

# 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



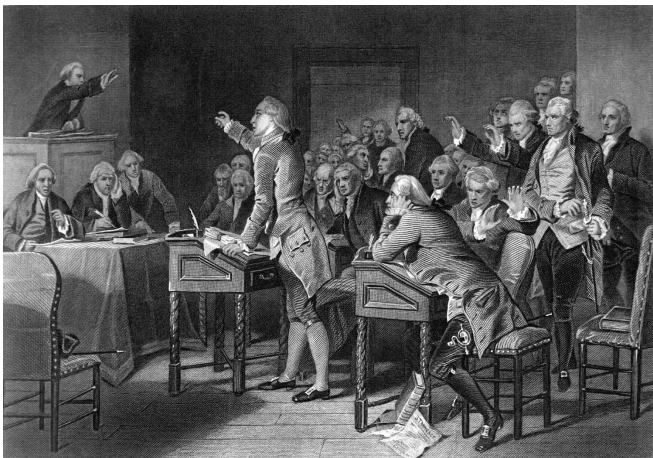
## The Growth of Our Chapter!

Compatriots,

We have 3 important meetings ahead of us and I hope as many Chapter Members as possible plan to attend.

A sub-committee of the Chapter Officers serving as a Steering Committee has been meeting to plan for the future of the Chapter. We have added 8 new members this year and have 3 additional applications awaiting National approval, plus 6 in the mail to National and 6 more being worked on preparation to be submitted—23 total in 7 months.

That growth and the number of our Officers now serving in State Society positions will bring new opportunities to the Chapter.



Our Chapter ByLaws were last updated in 2015. The Steering Committee has recommended adding new Officers to the Board to facilitate increased activities by the Chapter. The Chapter Bylaws were reviewed and revised, making the needed administrative updates. These revisions were presented to the Membership via Email earlier in the month and will be again shortly. Discussion will occur in the September Chapter meeting and the revisions voted upon by the Members present.

In the October meeting, we will introduce the list of candidates nominated for Chapter Officers for 2027. The vote on the 2027 Officers will be conducted in the November Chapter meeting. Induction of those Officers will be conducted in the January Chapter Meeting.

Please plan to attend those important meetings so that all us may participate in this important process and, as a result, in the future of our Chapter!

# Chapter and State News Items and Upcoming Events

## [Color Guard Upcoming Events - Major Dave Fautheree, Color Guard Commander](#)

### **South Central District Meeting** - Richardson TX

**21 August - 7:00 pm; 6:00 pm muster time**

Place: Hilton Hotel

701 E Campbell Rd, Richardson TX 75081

We are looking for a solid Color Guard turnout representing our State Society for this five state District Meeting.

There is no need to register for this opportunity to Present the Colors at the Friday evening banquet and collect 20 National CG and mileage points. There is a possibility to repeat this at the opening of the business meeting Saturday morning, TBD.

Should you wish to attend the banquet or the business meeting you may register from the state website [texassar.org](http://texassar.org) under the Events tab. The Meeting Agenda and hotel info are there, also.

As this is a national event please leave off name tag and medals. Please bring your musket if you have one. We will present National and all five State flags (Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas). Recent past National Color Guard Commander Brooks Lyles will attend and we need to show him how we do it in the Lone Star State. Please RSVP to Blair Rudy, SCD Color Guard Commander, at [blairrudy@me.com](mailto:blairrudy@me.com).

This is a **National** Event.

### **Frisco Lakes Remembering 9/11 - 25 Years Later** - Frisco TX

**11 September - 10:00 am; 9:15 am muster time**

Place: Frisco Lakes Main Amenity Center, Ballrooms D&E (separate building to left of main building)

7277 Frisco Lakes Dr, Frisco TX 75036

Present and Post Colors at start of ceremony. Space is limited - if staying for entire event, register at [Link](#) by Sept 2

This is a **Chapter** Event.



## **Faith Lutheran School Constitution Day** - Plano, TX

**17 September** - 10:00 am; 9:30 am muster time

Place: Faith Lutheran School

1701 E Park Blvd, Plano TX 75074

Present and post Colors

This is a **State** Event.

## **Mary Shirley McGuire Chapter DAR Meeting & Constitution Day**

Plano TX

**17 September** - Evening meeting, details TBD

Details on location and time TBD.

Present and post Colors

This is a **State** Event.

