



The Continental Report

Ellis County Chapter #70-Texas SAR

Sons of the American Revolution



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Next Meeting June 28, 2025
9:00am, Card Room
The Hamilton at Garden Valley
880 Garden Valley Pkwy.
Waxahachie, TX 75165

June meeting speaker - **Vicki Evans Williams** –
“Lesser-known Patriots of the Revolutionary War”

News of Ellis County Chapter

COMPATRIOT INDUCTED IN MAY:



Micah Kimball, Gary Howerton (& wife), Harlon Bounds, Larry Williams, David Pilcher

INDUCTIONS SCHEDULED: John Jett, Patrick Souter, Brent Rutan, David Spaulding (Calvin Brown in July)

IN_PROCESS: Joel d. Bradley, Brent Batla##, Mark Bounds#, Ronald Kevin Finch#, Jeffery E. Frost#, Matt Gardner, Mark L. Gundert##, Ty Hall, Johnny Mitchell#, Jake Mitchell, Robert G. Shelton.
(#TXSSAR) (##NSSAR)

APPLICANTS: J. D. Durfey, Cory “Dodd” Duvall, Dustin Gunther, Robert Kaufman, Kenny Moore, Stephen Mosby, Anthony Mottla, Jonathan Stanford, Donald Stanphill, Richard Taylor, John A Vobis

SAR 250th Anniversary Memorial Bench Program

The Ellis County Chapter has selected the Remembrance Bench as our chapter 250 project.



The SAR Eagle Logo (in enameled colors of Red, White and Blue) will be engraved on the message panel with:

"Sons of the American Revolution
Celebrating 250 years of
American Freedom 1776 - 2026"

And "Ellis County Chapter, Texas Society" will be engraved on the leading edge of the bench seat.

We are now soliciting subscribers to fund the project. The bench will have a unique feature in that the names of the subscribers will be engraved on the opposite side of the remembrance message panel. We need 10 subscribers to donate \$300 each to get the project underway. This is a 501 c3 tax free donation.

Please make the checks payable to Ellis County Chapter TXSAR, and send the check to:

Ellis County Chapter TXSAR
c/o John C (Jack) Haughton
880 Garden Valley Pkwy, #1145
Waxahachie, Texas 75165

We have received 7 pledges. If we receive more than 10 subscribers, we will consider a second bench.

Ellis County America 250 Projects

DAR Book donations are due at the **June 28th** meeting.

Wreathes Across America placed 3,100,000 wreathes on headstones in 2024. 575 veterans are buried in Waxahachie City Cemetery. The “Pass the Can” collected \$140 during the April meeting and introduced the QR code for Wreathes Across America. (ECC has a special discount)



The **4th of July Parade** is being planned with the DAR who has 5 cars for riders. David Hill is preparing his patriotic parade “float”.



The **Waxahachie Purple Heart Community Designation Ceremony** was attended by Mike Tull, Mark Gundert and Pat Hernandez. Waxahachie was proclaimed a Purple Heart City.

News from Texas SAR

Compatriot **Jack Haughton** was certified by the National Sons of the American Revolution Deputy CDCE Representative to VA North Texas Health Care System, Dallas CA Medical Center.

He has also been appointed to be on the Volunteer Management Board of the VA Hospital in Dallas. He will be attending Board meetings once each quarter. At each meeting the VA will give him a list of the needs of the patients. He will collect the goods and/or donations to be delivered at our next meeting.

The Chapter will get VA Points for his membership on the board, and for the dollar value of the goods and donations delivered.

Texas SAR History Vol. III:

We are preparing and will be submitting our chapter history for the **Texas Sons of the American Revolution History Book, Vol. III** in June. Jack Haughton is preparing to submit a Provenance of the Texas SAR Flag.

News from National SAR

Compatriot **Michael Goode**, dual member of our chapter and our District 6 State Vice President, has been recommended for the SAR General William C. Westmoreland award/medal that is presented annually by the National Veterans Committee to an SAR member who has distinguished himself by his service to veterans. Michael is the first from Texas to receive the award.

