

**Plano Chapter #37
Sons of the American Revolution
Plano TX**



**November 2024
Newsletter**



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



A Special Item to Mark the 40th Anniversary of the Plano Chapter of the SAR



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The Plano Chapter #37 of the SAR observes its 40th Anniversary next year in 2025. To celebrate the event, the Chapter Board has commissioned a Commemorative Celebration coin which is intended to both recognize our anniversary and to enhance our budget funds as a fundraiser.

The coin is a full color 2" antique brass coin. The front shows a rendering of the famous Minute Man sculpture by Daniel Chester French, presently standing in Concord in recognition of the Battle of Lexington-Concord. The reverse celebrates our chapter and gives our founding date.

This impressive coin is available to all chapter members for a \$20 donation to the chapter. Donations will enable our chapter to fund even more of the activities and awards we engage in to support veterans, youth awards, public service awards and more.

Please consider making your donation this calendar year. Personally, I plan to get five of the coins to use for recruiting awareness and for recognition.

Make your donation check payable to **Plano SAR Chapter #37** and send it to **Treasurer Howard Roach at 5616 Hillsborough Drive, Plano TX, 75093**. You will receive one of the coins in return.

Let's make this a successful recognition program and fundraising opportunity.





Upcoming Events



Chapter Christmas Dinner Reminder

3 December, 2024

Compatriots, this is a reminder that to make your reservations to attend the Chapter Christmas Dinner at Princi Italia in Plano on 3 December .

There are still a few seats available for the Chapter Christmas Dinner. To make your reservations. ***Please either: Mail your check, payable to Plano SAR Chapter #37 to Chapter Treasurer Howard Roach, 5616 Hillsborough Dr., Plano TX, 75093 OR bring your check to this Chapter meeting on 5 November and give it to Treasurer Howard Roach.***

Cost is **\$40 per person total-tax and tip included.**

Dinner Includes:

- Appetizers for each table
- Caesar Salad

Entrée choice of:

- Pasta Bolognese
- Shrimp Alfredo
- Chicken Picatta
- Water and Tea

Adult beverages, coffee and dessert, not included. If desired, will be billed separately.





Upcoming Events



Chapter Officer Elections

Compatriots,

It's that time of year again. Officer elections! During the **November Chapter Meeting**, nominations for Officers are put forward by the Membership and voted upon. Installation of the elected Officers occurs at the January meeting. Any member in good standing is welcome to nominate another member to a position. All of us are aware of the power of the privilege to vote. Please make an extra effort to attend November's Chapter meeting in order to participate in this important process. Here is the current list of volunteer candidates:

PRESIDENT
VP MEDALS AND AWARDS
VP PROGRAMS
VP VETERANS ACTIVITIES
VP YOUTH ACTIVITIES, SCHOOLS, JROTC
VP YEARBOOK
SECRETARY
TREASURER
REGISTRAR
CHAPLAIN
WEB MASTER/NEWSLETTER EDITOR
SERGEANT AT ARMS
COLOR GUARD COMMANDER

BOB JOHNS
KEVIN ENNIS
MELVIN RICHARDS
B J BJORKLUND
ALAN ROACH
MIKE FLAGG
RANDALL BUSH
SCOTT KNIGHTLY
DUANE CARTER
ROCKY MILLER
RANDALL BUSH
RONALD CAREY
DAVE FAUTHEREE





Upcoming Events



Color Guard Upcoming Events

- **November 9** - Fields of Honor Event at Red Tail Pavilion at Oak Point Park in Plano 2801 E Spring Creek Pkwy Plano Muster time is open at the present time - National Event
- **November 10** – The 44th annual Massing of the Colors, co-hosted by the Ft Worth Chapter MOWW and the Ft Worth ISD JROTC is being held at Birchman Baptist Church, 9100 N. Normandale St, Ft Worth, at 2 pm muster is at 1 pm - National Event
- **November 11** - Frisco Lakes Veterans Day Event at 11 AM. Muster at 10:30 AM - National Event
- **November 16** - Saturday Veterans Day Event at Red Tail Pavilion at Oak Point Park in Plano - 2801 E Spring Creek Pkwy Plano Muster time is open at the present time - National Event
- **December 4** – Dickens on the Strand Parade State Event in Galveston TX - State Event
- **December 14** – Wreaths Across America - National Event

For further information on any of these events or to learn how to participate, contact Color Guard Commander [Major Dave Fautheree](#).

