

Plano Chapter #37
Sons of the American Revolution
Plano TX



March Newsletter 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

“Volunteerism has long been a hallmark of American democracy, culture and civic life — going back to the founding of the United States”.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of The Sons of the American Revolution, just as volunteers were the lifeblood of the continental army and militia. Volunteers assist the SAR in policy making and with the success of our programs. They reduce costs through their efforts as volunteers and help provide the services we offer.

Volunteers who serve on boards and committees are critical to the success of the Chapter and our ability to deliver the services we provide for the community, veterans, youth and for the SAR itself and for our members. Here are areas where you can serve:

Veterans Activities

We support veteran activities at the Bonham VA Health Center and local veteran activities.—Contact Bob Johns

SAR Medals and Awards—Contact Kevin Ennis

Youth Activities, Contests and Awards—Contact Alan Roach

Chapter Sergeant at Arms (custodian of chapter flags)—Contact Kevin Ennis

Secretary of the Chapter—Contact Randy Bush

Registrar/Genealogist—Contact Duane Carter

Join other chapter members as judges in our many Youth Patriotic Contests-oratory, posters, videos. Winners receive cash prizes and have a lifetime experience with patriotism and SAR.—Contact Alan Roach

*Join our color guard. Participation in events is always voluntary and range from civic parades, veterans activities, high school presentations on the American Revolution and presentations of the flags flown during the revolution.
— Contact Dave Fautheree*



Board members contact information is in every meeting agenda. Please look for areas reflecting your interests and consider volunteering or at least inquiring about what is required. And, if you have a particular skill—accounting, technical, Facebook admin, musical, let us know.

Or just let us know if you are available. We will find something that suits your interests. Contact any member of our board to begin the process.

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





News Items



Recognition of Long Term Members for Over 30 Years Plano Chapter of the SAR

Billy Brewer	31 Years
David Sparks	36 Years
James Baird	37 Years
Stephen MacLaughlin	37 Years
Brent Truitt	41 Years



The Henry Commemorative Rifle Raffle

A Message From Ron Turner (CTC), Retired, Vice President, District 5, Texas SAR

Compatriots,

To celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States, The Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas Sons of the American Revolution is conducting a RAFFLE for a Commemorative Rifle. This Henry Rifle Company .22 Rifle commemorates the **Boston Tea Party**.

Tickets are \$20.00 per ticket.

Proceeds support the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter #6 Youth Awards Program and the TCU History Award Program. Not a gun enthusiast? Then, please consider making a donation!

To make Donations or purchase Tickets , contact:

Ron Turner at rjturner0815@gmail.com

Drawing for winning ticket is May 18, 2024.

Do not need to be present to win.

In Patriotism,

Ron Turner, CTC (Retired)

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Vice President, District 5, Texas SAR

Editor, The Texas Compatriot, Texas SAR

President, Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter





News Items



The Plano SAR Color Guard Presents the Colors at The Plano Symphony Orchestra Children's Concerts



**PLANO
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA**
HECTOR GUZMAN MUSIC DIRECTOR



The Color Guard Compatriots participating are: (L to R) Dan Hamilton (Arlington), Brent Harshman (Dallas), Plano Commander Dave Fautheree, Bob Johns (Plano) and Bill Graham (McKinney)

By Bob Johns, President

One of the most exciting arts partnership programs offered anywhere, the School Concert Education Program offered by The Plano Symphony Orchestra is designed to be an integral part of the fine arts curriculum for elementary school students. On Tuesday, 20 February, Members of the Plano Color Guard, along with Compatriots from the Arlington, McKinney and Dallas Chapters, presented the Colors at **The Robinson Fine Arts Center**, 1800 Alma Rd, Plano TX.

Please see the "Upcoming Events" section of this Newsletter for the Plano Symphony Orchestra Children's Concerts schedule for the month of March!





Upcoming Events



Plano Symphony Orchestra Children's Concerts "Once Upon a Time at the Symphony" March Schedule

The Robinson Fine Arts Center, 1800 Alma Rd,
Plano, TX 75075

3/19/2024	11:30am
3/20/2024	10:00am and 11:30am
3/21/2024	10:00am and 11:30am
3/22/2024	10:00am and 11:30am

Tickets to these Concerts are purchased online [here](#). Hurry, as they will sell out quickly. You will not only see a great performance, but also experience our Color Guard presenting the Colors!

