



The Continental Report

Ellis County Chapter #70-Texas SAR

Sons of the American Revolution



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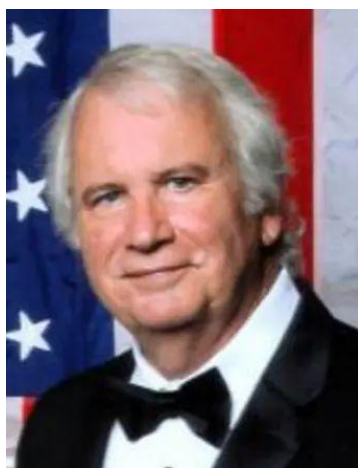
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A Celebration of Life Service for Bill Watts



July 26th at 2 pm.
Rest Haven Funeral
Home
Rockwall, Texas

There will be three parts
to the service:

- * Celebration of Life
service in Funeral
Home
- * Brief Graveside
Service
- * SAR Color Guard
Musket Firing

Color Guard uniforms are optional for attendees.

Those attending the Celebration of Life Service will
gather at the Hamilton to car pool to the funeral home.
Departure time is yet to be determined.

<https://www.resthavenfuneral.com/obituaries/William-Byron-Watts-Jr?obId=42913503>

News of Ellis County Chapter

COMPATRIOT INDUCTED IN JUNE:

Brent Rutan and Calvin Brown

COMPATRIOT INDUCTIONS SCHEDULED:

Patrick Souter, Jeff Jett, Laurens R. Williams, David Spaulding

Next Meeting July 26, 2025

9:00am, Card Room

The Hamilton at Garden Valley

880 Garden Valley Pkwy.

Waxahachie, TX 75165

APPLICATIONS APPROVED:

Brent Batla

IN_PROCESS: Ronald Kevin Finch, Jeffery E. Frost,
Mark L. Gundert, Ty Hall, Johnny Mitchell.

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

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICER:



Chaplain Calvin Brown by DVP Mike Goode

You can email him at cal.sartx70@gmail.com

Larry Williams has accepted the position of Acting-
Treasurer pending his induction in September.

SPEAKERS AT TODAY MEETING:



Vickie Evans Williams gave us a program on “Lesser-known Patriots of the Revolutionary Wars” highlighting the women “warriors”.



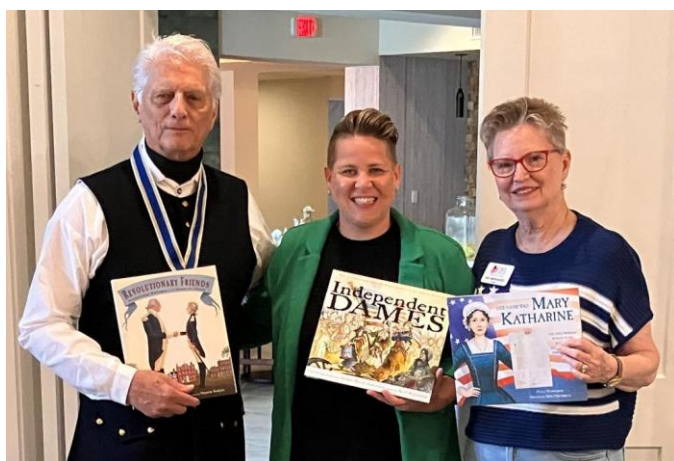
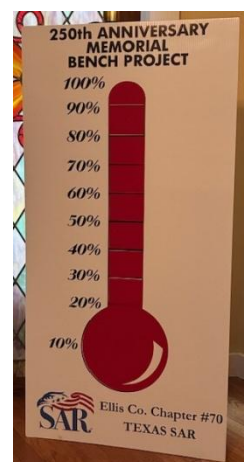
Flag Certificates were resented on Flag Day

Mike Tull presented the Flag Certificate to the Waxahachie Rotary Club President Tom Ker. The Rotary program has placed over 2000 flags around town on Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day.

Jennifer Graff from the Sims Library spoke about the library and the Bookmobile.