## **Plano International Festival** - Plano, TX

**17 October** - 11:00 am; 10:30 am muster time

Place: Haggard Park

901 E 15th St, Plano TX 75074

Carry colors alongside Plano Police Dept in the opening parade and ceremony. There will also be a New Citizen Ceremony.

Muster at Gazebo for rehearsal at 10:30 AM.

This is a **State** Event.

## **NHRA Fall 2026 Nationals** - Ennis, TX

**18 October** - All Day event; 12:00 pm show time

Place: Texas Motorplex

7500 W Hwy 287

Ennis, TX 75119

Contact: [Larry Kollie](#) or 972-903-9037

Notes: The Ellis County CG chapter, #70 will be participating in the ESPN televised opening ceremony of the fall 2026 NHRA Nationals. All TX state CG are invited to participate. Please confirm your participation to Larry Kollie by September 30, 2026. Additional information regarding parking and admittance will be provided as it becomes available. If you are considering attending and planning an overnight stay in Ennis or Waxahachie, book your room now as they will fill up fast if not already. The event actually runs from Thursday -Sunday.

This is a **Chapter** Event.

## **THE 2026 SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING**

### **REMINDER TO REGISTER FOR THE 2026 SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING**

Texas Compatriots,

The 2026 South Central District meeting will be held August 20th (Thursday) to August 23rd (Sunday) 2026, at the Hilton Richardson Dallas Hotel- 701 East Campbell Road, Richardson, TX 75081 - Phone: 972-231-9600.

Please make plans to join as we welcome our SAR Compatriots from Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Arkansas.

You can register through the Texas SAR website under the Events tab, or you can click [here](#) for online registration or click [here](#) for PDF registration. Click appropriately for information on the [Raffle](#), the [Medal of Honor Museum Tour](#), [Ladies Auxiliary information](#), and a [Preliminary Agenda](#) for the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you there!

In Patriotism and Service.

Dustin Whittenburg  
Texas SAR State President  
[pres@texassar.org](mailto:pres@texassar.org)

## **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 1 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 Ronald Carey for **\$40/per person**, including tip. The cost is \$40 per person check payable to **"Plano SAR Chapter 37"**. Mail your check to:

**Ronald Carey**  
**5504 Overland Drive**  
**The Colony TX, 75056**

## ***The Plano Chapter #37***

### ***Community Service Lapel Pin***

The Plano SAR Chapter Community Service Pin is a 1" lapel pin with artwork based on our 2" Commemorative Coin.

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!



### ***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 Past President

## **Member Approved Flag Presentations**

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 Roger Hardin](#) 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!**

Bob Johns, President



## **SAR Name Badges Now Available Locally**

We have developed a local source for member name badges. These badges are similar to those available from National for \$35 and attach to clothing with magnets. **They are \$18.25 if picked up at the store and \$25.75 if shipped within Texas.**

They may be ordered from AAI Trophies in Plano.

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





## **Texas SAR Scholarship Program**

The Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (Texas SAR) will be launching a new scholarship program this year.

Our chapters all have young members who are of college age (17 -24) who are seeking or planning to seek post-secondary education degrees or certificates. As we all know, these members and their families could all use additional resources to help these young members pay for school. Here are our proposed scholarship details:

- To be eligible for these scholarships the applicants must be a member of National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and affiliated with one of the Texas Society's chapters.
- These scholarships will not be merit based.
- Eligible applicants will be asked to submit their application to the Texas SAR to be put in a drawing hopper.
- Winning names will be drawn from that hopper.
- Each scholarship is \$2,500 payable to the winner's school for their benefit.
- At least two (2) scholarships will be awarded at the 2027 State Convention.
- Eligible higher ed institutions can be 4-year universities or colleges, community colleges, or technical colleges and schools. If there is a concern please check with the State Treasurer.
- Institutions can be in state or out of state institutions.
- Winners must provide the appropriate contact information to their school for the delivery of the funds.