The 2024 129th Annual Texas SAR Convention 11 April - 14 April, 2024

Compatriots:

San Antonio Chapter #4 invites you to the 2024 129th Annual Texas SAR State Convention in San Antonio, Texas. Registration for the 2024 Texas SAR Annual Conference, April 11th (Thursday) through April 14th, 2024 (Sunday), is open and available on the Texas SAR website under the Events tab, or [click here to go directly](#). Please note that **Thursday, April 5th** will be the last day that we will accept online registrations. Also note, that **March 18th** is the final day to get the group rate at the DoubleTree by Hilton for rooms.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Registration for the meeting does NOT reserve a hotel room for you. The hotel for the meeting is the DoubleTree by Hilton - San Antonio Airport, 611 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX. The rate is \$105/night (plus taxes) parking is free. The room block is limited, and the group rate will expire on **March 18th**. You can get your hotel reservation directly by going to online reservations on the Texas SAR website, [Click here for the DoubleTree by Hilton Website](#) or you can call them directly if you are having problems and identify yourself as being affiliated with the "Texas Society SAR" and request a special rate to get your room. Hotel reservations can be made by telephone - Call the DoubleTree at 210-340-6060. (Continued on next page)





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The 2024 129th Annual Texas SAR Convention 11 April - 14 April, 2024 (Con't)

MEETING REGISTRATION:

The preferred registration option is online via PayPal, but you may also register for the conference via PDF form and mail. To Register via the PDF form (complete, print, and mail with your check) [click here](#). All mailed reservations must be received no later than April 5th.

For the online registration form with payment by PayPal (credit card) [click here](#). Paid Registration is required for all SAR members. *Delegates must have current paid dues.*

IMPORTANT: No online registration payments will be accepted after **11:00 pm, Thursday, April 5th**. After that time, you will need to complete a form and register at the conference when you arrive. To do this, the late Registration fee will be \$60 when you register at the conference. You may not be able to purchase meals if you must register on-site.

If we have not received your application via USPS (United States Postal Service) (**not later than April 5th**) or your online paid application by the time you show up to the conference, you will need to do another application and pay at the registration desk - your old check will be canceled when received.

If you are mailing your registration via USPS please be aware of the time required for delivery. You will be notified via email when your mail-in registration has been received.

SILENT AUCTION:

Texas SAR Patriot Fund Silent Auction - We hope each Texas SAR Chapter will consider donating at least one Patriotic or High-Value item to the Texas SAR Patriot Fund Auction. [Click here for more information](#).

RAFFLE:

We have an exceptional Raffle for a 1777 Charleville Flintlock Musket. This is a working firearm and is excellent for participation with the Color Guard, hunting, or display. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. It is valued at over \$900.00. [Click here for more information](#).

LADIES' TOUR:

On Friday, the ladies of the SAR Ladies' Auxiliary will be able to experience the beauty of the King William Streets of San Antonio including a guided tour of the Villa Finale Museum & Garden, and finish with a luncheon at one of the premier Mexican restaurants of San Antonio, Rosario's (Dutch Treat). [Click here for more information](#). (Continued on next page)





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THE FOOD:

We have made some excellent menu choices this year at reasonable prices. To review our menu choice for each of the luncheons, banquet, and 1812 Breakfast: [View Menu Choices Here](#).

We hope to see you in San Antonio and provide an enjoyable conference!

Best Regards,

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Host Chapter Registrar
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UPDATE - NEW INFORMATION! The 2024 129th Annual Texas SAR and 2024 DAR Conventions

Compatriots,

I am excited to see the work of committees and officers in preparation for our state meeting. Please [register](#) & reserve asap so you do not miss the meeting. So far we have 50 members signed up and the Ladies Tour is filling fast. Please also see two important DAR messages below:

DAR State Meeting Austin

The DAR is having their state meeting in **Austin 14-17 March**. If you have family attending, see if you can attend some of the evening events to see first hand their work and celebrate and support them. First Lady Catherine & I plan to be in attendance for much of the weekend's events.

If you are in attendance on Thursday, there are two opportunities:

Bob Cohen is coordinating an SAR information table for DAR members to make connections for potential memberships and for SAR chapters to work with local DAR chapters.

RCohenTx@gmail.com

Shiidon Hawley is coordinating the color guard for posting opening night colors.

