

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



BREAKING NEWS!



A New Venue for the 4 November Chapter Meeting!

Compatriots,

Some of you may have already learned that Bloomin' Brands, the parent company of the Outback Steakhouse location where we have held our Chapter Meetings for many years, has closed the restaurant permanently, effective immediately. We will, therefore, hold our 4 November Chapter Meeting at:

**Saltgrass Steak House
3000 Dallas Pkwy
Plano TX 75093**

The restaurant is located on the northbound side of the DNT, North of W Park Blvd. The General Manager of this Saltgrass location, Derek by name, is a Veteran and is happy to host our organization. The layout and menu, of course, will be a little different, plus the BOM set up this arrangement double time due to the suddenness of the Outback closing. Therefore, patience will be appreciated with the changes.

The dinner and meeting time will remain the same, as will this month's meeting agenda. This month's Meeting is very important, as election of the 2026 BOM is taking place! Now, more than ever, we need the participation of our Chapter Membership to show our new hosts what were made off and that it's to his benefit to make his restaurant our new home!

Regards,

Randall Bush, Secretary





President's Message

By Bob Johns, President

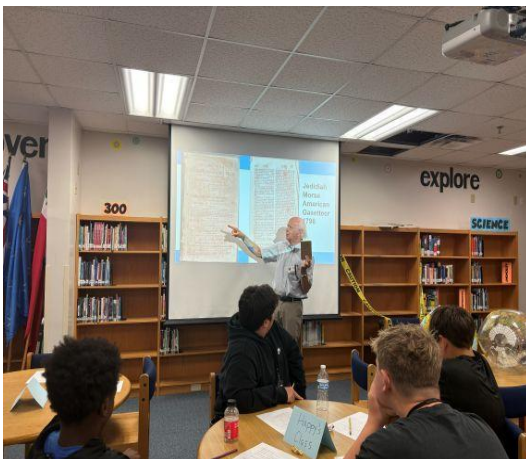


HAPPY 40TH ANNIVERSARY TO US

Compatriots,

November 2025 marks the 40th Anniversary of our Plano Chapter. We've grown to 127 members and have always strived to meet our SAR Mission Statement ...*"by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating, and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country"*.

Here is a prime example of our Chapter exercising that mandate: This month, at the invitation of American History Teacher Ashlee Happy, three of our chapter members spent the entire school day at Haggard Middle School in Plano teaching six successive 8th grade American History classes about the principles of the revolution and about flags and maps used during the Revolution.



If you know of an organization or group looking for speakers in this 250th Anniversary of our Country let us know. *Please remind everyone that this July is the 250th Anniversary of our Country!*

And back to our own 40th Anniversary..... come to the November Chapter meeting and enjoy some anniversary cake after dinner!





Volunteer Opportunities



Wreaths Across America!



[Wreaths Across America](#)

Compatriots,

It's that time again! The Wreaths Across America Campaign has begun! Please help us remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring wreaths to be laid at their resting places. **Sponsoring is easy**.....simply click on the link under photo and you will be taken to the Chapter Sponsorship page. There, you may click on "Sponsor Wreaths" and choose how many you wish to sponsor. Pricing and payment information will be displayed. ***You may also choose to volunteer at Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney on 14 December 2024 at 11:00am to help place the wreaths.*** From the same page, you may also invite others to sponsor a wreath or join you in volunteering to place the wreaths. Let us stand together to remember the fallen, to honor those who serve and to teach our children the value of freedom!



Chapter and State News Item



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
WEBMASTER/HISTORIAN/NEWSLETTER
EDITOR
SERGEANT AT ARMS
COLOR GUARD COMMANDER

BOB JOHNS
KEVIN ENNIS
MELVIN RICHARDS
BJ BJORKLUND
ALAN ROACH
RANDALL BUSH
RANDALL BUSH
RONALD CAREY
DUANE CARTER
ROCKY MILLER

RANDALL BUSH
MIKE BECKER
DAVE FAUTHEREE



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Plano SAR Chapter #37 Christmas Dinner!

