Williams have worked out a process to back up all electronic records on “thumb” drives and store copies of the Treasury and General records in a secure facility. This will provide long term protection of ECC Historical data.

10. Chapter Foundation - David Hill -- It has been recommended that ECC develop plans and practices related to establishing a Financial Foundation for future benefit of the chapter. David will follow up on development of related processes and procedures.

11. Chapter Challenge coin - David Hill – Many chapters in SAR use Challenge Coins in public relations. David and Jack will pursue information related to the development of the coin for ECC.

Submitted: John Haughton April 21, 2026