

# 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



## Chapter Officer Elections are Approaching!

Compatriots,

September marks the month where our chapter considers whom to elect to lead the chapter in the coming year.

Our Bylaws read "*The officers of the chapter shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Chaplain, a Registrar, a Historian and a Sergeant-at-Arms.*"

*"The chapter will announce in September that a ballot will be created in October listing those members who have decided to run for election. The chapter shall vote on that ballot in November and those present then will elect officers for the coming year."*

Your present board, with the exceptions of Treasurer Scott Knightly, Historian Mike Flagg and Sergeant-at-Arms Ronald Carey will run for re-election. Ronald Carey will run as Treasurer; Mike Becker will run as Sergeant-at-Arms and Randall Bush will run as Historian in addition to his continuing role as Secretary.

If other members are interested in running for office or investigating what duties attach to each position, please ask any member of the present board or President Bob Johns.





# Chapter and State News Items

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## Plano SAR Chapter #37 Christmas Dinner!

### **\*NOTE - Dinner Date has Changed from 9 December to 2 December!\***

This December we are again having a chapter dinner at **Princi Italian Restaurant** like we did last year. Dinner will be on **Tuesday, December 2 at 6:00**. There will be no formal chapter business meeting, no flags etc.

We are in a private area of the Princi Italia Restaurant located on the NE corner of the DNT at Parker Rd. The address is *3300 Dallas Parkway, Plano 75093*.

Dinner Includes:

- Appetizers for each table
- Caesar Salad

Entrée choice of:

- Pasta Bolognese with sides
- Shrimp Alfredo with sides
- Chicken Piccata with sides
- Water and Tea



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

**RESERVATIONS** - Make your reservations by sending a check to Treasurer Scott Knightly for \$40/per person, including tip. The cost is \$40 per person check payable to **“Plano SAR Chapter 37”**. Mail your check to:

**Scott Knightly**  
**3121 Satsuma Drive**  
**Dallas TX 75229**





# Chapter and State News Items

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## SAR Youth Protection Training

Compatriots,

As we approach the time of contests in our SAR Society, ***please be reminded that all who participate in ANY SAR Sponsored event involving children are required to take the SAR Youth Protection Training -***

<https://www.bredenfoerder.com/youth-protection-training.html>

*Please take the training provided at the link above, and print and retain the completion certificate for your records.*

If you have taken this training even within the last two years, please review the video, as new information has been added.

Please reach out to any State or Chapter Officers if you have any questions.

In the Spirit of '76,

Mel Oller  
Texas SAR President  
[pres@texassar.org](mailto:pres@texassar.org)





# Chapter and State News Items

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## The Ben Franklin Lapel Pin

by Major Dave Fautheree, Color Guard Commander

Compatriots,

Compatriot Bill Watts, who recently passed away, set up a new lapel pin to be awarded for youth activity participation. The criteria and requirements are:

- Participate in 5 SAR Youth activities and complete the Youth Protection Training online.
- Send a list of the events (from January 1, 2025 forward), the date, the place, your name, proof of your YPT certificate, and your Chapter to Tom Van Fossen ([tvf1776@gmail.com](mailto:tvf1776@gmail.com)). The Dallas Chapter will award you the lapel pin. It is to be worn on all clothing, not just business or colonial.

The Bill Watts – Ben Franklin Lapel Pin will be available to other Texas Chapters as well as DAR & C.A.R. members.

The SAR Youth Protection Training online course is at [SAR University Youth Protection Training](#).

## News Flash!!!

### The Silver National Color Guard Medal

will be presented to our very own Major Dave Fautheree, Color Guard Commander, at the TXSSAR Fall BOM Meeting by David Hamaker, TXSSAR Color Guard Commander!

Congratulations, Dave!!



# Chapter and State News Items



## The General Bernardo de Galvez Chapter, NSDAR Presents

# The American Revolution *Experience*

How were the lives of ordinary people affected by the events of the American Revolutionary War? As tensions mounted across the Thirteen Colonies, the entire Revolutionary Generation was faced with a difficult choice: to pledge loyalty to the Patriot cause and the prospect of a new nation, or remain loyal to the King as subjects of the British Empire. How would you choose?