For further information contact:

[Mark Ellison](#)

# Contribution Opportunities

## [Bonham VA 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.

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

- Body Wash (no bar soap or hotel/motel toiletries)
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Electric Razors (for Veterans on blood thinners)
- Razors (disposable double to triple blade)
- Shaving Cream
- Nail Clippers
- Brushes and Combs
- Chapstick

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

- Bottled water
- Coffee and Coffee supplies (8 oz cups, sugar/Splenda packets)
- Juices (small boxed)
- Individually wrapped snacks (no homemade)
- Danishes, donuts
- Chips
- Cookies (Variety Pack, Individual Bags)
- Candy

**Miscellaneous:**

- Plastic Models (Cars, Airplanes, Ships, Etc.)
- Leather crafts
- Dominoes (Big)
- Journals, notebooks
- Adult coloring books, with colors or colored pencils
- Paint by stickers
- Markers
- Postage Stamps
- Pens, stationary

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

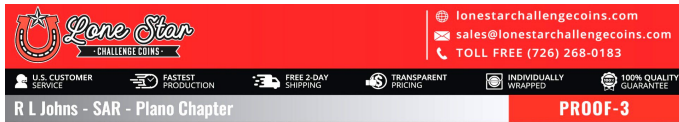
- Monthly Birthday Socials
- Bingo & Prizes
- Cooking Group – monthly or quarterly
- Bowling for Domiciliary Residents
- Bonham State Park Pass
- Sporting & Music Events - Baseball Games [Rangers/Roughriders] and movie tickets for Domiciliary residents.

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.

## ***The Plano SAR Chapter #37*** ***40th Anniversary Commemorative Coin***



SIDE A

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 observed its 40th Anniversary in 2025. To celebrate the event, the Chapter Board commissioned a Commemorative Celebration coin 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 have purchased 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 Ronald Carey at 5504 Overland Drive, The Colony TX, 75056**. You will receive one of the coins in return.

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



# Upcoming America 250 Patriotic and Travel Events

## [CSPAN America 250 Lectures](#)

Compatriots,

CSPAN has some America 250 lectures available for streaming from their website. They are usually about an hour long and are either university faculty giving a lecture in their classroom or notable historians giving a presentation at various institutions (e.g., the American Revolution Institute of the Society of the Cincinnati, the Museum of the American Revolution).

As the year progresses, CSPAN will have more available.

Here are links to a some of them:

[Creation of the Continental Army in 1775 | Video | C-SPAN.org](#)

[British Army During Revolutionary Era | Video | C-SPAN.org](#)

[Boston's Freedom Trail | Video | C-SPAN.org](#)

[Walking Tour of Revolutionary Philadelphia | Video | C-SPAN.org](#)

[Benedict Arnold | Video | C-SPAN.org](#)

[George Washington's Character | Video | C-SPAN.org](#)

[Colonial School for Black Children | Video | C-SPAN.org](#)

[Paul Revere's 1775 "Midnight Ride" | Video | C-SPAN.org](#)

[\[The Revolutionary - Samuel Adams\] | Video | C-SPAN.org](#)

[Religion in Colonial America | Video | C-SPAN.org](#)

[British Recruitment of Slaves During American Revolution | Video | C-SPAN.org](#)

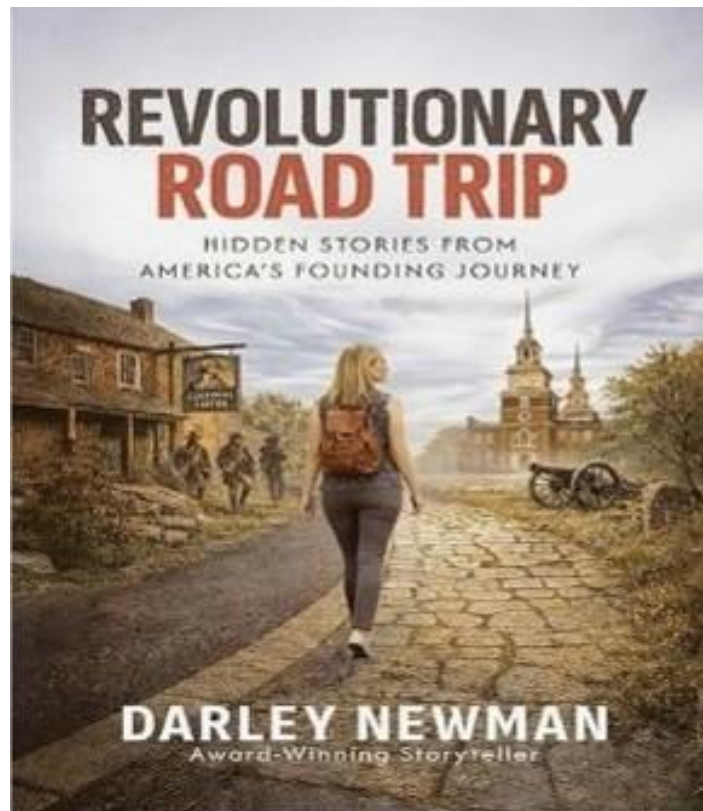
[Washington's Lieutenants in Revolutionary War | Video | C-SPAN.org](#)

[1783 Treaty of Paris | Video | C-SPAN.org](#)

Enjoy!