The America250 Memorial Bench Project has reached 100%. Ten member of our Chapter made contributions to fund this effort to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our Nation. Donors will have their names engraved on the reverse of the benched base .Others have expressed the desire for a second bench.



David Hill, Jennifer Graff, Pat Hernandez



July 4th Parade

A special thanks to our banner carriers, Austen and Trenton Miller. (and Todd Miller)

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Sims Library brought the Bookmobile to The Hamilton where books donated by the DAR and SAR were loaded.

News from Texas SAR



The Westmoreland Award was presented to **Michael Glenn Goode (TX)** at the 2025 National Congress by SAR President General Darryl S. Addington. Michael has been very active with the SAR at the chapter, state, and national levels. He continues to be an excellent resource and role model for everyone having the pleasure to know him. In terms of his support to Veterans, he has driven 38,000 miles, donated over \$13,000 worth of various items, and accounts for over \$15,000 of monetary contributions. This recognition is well deserved.

Mike is our District 6 Vice President and dual member of our chapter. **Congratulations, Mike!**

The General William C. Westmoreland Award is presented at the annual SAR Congress to an SAR member who has distinguished himself by his service to Veterans. The SAR General William C. Westmoreland Award was authorized in 1996, and only one award is presented annually. The SAR Veterans Committee determines a winner at the Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky, and the award is presented at the annual SAR Congress.



Westmoreland Award is a special gold version of the SAR's Service to Veterans Medal. An SAR member may receive the medal and award certificate only once.

The **Bernardo de Gálvez Plaza** will be located in Menard Park which is owned by the City of Galveston, Texas. The statue finishes and improves the eastern, Seawall corner of Menard Park, and will be completed with landscaping, benches, descriptive and educational weather-proof history signage, and commemorative brick and granite dedication plaques. The 16-foot-tall bronze by Houston artist Eric Kaposta will be mounted on a berm, and the statue being displayed prominently on Seawall Boulevard. **Commemorative bricks will pave the park space ([click here for a brick order form](#)).**



This monument will help educate the public about the little-known fact of Spain's contribution toward removing the British from the Gulf Coast during the American Revolution, and it will honor and promote the significance of the Great Spanish Patriot, Bernardo de Gálvez, and his victories during the Revolution in the city named for him. This project seeks to connect the Gulf Coast peoples with their early revolutionary patriots, and it will serve to educate a public that may not realize their heritage as descendants of patriots who fought for American independence. Read more at on the [Texas SAR website](#).

News from National SAR



SAR National Color Guard @ Mount Vernon

On June 14, more than 150 SAR compatriots, distinguished guests, and representatives from patriotic organizations gathered on the hallowed grounds of George Washington's Mount Vernon to celebrate Flag Day and the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States Army. Hosted by the George Washington

Chapter, Virginia SAR and the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, this special event honored the birth of America's first national institution and its enduring legacy of service.

June 14, 1775, marked the Continental Congress's call for the enlistment of expert riflemen—sparking the formation of the Continental Army. Just one day later, on June 15, General George Washington assumed command, bringing unity, vision, and resolve to the newly formed force that would carry a fledgling nation to victory.

The day's commemorations began at sunrise at Mount Vernon's Texas Gate, where SAR presented a Flag Certificate to the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association in tribute to their enduring stewardship. The Commander-in-Chief's standard and the U.S. flag were raised in solemn tribute to Flag Day. Attendees then processed across the estate grounds to Tomb Grove.

Compatriots from at least 15 states—including Alabama, Connecticut, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Maryland, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Rhode Island, and West Virginia—joined their brethren from host state Virginia to show unity in purpose and shared reverence for American military heritage.

For the first time in SAR history, an official grave marking was conducted for both General and Mrs. Washington at the Washington Family Tomb. Led by the National Color Guard, the Honor Party delivered wreaths and remembrances. Historian General Jeff Thomas presented patriot biographies of General George and Martha Washington and then George Washington Chapter president Scot Bryant led the Grave Marking ceremony along with Reverend Tom Costa.