Major Dave Fautheree
Plano Chapter Color Guard Commander
Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution





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Dues Reminders!

Dear Compatriots,

It's that time of year again. Your 2025 annual dues invoices have been prepared and are now available online for you to review (private site credentials required). Once you have your invoice you can conveniently pay online with PayPal or credit/debit card. This payment covers dues for the Plano Chapter, Texas State Society, and the National Society — all in one amount.

For those of you who have a deliverable mailing address, your 2025 dues notices should be arriving in your home mailbox within the next few weeks. These are sent Bulk Mail to your address of record as of September 1st. If you do not receive one by Thanksgiving, please look for your notice online, and help us get your address corrected.

You may see a sample invoice by [clicking here](#). Please note that 2025 dues calculations include a \$3.00 annual assessment to defray expenses which the State Society will incur in hosting the 2029 National Congress in San Antonio. If you do not otherwise owe dues (Life, Perpetual, Junior, or Emeritus member), this assessment will be waived.

As a reminder, dues should be paid by December 31st to ensure your membership does not lapse. The sooner you submit your payment, the sooner the Dallas Chapter will receive funds to continue and grow our programs.

Your paper invoice also contains your 2025 membership card. We thank you for your continued support of the Plano Chapter!

Bob Johns
President, Plano Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution

[Pay Dues Now](#)

If necessary, please follow the instructions to allow popups from Texas SAR so that you may complete your transaction. If you require help, please reach out to any of the Chapter Officers who will guide you through the process.





Upcoming Events



**Patriot Grave Marking Dedication
William Gates
Gates-Perry Cemetery
Washington TX 77880
16 November 2024 1:30pm**

Compatriots,

The SAR Freedom Chapter would like to announce an upcoming marker dedication at the historic [Gates-Perry Cemetery](#) located in Gates Crossing, a ranch community in Washington County, Texas. We will honor Revolutionary War **Patriot William Gates** who, as part of Stephen F. Austin's "Old Three Hundred," arrived in Texas in the early 1800s and settled in what is known today as Washington on the Brazos. The SAR Freedom Chapter and the DAR Coushatti Trace Chapter will be adding Patriot Grave Markers within the cemetery.

We will jointly host this dedication ceremony with the DAR for these markers on **November 16, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.** Formal invitations, including details, maps, parking information, and other logistics, will be posted on the [events calendar](#) in the coming week. Please mark your calendar and share this with your members or others who may be interested. We look forward to your presence as we celebrate this significant event!

Please contact [David Hamaker](#), SAR Freedom Chapter President, to RSVP or if you have any questions. You may also reach him at (936) 522-6018.





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The SAR Flag Certificate is Awarded!

President Bob Johns had the privilege of awarding the SAR Flag Certificate to the Christopher Romero family of Frisco. The SAR Flag Certificate is presented to individuals, companies, and government agencies that fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes. Everyday, the Romero family flies six United States flags and the Marine Corps flag for their son, who is on active duty. Our gratitude goes out to Christopher Romero and his family for their sacrifice and display of patriotism!





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Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony Frederick Fisher Andrews-Liggett Cemetery Lewisburg TN

Any opportunity to attend a Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony is an honor and a privilege. How much more so when the Patriot in question is one's own ancestor! Our Chaplin, Rocky Miller, had just such a privilege on 5 October 2024 when a Grave Marking Ceremony was held for his 4 times Great Grandfather, Frederick Fisher. In attendance were representatives of seven SAR Chapters, plus DAR, and CAR Chapters, as well as other dignitaries:

Kayla McNabb, President Samuel Mayes Chapter, CAR

Beverly McLain, Regent, Robert Lewis Chapter, DAR

Isaac Bland, Compatriot, Lebanon, Tennessee SAR

Marshall County Mayor, Mike Keny

Brigadier General Richard Winn

Linda Potts, Marshall County Historical Society, Marshall County History Club.

