



The Redoubt

Alexander Hamilton Chapter
Newsletter

Sons of the American Revolution



Our Speakers Issue - Winter and Spring 2022



Alexander Hamilton (1755 – 1804), a soldier, statesman, politician, first Secretary of the Treasury, attorney, banker, and finally a duelist. The rendering above by H. Charles McBarron, depicts the victorious assault on Yorktown Redoubt 10, led by Lieutenant Colonel Hamilton. The taking of Redoubts 9 and 10 enabled General George Washington to complete the siege lines surrounding Yorktown and force the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. This British defeat ultimately ended the Revolutionary War and secured the independence and formation of our United States. We proudly honor our chapter's namesake!

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The Continental Line Soldier approaching you from the mists of time is long time compatriot and Chapter Secretary Vern Eubanks (LT USN Ret). Vern is also the Past President of the Virginia Society, Fairfax Resolves Chapter. This 3rd place winning photo was taken by professional photographer Randall Best at the 2021 Field of Honor event at Georgetown, Texas; in which our Color Guard participated.

CHAPTER EVENTS AND COMPATRIOTS IN THE NEWS

Our chapter participated in the annual Washington's Birthday event held at the Chateau Bellevue in Austin, Texas. This DAR sponsored event was jointly attended by local DAR and SAR chapters from the Central Texas area. 8 Alexander Hamilton Chapter compatriots and their guests dined while enjoying speaker Bill Covington's "Vignettes on the Life of Washington". Bill is the Vice President of the TXSSAR Arlington Chapter.



Our Color Guard posted the colors at the Vietnam Veterans Thank You event on March 13, 2022 in Sun City. At this non-political event Representative John Carter gave a tribute to over 200 Vietnam Veterans and their families. Guest speakers included Compatriot Ted Acheson from our chapter, who is a Purple Heart Vietnam veteran. Lapel pins were handed out to families and a special pin to all the Vietnam veterans attending.

On April 23 and 24, 2022 our Chapter Secretary Vern Eubanks (LT USN ret.) and Vietnam Veteran was honored as a passenger on Honor Flight Austin #72 on the 10th Anniversary of Honor Flights. Vern says there were two WW2 Veterans and four Korean War Veterans, with the remainder of the passengers Vietnam Veterans. All veterans enjoyed hotel accommodations and meals provided by the program. Participants enjoyed tours to the WW2 Memorial, Vietnam and Korean War Memorials, USMC Iwo Jima Memorial, Arlington Cemetery and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Air Force Memorial, Navy Memorial and Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial. The following pictures cover some of Vern's visit and demonstrate what the program offers our veterans. For more information or to make donations see <https://www.honorflight.org>.



Honor Flight #72 Participants with the Lincoln Memorial in the background.



Vern is 2nd from the left back row



FDR's well-known speech declaring our ultimate victory at the beginning of WW2.



USMC Iwo Jima Memorial



Changing of the Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



Tomb Guard Weapon Inspection



Vern at the Lone Sailor Statue



Tomb Guard



United States Archives



On April 9th, 2022, pictured left to right, James A. Baker, John R. Ramseur and Marcus D. Barton were sworn in as new compatriots in our chapter. Each of them offered a brief narrative on their patriot ancestor's contribution to the formation of our United States. Huzzah to you all!



On April 27th and May 11th 2022, Compatriot Lane Redwine presented SAR JROTC awards to Chief Petty Officers at Vista Ridge HS in Cedar Park and Stoney Point HS in Round Rock.

On April 29th 2022, Compatriot Paul Crown presented a SAR JROTC award to a Chief Petty Officer at East View HS in Georgetown.

Congratulations to all of our award recipients!



On Memorial Day, May 30th, 2022 our color guard posted the colors during ceremonies at the Veterans Memorial Plaza in Sun City. 3 of our guard members pictured are veterans.



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Welcome



May 2022 our new chapter web site using the TXSSAR template goes live. Go to <https://www.txssar.org/AlexanderHamilton/> to view all the options.