Dave Fautheree, Color Guard Commander

## **Revolutionary Road Trips**



The National Parks Foundation is publicizing a new book written about Road Trips that have a connection to the America 250 Celebration. The book explores Revolutionary War sites across the 13 colonies, sharing stories from guides and historians, while mixing historical insights with travel advice.

Here's an example of what's inside:

- Untold stories from historians, guides, and community members whose boots are on the ground at historic locations across all 13 original colonies.
- Mini trip itineraries and recommendations for visiting historic sites, personal reflections on why this history matters now more than ever.
- Lighthearted adventures: like tasting Martha Washington's recipe for Cherry Bounce, alongside deeply moving moments, like an emotional trek with a military historian at Camden Battlefield.
- Two dedicated chapters on South Carolina's pivotal and often overlooked role in the American Revolution

Chapter members may be interested in making some of the road trips or just reading interesting information about them. Author Darley Newman is an American producer, television host, writer, and entrepreneur.

## **America 250 Travel Events in Texas**

### **Writing the US Constitution: What is an Oak Gall?**

**18 September** - 5:30 pm - 7:30pm

Place: Crappie Cove Interp Area

Palo Pinto Mountains State Park 100 Park Rd 77, Strawn TX 76475

Our Founding Fathers used oak gall ink to write and sign the US Constitution on September 17, 1787. What is a gall? And how do you turn it into ink? Come find out! Come learn how make ink from oak galls and about the history that led to our Founding Fathers signing the Declaration of Independence and writing the US Constitution!

For more information: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/palo-pinto-mountains>

### **A Night of Honor Music & Legacy**

**19 September** - 5:00 pm - 9:00pm

Place: Arneson River Theatre

418 Villita Street, San Antonio TX 78205

Veterans Soirée on the Riverwalk: Honoring Service, Celebrating America Join The Platform Magazine Foundation for an unforgettable evening. Join The Platform Magazine Foundation for the Veterans Soirée on the River Walk, a special evening dedicated to honoring veterans, military families, and the enduring spirit of American service. Held at the historic Arneson River Theatre in San Antonio, this free community event will feature live entertainment, cultural performances, scholarship presentations, and special recognitions as we celebrate the individuals who have served our nation and the next generation of leaders they inspire. As part of the nationwide America 250 | Freedom 250 commemoration, the evening will bring together community members, students, veterans, military families, and supporters for a memorable celebration of patriotism, education, service, and civic engagement. For more information:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-night-of-honor-music-legacy-america-250-texas-250-tickets-1991203922534>

# What We Did In July!

## Naturalization Ceremony Grapevine Public Library 1 July 2026

The Captain Molly Corbin Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (Grapevine), welcomed the Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard from the Arlington and Plano Chapters to present and retire the colors.

New citizens from several countries celebrated the opportunity to become Americans, many smiling for photos with DAR and SAR compatriots in Revolutionary War–era attire. “Martha Washington” even made an appearance, adding a living-history touch to this meaningful day.



SAR Color Guard (left to right): Jim McClain (Arlington Chapter), Dan Hamilton – Northern Regional SAR Color Guard Commander (Arlington Chapter,) Roger Hardin (Plano Chapter), and Brent Murray (Arlington Chapter)



## **The History Club at Union Park - 2 July 2026**

The Plano Chapter Color Guard had the distinct honor of presenting the colors at the July 2nd meeting of The History Club of Del Webb at Union Park in Savannah, Texas. In a fitting and memorable coincidence, 76 attendees gathered to hear an outstanding presentation on the Declaration of Independence by Jeff Meek, staff writer for George Magazine.



## **Dallas Banjo Band Concert** **Allen Public Library - 2 July 2026**

In celebration of America 250, the Dallas Banjo Band performed at the Allen Public Library with a medley of patriotic music, an assortment of jazz, and big band favorites.



L-R: Matt (Allen Public Library, VFW, prospective SAR), Roger Hardin, Michael Becker, Dave Fautheree, Ronald Carey, Tom Van Fossen (Dallas Chapter).



