



# Sons of the American Revolution Independence Chapter February 2018



**Feb 27 - 6:00 pm, Outback Steakhouse, 2102 Texas Ave S, College Station.** Private dining room is to the right as you enter. Upon arrival, sign in with Treasurer, order from special menu; pay individually (to Independence SAR Chapter). Prospective members, guests, and spouses are welcome. Program is usually after the meal.

**2018 Officers - Welcome and thanks!!!**



January 2018 Meeting - Officer Installation - From Left: Texas President John Beard installs Independence Chapter President Ken Graalum, Secretary Kenn Harding, Treasurer Ralph Mutchler, Registrar Bob Cohen, Chancellor Rick Davis. Past President George Nelson. Also, Vice President Mervin Peters, not pictured.



New Members inducted on January 2018 by Texas President John Beard - Front: Harry Elmendorf, Clint Cottrell, David Dawkins. Back 2017 President George Nelson, Registrar Bob Cohen, Asst Registrar James Jones.

**President's Letter - Greetings to Members, Wives and Friends of Independence Chapter #40 of Texas SAR,**

Our January meeting with over 60 in attendance was a great start to a year that has the potential of being an exciting year for SAR in our chapter, the state and the national organization.

In July the SAR National Congress will meet in Houston, TX. At this time several members of our chapter have volunteered to participate in assisting to host activities and functions. This is a great opportunity to observe our organization during the national congress in July. More information can be found on the state web site: [www.TexasSAR.org](http://www.TexasSAR.org).

As our organization grows, we can grow with it. Several activities require our attention. One is presentation of our history to school classes. Another is being present at functions such as the swearing in of new citizens, where members traditionally present the national and state flags at the beginning of the ceremony. We always appreciate the assistance we receive from members and friends in placing flags at the grave sites of veterans on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Members assist with placement of wreaths at grave sites prior to Christmas.

Come join us at our meetings. They are held the fourth Tuesday of every month - except May, June, July, August and December. In October we recognize the outstanding service provided by our public safety (law enforcement, fire and EMS) in our community with a special meeting held at the Masonic Library in College Station. All other meetings are held at the Outback Steakhouse on Texas Avenue in College Station. All should arrive by 6:00 PM so they may place their order for food and make payment for the

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meal. We began the meetings at 6:30 and take a break during the serving of the meal. We endeavor to conclude the meeting and any special activity by 7:45 PM so all may arrive at home before it is late in the evening.

Ken Graalum  
Independence SAR Chapter President 2018

## Calendar

Feb 17, DAR President's Luncheon, Hilton, CS  
Feb 17, George Washington Parade, Laredo  
Feb 27, 6 pm, SAR monthly meeting  
Mar 1-4, NSSAR Spring Leadership, Louisville  
Mar 8-9 SAR Color Guard, Tx DAR Conference  
March 27, 6 pm, SAR monthly meeting  
March 31, Independence 1st mtg 1986

**Membership** - Invite a friend/prospective member to the meeting. New compatriots, spouses and guests are welcome. Come and join us. Welcome to the 14 new members in 2017: Benjamin P Harvey, Blake R. M. Harvey, Michael J. Spaulding, Terry L Church, Ronald G. Carter, Zebediah W. Carter, Karl M. Hermann, James W. Edge, Jimmy Murphy, Phillip A Fasano, Joshua D. Prochaska, Clint R. Cottrell, David L. Poulain, Harry M. Elmendorf.

## Calendar, continued

Apr 5-8, Tx SAR State Convention, Richardson  
April 24, 6 pm, SAR monthly meeting  
May \_ - Ice Cream Social with C.A.R.  
May 24, 10 am, Naturalization  
May 28, Memorial Day Flags, CS Cemetery  
June 14, Flag Day  
July 13-18, SAR National Congress, Houston  
July 14, Bush Museum Tour - Independence host



Rhoda Hayes, center, honored by Independence SAR Chapter with Martha Washington Medal for helping with 5 new SAR members' applications.



Military Service medal to Ralph Mutchler, center, with 2017 President George Nelson (left) and Registrar Bob Cohen (right).



First Lady Carol Beard is honored by Independence SAR Chapter, with Jane Cohen, left, and Dianne Jones, right.

Naturalization Ceremony on Feb 1 at Brazos County Admin. Building. 85th District Court Judge Kyle Hawthorne welcomed 99 new citizens. Bob Cohen, bottom right of picture in tricorn hat, and Ken Graalum posted flags. James Edge, SAR member, represented Congressman Bill Flores.