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 bringing a check to the 4 November Chapter Meeting or 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**





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Color Guard Upcoming Events

November 11 - Frisco Lakes Veterans Day Ceremony

Details TBD. National Event

November 15 - Plano Flags of Honor

Red Tail Pavilion (at Oak Point Park) in Plano. Joint booth with Dallas & McKinney Chapters. Flag presentation, artifacts display, and possible musket firing demonstration. Details TBD. National Event

December - Wreaths Across America

We will wear uniforms for this ceremony - details TBD. National Event

Please note the current SAR magazine has Strategic Goals for SAR from the Society President General Michael J. Elston. Among them is this:

Strategic Goal #3: Patriotic Programs

Operational Objectives

A. Grow our Color Guard and the scope of its mission.

1) Train and safety certify every society Color Guard by 2030

a. 100% Youth Protection trained and certified by the end of 2025.

b. State Color Guard commanders will enforce compliance and ensure Youth Protection Training is TRACKED LOCALLY by the end of 2025 and updated annually.

I am asking all Guardsmen who have their primary chapter as Plano to please complete the YPT Training as soon as possible and *send me your completion certificates*. I will start tracking this immediately and will coordinate status with the State Color Guard Commander.

Major Dave Fautheree

Plano Chapter Color Guard Commander

Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution





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2026 SAR Dues

Compatriots,

For those of you who have a deliverable mailing address, your 2026 Dues Notices should have arrived in your home mailbox. These were sent by Bulk Mail to your address of record as of September 1st. Additionally, specific letters via USPS have been sent to many compatriots that we do not have good email addresses for. These were sent after many email addresses were “bounced back” after the email notifications were sent, either because of an invalid email address or because “SPAM” filters did not allow our message to be received. Many Compatriots responded with valid email addresses and we thank you for updating.

Note: 2026 dues calculations include a \$3.00 annual assessment to defray expenses which the state will incur in hosting the 2029 National Congress in San Antonio.

Texas SAR has voted that Junior Members will not need to pay dues for 2026. Keep in mind that your dues are considered late on January 1, 2026. If they are still unpaid 30 days later - NSSAR will drop you from the rolls and you will start to show a gap in your service and not get your magazine. So...please pay them online or by mail as soon as you can to help your Chapter and avoid a lapse in your SAR Service! As in previous years, you have 3 options for paying your dues:

Online/Paypal (option 1) - We encourage everyone to use this option and pay your dues by credit card through Paypal. [Click here for the online dues payment page](#) and enter your National SAR # and Name as it appears on your Membership Certificate. Then select your primary chapter and any others you maintain dual membership with and follow the checkout procedures. This is operational on the TexasSAR.org website NOW. PayPal fees have been removed for 2026 Dues payments. As mentioned, this online Paypal form also allows for secondary (dual) chapters to be added for those wishing to pay as a dual member.

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2026 SAR Dues (Cont'd)

US Mail (option 2) - You simply take the bottom section of the dues invoice you receive in the mail and send a check for the amount indicated with the pre-addressed envelope, stamp it, and return it to us by US mail. This is to be for your PRIMARY Chapter Dues Statements - it only includes dues for your Primary Chapter, State Dues, and National Dues where applicable.

US Mail (option 3) - Use this option if you want to pay by check, but did NOT get a dues notice in the mail or you want to pay NOW for whatever reason. [Click here for the online dues invoice page on the private site](#), grab your dues notice online, print it out, and mail it back in with a check. This option is available NOW on the TexasSAR.org website. As mentioned, this online Paypal form also allows for secondary (dual) chapters to be added for those wishing to pay as a dual member.

Donations - As many of you are aware, our society has many beneficial funds that you can donate to for great purposes. Each year, when you renew your membership is a great time to donate to one of several great options. All Donation \$ will be allocated as you indicate on the form. Please review the items listed in the donations section of the online dues payment page and support these worthwhile programs. Thank you for your continued support of our programs!

Please do NOT mail to older addresses - those have been closed - USE THE ADDRESS ON THE RETURN ENVELOPE or the ONLINE DUES NOTICE ONLY. If you or your bank mail it somewhere else, there is no guarantee it gets to us or that you will be credited. Getting these in on time is important for your Chapter and you. The sooner your dues are in, the sooner our books are cleared with NSSAR and the funds available to your Chapter in the Spring - and no more reminder calls !!! We appreciate your patience and support !!!