## **1776 The Musical - 2 July 2026** **Willow Bend Center of the Arts**

Our nation's 250th birthday was celebrated in a truly unforgettable way with North Texas Performing Arts at the Willow Bend Center of the Arts performances of the Tony Award-winning musical 1776 which ran July 2-11.

Plano SAR member **Shelby Williams** brought Thomas Jefferson to life in evening performances on July 2, 3, 4, and 9, along with the matinee on July 11. SAR Color Guardsmen presented the colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance prior to most performances. (Dan Hamilton-Northern Region Commander and Brent Murray, SAR, Arlington Chapter, shown here.)



## **America 250! - 3 & 4 July 2026** **Collin County History Museum**

The John Abston Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, partnered with North Texas chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution at the Collin County History Museum to celebrate America 250! on July 3rd & 4th.

This special Colonial Experience brought history to life in honor of the 250th anniversary of the United States. Guests were encouraged to wear colonial or patriotic attire while enjoying an interactive and educational event.





## **Highland Springs Retirement Community**

### **16 July 2026**

The SAR Color Guard, with guardsmen from the Dallas and Plano Chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution, was honored to present the Colors at an exceptionally patriotic American 250 Celebration with the New Horizons Band Dallas for residents of Highland Springs Retirement Community on the afternoon of July 6.

The program featured many of the most beloved patriotic instrumental selections, including "America the Beautiful," "God Bless America," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," and famous marches by John Philip Sousa.

Colors were presented by (first photo, L-R): Mark Harrison (Dallas), Bob Johns (Plano), J.D. Martin (Dallas), Michael Becker (Plano), Tom Van Fossen (Dallas), and Roger Hardin (Plano)





**Rotary Club of McKinney**  
**Rick's Chop House**  
**17 July 2026**

SAR Color Guardsmen Roger Hardin and Michael Becker, both of the Plano Chapter, proudly presented the Colors at today's Rotary Club of McKinney luncheon at Rick's Chop House — welcomed warmly by Julie Wilson of the John Abston Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and Peter McLellan, McKinney SAR.

In honor of America 250, Mark Hansen of the McKinney Chapter, SAR, gave a wonderful presentation on the Sons of the American Revolution and our mission to preserve the stories of those who won our independence. He then shared the story of his own Patriot Ancestor — and the room lit up even more when Michael Becker and Roger Hardin followed with the eloquent stories of their own Patriot Ancestors.

Three men, three family legacies, one shared purpose: keeping the memory of America's founding generation alive.

Thank you to the Rotary Club of McKinney for having us — this is exactly the kind of community connection SAR and DAR are all about.



**Mansfield Philharmonic - Patriot Pops**  
**First Methodist Mansfield**  
**26 July 2026**

The Mansfield Philharmonic celebrated America's 250th with their first-ever "Patriotic Pops" – a free concert of patriotic music at First Methodist Mansfield.

Compatriot Roger Hardin of the Plano Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, joined Color Guardsmen from the Arlington Chapter, SAR, to post the colors ahead of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and retire the colors following "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Thank you to the Mansfield Philharmonic for honoring our nation's history through music, First Methodist Mansfield for hosting this patriotic evening, and our Compatriots for representing the SAR with such distinction. Events like this are a great reminder of why America 250 matters — celebrating our shared heritage, community by community.

SAR members pictured L-R: Roger Hardin (Plano Chapter) and Arlington Chapter Color Guardsmen: Northern Commander Dan Hamilton, Brent Murray, Richard Coffey, and Jim McClain.





***The American Revolution Experience***  
***Denton County Courthouse-on-the-Square Museum***  
***27 July 2026***

At the invitation of the Flower Mound Chapter, NSDAR, Color Guardsmen from the Plano and Arlington Chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution proudly presented and posted the colors at the opening ceremony of the American Revolution Experience on July 27 at the Denton County Courthouse-on-the-Square Museum.

The ceremony, held in the historic Commissioners' Courtroom, preceded the official ribbon cutting for this exciting traveling exhibit. Denton County leaders in attendance included Judge Andy Eads, Commissioner Bobbie Mitchell, and Sheriff Tracy Murphree.

This innovative pop-up exhibition brings the story of our nation's founding to life through engaging display panels, interactive digital kiosks, and compelling storytelling drawn from primary sources and historical artifacts.