<https://www.virginiasar.org/army250>

Flag Flying Days

July 27	Korean War Day
August 4	Coast Guard Day
August 7	Purple Heart Day

July Dates to Remember

- July 1, 1862 – Lincoln signed 1st income tax bill
- July 1, 1863 – Battle of Gettysburg began
- July 4, 1776 – Declaration of Independence
- July 9, 1868 – 14th Amendment ratified
- July 21, 1969 – 1st Moon landing

Births in July

- ❖ Samuel Hopkinson, NJ July 3, 1731
- Calvin Coolidge July 4, 1872
- George W. Bush July 6, 1946
- John Quincy Adams July 11, 1767
- Gerald R. Ford July 14, 1913
- ❖ Elbridge Gerry, MA July 17, 1706
- ❖ Joseph Hewes, NC July 19, 1730
 - Presidents
 - ❖ Signers of the Declaration

Deaths in July

- ❖ John Adams, MA July 4, 1826 (90)
- ❖ Thomas Jefferson, VA July 4, 1826 (83)
- James Monroe July 4, 1831
- Zachary Taylor July 9, 1850
- ❖ George Ross, PA July 14, 1779 (49)
- ❖ Roger Sherman, CT July 23, 1793 (72)
- Ulysses S. Grant July 23, 1885
- Martin Van Buren July 24, 1862
- Andrew Jackson July 31, 1875
 - Presidents
 - ❖ Signers of the Declaration

The Historian's Watch



Patriot Sons and Daughters Marker

The Sons of the American Revolution have made a diligent effort to locate and mark the graves of those Patriots who served in the American Revolution.

However, this work is only the beginning of the American Patriot story. This story continues with the sons and daughters of those brave Americans as both Patriots and their children moved across North America to settle the frontier of the Western Reserve; forging west across the Mississippi and into the uncharted Louisiana wilderness to settled and tame our nation. The legacy of our Patriots continues today as we recognize the value of their many descendants in establishing the towns and villages that would grow into the organized states that lay to the west.

Many communities, states and organizations were founded by these Patriot Sons and Daughters and by highlighting Patriot Sons and daughters, we acknowledge of our Patriot Ancestors as we hold ceremonies to commemorate their Sons and Daughters, bringing attention to SAR National and Americas 250th Anniversary of founding.

Each time a grave is marked, the history of our Patriot Ancestor will be included in the ceremony, once again highlighting the importance of our founding generation.

As part of the America 250 SAR Committee program, these events will facilitate a connection with the youth we educate that will inspire them to connect and learn more about our Patriot Ancestors and their Patriot Sons and Daughters. Grave medallions will be presented as part of a ceremony honoring our Patriot Ancestor.

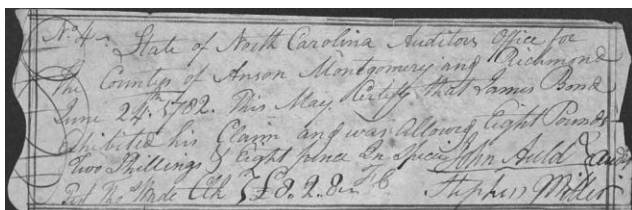
To honor the contributions of these many individuals, the America 250 SAR Committee seeks to place grave markers on the graves of sons, grandsons, daughters and granddaughters

3" Bronze Finish Marker is now back in stock in the SAR online merchandise store!

Who We Are (My Patriot)

James Bounds, Jr.

5th Great-grandfather of Harlon Bounds



No. 4 State of North Carolina Auditors Office for the Counties of Anson Montgomery and Richmond June 24th 1782. This May Certify that James Bond Exhibited

his Claim and was Allowed Eight Pounds Two Shillings & Eight pence In Specie. John Auld } Auditor

James Bounds was born in Maryland in 1718. He came to Anson County North Carolina from Virginia and was listed on the tax rolls there in 1763. He was married to Rebecca Rousom. Rebecca Rousom Bounds must have died between 1763 and 1768 for in 1768 his wife was Elizabeth Phillips. James had 13 children.