On June 11, 2022, pictured left to right, Caden B. Rhea and Coleman C. Rhea were sworn in as the newest Junior (and youngest) members in our chapter. They are Registrar Steve Hodges' grandsons. Steve provided a brief narrative on their patriot ancestor's contribution to the formation of our United States. Their mother Katie Rhea is a member of the DAR Daniel Coleman Chapter here in Georgetown. Huzzah to both of you and I am very proud to bring you on board!

Additional Alexander Hamilton Color Guard events without pictures during the seasons were:
May 5th, 2022 at the National Day of Prayer, Crestview Baptist Church in Georgetown.
May 12th, 2022 at the DAR Robert Gilbert Livingston Chapter meeting in Georgetown.

Compatriots and prospective members, join our Color Guard! Go to <https://www.txssar.org/AlexanderHamilton/colorguard.htm> to find out how.

Our Recent Speakers

Our Chapter Vice President Darrell Hutchinson's focus on providing high interest speakers is evident when reviewing the past 10 speakers attending our chapter meetings. The wide array of topics covering historical figures, events and geographic points of interest were provided to attract prospective members to meetings and to keep our current compatriots coming back for more each month. The following speaker bios and topics are provided here to express our appreciation for their efforts and to Darrell's efforts as well!

COMPATRIOT WAYNE COURREGES, SEPTEMBER 2021

Topic: "The George Washington Story: From Childhood to American President"



Wayne is a Past President of the Patrick Henry Chapter in Austin; and an active Color Guard member. He is an active member of American Legion Travis Post 76 where he serves in the "Spirit of 76" Honor Guard and is the First Vice-Commander. He served proudly as an infantry officer in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War after graduating from the University of Texas at Arlington and retired from Roadway Express Inc. after 25 years of service with numerous sales awards.

Wayne's insights on Washington's early life provided perspective for his ultimate roles as Commanding General of the Continental Army and the first President of the United States.

ROBERT GILBERT LIVINGSTON DAR CHAPTER, OCTOBER 2021

Topic: "Patriots and Petticoats" on women who served the cause of freedom during the Revolutionary War.

Each of the members in period attire provided vignettes on the lives and service of patriot ancestors who were also the first daughters of the American Revolution. From left to right are Catherine Browning, Lydia Pierce, Louise Grincelis, Pamela Friedman, Regent Emma Griffis, Lenice Smithwick and Barbara Elrod.



COMPATRIOT SYLVESTER MARTIN SHELTON (CPT USNR Ret.), NOVEMBER 2021

Topic: "Origins of the Japanese Pacific War, 1941 to 1945"



Captain S. Martin Shelton, USNR (ret.)

Captain S. Martin Shelton retired from active and reserve naval service. He served in the Korean and Vietnamese Wars. He has an extensive background in Far Eastern studies. Shelton earned his Master of Arts Degree (Cinema) from the University of Southern California. He spent thirty years producing a host of information and documentary motion-media shows, winning over forty awards in national and international film competitions and festivals. Shelton is a Fellow of the Society for Technical Communications and of the Information Film Producers of America.

DAVID KELLERMAN, DECEMBER 2021

Topic: "Kilroy's Appalachian Trail Hike for Veterans"



David Kellerman of Georgetown, Texas, joined the Bowlers to Veterans Link Board of Directors in February 2020 as a representative of the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA).

Kellerman is the co-owner of Mel's Lone Star Lanes in Georgetown, Texas. Over the past year, he has made headlines with his Kilroy's Appalachian Trail Hike for Veterans. The nearly six-month, 2,192-mile hike through the 14 states that encompass the Appalachian Trail has raised more than \$100,000 for BVL as the largest individual fundraiser in the charity's history. Editor's note: David's slide presentation generated the largest number of questions from our audience I think I've observed so far. His contribution to our Veterans is greatly appreciated! Notice his trail pack hanging from the microphone.

COMPATRIOT JAMES LEE ROBINSON (CPT USCG Ret.), JANUARY 2022

Topic: "The Storied History of the U.S. Coast Guard and It's Present Day Mission"



Captain James Robinson devoted nearly 30 years of his life serving in the U.S. Coast Guard. Now he devotes his retirement to honoring those who served. Robinson chairs the Veterans Memorial Advisory Group in Williamson County. He's actively engaged in building community relationships, coordinating veterans' affairs and hosting events on Memorial Day and Veterans Day on the Veterans Memorial Plaza in Sun City, Texas. Editor's note: Jim's narrative on the evolution of the USCG was very informative. He included a video of the USCGC Eagle, the flagship for the Coast Guard and essential training cutter for future officers which I found particularly enjoyable. Jim is also a chapter Color Guard member.