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Upcoming Events



UPDATE - NEW INFORMATION! **The 2024 129th Annual Texas SAR and DAR** **Conventions (Con't)**

At the end of that weekend, they will have a Texas DAR Patriot Monument rededication on March 17th from Noon to 1:00 pm at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin, Texas. They will recognize 15 new Patriots who provided aid in support of the American Revolution and died in Texas. The attached flyer has the names of the new Patriots to be honored. You will notice 12 are Spanish patriots who contributed cattle to Galvez - 8 of them are Canary Islanders or their descendants, two are women. Even if your patriot was recognized previously, come celebrate the addition of the new ones. We are all family! Please feel free to pass along this flyer to your family and friends. Everyone is welcomed. Just be aware that seating is limited.

Bernardo De Galvez Statue added to DAR Plaza of Liberty in McAllen

The NSDAR has fully funded a larger than life-size bronze sculpture of General Bernardo de Galvez, for the TXDAR Plaza of Liberty in the Veterans War Memorial of Texas in McAllen, TX. The National Society commissioned the original sculptor of the previous historical figures placed in the TXDAR Plaza of Liberty to create the Galvez statue. Work on the sculpture proceeded very quickly, which will allow the sculpture to be unveiled during the TXDAR dedication ceremony planned for **Tuesday, March 26 in McAllen**. The funding for the Galvez sculpture was provided by the NSDAR President General's Project for major commemorative initiatives in conjunction with America 250. Texas Daughter Anthony Startz served as consultant for the sculptor as he created the Galvez likeness.

The TXDAR Plaza of Liberty was initiated by Mrs. Wright, during her term as State Regent of Texas, with three informational panels and a sculpture of Patrick Henry. During her administration, Honorary State Regent Judy Ostler added three panels, and the sculpture of George Washington. A sculpture of Martha Washington was dedicated in 2021. The addition of the Galvez sculpture will complete the sculpture garden of the TXDAR Plaza of Liberty.

All Texas Daughters, as well as local school students and the public, are invited to attend the dedication ceremony of the Galvez statue and an informational panel on the contributions of Spain to the US War for Independence, to be held on **Tuesday, March 26 in McAllen, TX at 10:00 am**. Texas SAR celebrates this DAR effort and the energy it brings to all efforts to celebrate our patriots, including the General Galvez statue project in Galveston. Compatriots are encouraged to share news about the McAllen event with the public and be in attendance if at all possible.

Blessings,

Sam Massey

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email: pres@texassar.org or sartxpres20232024@gmail.com

President, Texas Sons of the American Revolution





Upcoming Events



Lake Highlands High School JROTC 4th Annual Awards Ceremony/Pass in Review Friday, 3 May 2024

by Alan Roach, RPh, DPh, Vice President, School Activities, JROTC and BSA

Guardsmen,

I just want to reinforce the earlier announcement about LHHS' JROTC EVENT on Friday, May 3. Our winner is **C/SGM Juan Patino!** Since this particular event is special, I want to invite all Color Guardsmen to be there and let yourselves shine. Hope to see you there. See below for LHHS info!

"I would like to nominate the following Cadet for Sons of the American Revolution Award:

C/SGM Patino, Juan

I am also tracking that you will be presenting a certificate to the Color Guard Team. As you're aware, Plano Chapter 37 is invited to our Awards Ceremony:

WHO: Wildcat Battalion & Attendees

WHAT: 4th Annual Awards Ceremony / Pass In Review

WHEN: 03 May 2024 (11:00am – 1:00pm)

WHERE: LHHS Multi-Purpose Academic Center (MAC)

WHY: To Honor Scholarly Cadets for their Outstanding Achievements as well as conduct a Pass In Review"

Robert T. Gerald

Lieutenant Colonel (RET), MI/JROTC Senior Army Instructor

Lake Highlands High School

9449 Church Rd

Dallas TX 75238

(469) 593-1029

[*Robert.Gerald@risd.org*](mailto:Robert.Gerald@risd.org)





Volunteer Opportunities



The Texas SAR Flag Committee - Volunteers Needed

Compatriots:

Texas SAR needs volunteers to serve on its Flag Committee. The time commitment is expected to be around one 1/2 days a quarter. Prospective flag committee members should have the ability to make phone calls, send emails, provide minor training and understanding on flag etiquette, as well as tally results and prepare reports.