The Historian's Watch



A 2 Act musical based on the events leading up to the signing of the Declaration of Independence, telling a story of the efforts of John Adams to persuade his colleagues to vote for American independence and to sign the document. Plaza Theatre Company is a 276 seat theatre-in-the-round.

Performances: June 13 - July 12
Plaza Theatre Company at Dudley Hall
305 S. Anglin St. Cleburne, TX 76031
<https://plaza-theatre.com/>

Who We Are (My Patriot)

WILLIAM HENRY HOWERTON

By Gary Howerton*



William Henry Howerton was born in 1759 in Essex County, Virginia, about 40 miles north of Richmond. He was a part-time soldier... being a farmer part of the year and a soldier part of the year. He actually enlisted in the Virginia Militia four separate times... the first enlistment began on September 1, 1776, at the age of 17 and the last enlistment began in August, 1780.

He served as a private in Colonel Christian's Virginia Regiment and fought the Cherokee Indians in East Tennessee. He also served in Captain Bowen's "Spy Company" (spy being a colloquial term for "Scout" or "Ranger").

In October, 1780, William was part of the Regiment that engaged the British at the Battle of King's Mountain (King's Mountain, North Carolina – 290 British Loyalists were killed, 28 Patriot Militia were killed). One week later he participated in the skirmish at the Shallow Ford on the Yadkin River (14 British Loyalists were killed, 1 Patriot Militiaman was killed). These two decisive Patriot victories caused British

General Charles Cornwallis to withdraw from North Carolina.

William went on to be a prosperous planter and died August 18, 1841, in Morgan County, Kentucky. William was awarded a Revolutionary War Soldiers Pension on February 7, 1834.

Fold3 Pension S.15469 (19 cards),

Find-a-Grave ID# 15388302

***Gary Howerton was inducted last month**

NOTE: This section is for you to submit YOUR patriot. We each have a Revolutionary ancestor that we like to talk about. This is your opportunity to do that. Just send a Word file to the Editor (and photo if available).

Flag Flying Days

July 4 Independence Day
July 27 Korean War Day

June Dates to Remember

- 14 June 1775 – Creation of Continental Army
- 17 June 1775 – The Battle of Bunker Hill
- 28 June 1776 – British attack Charleston
- May to June, 1781 - Ninety-Six: Longest Siege of the War

Births in June

- George H. W. Bush June 12, 1924
- Donald J. Trump June 14, 1946
- ❖ William Hooper, NC June 17, 1742
- ❖ Arthur Middleton, SC June 26, 1742
 - Presidents
 - ❖ Signers of the Declaration

Deaths in June

- ❖ George Wythe, VA June 8, 1806 (80)
- ❖ Samuel Chase, MD June 19, 1811 (70)
- ❖ Philip Livingston, NY June 12, 1778 (62)
- ❖ Richard Henry Lee, VA June 19, 1794 (62)
- ❖ Thomas McKean, DE June 24, 1817 (83)
- ❖ Caesar Rodney, DE June 29, 1784 (55)
- ❖ Matthew Thornton, NH June 24, 1803 (63)
- ❖ Richard Henry Lee, VA June 19, 1794 (62)
 - ❖ Signers of the Declaration

This Month — 250 Years Ago

The battle of Bunker Hill took place on Breed's Hill in Charleston, near Boston, and lasted almost two hours. After hearing of the conflict of April 19, an estimated 20,000 militiamen made their way to Massachusetts, anticipating another clash.

Gage and his subordinates settled on a plan for Howe to land a force at Moulton's Point and then move along the beach of the Mystic River to flank the redoubt and cut Prescott off from the main land. The attack commenced shortly after **3 pm on June 17**. Howe divided his command into several columns, and three assaults occurred. The Americans held their ground marvelously for the first two, sending the British regulars running back to their assembly areas. Those that did not retreat lay on the ground in bloody tangles from musket fire. The third assault concentrated the most men yet on the American redoubt on Breed's Hill. By this point, the militia had run out of ammunition. Soon, the British bayonet appeared over the wall, and the Americans pulled back. A well-organized retreat materialized in the rear, and most made it back to the safety of the mainland. When the smoke began to settle, the Americans had lost over four hundred men, the British over one thousand. The aftermath of the Battle of Bunker Hill shattered British confidence in Gage and he was later replaced by Howe.