COMPATRIOT VERNON R. EUBANKS (LT USN Ret.), FEBRUARY 2022

Topic: How Privateers Played a Big Part In Winning the War on the Seas Against the British Navy”



Editor's notes: Vern sent me a technical bio but I found his narrative about his photo in USN uniform most enjoyable as follows: 1982, Naval/NATO base in Sicily, Italy. I was commander of the communications station “NAVCOMMDET Sig” (Sigonella”) and provided many special systems & networks needed in that part of the world. Mt Etna, the largest volcano in Europe shows up clearly on the 3D map behind me. I lived on the side of that volcano. This is Mafioso country, and “The Godfather” was filmed nearby. A man in black peasant clothing stopped by my house each month for his protection money. It was my best and worst tour of duty. Can't explain it all - too many variables. Loved the Sicilians. Vern is member of our Color Guard. He is seen on the right dressed in common sailor's clothing typical of that worn on an American Privateer for his chapter presentation.

TOM LOUGH, MARCH 2022

Topic: “The New Proposed Army Hymn” written by Tom Lough



Tom's bio: I'm Tom Lough [pronounced Lo], a ten-year Army veteran, a retired university professor, and a church music composer. My wife and I moved to Round Rock in 2014 and joined the First United Methodist Church there. I sing in the choir and thoroughly enjoy it. I have been composing choral responses since the 1980s. For about the past ten years, I have expanded to hymns and anthems, and have a couple of works that have been published. A couple of years ago, something happened that reminded me that the Army doesn't have a hymn. After quite a process, I'd like to share with you the result.

COMPATRIOT THEODORE E. ACHESON, APRIL 2022

Topic: "National Archives in Washington, D.C."



From 1967 to 1969 Ted Acheson served with the Department of Army Special Photographic Office (DASPO) where he was tasked to document events across South East Asia. Upon leaving the military he parlayed his special training to start his own photography company serving clients such as General Motors and Honda. Now semi-retired he spends his time promoting veteran related events and causes. He's helped create the Purple Heart Integration Project and is a Purple Heart recipient. Editor's notes: Ted's Military Occupation Specialty was 84 Charlie - Motion Picture Specialist, commonly referred to as "MoPics" by other soldiers in units they served with. Ted shared his insights on researching combat footage he personally shot during his tour in Vietnam, which was fascinating.

COMPATRIOT WILLIAM COVINGTON, MAY & JUNE 2022

Topics May: "The Life of Washington" and "Bad Girls of the American Revolution"

Topic June: "Pint-sized Patriots of the American Revolution"



Bill is currently the Vice President of the Arlington Chapter and a Color Guard member. He is an accomplished World and National history researcher, and was a social studies educator at Waxahachie Global High School for 31 years. Editor's notes: Bill is a very gifted speaker. His narratives on Washington covered little known facts about his life and he also provided interesting stories regarding the Mount Vernon historical museum and site. The "Bad Girls" was of course a narrative on the courageous exploits of several women, many of whom fought directly on the battle lines. We asked him back for a return engagement speaking on the contributions of children and young adults to the cause of liberty and on the battle lines as well, drummer boys held up as examples. I thanked Bill for the focus on children as the June meeting also served as the induction day for my two grandsons. Bill also brought his display of period artifacts for us to enjoy. Huzzah to you sir!

IN REMEMBRANCE

Recognizing those compatriots we have recently lost and are greatly missed.

COMPATRIOT WILBERT "WILL" HAROLD ELSE

April 4th, 1936 to April 6th, 2022



Wilbert Harold Else passed away at his home in Georgetown, Texas on April 6, 2022 at the age of 86.

He was born in Fairbury Nebraska on April 4, 1936, the son of Irl Roy Else and Helen Gertrude (Lynch) Else. He graduated from Fairbury High School in 1954 and completed a B.S. (Business Administration) from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1958. During his college years, he was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity. Following his education, he served in the United States Air Force, and he was Honorably Discharged with the rank of Ist Lieutenant in 1970.