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 DAR  
Daughters of the American Revolution

**Opening Reception: 10 October 2025, 6:30 - 8:30pm**  
**Public Viewing Dates: 10 - 17 October 2025, 10:00am - 4:00pm Daily**  
**Sunday Hours 12-4pm**

**Allen Christian Church  
Heritage Village, 450 E St. Mary Drive  
Allen TX 75002**





# 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)



# 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



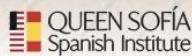
## Spain and the Birth of American Democracy

A HISTORY SYMPOSIUM

September 19-20, 2025  
DAR Constitution Hall  
Washington, DC



**REGISTER HERE!**



FUNDACIÓN  
RAMÓN ARECES



This symposium about Spain's contributions to the American Revolution will be held Friday, September 19 in the afternoon and all day on Saturday, September 20, 2025, in DAR Constitution Hall. All events including academic lectures, panel discussions, and other activities will be free and open to the public with pre-registration required. More details will be updated on [this page](#) and on [www.queensofiaspanishinstitute.org](http://www.queensofiaspanishinstitute.org) later in the summer.

The symposium is presented by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the Queen Sofía Spanish Institute (QSSI), and the Fundación Ramón Areces (FRA) with support from the Cultural Office of the Embassy of Spain in the United States. This will be the second symposium in QSSI's America&Spain250 initiative and a cornerstone event of DAR's America250 programming to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the nation's founding.

### Quick Facts:

- Friday, September 19 from 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- Saturday, September 20 from 10 am - 8:00 pm
- This is a two day event. You will only need to register once for both days and will need proof of registration for entering the building.
- The event will consist of speakers, panels, and booths of different history and cultural organizations.
- Events will be held in DAR Constitution Hall.
- Full security check will be in progress.



# America 250 and Patriotic Travel Events

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## The Navy-Marines 250 SAR National Event

**11 - 13 October 2025  
Philadelphia PA**

Compatriots,

Registration is open for the Navy-Marines 250 SAR National Event to be held from Oct 11-13, 2025 in Philadelphia, PA. You may register at the following link: [250th Anniversary Celebration of the U.S. Navy & Marine Corps.](#)

Hotel reservations can be made at the Wyndham Philadelphia Historic District, located at 400 Arch Street, in Philadelphia, PA. The SAR rate of \$219 per night is available from October 10-14, 2025. Reservations must be made no later than September 10, 2025, for the SAR rate.

Make your hotel reservations at the following link: [Sons of the American Revolution Hotel.](#)

Following is the full schedule of activities including the time and location for each event.

Make plans now to attend.

Patriotically,

Jeff Thomas  
Historian General  
America 250 Chair  
Sons of the American Revolution

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# America 250 and Patriotic Travel Events

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## The Navy-Marines 250 SAR National Event (Cont'd)

### Navy Marines 250 Schedule of Activities

#### **Saturday, October 11, 2025**

8:30am	Muster at Arch Street Cemetery
9:00am	Samuel Nicholas Grave Marking at Arch Street Meeting House 320 Arch St, Philadelphia, PA
10:30am	Muster at Independence Square
11:00am	Navy Marines 250 Ceremony at Independence Square 111 S Independence Mall W, Philadelphia PA
12:00pm	Lunch on Your Own
1:30pm	Muster at St. Mary's Cemetery
2:00pm	John Barry Grave Marking at Old St. Mary's Church 252 S 4th St, Philadelphia, PA
6:00pm	Dinner at Glory Beer Bar & Kitchen 126 Chestnut St, Philadelphia, PA

#### **Sunday, October 12, 2025**

9:00am	Bus Departs Wyndham Philadelphia Historic District Hotel 400 Arch St, Philadelphia, PA
10:00am	Bus Arrives at Pennypacker Mills
11:00am	Battle of Germantown Ceremony at Pennypacker Mills 5 Haldeman Rd, Schwenksville, PA
12:15pm	Bus Departs to Germantown / Box Lunch
1:00pm	Bus Arrives at Germantown
2:00pm	Five-Patriot Grave Marking at Upper Burial Ground 6309 Germantown Ave. Philadelphia, PA
3:15pm	Bus Departs to Hotel
4:00pm	Bus Arrives at Hotel
6:00pm	Dinner on Your Own

# America 250 and Patriotic Travel Events

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## The Navy-Marines 250 SAR National Event (Cont'd)

### Navy Marines 250 Schedule of Activities

#### Monday, October 13, 2025

10:00am	Muster for Parade, location will be provided to all participants once finalized Every participant must complete a release of liability form by Sep 29, 2025
11:00am	Homecoming 250 Parade Begins JFK Blvd & 20th Street
1:00pm	Homecoming 250 Parade Ends Independence Mall, 520 Chestnut Street
1:00-2:00pm	Public Navy 250th Commemoration with Blue Angels Flyover 520 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA
2:00-5:00pm	Tour of the Museum of the American Revolution 101 S 3rd St, Philadelphia, PA
6:00pm	Dinner on Your Own

Please save the Date for the Navy-Marines 250 SAR National Event to be held from Oct 11-13, 2025 in Philadelphia, PA.

There are many exciting events planned for this 250th Celebration:

- 250th Commemoration to be held on Independence Square
- Patriot grave markings for Commodore John Barry and Colonel Samuel Nicholas
- Participation in the Navy Marines Homecoming 250 Parade
- Tours of Independence Hall and the Museum of the American Revolution
- Battle of Germantown Commemoration with a 5-Patriot Grave Marking

Make plans now to attend for a great America 250 event!

# 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.



# Volunteer Opportunities

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**The State Fair of Texas  
Fair Park  
1300 Robert B Cullum Blvd  
Dallas TX 75210  
26 September to 19 October 2025**

**Volunteers are needed to help staff the Continental DAR House recruiting tables.**



The State Fair of Texas returns to Fair Park for its 139th year! The Jane Douglas Chapter of the DAR opens the Continental DAR House for Fair attendees to enjoy. It is the only American patriotic museum on the Fairgrounds and serves as a point of education to the community.

Anyone who would like to volunteer time at the DAR booth during the fair beginning Friday 26 September may sign up [here](#). Volunteering allows you free access to the Fair on the day you work. Join your fellow SAR members at the State Fair of Texas!



# 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.*
- Men's athletic shorts (various sizes)
- Men's sweat pants - lightweight (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:

- Bottled water
- Breakfast pastries/muffins for coffee cart
- Peanut butter/Cheese crackers
- Chips, Cookies (Variety Pack, Individual Bags)
- 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:

- **12 oz** Coffee insulated cup/tumbler with lids and handle
- Plastic Models (Cars, Airplanes, Ships, Etc.)
- Leather crafts
- Dominoes (Big)
- Journals, notebooks
- Art supplies - 5x7" canvas, variety of acrylic paint colors
- Adult coloring books, with colors or colored pencils
- Paint by stickers
- 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 - Baseball Games [Rangers/Roughriders] and movie tickets for Domiciliary residents.

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 Anniversaries for September

Happy Anniversary, Compatriots!

Dr Steven Driever	2000 (25 Years)
Dave Fautheree	2022
Bradford N Gaian	2023
Michael Jerry Garner	2024
Drake Peddie	2003
Daniel Peddie	2010
Michael J Radcliff	1997
Steven C Seachord	2000 (25 years)
Joe H Smith	2022
Charles R Stephenson	2011
Mark A Phariss	2007
Gregory K Stewart	2017



# Compatriot News



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## Patriot Stories

**Contributed by Tom Van Fossen  
Regarding his Patriot Ancestor  
Jacob Van Fossen**

Jacob Van Fossen was born September 8, 1756 in Worcester Township, Philadelphia County (which later became Montgomery County).

In July 1776, Jacob joined a volunteer company in his neighborhood near Philadelphia. They trained weekly but remained at home to be ready to defend their homes at a "minutes notice" ....like a minute man.

In the fall of 1776, Jacob's Associator Group gathered at Wentz's Tavern near Germantown and marched to Philadelphia. They joined General George Washington's Continental Army. After two weeks of training they began their march toward New York, where the British had landed 15,000 to 20,000 troops. They went across Trenton, Princeton, and New Brunswick to Perth Amboy.

They held Berth Amboy, digging entrenchments for several weeks to prevent the British from attacking northern New Jersey from Staten Island and Long Island. After two months, they returned to Pennsylvania.

In September 8th, 1777, Jacob's Group was called out again and marched to Brandywine, PA and joined General Washington and the Continental Army again. He was promoted to Ensign. When the Continental Army withdrew from Brandywine, Jacob's Pennsylvania Militia (that was in charge of Washington's left flank) gathered the Army's supplies they had been guarding and moved them the west Bank of the Schuylkill River, northwest of Philadelphia. They were engaged at the Paoli Massacre and the battle of Whitemarch. In October, the Continental Army and Pennsylvania Militia attacked the British at Germantown. After Germantown, the Militia went home for the winter and the Continental Army withdrew to Valley Forge.

In June of 1778, Jacob's Associators were again called out and marched to Monmouth Courthouse, New Jersey and again joined the Washington's Continental Army and engaged the British there.

After Monmouth, the Militia returned to Pennsylvania. Jacob became a Tax Collector and recruited for the Army. In 1881, Jacob and his brother John and their families moved to Augusta County, VA, where in 1845 he died of natural causes and is buried. During his life he has 3 wives and 6 children, 4 born in Pennsylvania and 2 born in Virginia.