James was a planter and homesteaded on plantation on the Pee Dee River in Anson County, North Carolina and later move to Rockingham, Richmond County, North Carolina. He married again to Elizabeth (Phillips) and settled in Burke, North Carolina, United States in 1790 near his son Joseph. James Jr. was in the 1763 Anson County, NC tax list. In 1803 he sold land in Richmond Co. NC that he had patented in 1774.

James Bounds, Jr. was a Regulator in North Carolina during the Regulator Movement. The Regulators, primarily from the western part of the colony, protested issues like unfair taxation, corrupt officials, and lack of access to courts. James Bounds Jr. is specifically mentioned in historical records related to the movement. He signed the "Petition from inhabitants of Anson County concerning taxes and fees for public officials", October 9, 1769. The petition set forth demands made while the Regulators were still hopeful of success through peaceful means.

While the Regulators' grievances and actions against British authority did resonate with later revolutionaries, the movement itself did not initiate the American Revolution. Having tried unsuccessfully for several years to get their grievances remedied through legal and democratic methods, they decided that the use of force would be necessary. In 1771, four years before the "shot heard round the world" rang out on Lexington Green, there was a battle in North Carolina between colonists who had assembled to defend their liberties, and soldiers sent to disarm and disperse a serious challenge to colonial authority. At Alamance Creek, militia under the command of Governor William Tryon of North Carolina defeated a group of backcountry settlers calling themselves "Regulators," and put an end to the short-lived rebellion in the Piedmont region of North Carolina that became known as the "Regulator War."

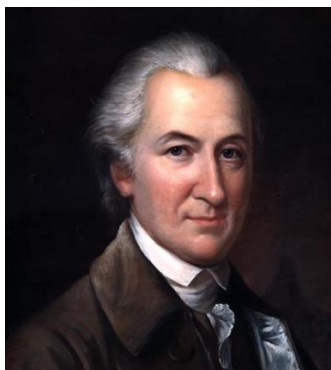
Approximately two thousand Regulators fought the militia; nine men were killed on each side and later several Regulators were tried, convicted, and executed for treason. Over six thousand citizens had to take an oath of allegiance to the crown after the War of the Regulation was over. He signed the [Oath of Allegiance](#) in 1778.

James Bounds, Jr. and two sons, Stephen and Joseph, and both John were soldiers in the American Revolution. James Bounds, Jr. and his son, John Bounds are noted in the SAR and DAR Patriot records. James' was registered for military service in 1782 (age 64). James Bounds also served in the war against the Shasaw and Chickamauga Indians in 1787. He was the father of 13 children, 7 boys and 6 girls. In 1803 he sold the land he had patented in 1774. He died after 1810 near Rockingham, Richmond County North Carolina. (SAR #P-115226, DAR #A012559)

NOTE: This section is for you, member or applicant, 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).

This Month – 250 Years Ago

- 1) General Washington issued [General Orders, July 4, 1775](#) to the army, announcing that they and those who enlist "are now Troops of the United Provinces of North America," and expressing hope "that all Distinctions of Colonies will be laid aside; so that one and the same Spirit may animate the whole, and the only Contest be, who shall render, on this great and trying occasion, the most essential service to the Great and common cause in which we are all engaged."
- 2) The [Olive Branch Petition](#) was a document adopted by the Second Continental Congress on **July 5, 1775**, and signed on July 8, 1775 as a final attempt to avoid war with Great Britain. While John



Dickinson is credited with the final draft, Thomas Jefferson initially wrote a draft that was deemed too inflammatory. It expressed the colonists' loyalty to the Crown and requested the King to prevent further conflict, but it was ultimately rejected by the British, leading to the declaration of war. (26 of the 49 signers of the Petition also signed the Declaration of Independence on August 2, 1776.)

The Olive Branch Petition which expressed hope for reconciliation with Britain, appealing directly to the King for help in achieving this. In August, King George III refused even to look at the petition and instead issued a proclamation declaring the Americans to be in a state of open rebellion.

Dickinson helped prepare the first draft of the Articles of Confederation (1776–77) but voted against the Declaration of Independence (1776) because he still hoped for conciliation with the British. Although he was accused of being a loyalist, he later served in the Pennsylvania militia, rising to the rank of brigadier general.