John Walker, President of the Lt. Andrew Crockett Chapter served as the Master of Ceremonies.

Compatriot Miller had four roles in the event: (1) He gave the invocation, (2) He gave a speech about Fisher's service during the Revolution, (3) He dedicated the grave-marker (along with two other relatives), and (4) He gave the benediction.





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SAR Name Badges Now Available Locally

We have developed a local source for member name badges. These badges are similar to those available from National for \$35. This local supplier makes them for \$18 and they attach to clothing with magnets.

They may be ordered from AAI Trophies in Plano.

AAI Trophies and Awards
1710 K Ave
Plano TX 75074
972-422-9420



The Texas Compatriot - Summer Edition Now Available!

A message from Ron Turner, editor of the Texas Compatriot:

Texas SAR Compatriots,

The Summer edition of The Texas Compatriot is now available for your reading pleasure. Chapter news, committee news, state news, and color guard news remain topics that everyone in the Texas Society wants to read about. You have two ways to view the newsletter:

- Click [here](#) for a direct link.
- Access current and past editions on the Texas SAR public website: texassar.org, About Texas SAR, Texas Compatriot Newsletter, Choose the year you want to view.

Enjoy!

Best regards,
Ron Turner
Editor, The Texas Compatriot
817.919.9044

Secretary' Note: On page 9, you will find a nice article and photos of our Chapter's involvement at the Bonham VA veterans Cookout on 27 June.





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TO ALL PLANO SAR CHAPTER MEMBERS WHO SERVED DURING THE VIETNAM WAR ERA:

The Department of Defense (DoD) has authorized any veterans who served anywhere and in any capacity during the Vietnam Era, Nov 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975 to be eligible to receive a **Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin (VVLP)**.

Pins have previously been awarded at scheduled group events, but the DoD has now made it possible for eligible veterans to request a pin be delivered to their home address. This program is open to all Veterans, not just our chapter members, so if you know of eligible veterans not in our chapter, feel free to notify them of the program. If eligible Veterans have not previously received a pin, here is how one can be ordered:

1. Veterans who served anywhere in any capacity during the period Nov 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975 are eligible to receive a pin.
2. Veterans can email whs.pentagon.wso.mbx.vnwar50th-cpp-events-application@mail.mil and a Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin will be sent to you via USPS. Please include a good mailing address including your city and state.

If you have questions, please contact any member of our chapter Board, or contact President Bob Johns.

rljohns@outlook.com or 847-691-9317.





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The SAR Education Center and Museum Liberty Tree Campaign

A Message from SAR President General John Dodd

Greetings Compatriots,

It is with great pleasure that I inform you of a momentous development in our ongoing efforts to honor and preserve the legacy of our Patriot Ancestors. The Commonwealth of Kentucky's 2024 budget includes an allocation by the Kentucky General Assembly of \$5 million in the upcoming fiscal year to support the construction of the SAR Education Center and Museum in Louisville!

This monumental decision brings us closer to completion of your state-of-the-art facility that will enlighten and inspire citizens for decades. This important funding will keep construction on track, aiming for an opening date in 2026, coinciding with the 250th anniversary of our great Nation.

As we approach this historic 250th Anniversary, the importance of fostering a deep appreciation of our heritage and the principles upon which our country was founded cannot be overstated. The SAR Education Center and Museum will honor the sacrifices and ideals of our patriot ancestors, inspiring and educating present and future citizens to uphold their values of liberty and self-government.

Even if you have supported the project in the past, as our dream becomes reality, I encourage you to consider an additional contribution. The Liberty Tree Campaign is the easiest way to give. A small, recurring, monthly credit card contribution is the simplest way to make a difference. For those who are able, naming opportunities begin at \$100,000.00. Please contact Phil Bloyd for details. Thank you again for your support and for your important work on behalf of the SAR.

Yours in patriotism,

John L. Dodd
President General, 2023-2024

[Click here to make a
Contribution](#)





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The “Liberty Lives” T-Shirt

Compatriots,

Arlington chapter is offering these patriotic T-shirts as a fundraiser for the Chapter. The Design front and back is as shown. They are available in sizes S-XL. Price is \$20 each. Limited quantity available. More available on demand. Please share with your Compatriots.

Best Regards,

Dan Hamilton
President, Arlington Chapter #7
drhami75@gmail.com





Patriot Stories

**Contributed by BJ Bjorklund
Regarding his Patriot Ancestor
John Edwards**

John Edwards was born on 19 September 1760. He enlisted in the Massachusetts Militia on 7 July 1777 serving in Colonel John Robinson's Regiment, Captain Alishai Brown's Company. He served for 5 months and 28 days and rose to the rank of Colonel. He passed away in 1803 in Acton, Massachusetts.

Compatriot Bjorklund has the singular privilege of having in his possession a story recounted first hand from Patriot Edwards' wife, Susanna Harrington Edwards, to her granddaughter, a portion of which is recounted here. Please feel free to inquire of Compatriot Bjorklund as to the full story, as it is fascinating!

"On the early morning of April 19th, 1775 our grandmother, Susannah Harrington, a young girl of a dozen years or more, was awakened by the alarm "The Redcoats are coming!". This was the name given to the British soldiers by our people, on account of the color of their uniforms. The body of eight hundred British regulars sent from Boston under command of Major Pitcairn had reached Lexington on their way to Concord., with the purpose not only to capture the ammunition secreted there by the patriots, but also to get possession of the persons of John Hancock and Samuel Adams, those two "Arch Rebels", so called by the Tories.

My grandmother would graphically tell how the women of the village, taking their little children with them, gathered on a small eminence overlooking the village green, and there, as the murderous fire of the British soldiers swept down their loved ones, fell on their knees and groaned and shrieked and prayed.

Among those who fell, fatally wounded, she recognized her favorite cousin, Jonathan Harrington, whose home was only a few rods away, across the road from the battleground. As she watched, she saw him struggle to his feet and then fall again, trying painfully to crawl to his doorstep, where stood his young wife with her babe in her arms. Not once thinking of the danger to herself from the enemy's bullets, the young girl fled like a deer down the steep little hill and came to the door just as her cousin reached it to fall dying in the arms of his wife. Together, they dragged their dead hero into the hall and laid him on the couch."



Compatriot News



In Memoriam

Compatriot James Sanders

11 June 1944 - 1 September 2024

Jim was born in 1944 in San Antonio, Texas then moved to Austin at a young age where he lived for a number of years. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M University and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He spent most of his working years with Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

Jim was a devoted family man and volunteered his spare time to various community activities including the Boy Scouts and youth sports organizations.

He is predeceased by two sons - Greg Sanders and Ryan Sanders. He is survived by Kay, his wife of 57 years; sons Jeff and Mike and his wife Jennifer; and his sister Carolyn Boon.

Our thoughts and prayers are offered for Kay, his wife and his family.





Compatriot News



Chapter Compatriot Anniversaries for November

Happy Anniversary, Compatriots!

Donald Bush	2008
Jared Edwards	2019
E M Mike Flagg	2005
Stephen Lucas	1992
Franklin Parker	2023
Ron Perkins	2019
Alvin Ray	2023
Alan Roach	2007
Michael Smith	2015
William Turley	2005
Jimmy Wallace	2005
James Wilson	2007
John Lantz	2015
Carson Tittle	2022
Chad Tittle	2022





This Month's Fun Factoid



The Great New York City Fire of 1776



The Great Fire of New York was a devastating fire that burned through the night of September 20, 1776, and into the morning of September 21, on the West Side of what then constituted New York City at the southern end of the island of Manhattan. It broke out in the early days of the military occupation of the city by British forces during the American Revolutionary War. The fire destroyed from 10 to 25 percent of the buildings in the city.

General George Washington had the unenviable task of evacuating before the advancing British. He asked Congress to allow him to burn the city as he retreated in order to deprive the British of a strategic base of operations, but Congress steadfastly refused. While neither the Patriots nor the British claimed responsibility for setting the fire, General Washington wrote to his cousin, Lund, "Providence - or some good, honest fellow has done more for us than we were disposed to do for ourselves."

As no proof for the origin of the fire has been established, the debate still rages: Was the fire deliberately set by Washington's retreating troops? Was it set by Patriots acting independently? Was it set by the British or was it completely accidental? We may never know.....