In Patriotism,

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Don Hayes
Treasurer - Texas SAR
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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





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The Plano Chapter #37 Community Service Lapel Pin

By Bob Johns, President

We have created a new Chapter Award. It is a 1" lapel pin with the artwork from our 2" Commemorative Coin, both shown below.

The Summer 2025 issue of SAR Magazine contains NSSAR's "2030 Operational Plan" which contains many goals, including some directed at local Chapters. We will be implementing those goals, one of which is to promote and improve community service by our Chapter Members.

Accordingly, we have created our new Community Service lapel pin. "Serving our Communities and Promoting Patriotism" being front and center in our SAR Mission Statement.

Any Chapter Member can earn the pin by participating in at least 3 events which focus on serving our communities and promoting patriotism. Events that are not sponsored by our or any other SAR Chapter, but by are sponsored by other community organizations, are also eligible..

Let's get involved—more of us—especially at the time of our country's 250th Anniversary!



Chapter Commemorative Coin, Left—Community Service Lapel Pin, Right



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MEMBER APPROVED FLAG PRESENTATIONS

By Bob Johns, President

The Summer Issue of SAR Magazine contains NSSAR Goals to be fully implemented by the National Organization, State Societies and Local Chapters. Among those is increasing the issuance of SAR Flag Recognition Certificates.

To refresh your knowledge of Flag Certificates, ***“The SAR Flag Certificate is presented to individuals, companies, and government agencies that fly the United States flag regularly and properly for patriotic purposes.”***

Previously, the Chapter President was required to sign a Flag Certificate prior to issuance. To make Flag Certificates easier to award and to involve the Chapter Membership in general, ***the President General has now delegated authority to award Flag Certificates DIRECTLY to every Chapter Member!***

That means any of us who observes neighbors, businesses, etc who fly the flag regularly can award that person or business a Flag Certificate. Simply send VP Kevin Ennis the entity’s name to place on the Certificate, sign it when you receive it from him and award it to the deserving party at your convenience.

How about each of us make an effort to award at least one certificate a year starting this year!



The National Society
of the
Sons of the American Revolution®

 This Certificate of Commendation is presented to 

In Recognition of Exemplary Patriotism
In the display of
The Flag of the United States of America

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Date



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General Bernardo Galvez DAR American Revolution Display

On 10 October, members of the Plano SAR Chapter #37 Color Guard posted the Colors for the General Bernardo Galvez DAR American Revolution Display at the Christian Church by the Circle of the Village in Allen TX.





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SAR Plano Chapter #37 Presents the City of Plano Public Service Awards for 2025

Our Plano chapter presented SAR Certificates of Recognition and awarded medals to 8 Plano Public Service recipients Monday, 27 October 2025.

At the meeting of the City Council, with the Mayor, Council Members and an audience of attendees, Plano SAR Chapter Members Duane Carter, Bob Johns, Dave Fautheree and Ron Carey made introductory remarks describing SAR and why we were present. They then presented these 8 awards:

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| ● Firefighter of the Year | Kyle Yeck |
| ● Paramedic of the Year | Christophe Everitt |
| ● Lifesaving Award | Chae Ward |
| ● Lifesaving Award | Benjamin Roth |
| ● Public Safety Specialist | Emily Reddington |
| ● Civilian of the Year | Emily Jackson |
| ● Detective of the Year | Josh Dollar |
| ● Patrol Officer of the Year | Brody Epstein |





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The Planting of the Liberty Tree!

Arlington Chapter SAR

9 November 2025 2pm

You're Invited – Liberty Tree Dedication

Please join us for a special dedication ceremony as we honor the spirit of liberty and the patriot ancestors who gathered under Liberty Trees to discuss freedom and independence.

Event Details:

Date: Sunday, November 9, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Veterans Park, Arlington, Texas

Speakers: To Be Announced

Open to the public – all are welcome!