If you would like to serve Texas SAR in this capacity, please contact Flag Committee Chairman Compatriot John Greer johnlgreer@juno.com, 903-883-2090.

Regards,

Sam Massey
Texas SAR President
iPhone: 713-665-4015
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The Texas SAR Audit Committee - Members Needed

Compatriots,

Texas SAR needs volunteers to serve on its Audit Committee. The time commitment is expected to be around one or two days a quarter. Prospective audit committee members should have the ability to read and understand fundamental financial statements, consisting of balance sheets, statements of income or operations and statements of cash flows, and have a basic understanding of accounting, audits, finance, risks and internal controls. Audit committee candidates would have gained those abilities by current or past employment experience in finance or accounting, business management, requisite professional certification in accounting or finance, or any other comparable experience/background that results in the individual's financial sophistication, including being or having been a certified public accountant or auditor.

If this is area in which you would like to serve your Texas SAR please contact Audit Committee Chairman, Compatriot Jerry Pinkerton, jwpsar@gmail.com, 214-502-4707.

Regards,

Sam Massey
2023-2024 Texas President
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This Month's Fun Factoid

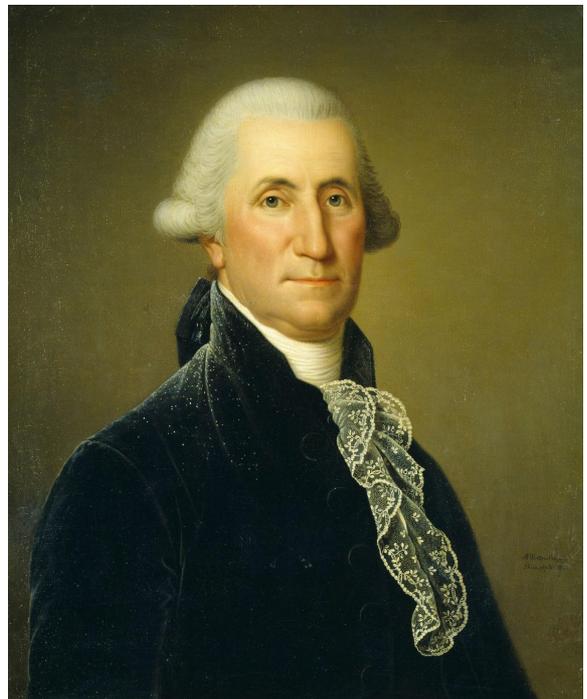


George Washington's Birthday

Contributed by Bob Johns

February 22, 1732

George Washington was born in Virginia on February 11, 1731, according to the then-used Julian calendar. In 1752, however, Britain and all its colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar which moved Washington's birthday a year and 11 days to February 22, 1732.



“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.”



The Minutes

of the

6 February 2024

Chapter Meeting

Plano Texas Chapter #37

Sons of the American Revolution

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Tuesday 6 February, 2024 Meeting Location: Outback Steakhouse, 1509 N Central Expy, Plano, TX 75075

In Attendance:

Michael Morgan, Randy Bush, Tracy Curtin, Alvin Ray, Steve Driever, Kevin Ennis, Ira Archer, Grover Thurman, Alan Roach, Bill Watts, Duane Carter, Bryan Humphreys, Lea Humphries (DAR), Chuck Brennaman, Mandy Brennaman, John Martindale, Dorne Martindale, Howard Roach, JoEllen Roach, Tom Van Fossen (Dallas), Bob Johns, Judy Johns, Rocky Miller, Linda Miller, Paul Redenour, Scott Knightly, Melvin Richards, David Gibson and Jim Wallace.

Total Attendance: 29

Call to Order:

The Meeting is called to order by President Bob Johns at 7:00pm.



The Invocation:

Based on 1 Timothy 2, offered by Rocky Miller, Chaplin.

Pledge to The American Flag:

Offered by Ira Archer



I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and justice for all.

Pledge to The Texas Flag:

Offered by Lea Humphreys, DAR



Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, One State under God, one and indivisible.

Pledge of The Sons of the American Revolution:

Offered by John Martindale



We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.



- **Self Introductions**
- **Consideration and approval of The Minutes from the 2 January 2023 Chapter Meeting.**
 - Motion to Accept: Howard Roach
 - 2nd to Motion: Rocky Miller.
- **Treasurer’s Report:** Presented by Howard Roach, Treasurer.
- **Recognition of the Past President:** President Bob Johns presents a Certificate of Recognition to Past President Chuck Brennaman for services rendered in the office of President for the previous year.