<https://www.battlefields.org/learn/articles/siege-boston>

Eyewitness Account of the Battle of Bunker Hill from a Loyalist Perspective

“This Action has shown the Bravery of the King's Troops, who under every Disadvantage, gained a compleat Victory.... But they fought for their King, their Laws and Constitution.”

Nine days after the British drove the Americans from the heights above Boston, Loyalist printer John Howe issued this broadside/handbill. Although the account of the battle is quite accurate, it inflates the number of Patriot troops and distorts the number of casualties. Although it claims the British troops were outnumbered three to one, other estimates suggest that approximately 2,400 Patriots faced 3,000 British troops. The Americans suffered approximately 450 casualties, including 140 dead, while the British lost 1,054 killed and wounded, a casualty rate of about 45 percent. The casualty rate among British officers was particularly high. This broadside's emphasis

on the courage of the British forces makes it an unusual account of the battle and an interesting piece of British propaganda.

[BUNKER HILL]. Loyalist Account of the Battle of Bunker Hill Broadside. June 26, 1775, Boston. Boston: John Howe, 1775.



Transcription

BOSTON,
26th of June, 1775.

THIS Town was alarmed on the 17th Instant at break of Day, by a Firing from the Lively Ship of War; and a Report was immediately spread that the Rebels had broke Ground, and were raising a Battery on the Heights of the

Peninsula of Charlestown, against the Town of Boston. They were plainly seen, and in a few Hours a Battery of Six Guns, played upon their Works. Preparations were instantly made for the landing a Body of Men; and some Companies of Grenadiers and Light Infantry, with some Battalions and Field Artillery; amounting in the whole to about 2000 Men, under the Command of Major General HOWE, and Brigadier General PIGOT, were embarked with great Expedition, and landed on the Peninsula without Opposition; under Cover of some Ships of War, and armed Vessels.

The Troops formed as soon as landed: The Rebels upon the Heights, were perceived to be in great Force, and strongly posted. A Redoubt thrown up on the 16th at Night, with other works full of Men, defended with Cannon, and a large Body posted in the Houses of Charlestown, covered their Right; and their Left was covered by a Breastwork, Part of it Cannon Proof, which reached from the Left of the Redoubt to the Mystick River.

Besides the Appearance of the Rebels Strength, large Columns were seen pouring in to their Assistance; but the King's Troops advanced; the Attack began by Cannonade, and notwithstanding various Impediments of Fences, Walls, &c. and the heavy Fire they were

exposed to, from the vast Numbers of Rebels, and their Left galled from the Houses of Charlestown, the Troops made their Way to the Redoubt, mounted the Works, and carried it. The Rebels were forced from other strong Holds, and pursued 'till they were drove clear of the Peninsula, leaving Five Pieces of Cannon behind them. Charlestown was set on Fire during the Engagement, and most Part of it consumed. The Loss they sustained, must have been considerable, from the vast Numbers they were seen to carry off during the Action, exclusive of what they suffered from the shipping. About a Hundred were buried the Day after, and Thirty found wounded on the Field, some of which are since Dead. About 170 of the King's Troops were killed, and since dead of their

This Action has shown the Bravery of the King's Troops, who under every Disadvantage, gained a compleat Victory over Three Times their Number, strongly posted, and covered by Breastworks. But they fought for their King, their Laws and Constitution.