Come be a part of history as we plant a Liberty Tree and dedicate a permanent marker to commemorate the enduring values of courage, unity, and freedom.

Best Regards,

Dan Hamilton

President, Arlington Chapter 2021-2022





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The Texas SAR 250 Monument UPDATE!

Texas SAR Compatriots,

The 250th Anniversary Monument Committee is thrilled to announce the installation of our beautiful monument at the Texas State Cemetery.

We are including photographs here so that you can see the results of our fundraising efforts, the generosity of our membership, and the committee's hard work!





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The Texas SAR 250 Monument (Cont'd)

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

We continue to raise funds for the Monument Dedication Ceremony, which is to take place at **10:00am, Saturday, 18 April 2026** in conjunction with the Texas SAR Annual State Convention. We are a few thousand dollars from having the funds necessary to cover the budgeted costs.

You may donate funds via PayPal when you pay your dues or via the [monument web page](#) on the Texas SAR website.

If you prefer to write a check, please make it payable to: **Texas SAR, Attn: Treasurer, 11 Winhall Place, The Woodlands, TX 77354-3313.**

If you have any questions, please reach out to Richard Zdunkewicz, Chairman of the Monument Committee.

Richard Lee Zdunkewicz
Staff Secretary, Texas SAR
staffsec@texassar.org
713.302.0237





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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





America 250 and Patriotic Travel Events



Four Patriot Grave Marker Dedication Samuel Elbert Chapter of the Georgia Society SAR

**1884 Coldwater Rd. Elberton, Ga 30635
8 November 2025 10:00 AM**

The Samuel Elbert Chapter of the Georgia Society SAR is hosting Grave Marking Ceremonies for four Patriots:

- Patriot Private Thomas Carter on Henry Moon Rd. Elberton, Ga. DOB 1750 – DOD 1811 – GPS: 34.16191/82.89371
- Patriot Private Colonel John Cunningham near Coldwater Rd. and Double Bridges Rd. Elberton, Ga DOB 1750 – Dec. 3 1829 -GPS: 34.227261/-82.82433
- Patriot Captain Moses Hunt Lonesome Dove Rd. Elberton, Ga DOB Jun 18 1760 – DOD 1842 – GPS: 34.251358/-82.836834
- Patriot Lieutenant John Johnston 1884 Coldwater Rd. Elberton, Ga DOB Dec 22, 1763 – DOD Nov. 14, 1817 – GPS: 34.22477/-82.83081

Ceremonies to be held for all 4 at 1884 Coldwater Rd. Elberton, Ga 30635. Due to the accessibility of Carter, Hunt and Cunningham we will place the Patriot markers for these, photo the markers and unveil these at the appropriate time in the ceremony.

**Location: 1884 Coldwater Rd. Elberton, Ga 30635 GPS 34.22496, -82.83318
Date and Time: November 8 , 2025 10:00 AM**

More information and directions can be found [HERE](#).





America 250 and Patriotic Travel Events



The 250th Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge

**The Virginia Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Great Bridge Battlefield and Waterways Museum
1775 Historic Way
Chesapeake, VA 23322
Saturday, 6 December 2025 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM EST**

Compatriots,

The commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge is held annually on the first Saturday in December in partnership with the City of Chesapeake and the Great Bridge Battlefield and Waterways Museum Foundation. This year we are excited to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the first land battle of the Revolutionary War in Virginia and a decisive victory leading to the end of Colonial Royal rule.

The Battle of Great Bridge took place on December 9, 1775. A task organized Patriot regiment of over 700 men led by Col. William Woodford, consisting of six companies of the 2nd Virginia and five companies of the Culpeper Minute Bn., joined by North Carolina volunteers and small elements of the Princess Anne District Minute Bn., assembled on the south end of the Great Bridge causeway in early December to challenge British control over this key terrain that enabled movement into the Virginia interior and south to North Carolina. Skirmishes took place until the morning of December 9, 1775 when a British assault force led by Capt. Charles Fordyce with 120 men of the 14th Regiment of Foot, with support from Loyalist forces including Lord Dunmore's Ethiopian Regiment, attempted to assault the fortified Patriot defenses on the south end of the bridge.