- **President Bob Johns introduces our History Minute Speaker.**



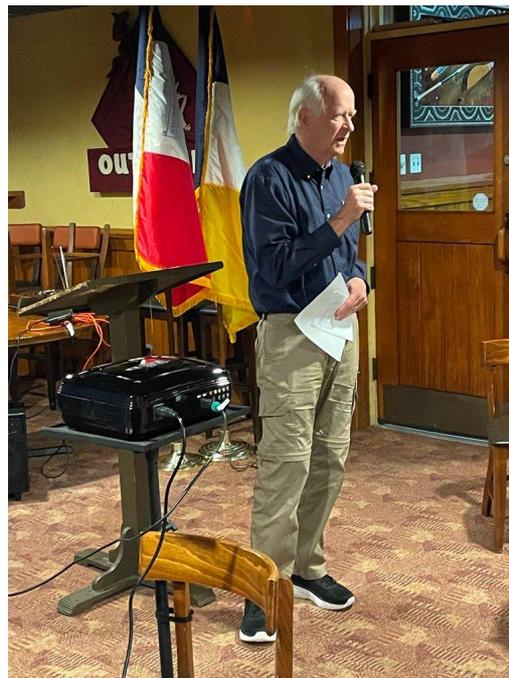
The History Minute

“The Boston Tea Party”



Presented by Duane Carter, Registrar

As part of the lead up to the America 250 commemorations, Duane discusses the events leading up to the action carried out by The Sons of Liberty in Boston Harbor on 16 December 1773.



- Melvin Richards, Vice President of Programming, introduces our Featured Speaker.

The Featured Speaker Presentation

“Ukrainians and Ukraine: A Brief History”

Presented by Dr. Steven Drierer

Dr. Drierer discusses the history and evolution of Ukraine from the end of the 9th Century until the present day. He details the political and military intrigues that occurred throughout the centuries, culminating in the current conflict with the Russian Federation.



Photos: Dr. Drierer presents the history of Ukraine, the Ukrainian Flag, Volodomir the Great

- President Bob Johns presents Dr. Drierer with a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation.

- **President Bob Johns introduces Alan Roach, RPh, DPh, Vice President, School Activities, JROTC and BSA to present the Knight Essay Contest Award to award winner David Gibson. David receives his awards, a certificate and a medal for his winning submission to the Knight Essay Contest of The Texas Society of The SAR last year. The title of David's essay is "Civilian Control: The Prerequisite to a Republic." David is in the 11th grade.**



- **President Bob Johns presents the Liberty Medal Certificate to Duane Carter, Registrar, for his long-standing role in recruiting new members to the Plano Chapter.**



- **Alvin Daniel Ray receives his SAR membership certificate and Rosette Pin from President Bob Johns. Alvin's ancestor, Moses Hanks (1748 - 1831), swore an oath of allegiance in Virginia to the new United States. Compatriot Ray takes the Oath of Membership of the Sons of the American Revolution.**



- **President Bob Johns, Color Guard Commander, presents the Color Guard Report.**
 - Report on the Color Guard activities at the Declaration of Independence Event at Malvern Elementary in McKinney on 26 January. Dave Fautheree, Adjutant Color Guard Commander, attended the event with Color Guard Members from other Chapters.



Tom Van Fossen, T. L. Holden, Dave Fautheree, Bill Graham, Tom Milson, and Bill Watts

- Report on the Plano Symphony Orchestra Children's Concert series where the Color Guard has been asked to provide the opening ceremonies.

- **President Bob Johns introduces Randall Bush, Secretary, to explain the layout and content items of the new Newsletter.**



- **President Bob Johns presents the State of the Chapter address, including reports on Color Guard and Veterans Activities.**



- **President Bob Johns presents Certificates of Appreciation to Duane Carter, Registrar and Howard Roach, Treasurer for their long time service to the Plano Chapter of the SAR.**

The Benediction:

Based on Ephesians 3, offered by Rocky Miller, Chaplin.

The Adjournment/Recessional:

Offered by President Bob Johns.

“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.:

Respectfully Submitted,

Randall Bush
Secretary
Plano Chapter #37
Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution

