

# The Plano Compatriot Gazette

*The Official Newsletter of Plano Chapter #37  
Texas Sons of the American Revolution*

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## 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



## The SAR Mission Statement

Compatriots,

Let's look deeper into the Sons of the American Revolution Mission Statement and how we as members can fulfill it.

First, what is the Mission Statement?

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

We are called as members and as a chapter to fulfill these goals. But how?

- Promoting Patriotism
- We work to inspire our community
- Color Guard participation in patriotic events
- Awarding Flag Certificates. Report neighbors who regularly display our flag to chapter officers
- Focus attention on the teaching of American History
- Recognizing Public Service
  - Law Enforcement Awards
  - Fire fighter Awards
  - Public Safety Awards
- Conduct numerous youth contests promoting patriotism and rewarding cash and scholarship prizes.
- Honor, respect and support our Veterans and active-duty military especially those in facilities of the Veterans Administration or veterans homes.





# President's Message

By Bob Johns, President



## The SAR Mission Statement (Cont'd)

- Serving Our Communities
  - We can do volunteer work to help people in the community, veterans in hospital or retirement homes, scout troops, supporting our chapter Youth Contests and Awards
- Educating and Inspiring Future Generations
  - Donate to the NSSAR Education Center or the NSSAR Outreach Education Programs
  - Donate to NSSAR to support our many Youth Programs by helping to provide funds for prizes and scholarship winners. NOTE: Our February 2025 Newsletter contains a listing and an explanation of all NSSAR donation categories, and the medals awarded to chapter members for making those donations.
  - Participate with our color guard when presenting Flag Presentations to High School students while discussing the American Revolution
  - Volunteer as a judge at SAR Youth Contests when opportunities are shared by Alan Roach our chapter VP for Youth Awards.

If you see a topic where you have an interest and want to explore the possibility of volunteering, contact [President Bob Johns](#) or any [member of the Board](#).

Bob Johns, President





# Upcoming Color Guard Events

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## **14 June – Flag Day - Flag Retirement Ceremony**

Retirement of old flags at Plano Fire Station #12 near Parker & Coit at 11 AM. Joint ceremony with Dallas Chapter SAR, DAR, Plano Fire Department, and Fire/Rescue Explorer Post. Details to follow. *Chapter Event*

## **18 September – Mary Shirley McGuire Chapter DAR Meeting**

Post colors at opening of meeting at 7 PM. Location is First Baptist Church of Plano at 3665 W George Bush Turnpike in the Student Ministry Area. Muster at 6:15 PM. Contact [Color Guard Major Dave Fautheree](#) for additional information. *Chapter Event*

***Major Dave Fautheree***

***Plano Chapter Color Guard Commander***

***Texas Society***

***Sons of the American Revolution***





# Chapter and State News Items

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## Plano SAR Chapter #37 Poster Contest Winner!

Chapter VP for Medals and Awards Kevin Ennis represented our Chapter at the awards ceremony for 2025 Youth Awards held at the Dallas chapter meeting Dec 17. VP Ennis awarded Alessia Garcia, our chapter poster winner, her chapter award certificate and cash prize.





# Chapter and State News Items

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## The DART Annual Older American Festival

Nick Gilliam, Dave Fautheree, Joe Conger and Bob Johns represented the Plano Chapter at the DART annual Older American Festival held at Fair Park May 29. The color guard opened the day long event by presenting the colors at the opening ceremony.

The event honors older Americans contributions and explores the opportunities to stay active and engaged as Americans age.

Pictured here with Ms Texas 2025 who song our national anthem.





# Chapter and State News Items

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## Frisco Lakes community Memorial Day Services

Dave Fautheree, Joe Conger and Bob Johns formed the Color Guard to open and close the Frisco Lakes community Memorial Day Services.

Frisco Council member Tammy Meinershagen was the event feature speaker.





# Chapter and State News Items

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## The Texas Compatriot - Summer Edition

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 to download.](#)
- Access current and past editions on the public website <https://www.texassar.org>

[- About Texas SAR > Texas Compatriot Newsletter > Summer 2025](#)

Enjoy!

Best regards,

Matthew Hoffman  
Editor, The Texas Compatriot  
[compatriot@texassar.org](mailto:compatriot@texassar.org)

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# Chapter and State News Items

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## The Texas SAR 250 Monument

Texas SAR Compatriots,

I want to update you on the status of the Texas SAR 250 Monument that will honor those Patriots who died or are buried in Texas!

The monument design is fully completed and construction will begin this August. We expect delivery and installation of the monument this September. The exact position for the monument has now been set by Texas SAR and the Texas State Cemetery.

A Dedication Ceremony is being planned for the weekend of April 17, 2026 in coordination with the Texas SAR State Convention in Austin.

We are now raising funds for the program, which will include:

- o Official Unveiling and Dedication
- o Participation of the Texas SAR Color Guard
- o Attendance by dignitaries, including elected officials and both State and National SAR officers
- o Recognition of substantial donors
- o Recognition of descendants being honored on the monument
- o Music from local choir

The Dedication Ceremony will take place the morning of April 18th at the Texas State Cemetery in advance of the Youth Awards Luncheon, and we hope that we will have a large turnout for both!

We are in need of some additional funding for the Dedication Ceremony and appreciate the generosity of our chapters and compatriots. I want to thank those chapters and compatriots who have already contributed to this effort!

To donate funds, either individually or for a chapter, please contact Monument Committee Chairman Richard Zdunkewicz.

Richard Lee Zdunkewicz  
Staff Secretary, Texas SAR  
[staffsec@texassar.org](mailto:staffsec@texassar.org)  
713.302.0237



# America 250 and Patriotic Travel Events

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## George Washington's Mount Vernon

### The 250th Celebration of Washington Taking Command

**June 14, 2025 — 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Join us in celebrating the 250th birthday of the historic moment George Washington took command of the U.S. Army.

Experience an unforgettable event featuring live patriotic music, a boat parade along the Potomac River, and a presentation with Washington's horses.

3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway Mount Vernon, Virginia 22121  
(703) 780-2000  
[tickets@mountvernon.org](mailto:tickets@mountvernon.org)



The Mount  
Vernon Ladies'  
Association

# America 250 and Patriotic Travel Events





Please join the General Philemon Thomas Chapter,  
Louisiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution  
as we celebrate

**2025 Flag Day!**



**Saturday, 14 June 2025 at 10:00 AM**



**LOUISIANA'S  
OLD STATE CAPITOL**

**100 North Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA**

Look for the Red, White, and Blue lights at the New State Capitol Building the evening before Flag Day!





# America 250 and Patriotic Travel Events

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## The 2025 Activities Celebrating President James Monroe's 267th Birthday

**Westmoreland County Ceremony  
The Birthplace and Visitor's Center  
4460 James Monroe Highway Colonial Beach VA 22443  
5 October 2025 2:00pm**

Starting at **2:00 p.m. at the Birthplace**, the 267th anniversary ceremonies are expected to include local and state elected officials. Come to see both the **Birthplace House** and the exhibits at the **Visitor Center**. The ceremony will be in front of the Birthplace House again, rather than in front of the Visitor Center. See [www.monroefoundation.org](http://www.monroefoundation.org) for the Birthplace location at 4460 James Monroe Highway (State Rt. 205) just outside of Colonial Beach.

Please remember that President Monroe was the only President besides George Washington to have actively served in the regular army during the Revolutionary War, participating in six major battles (as well as wintering at Valley Forge, crossing the Delaware with George Washington, being seriously wounded at Trenton and cited for conspicuous bravery) and subsequently served simultaneously as Secretary of War and Secretary of State (during the War of 1812, when he helped coordinate American defenses against the British). He was also an active participant in our first American lineage society, the Society of the Cincinnati.

***When James Monroe and other patriots seized the Virginia Governor's Palace on June 24, 1775, and distributed its armory of muskets, pistols, and swords to the Williamsburg militia, that act began the Revolutionary War in Virginia. Let's celebrate that 250th anniversary by honoring James Monroe in proper fashion!***

We hope that you will be able to participate with us in this commemorations to emphasize the role of this great Virginian and Founding Father in establishing our country, and its system of government and values.

# America 250 and Patriotic Travel Events

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## The SAR Congress in Uncasville CT

July 2025

Compatriots,

If you plan to attend or are thinking about attending the SAR Congress in Uncasville, CT in July 2025, please send an email to me with your name and National Number so I can notify NSSAR that you qualify to be a Delegate for Texas SAR.

Please respond to [sec@texassar.org](mailto:sec@texassar.org) if you want to be listed as a potential Delegate. ***NSSAR will issue Voting Credentials again this year...you will not receive them from the State Secretary as in the past.***

I have attached a pdf file from National with the most recent information about the 2025 Congress. I look forward to seeing you in Uncasville, CT.

Kevin Kanter  
Secretary, Texas SAR  
(210) 213-2455

[2025 Spring Congress  
Information](#)





# Contribution Opportunities

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## Volunteer Opportunity The American Revolution Traveling Exhibit

Compatriots,

Our compatriots in the McKinney chapter have asked for our assistance providing volunteers to host 3 hour sessions at an upcoming American Revolution Traveling Exhibit scheduled at the Collin County History Museum in McKinney.

The event is hosted by the John Abson McKinney DAR chapter, the group our chapter partners with for Wreaths Across America.

***The request is for volunteers to take three-hour shifts, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM or 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, one person per shift, Thursdays through Saturday only and from May 29 through July 5.***

This is not a color guard event. **All members** are welcome to volunteer. Color Guard members are welcome in uniform as always.

Let's support this event and our compatriots and sisters in these SAR and DAR chapters.

Click on this QR code below for more information and to register for a time slot. Those who can do so are welcome to sign up for more than one time slot.

Questions can be directed to [President Bob Johns](#) or to McKinney Chapter past President [Tom Milson](#).





# Contribution Opportunities

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## Bonham VA Summer Needs List

Dear Compatriots,

The Plano Chapter of SAR continues to support our veterans at the Bonham Veterans Center. Your generous contributions are greatly appreciated by our veterans. Attached is a list of current needs. Please inform [BJ Bjorklund](#), chapter VP for Veteran Activities, if you feel called to help with items on this list. Thank you!

### Bonham VA Needs Listing

We appreciate your interest in wanting to serve Veterans and below is an updated needs listing for Summer 2025. All items must be new and in original packaging.

#### **Gift Cards:**

- Exxon or Shell gas cards (Social Work to assist Veterans to/from appointments)
- Whataburger Gift Cards
- Braum's Gift Cards

#### **Clothing & Comfort Items:**

- Diabetic gripper socks – *Special request as regular gripper socks are too restrictive on legs of the diabetic or patients with larger legs.*
- Athletic Shorts (Men – various sizes)
- Women's summer tops (various sizes)
- Crop pants or long pants summer weight (Women – elastic waist, various sizes)
- T-shirts or short sleeve pullover
- Body Wash (no bar soap or hotel/motel toiletries)
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Electric Razors (for Veterans on blood thinners)
- Razors (disposable double to triple blade)
- Shaving Cream

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# Contribution Opportunities

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## Bonham VA Summer Needs List (Cont'd)

**Refreshments:** Individually wrapped snack items to include ingredients are welcome, but no homemade food items. Items such as the following:

- Breakfast pastries/muffins for coffee cart
- Peanut Butter/Cheese Crackers
- Chips, Cookies (Variety Pack, Individual Bags)
- Bottled Water
- Small Bottles Gatorade
- Ground Coffee (regular only)
- Juices (small boxed)
- Liquid Creamer (individual packs/cups only)
- Coffee supplies (8 oz cups, sugar/Splenda packets)

### Miscellaneous:

- Headphones - Over the head with plug for phone/TV (no earbuds, no wireless)
- Plastic Models (Cars, Airplanes, Ships, Etc.)
- Dominoes (Big)
- Journals, notebooks
- Adult coloring books, with colors or colored pencils
- Markers
- Postage Stamps
- Pens, stationary
- 1,000, 1,500 and 2,000 piece Jigsaw Puzzles
- Crossword puzzles/word search (large print)
- Sudoku books (large print)
- **New** books, **new** magazines

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# Contribution Opportunities

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## Bonham VA Summer Needs List (Cont'd)

### Seeking Sponsorship for the following items/activities:

- Monthly Birthday Socials
- Popcorn & Movie
- Bingo & Prizes
- Cooking Group – monthly or quarterly
- Bowling for Domiciliary Residents
- Bonham State Park Pass
- Sporting & Music Events

Monetary and In-Kind Donations by mail, please send to:

**Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Center  
Center for Development and Civic Engagement (135)  
Atten: Brenda Magness, CDCE Specialist  
1201 E.9th Street  
Bonham, Texas 75418**

- If you would like to make a monetary donation please make check or money order payable to *Bonham VA Medical Center*.
- You can also donate to the Bonham VA Medical Center using E-Donate online: Donating is just a click away with an online donation option that provides community members the account of their choice. E-Donate provides a quick, safe way for you to pledge your support to Veterans online. E-Donate also allows you to make a donation in memory of a loved one. Select *VA North Texas Health Care System* and choose a designated medical center and program, along with amount that you'd like to donate. Every penny of your donation goes to help Veterans.
- All donations must be coordinated with Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE) for acceptance and delivery drop off. Should you have questions regarding donations please call **903-583-6282** or email [brenda.magness@va.gov](mailto:brenda.magness@va.gov). Items may be mailed to the mailing address listed above.





# Contribution Opportunities



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

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 Scott Knightly at 3121 Satsuma Drive, Dallas TX, 75229**. You will receive one of the coins in return.

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





# Contribution Opportunities

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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](#)





# Compatriot News



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## Patriot Stories

**Contributed by Duane Carter  
Regarding his Patriot Ancestor  
Joseph Carman**

Joseph Carman was born in Bordentown New Jersey in 1745 to a family that had been in colonial America for generations. An earlier Carman was included in a painting celebrating the purchase of Hempstead County Long Island from Indiana in exchange for an axe and other tools.

Carman enlisted with Captain William Crogan's Company of the 8th Virginia Regiment at Fort Pitt in early 1776. This company crossed the Delaware with George Washington to defeat the British and Hessians at Trenton. They would also fight at Brandywine and Germantown with less favorable results. Carman went into winter camp at Valley Forge and completed his two years of service.

After the war, Carman moved to Kentucky with his wife and six children. He purchased a large tract of land near the Kentucky River a few miles south of Frankfort. In the fall of 1787 he went on a buffalo hunt with a small party of men including a nephew of Daniel Boone. (The story was told to historian Lyman Draper). They were attacked by Indians. Carman was separated from the party and killed. His dismembered body was found draped over saplings.

Joseph Carman's Isaac Newton Carman became a Baptist preacher in Indiana. His granddaughter Barbara moved to Kansas.



## Compatriot Anniversaries for June

**Happy Anniversary, Compatriots!**

John G Baker	1994
Randall L Bush	2023
James F Souders	2006
Leon R Stirm	2015
Steven Thrasher	2023
James C Viers	2022
Joseph C Conger	2002



# This Month's Revolutionary Story



Contributed by Joe Conger

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## Victory at Sea 1776 – 1789

The American Revolutionary War could not have been won without the naval assistance of France, Spain and Holland, who fought Britain with the American Navy. British supply lines were 3,000 miles, attacked time and time again by American ships and her allies. Forced to bring provisions and soldiers the British were humbled.

Prior to 1774 about one third of the British merchant ships were built in North America. The colonies were a source of inexpensive abundant timbers. The ships built may have been smaller than "Ships of the Line of Battle", (Ships-of-the-line is the 18th century term for ships substantial enough to be used in a battle line, a tactic of war in which two lines of ships faced off against each other) but they were able to sail afar and fast. At the time of the war, the basic expertise of shipbuilding and navigating the high seas had mastered by the Americans.



The American Naval effort took place on three levels: Privateers (legalized pirates), individual colonies having a naval presence and a Navy organized by Congress. Privateers by far were the most plentiful. "Just follow the money". Both sides in the war used privateers. British Admiral Howe was paid off by privateers operating in the New England waters. Sailor would triple his wages! For Britain in the colonies, this was big business. It employed 6,000 black seamen. English privateers were color blind. For black slaves it was freedom. In 1777 there were about 73 privateers, but by 1781 there were 449, who captured some 3,100 vessels and sold 900 back to the owners for ransom, not to mention the stores, gunpowder and weapons. Congress and the colonies gave "Letters of Marque" to perform basically legalized piracy! Privateers sailed gunboats and barrages on rivers and bays to galleys and fast schooners on the seas.

At the beginning of the war England had the strongest Navy in the world and it continued to rule the seas for another century and half. In 1776 the British had 16,000 men in the navy of which 4,500 were marines. By 1781 it had 90,000 men with 20,000 marines. During the war many British ships were lost accidental explosions, fire and shipwrecks. If we ignore ships wrecks and gangrene wounds the total men lost due to sickness and disease is the highest.

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# This Month's Revolutionary Story



Contributed by Joe Conger

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## Victory at Sea 1776 – 1789 (Cont'd)

The British Navy from 1776 to 1780 some 18,541 died of disease versus some 1,242 killed in action, out of some 175,990 men who served during this period, with 42,000 desertions. Epidemics, yellow fever, malaria, typhus and scurvy were all contributors. (As the American Revolutionary War ended the origins of scurvy became known).

Jan 16, 1780: British demonstrate naval supremacy in The Moonlight Battle British Admiral Sir George Rodney, with 18 "Ships of the Line" engaged an inferior Spanish squadron of 11 battleships commanded by Don Juan de Langara off the southwestern coast of Portugal at Cape St. Vincent, in what comes to be known as The Moonlight Battle.

The Spanish, who were at war with the British because they had chosen to back the American rebels in the War for Independence, saw the British fleet in pursuit and attempted to retreat home to the port of Cadiz. As they fled, Rodney decided to ignore the accepted rules of naval engagement, which involved two lines of ships bombarding one another with cannon much like two lines of infantry confronting one another across a battlefield. Instead, he decided to attempt to overtake the Spanish ships by giving orders of general chase, having each British ship chase the Spanish fleet to the best of its ability. The British hounded the Spanish until 2 a.m., when the Spaniards finally surrendered.



Four Spanish battleships and two frigates escaped capture, but the British took De Langara's flagship and five others before running into shoals and ending the chase. One Spanish ship with its entire crew was lost in battle. Thirty-two Britons died, and 102 were wounded.

Credit for the British victory belongs not only to their greater number of ships and Admiral Rodney's decision to give chase, but also to the British ships' barnacle-free copper bottoms, which allowed them to outpace the less technologically advanced Spanish fleet. The fact that the two fleets engaged in battle overnight was an anomaly in 18th-century sea warfare, and earned the encounter the title The Moonlight Battle, and a painting by Francis Holman, despite its comparative insignificance in the Revolutionary War. In 1775 Britain had 131 "ships-of-the-line" and at the end of the war had 174. So how were the Americans victorious in winning against this kind of naval power?



SEE The Next Issue!

Source: "Navies of the American Revolution" by Antony Preston David Lyon and John H. Batchelor, 1975 Bison Books



# Connect!

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## Upcoming Meeting Tidbits and Officer Connection Information

### 3 June 2025 Meeting Highlights

- The History Minute is “Bunker Hill”, presented by Ronald Carey, Sgt at Arms.
- The Featured Speaker is Duane Carter, Registrar, who will present “Art and Artists in the Revolution”.

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### Connect with our Officers!

President [Bob Johns](#)

Treasurer [Scott Knightly](#)

Color Guard Commander [Dave Fautheree](#)

VP of Medals and Awards [Kevin Ennis](#)

VP of Chapter Programs [Melvin Richards](#)

VP of Veterans Affairs [BJ Bjorklund](#)

VP of Youth Activities [Alan Roach](#)

Registrar [Duane Carter](#)

Sergeant at Arms [Ronald Carey](#)

Chaplin [Rocky Miller](#)

Secretary [Randall Bush](#)

[Plano SAR Chapter #37 Website](#)

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*“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 May 2025**  
**Chapter**  
**Meeting**

**Plano Texas**  
**Chapter #37**

**Sons of the**  
**American**  
**Revolution**

**Tuesday 6 May, 2025 Meeting  
Location: Outback Steakhouse,  
1509 N Central Expy, Plano, TX 75075**

**Call to Order:** The Meeting is called to order by Major Dave Fautheree at 7:00pm.

**The Invocation:** Offered by Rocky Miller, Chaplin



**Pledge to The American Flag:** Offered by Ronald Carey

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 BJ Bjorklund

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 Kevin Ennis

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.



**The Sons of the American Revolution Mission Statement:**

**Offered by Mike Becker**

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



**Self Introductions:** Total Attendance: 17

Dave Fautheree, Duane Carter, Melvin Richards, Steven Driever, BJ Bjorklund, Kevin Ennis, Rocky and Linda Miller, Bradford Gaian, Bryan and Lea (DAR) Humphreys, Ron Carey, Mike Becker, Mike Morgan, Kyle Potts, Gavin Potts, Gabriel Potts and Michael Goode.



- **Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the April 2025 Chapter Meeting;**  
**Presented by Major Dave Fautheree, Color Guard Commander.**  
The April Meeting Minutes were approved by acclamation.
- **Treasurer's Report: Presented by Major Dave Fautheree, Color Guard Commander.**
  - Checking Account Balance \$12,289.91
  - Investment Account: \$14,601.87

## The History Minute

### “Ticonderoga”

**Presented by Duane Carter, Registrar**

Compatriot Carter discusses the siege of Ft. Ticonderoga by British General John Burgoyne from July 2 through 6, 1777. The garrison at the fort was commanded by Arthur St. Clair. The British took command after the American garrison evacuated the fort on July 6".



# The Featured Speaker Presentation “Kilts in the Revolution”

Presented by Major Dave Fautheree, Color  
Guard Commander

Major Fautheree discusses the history and use of kilts during the American Revolution. These were primarily worn by Scottish Highlander Regiments that served in the Colonial Theater.



## New Members and Supplementals

Presented by Duane Carter, Registrar

### New Members

Kyle Potts - Henry Van Heining - NY MIL  
Gavin Potts - Henry Van Heining - NY MIL  
Gabriel Potts - Henry Van Heining - NY MIL

### Supplementals

Michael Morgan - Thomas West - PS  
Chance Morgan - Thomas West - PS

# Color Guard Report

**Presented by Major Dave Fautheree, Color Guard Commander**

Commander Fautheree provides the current and upcoming Color Guard events report.



# JROTC Report

**Presented by Ron Carey, Sgt at Arms**

Compatriot Carey reports on the presentation of JROTC Awards to the perspective High School candidates.

# Veterans Report

**Presented by BJ Bjorklund, VP  
Veterans Affairs**

Compatriot Bjorklund provides current and upcoming Veterans information.



# Current/Other Business

Presented by Major Dave Fautheree, Color Guard Commander

Major Fautheree informs the membership of any items of concern or interest. SAR State Chaplin Michael Goode informs us that Compatriot Bill Watts is battling a grave illness and provided his phone number. He further informs us that Compatriot T L Holden from the Edmund Terrell Chapter has passed. His Memorial/Funeral and Compatriot Grave Marking Ceremony will take place on 21 June at 10:00 am at the Portales Cemetery, 1600 E 3rd, Portales NM. Lodging is available at the Comfort Inn Portales, (888) 770-6800.

## The Benediction: Offered by Rocky Miller, Chaplin



## The Adjournment/Recessional:

The Meeting is adjourned by Major Dave Fautheree, Color Guard Commander 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