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America 250 and Patriotic Travel Events



The 250th Commemoration of the Battle of Great Bridge (Cont'd)

The causeway and bridge were narrow and surrounded by swamps, placing the British regulars in a kill zone facing frontal and flanking fire. Alerted to the attack by Patriot sentries including William “Billy” Flora, a free black man serving in the Princess Anne District Minute Bn., hundreds of Patriots manned the defenses and when the British were within 50 yards, they commenced sustained rifle and musket fire against the tightly packed grenadiers leading the assault. The attack faltered only a few yards from the Patriot defenses with British Capt. Charles Fordyce being killed and over half of their force killed, wounded or captured, including 60 regulars and possibly 30 or 40 Loyalists in the pitched thirty minute battle. Stunned, the British troops evacuated the area that evening and fell back to safety aboard ships of the British fleet assembled in Norfolk Harbor. Col. Woodford’s Patriot forces, reinforced by the 2nd North Carolina Regiment under Col. Robert Howe, occupied the City of Norfolk, their original intended destination, on December 14th. The Patriots suffered only a single minor casualty at Great Bridge during the two weeks of contact with the British, while the casualties resulting from the failed assault broke the will of the British and Loyalist forces.

For more information, contact [Ken Hawkins](#).





Contribution Opportunities



Bonham VA Summer Needs List

UPDATE: Shampoo, Body Wash and Writing Pads are Desperately Needed!

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



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



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:

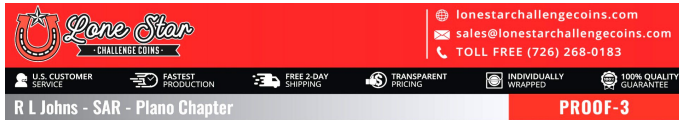
**Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Center
Center for Development and Civic Engagement (135)
Atten: Brenda Magness, CDCE Specialist
1201 E.9th Street
Bonham, Texas 75418**

- 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. Items may be mailed to the mailing address listed above.





Contribution Opportunities



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SIDE B



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**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



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 November

Happy Anniversary, Compatriots!

Donald D Bush	2008
Jared Edwards	2019
Mike Flagg	2005 (20 Years)
Stephen J Lucas	1992
Ron Perkins	2019
Alvin D Ray	2023
Alan Roach	2007
Michael J Smith	2015
William H Turley Jr	2005 (20 years)
Joe D Wilson	2007
John E Lantz	2015
Franklin J Parker	2023
James M Wilson	2019



Patriot Stories

**Contributed by Kevin Ennis
Regarding his Patriot Ancestor
John Hancher**

John Hancher (also Henshaw, Hanshaw, Handshaw, Hindshaw, and Hansher) was my 6th Great Grandfather on my Father's side of the family. His parents were Nicholas and Rebecca Hancher/Henshaw. They were married in Philadelphia in 1726 and moved to Frederick County Va. in the late 1730's. Nicholas Henshaw, in October 1720, was sentenced as a felon and boarded the Gilbert, under Capt. Darby Lux and was transported from London, England, to Annapolis, Maryland.

In 1766 John received a land grant from Lord Fairfax for 172 acres in what is now Berkley County and in 1780 an additional 110 acres which must have adjoined as the land left in his will totaled 193 acres.

John married Sarah Caudy, daughter of the famous frontiersman and Indian fighter James Caudy. The rock formation "Caudy's Castle" in Hampshire County West Virginia is named for James. They were the parents of eleven children.

John enlisted in the 12th Regiment Virginia Continental line in March of 1777 serving at the battles of Brandywine and Germantown before wintering with the army at Valley Forge. He was listed as wounded on the 13th of October 1777. The wound apparently suffered at either Brandywine in September or Germantown on the 4th of October. During November and December he was listed as on Guard duty. In June he was listed on the rolls of the 4th Virginia where he remained until listed on the rolls of the 8th Regiment until he was discharged in March 1779 after two years of service.

John Hancher was disowned by the Quakers of Hopewell Virginia for fighting and neglect of meeting on 3 Sep. 1781. He died in 1794 in Frederick County, Virginia.