Source: [Seth Kaller, Inc., Historical Documents & Legacy Collections.](#)

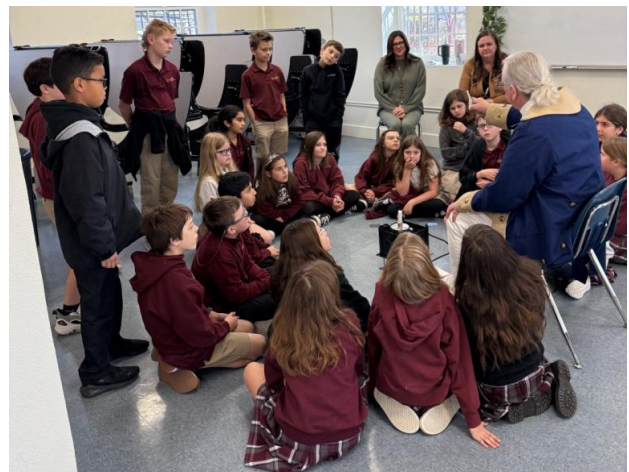


Wounds; and a great many were wounded.

Compatriots and Friends of the Chapter, It is with great sorrow I am informing you of the passing of **Bill Watts**. Bill was a member of the Dallas Chapter and a dual member of the McKinney Chapter (and Ellis County Chapter). He loved being a member of the Color Guard, participating in Patriot grave marking, preserving Texas SAR history, serving in numerous positions at the chapter level, supporting the planning and execution of State level meeting and so much more. Recently Bill accepted the position of State Coastal Registrar and Chairman of the Council of Chapter Presidents. At the 130th State Convention earlier this year Bill was recognized for his years of dedicated service to the Texas SAR with Patriot Medal, the highest award for exceptional services to the Texas Society.

But for all of you who knew Bill, it was obvious his real passion was to educate youth and be involved with them! Here is one of my favorite photo's of Bill doing what he loved to do.

Tom Milson, McKinney Chapter



A Celebration of Life for Bill Watts will be July 26th at 2pm at the Rest Haven Funeral Home in Rockwall, TX.

The service will be three parts, the Celebration Service, a brief graveside service and SAR Color Guard Musket Firing. Color Guard uniforms are optional for attendees.

A carpool is being formed for those wishing to attend after the morning chapter meeting.

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<https://www.sar.org/>

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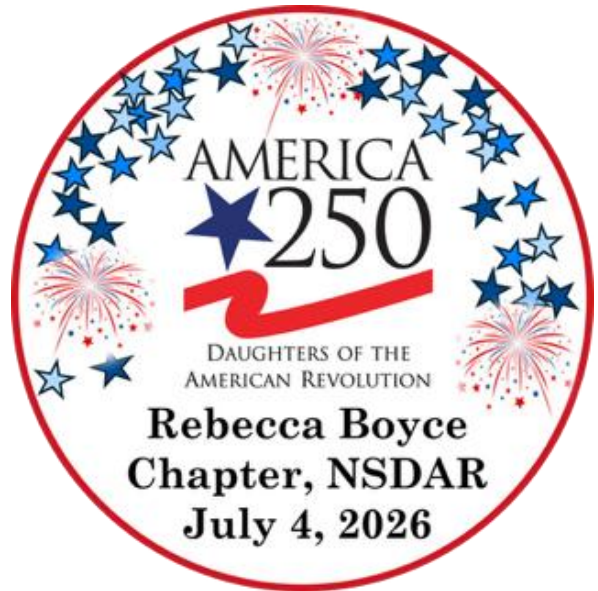
<https://www.texassar.org/EllisCounty>

USS Stark Veterans Report

Your volunteer hours and service to Vets are needed on a monthly or quarterly basis rather than waiting to the end of the year. Report them to John Haughton at sarpatriot@aol.com.

Editors Note: The Ellis County Crier is a special supplement sent to member and applicants with important information or events that may occur between meetings or “outside” of the newsletter.

News from the DAR



New Logo

Daughters of the American Revolution

Ellis County also has an active DAR Chapter. For more information please contact **Barbara Coan**, Registrar, Rebecca Boyce Chapter, NSDAR at barbaraanncoan@hotmail.com.





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