Read the transcript of the Petition at AmericanBattlefields.org

- 3) **July 26, 1775** - An American Post Office was established with Ben Franklin as Postmaster General. While the British Crown established a postal service in the colonies in 1692, it was primarily focused on communication with England. The service was not yet fully developed or widespread throughout the colonies.

National Society Sons of the American Revolution
<https://www.sar.org/>

Texas Sons of the American Revolution
<https://www.texassar.org/>

Ellis County Chapter #70 Texas SAR
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USS Stark Veterans Report

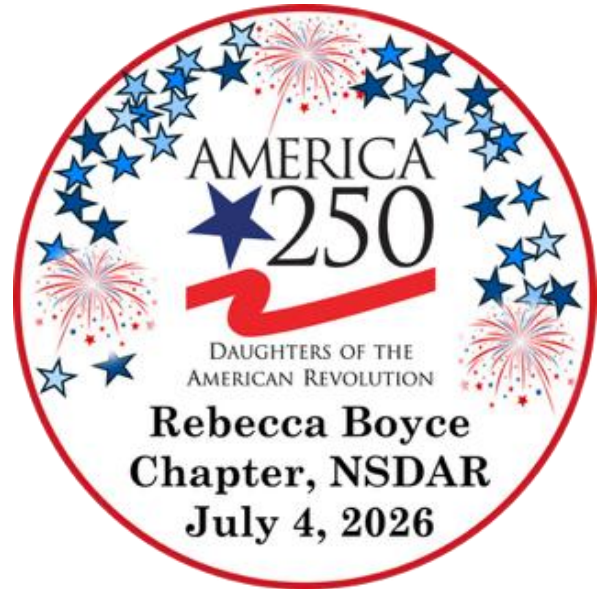
Your volunteer hours and service to Vets are needed on a monthly or quarterly basis rather than waiting to the end of the year. Report them to John Haughton at sarpatriot@aol.com.

News from the DAR



Our strong contingent of supporters of the
Rebecca Boyce DAR Chapter

Chaplain Vicki Evans Williams, Letitia Rutan,
Elizabeth Tull, Sharyn Taylor, Mickie Hill Regent
Patricia Hernandez, Dianne Smith



Mickie Hill, July 4th Parade

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.





The Nicholas P. Sims Library Bookmobile offers a variety of features to bring library services to the community, including:

- **Book collection:** The bookmobile holds a collection of up to 5,000 books for patrons to browse and check out.



- This selection can change depending on demand, and you can also request specific books from the main library's collection to be brought to the bookmobile stop.

- **Library card services:** You can create a library card on the bookmobile.
- **Printing services:** The bookmobile offers mobile printing services.
- **High-speed internet access:** Access to high-speed internet is available.
- **Tablets:** Tablets are available for mobile computer use.
- **Programs and events:** The bookmobile hosts various programs, which can include story times, crafts,

robotics, and coding, depending on the location and specific event.

- It can reach people who may have difficulty visiting the main library, like those living in different areas of town or those who are homebound. It also serves as a marketing tool for the library.
- **Book returns and holds:** You can return borrowed books to the bookmobile and pick up holds there as well.
- **Free books:** The bookmobile also carries repurposed donated books to give to patrons at each stop.

The Nicholas P. Sims Library's website and Facebook page offer more information about the bookmobile, including its schedule and details on requesting services. The bookmobile operates between 50°F and 90°F, as per library policy, and public stops may be cancelled due to weather.



Loading the books



Examining the bookmobile library.



Preparations



Banner carriers & Color Guard



Trailer all set



Team Bounds:
Mark & Harlon



Trailer riders: Jack Haughton, Philip Taylor, Calvin Brown, Harlon Bounds, Mark Bounds

Driver: David Hill, Flag waver Joe Smith



Color Guard:
Sergeant-at-Arms Ron Finch,
Flag Bearer, Mark Gundert,
Commander Larry Kollie



Banner Carriers: Austen and Trent Miller



Photos by Patrick Haughton



Waxahachie Independence Day Parade

Happy Birthday, America!