This Month's Fun Factoid



Contributed by Randall Bush, Secretary

Ferries in the Revolutionary War

Ferries in the Revolutionary War were crucial for river crossings, transporting troops, supplies, and artillery where bridges were absent. They were especially critical in campaigns like Washington's crossing of the Delaware River on Christmas night 1776, where ferries were used to move his army and their equipment across the river in a surprise attack. Ferries also played strategic roles in battles and skirmishes in the South. Here are some notable examples of ferries that served a place in the Revolutionary War effort:

- **McConkey's Ferry:** This ferry crossing on the Delaware River was the site of Washington's famous crossing on December 25–26, 1776, where his army crossed in a snowstorm to attack Trenton, New Jersey.
- **Coryell's Ferry:** The operator of this ferry, John Coryell, denied passage to British soldiers in 1776 as they pursued the Continental Army into Pennsylvania.
- **McCord's Ferry:** In August 1781, American forces under General Nathanael Greene and Lt. Col. "Light Horse" Henry Lee attacked and drove British forces from this key location in South Carolina.
- **Parker's Ferry:** In August 1781, this ferry crossing became the site of a successful American ambush planned by Brigadier General Francis Marion.





Connect!



Upcoming Meeting Tidbits and Officer Connection Information

4 November 2025 Meeting Highlights

- The History Minute will be presented by Dr Steven Driever. His topic will be “The Inception of Our Marine Corps 250 Years Ago”.
- The Featured Speaker is Color Guard Major Dave Fautheree who will present “Spain and Birth of American Democracy Symposium”.

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The Minutes

of the

7 October 2025

Chapter Meeting

Plano Texas

Chapter #37

Sons of the
American
Revolution

Tuesday 7 October 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 Nick Gilliam



Pledge to The American Flag:

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:

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:

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:

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: 29

Melvin Richards, Bryan and Lea Humphreys, Michael Morgan, Jim Smetzer, Bill Evans, BJ Bjorklund, Joe Conger, Alan Roach, JoEllen and Howard Roach, Dave Fautheree, Bob Johns, Duane Carter, Steve Driever, John Maloney, Brent Harshman, Dylen Manly-Montague, Kevin Ennis, John Rothermel, Nick Gilliam, Scott Knightly, Ira Archer, Grover Thurman, Ronald Carey, Gary Coleman, Kaleb Sarlls, William Evans and Mike Becker.



- **Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the September 2025 Chapter Meeting; Presented by President Bob Johns**

The September Meeting Minutes were approved by acclamation.



Veterans Report

Presented by BJ Bjorklund, VP Veterans Affairs

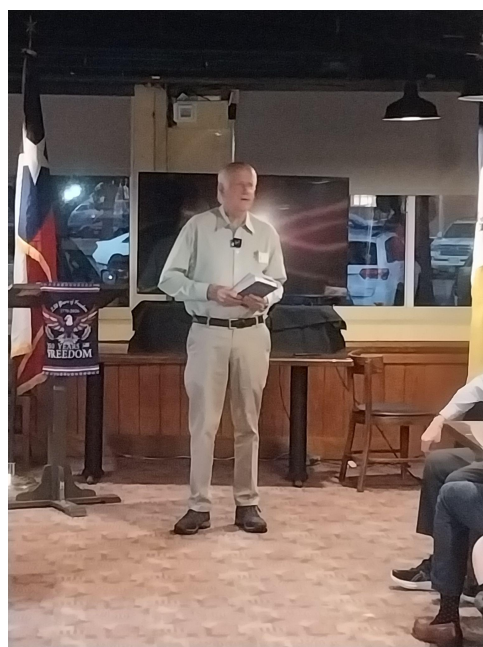
Compatriot Bjorklund discusses the latest work performed on behalf of the Veterans at Bonham and future needs.