"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

1 October 2024

Chapter Meeting

Plano Texas Chapter #37

Sons of the American Revolution

Seals and delivery
the presence of us

* W. G. Lott

Tuesday 1 October, 2024 Meeting
Location: Outback Steakhouse,
1509 N Central Expy, Plano, TX 75075

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



The Invocation: Offered by Mike Goode, Texas SAR Chaplain

Pledge to The American Flag: Offered by Grover Thurman

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 Ronald Carey

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: Mike Goode

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: Total Attendance: 20**

Bob Johns, Kevin Ennis, John Russell, Michael Morgan, Michael Goode, Joe Smith, Melvin Richards, Randy Bush, Tracy Curtin, Terry Curtin, Michael Garner, Ron Carey, Steve Driever, Howard & JoEllen (DAR) Roach, Alan Roach, Duane Carter, Grover Thurman, Bill Watts and David Lee.



- **Consideration and approval of The Minutes from the September 2024 Chapter Meeting:** Motion presented to accept the minutes was put forth by Duane Carter and seconded by Alan Roach. The membership unanimously voted “Aye”.

- **Treasurer’s Report: Presented by Howard Roach, Treasurer.**
 - Investment Account \$16,634.87
 - Checking Account Prosperity Bank \$9,314.16



The History Minute

“The East India Company”

Presented by Randall Bush, Secretary



Randall explains that the East India Company was an English, and later British, joint-stock company founded in 1600 and dissolved in 1874. It was formed to trade in the Indian Ocean region, initially with the East Indies (South Asia and Southeast Asia), and later with East Asia. The company gained control of large parts of the Indian subcontinent and Hong Kong. At its peak, the company was the largest corporation in the world by various measures and had its own armed forces in the form of the company's three presidency armies, totaling about 260,000 soldiers, twice the size of the British Army at certain times.

The Featured Speaker Presentation

“The 1936 Texas Centennial, The Construction of the Hall of State and a History of the Dallas Historical Society”

Introduced by Melvin Richards, VP of Programs

Presented by David Lee, Dallas Historical Society - Director of Education

David presents the history of George Bannerman Dealey, a publisher and civic planner who was instrumental in operating early Dallas newspapers and was instrumental in the creation of Fair Park and acquiring a branch of the Federal Reserve Bank. He long advocated for the creation of a Historical Society in Dallas, which was founded in 1922. He then discussed the creation of the 1936 Texas Centennial celebration and how it was decided to hold the event in Dallas and the construction of the Texas Hall of State in 1935. He then spoke about upcoming events taking place at the Historical Society and ways in which we may help, conduct research and join the Society.

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HISTORICAL
SOCIETY**



Bob Johns, President presents a Certificate of Appreciation to David Lee for his presentation.



New Member Induction

Michael Garner

Compatriot Michael Garner takes the SAR Oath of Membership from President Bob Johns. Jim's Patriot Ancestor, James Standridge, served in the North Carolina Militia. He saw action in the Cherokee Wars of 1777. He was again called into service in 1778 with the Continental Army. After discharge, he settled in South Carolina to raise his family.



Special Recognition



Howard Roach

President Bob Johns presents Treasurer Howard Roach with the Meritorious Service Award for recognition of his fourteen years of service to the Plano Chapter as its Treasurer and two years as its Chapter President.

Tracy Curtin

President Bob Johns presents Tracy Curtin with the Martha Washington Medal and Certificate for her service, work and assistance rendered to the Plano Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.



Color Guard Report

Presented by Bob Johns, President

President Johns provides the current and upcoming Color Guard events schedule and explains the workings of the Color Guard and how to join.

Veterans Report

Presented by Bob Johns, VP Veterans Affairs

VP of Veterans Affairs Johns discusses the current needs and upcoming activities at the Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Center in Bonham TX.

Other Business

Presented by Bob Johns, President

- President Johns explains that BJ Bjorklund will run for the VP for Veterans Activities.
- Explains the need for a Compatriot to run for the position of Sergeant of Arms.

The Benediction: Offered by Mike Goode, Texas SAR Chaplain



The Adjournment/Recessional: The Meeting is adjourned by President Bob Johns at 8:00pm

“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

