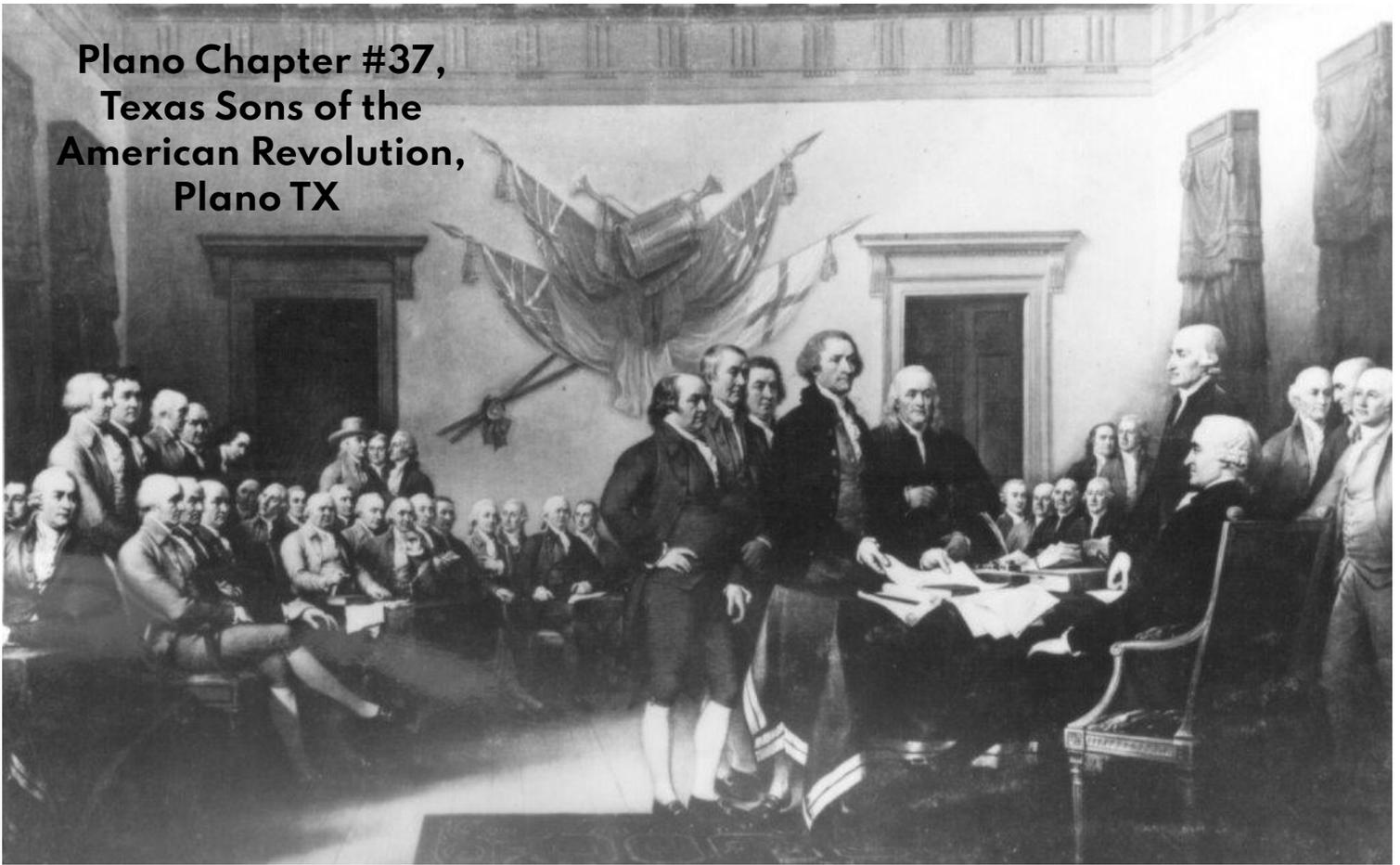


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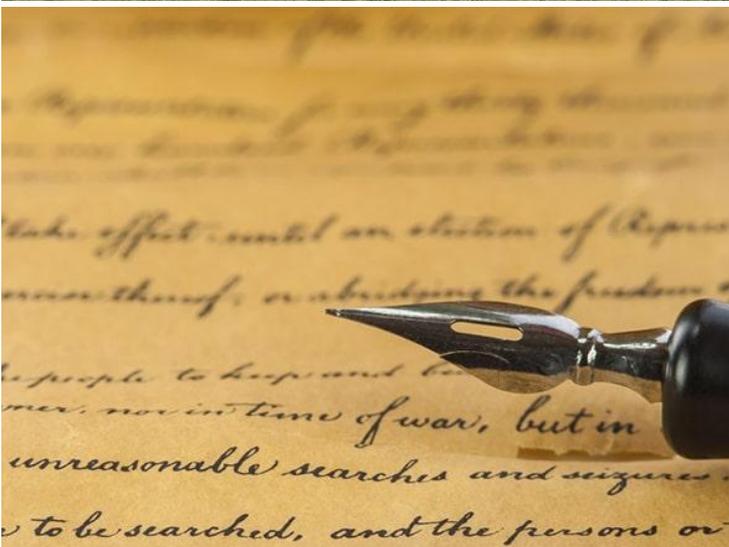
Monthly Newsletter

February 2024



Mission Statement

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War Patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and by educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country



President's Message

By Bob Johns, President

"Promoting patriotism, serving our communities and by educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country".