- **Treasurer's Report and 2026 Budget: Presented by Scott Knightly, Treasurer**

The History Minute

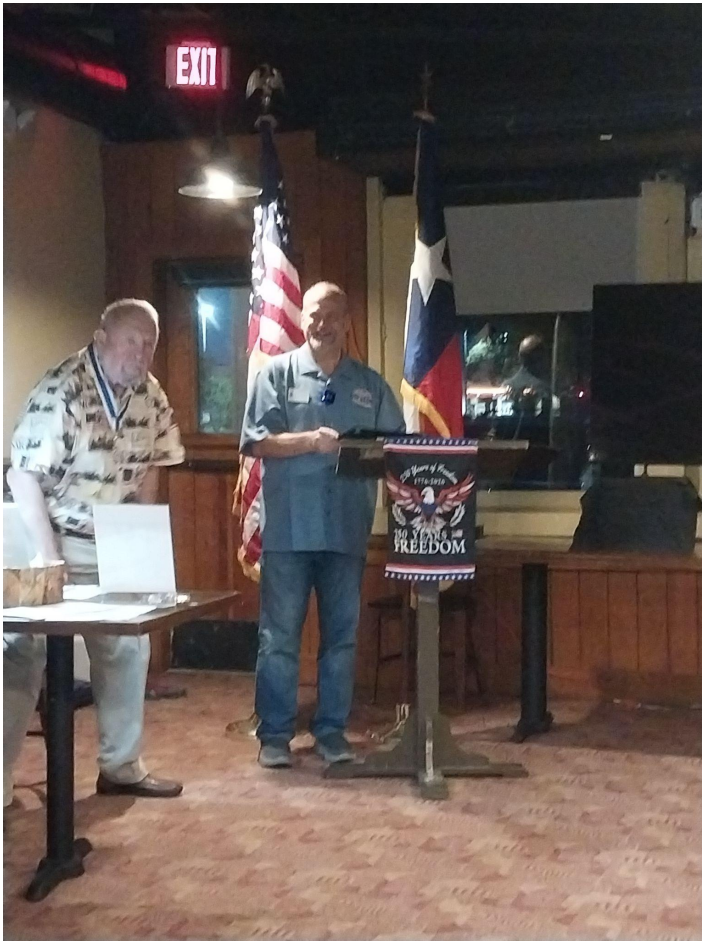
“Benjamin Franklin on the Constitution, September 1787”

Presented by Duane Carter, Registrar



Color Guard Report and Awards Presentation

Presented by Major Dave Fautheree,
Color Guard Commander



The Featured Speaker Presentation

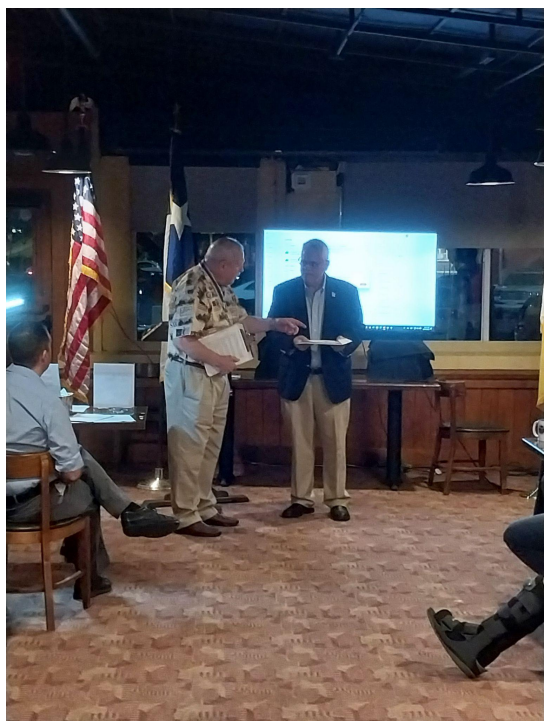
**“Diseases and Pestilence and their
Impact Upon the Revolutionary
War”**

Presented by John Maloney



New Member Inductions and Supplementals

Presented by Bob Johns, President



- **Current/Other/New Business:** Presented by Bob Johns, President

The Benediction: Offered by Nick Gilliam



The Adjournment/Recessional:

The Meeting is adjourned by Bob Johns, President at 8:00pm

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Respectfully Submitted,

Randall Bush
Secretary
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