# This Month's Fun Factoid



Contributed by Randall Bush, Secretary

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## The United States Marine Corps Hymn

The "Marines' Hymn", the official hymn of the United States Marine Corps, was introduced by the first director of the USMC Band, Francesco Maria Scala. Its music originates from an 1867 work by Jacques Offenbach with the lyrics added by an anonymous author at an unknown time in the following years. Authorized by the Commandant of the Marine Corps in 1929, it is the oldest official song in the United States Armed Forces.

The "Marines' Hymn" is typically sung at the position of attention as a gesture of respect, akin to a national anthem. However, the third verse is also used as a toast during formal events, such as the birthday ball and other ceremonies.





# Connect!

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## Upcoming Meeting Tidbits and Officer Connection Information

### 2 September 2025 Meeting Highlights

- The History Minute is “The Guns of Ticonderoga” presented by Secretary Randall Bush.
  - The Featured Speaker is Richard Bonaparte who will present “John Tyson - A Reluctant Patriot”.
  - Treasurer Scott Knightly will be presenting a special part entitled “Modern Minutemen” on behalf of the Civil Air Patrol.
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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](#)

Chaplain [Rocky Miller](#)

Secretary [Randall Bush](#)

[Plano SAR Chapter #37 Website](#)

*“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

**5 August 2025**  
**Chapter**  
**Meeting**

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

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

**Tuesday 5 August, 2025 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 Michael Goode, Chaplain, TEXASSAR



**Pledge to The American Flag:** Offered by Joe Conger

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 Jim Smetzer

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 Dan Ray

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 Bob Johns**

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: 23

Melvin and Marita Richards, Thomas Richards, Robert Mangrum, Howard and Jo Ellen Roach, Alan Roach, Randall Bush, Bob Johns, Michael Morgan, Jim Smetzer, Duane Carter, Myke Sandea, Zachary Countryman, Michael Goode, Scott Knightly, Dan Ray, Myles Alderman, Grover Thurman, Joe Conger, Ronald Carey, Tom Van Fossen, and Mike Becker.



- **Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the June 2025 Chapter Meeting;**

**Presented by President Bob Johns**

The June Meeting Minutes were approved by acclamation.

- **Treasurer's Report: Presented by Scott Knightly, Treasurer**

- Checking Account Balance \$12,2758.13
- Investment Account: \$14,876.20

## **The History Minute**

### **“The Gunpowder Shortage at the Siege of Boston”**

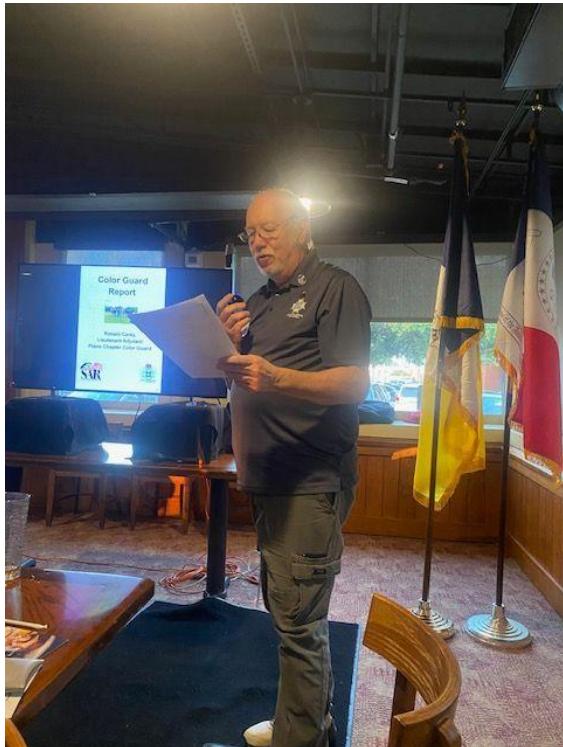
**Presented by Duane Carter, Registrar**



# The Featured Speaker Presentation

## “The Battle of Bennington”

Presented by Dr. Robert Mangrum



## Color Guard Report

Presented by Lieutenant Adjutant Ronald Carey, Plano Chapter Color Guard  
Lieutenant Adjutant Carey provides the current and upcoming Color Guard events report.

# Current/Other/New Business

Presented by Bob Johns, President



Marita Richards, DAR, presents information regarding Texas Revolution Experiences.

Compatriot Tom Van Fossen discusses information from State regarding the Color Guard and Youth Education. He also presents the background of the new Bill Watts Ben Franklin Lapel Pin offered by the Dallas Chapter.



**The Benediction: Offered by Michael Goode, TEXASSAR  
Chaplain**



**The Adjournment/Recessional:**

The Meeting is adjourned by Bob Johns, President 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