Toward those goals, here is a report on our chapter's activities in year 2023:

Membership as of 12/31 148 including 21 new members

Youth Programs: thanks to Alan Roach and all who participated!

We made \$600 in cash awards to Amy Adams, American history Teacher of the Year, Susanna Lampty for Americanism Poster contest winner and David Gibson, the Knight Essay Contest winner. We awarded 15 JROTC Medals and Recognition Certificates at area high schools. Chapter members participated as judges in numerous patriotic contests at area schools.

Public Service Programs:

We awarded performance medals and recognition certificates to 5 Plano Police and Fire Department members in a ceremony at the Plano City Hall meeting of the City council.

Funerals and Grave Markings:

Our color guard attends veterans funerals when requested and we participate in marking the gravesites of patriots and SAR officers. We attended and participated in 8 such events in 2023.

Color Guard Activities:

Our color guard is very active and receives numerous requests to participate in various events. Using the participation activities of our color guard individual members we participated with 115 guardsmen at 48 events in 2023.

Flag Recognition:

We presented 15 Flag Certificates to individuals and organizations recognizing them for consistently and correctly displaying the American Flag. We participated in 2 Flag Retirement Ceremonies.



New Members in 2023:

Gary Matthew Baxter
Joel True Baxter
Gregory Scott Carlson
Scott Mychael Knightly
Ronald Taylor Carey
Steven Blair Aldridge
Steven Blair Aldridge II
Steven Thrasher
Randall Lee Bush
Robert Curtis Gebby
Kenneth Lee Dabbs
Garrison David Campos
Dale Ervin Parker
Bradford Noble Gaian
Christopher Alan Martindale
Jeffrey Paul Martindale
John Michael Martindale
Michael Anthony Martindale
Alvin Daniel Ray
Franklin J Parker
Richard Dennis Bjorklund

VA and VETERAN Support:

Our chapter has one of the three SAR volunteer positions at the Sam Rayburn VA Health Center in Bonham. We volunteered 12 days in 2023, our chapter purchased 300 Christmas cards, 170 lap blankets and 6 sets of sweat pants and 2 dozen T shirts to the veterans at the Sam Rayburn VA Health Center in Bonham TX—purchased with the donations members made at chapter meeting throughout the year along with the funds the chapter used from dues paid. Our chapter members and chapter budgeted funds purchased 100 wreaths that were placed on veterans gravesites in McKinney at the annual Wreaths Across America Ceremony in December.

LET ME CONCLUDE BY ASKING EACH OF US AS MEMBERS TO CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR THESE EVENTS AS THEY OCCUR AND FOR SERVING OUR COMMUNITY, OUR VETERANS AND OUR NEXT GENERATION AS OUTLINED IN OUR SAR MISSION STATEMENT.

Expanding Our School Outreach



By Alan Roach, VP Youth Activities, Schools, JROTC and Scouts

I have an idea: I want to talk up how far young David Gibson went with his composition and remind everybody of the Knight Essay Contest, and to start promoting it this fall to the high schools in each members' neighborhood. Similarly, we need to start promoting the elementary schools' patriotic poster contest this fall, especially in the Plano ISD. But I need everyone's help; I cannot do this alone. I need other Compatriots to join in.

This week, I am reaching out to all the JROTCs in the following school districts: Plano, Richardson, Lewisville, Carrollton and Wylie, as well as one high school in Frisco. I will reach out to the schools we normally serve the JROTC programs and let each of them know that it is time to select a candidate for our certificate and medal. We already have Lake Highlands High School reaching out to us to present at their end-of-year outdoor ceremonies, which are always awesome. I will send each Compatriot the email with updated information. All who can find time to participate will really find the effort well worth it!



Valentine's Day Cards for the Veterans

By Bob Johns, President

The 4th grade art class students at Bledsoe Elem in Frisco made over 100 Valentine cards for me to give to the veterans at the Bonham VA Health Center. Here are samples of these great cards. The Vets will love them. I will deliver them next week. I used money from our vet funds to give the art teacher a \$50 gift card for more art supplies for the class.

Anniversaries:

Five Year Member Anniversaries:

Ashton Higgins - 2019

"Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an Independent Supreme Court, and a Nation of Free Men."