He was employed as a Commercial Banker, and he was C.E.O. and Board Chairman of the Fairbury State Bank until his retirement in 1996. During his life, he held membership in the American Legion, Sons of the American Revolution, Masonic Lodge #35, Sun City Shrine Club, and Georgetown Senior University. He was married to Dianna Lynn Brown of Hamburg, Iowa from March 6, 1970, until her death on May 8, 1998. The photo at right shows Will's induction into our chapter in 2011.

COMPATRIOT RAYMOND EDWARD DE VRIES

February 8, 1936 to April 12, 2021



The Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter of the life of Raymond Edward De Vries were completed on April 12, 2021. Ray was called Home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. Ray was born on February 8, 1936, in Chicago, Illinois to Jacob Luz/Louis De Vries and Milly Rosey aka Rose Millie Newberry. Ray entered the United States Air Force on Oct 3, 1955. He married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Katherine Reberg, on September 23, 1956 in Chicago, Illinois. Ray was a Master Mason and Past Master of his Lodge; a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner. All of them for over 50 years. In the mid 1990's Ray started to do Ancestry searches. He found out that his 4x Great Grandfather, Henry Carter, served in the North Carolina Militia during the Revolutionary War and was admitted into the Sons of the American Revolution, in November 1999. Ray was a Past President and Past Registrar of Alexander Hamilton Chapter.

PRESIDENT'S MID-YEAR MESSAGE

Compatriots,



Chapter President
Darrin Hutchinson

Our Chapter meetings have gotten off to a great start the first half of 2022 with some excellent guest speakers. Thanks to all our members and guests that have been attending in-person and on Zoom. We encourage everyone else to join us if you can at the location announced in our monthly Chapter meeting notification email or connect virtually with the provided link. If anyone is interested in serving as our Chapter's next Sgt.-at-Arms please let us know at txssarhamilton@gmail.com. The duties of our Sgt.-at-Arms include the ability to attend every Chapter meeting in-person (or find a substitute in advance) where you'll bring our Chapter's flag(s) and table-top podium.

Thanks to our Registrar Steve Hodges with assistance from Secretary Vern Eubanks and Texas SAR Webmaster Ray Cox and extra support from Texas SAR Asst Webmaster John Anderson we have a new and improved Alexander Hamilton Chapter website. Please checkout AlexanderHamilton66.org if you haven't already and help spread the word to your friends and relatives that may be interested in joining our organization. In addition, Steve worked really hard putting together our Alexander Hamilton Chapter Newsletter "The Redoubt" for Summer/Fall 2021 and put in equal effort to produce this Winter/Spring 2022 edition. Please give Steve a big Thanks for not only being our excellent Registrar but also for going above and beyond his office duties by producing our Chapter website & newsletters.

We're always open to members wanting to join our Color Guard. If you're interested in participating in these events, but need a uniform or Colonial attire, check the supplier links we have listed under the Color Guard tab on our Chapter website and contact our Color Guard Commander Jim Scott at jamescott4@juno.com to be included in his distribution email list. There will be more events this year for all members to volunteer for including Wreaths Across America & the Veterans Expo during the Field of Honor in Georgetown. We'll have more great guest speakers to finish out this year and I hope to see everyone that's able in attendance or virtually at our remaining 2022 Chapter meetings. We will be voting on our next slate of officers at our November Chapter meeting and swearing them in at December's Chapter meeting to serve until the end of 2024.

In Service & Patriotism,
Darrin Hutchinson
President (2021 thru 2022)
Alexander Hamilton Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution
Texas Society, Georgetown

AND JUST WHAT EXACTLY IS A REDOUBT?



“A fort or fort system usually consisting of an enclosed defensive emplacement outside a larger fort, usually relying on earthworks, although some are constructed of stone or brick.” according to Wikipedia. For details on LTC Hamilton’s victorious assault on number 10, and a look at a scaled replica go to <https://ahec.armywarcollege.edu/trail/Redoubt10/index.cfm> to see the U. S. Army’s narrative and photos on the topic.

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SEE IT THIS COMING DECEMBER!

This year’s editor is Steve Hodges