Color Guardsmen, left to right: Roger Hardin and Dave Fautheree (Plano Chapter) with Brent Murray (Arlington Chapter.)



# Compatriot News

## *Compatriot Anniversaries for August*

**Happy Anniversary, Compatriots!**

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Kenneth Dabbs            | 2023 |
| William Davis Evans      | 2025 |
| Ralph Kaufman            | 2017 |
| Nowell E Loop            | 2019 |
| James D Mayo             | 2005 |
| James Lawton Mitchell Jr | 2025 |
| Dale E Parker            | 2023 |
| Charles W Sprague        | 2007 |
| Philip M Stephenson      | 2014 |
| Richard C Stephenson     | 2014 |
| Scott W B Terrell        | 2002 |
| Keith L Thurgood         | 2018 |
| Grover C Thurman         | 2022 |
| Marcus E Wertz III       | 2020 |
| Collin J Wilkins         | 2019 |
| James N Wooten           | 2014 |
| Steven Gregory Yarnell   | 2025 |

## **Patriot Stories**

**Contributed by Compatriot  
Dr Steven Drier  
Regarding his Patriot Ancestor  
Timothy Pomeroy**

I am lucky to have six patriot ancestors. I will discuss Timothy Pomeroy, born 13 January 1750. He belonged to the 5th generation of the American branch of the Pomeroy family that sailed to Dorchester (now part of Boston) in 1630 on the Mary and John ship. His first wife was Phebe (Phelps) Pomeroy, born 24 May 1754, and his second was the widow Anne/Anna Burt, born 23 December 1756. Timothy had five children with Phebe and two more with Anna. I am a descendant of Timothy and Anna's first son, Major Richard Pomeroy.

The Pomeroy family relocated from Dorchester to Windsor CT in 1662 and from there moved in 1686 to the area later known as Southampton MA. Timothy resided at 145 Pomeroy Meadow, a house unfortunately demolished in 1983 for rebuilding in CT. He was a farmer and likely a gunsmith, a tradition carried on for seven Pomeroy generations in America. On 16 August 1777 he fought as a Southampton militia corporal in the pivotal Battle of Bennington, in which mostly mere militiamen defeated a British-Hessian detachment, loyalists, and Native Americans seeking supplies in NY for General John Burgoyne's invading forces heading toward Saratoga. On 17 August 1777 Massachusetts General Court (legislature) ordered several county militias to reinforce the Continental Army of the North "without delay" and to serve until November 30 "unless discharged sooner." Consequently, Timothy fought in the subsequent Battle of Saratoga, which lasted from 19 September to 17 October 1777. He was discharged from service on 29 November 1777 and spent eight days traveling the 160 miles back to Southampton.

Upon returning to Southampton, Timothy quickly married Phebe and they began having their five children. Phebe passed in 1785 at age 31 and three years later he married Anna and had two more children. Timothy was elected a Selectman of Southampton in 1784, 85, and 87. According to Albert Alonzo Pomeroy's History and Genealogy of the Pomeroy Family (1912), Timothy "was known as General of the militia after the declaration of peace and the organization of state troops for home protection against straggling bands of Indians."



## **Patriot Stories**

Timothy died on 4 April 1793 at the age of 43. He is buried with his first wife, Phebe, in Southampton's Center Cemetery, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. (I have not been able to determine where Anna is buried; she remarried and passed in 1801 at age 45.) Their headstone is made of white marble and is sugaring due to acid rain. Thus, my brother Larry and I had a granite plaque made with the same information as the headstone and placed the plaque four feet in front of the headstone. In between the two markers, we erected a SAR patriot grave marker lug.



# Connect!

## *Upcoming Meeting Tidbits and Officer Connection Information*

**The September Chapter Meeting will feature the all-important discussion and vote on the Revised Chapter Bylaws!**

### **Connect with our Officers!**

President [Bob Johns](#)

Treasurer [Ronald Carey](#)

Color Guard Commander [Dave Fautheree](#)

VP Medals and Awards [Roger Hardin](#)

VP Chapter Programs [Melvin Richards](#)

VP Veterans Affairs [BJ Bjorklund](#)

VP Youth Activities [Alan Roach](#)

VP Media/Historian/Yearbook [Gary Coleman](#)

Registrar [Duane Carter](#)

Sergeant at Arms [Michael Becker](#)

Chaplain [Rocky Miller](#)

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No Meeting, Therefore,

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