



Ellis County Chapter #70-Texas SAR
Sons of the American Revolution
April 25, 2026 Meeting Minutes



CALL TO ORDER - President David Hill
INVOCATION – Chaplain Calvin Brown
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO UNITED STATES FLAG
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SAR MISSION STATEMENT

INTRODUCTIONS

- Recognition of Visitors
 - Jerry Hill (a Hamilton Resident) 1st time visitor
 - David Vantreesse – prospective applicant
 - Gary Mallin – prospective applicant

AWARDS, CITATIONS, INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS

- Induction Ceremony – Batla – David Hill
 - Batla was unable to attend will reschedule
- New Officers – David Hill
 - President Hill reviewed the open positions and the need for members to step forward and get more involved in the Chapter administration.

PROGRAM – Speaker Philip Taylor - “An Abridged Military *Autobiography*”
Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa in April 1945

Philip presented an excellent abridged military account of his father, Marcus Taylor, a survivor of the Battles of Leyte and Kadazu Ridge, Okinawa.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISCUSSIONS - David Hill

Mark and Harlon Bounds brought the replica of the Liberty Bell, and the meeting departed from the agenda to allow the presentation. The bell was a marvelous piece and the brothers openly discussed the work they had completed. The Bell will be part of the 4th of July Parade, and discussion about the chapter participation. More info will be presented at next meeting.

Next came discussion on the placement and dedication of the Remembrance Benches. Both ceremonies will be scheduled to take place on the 4th.

- Results of State Congress
- 250 Memorial Benches – Placement and Dedication
- 4th July Parade – Banners & Riders
- Liberty Bell – After the Parade – School Tour Next Year
 - A brief discussion outlined plans to take the bell on tour of Ellis Co schools in the next school year.
- Wreaths Across America – Veterans Location & Marking



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- Chaplain Brown reported on his successful meetings with Red Oaks Baptist Church leaders. Chapter leaders were invited to attend a formal meeting to assist the Church in planning a wreath program.
- Change in Chapter Constitution and By Laws
 - Significant changes were proposed by the Chapter BOM. Secretary Haughton proposed that in lieu of the reading of the changes, a copy be sent of all members for them to read. During the May meeting there will a call for a vote to accept the changes and implement the new documents into law of the next chapter meeting.

CLOSING

- THANKS FOR COMING
 - President Hill concluded the meeting.
- NEXT MEETING
 - ECC Monthly Meeting – May 23, 2026 at 9:30
Poker Room at Hamilton: 880 Garden Valley Pkwy, Waxahachie, Tx 75165.
Speaker – Jim Cooper – “The U.S. Navy in the Revolutionary War”
- CLOSING ADMONITION
- MOTION TO ADJOURN
- BENEDICTION – Chaplain Calvin Brown

Submitted: John Haughton May 16, 2026