

Texas Society

Sons of the American Revolution



Arlington Chapter #7 New Member Manual

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Addition

This Texas SAR Arlington Chapter New Member Manual is an addition to the National SAR New Member Manual and is intended to supplement the National Manual with state and chapter information. See <https://www.sar.org/committees/membership-committee>.

Welcome, Compatriot!

As a new member of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Texas Society Arlington Chapter, you have joined the largest male lineage society in the United States, which is dedicated to furthering understanding of the American Revolution and its significance past, present, and future. We are a service organization with male lineage requirements. We have all researched and provided documentation proving our lineage back to a Patriot of the American Revolution.



As a new compatriot, you have all rights and privileges as other active compatriots.

We congratulate you and especially welcome you to the Arlington Chapter #7 of the Texas Society. We are very glad to gain your membership and look forward to your involvement in our Chapter and our many activities. We serve Arlington, Mansfield, Grand Prairie, HEB, the Mid-Cities, and surrounding areas.

Your membership is important to our chapter and is important for the growth and sustainability of the chapter's future. Please get involved with chapter activities, find something that fits your interest, and seek a chairman or officer with questions. Thank you for your membership!

This handbook is your guide to understanding the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR), the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Arlington Chapter #7.

Brief History of the Texas Society

The Texas Society History book published in 1980 explains that Texas SAR was organized on December 8, 1896. The formation of the Texas Society is intricately linked to the formation of the California State Society and the National Society, all formed in the latter part of the 19th Century. The approaching centennial celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1876 set in motion a series of events leading to the founding of the Sons of the American Revolution organizations.



In October 1875, a group of men in San Francisco, California, met to discuss the possibility of forming an organization to perpetuate the memories of those men who fought 100 years earlier in the American Revolutionary War. They met on several occasions over the next few months and in June 1876; an article appeared in the newspaper calling for “the descendants of the Revolutionary patriots are requested to meet at the headquarters of the Grand Marshal for the purpose of making arrangement to participate in the celebration.” About 50 citizens met in response to this call and the result was the formation of the California Society.

In December 1883, a similar organization was formed in the City of New York, along with organizations in New Jersey (1889) and Pennsylvania commencing in meeting in New York in 1889 to create a national organization.

The result was the first National Congress on April 30, 1890, in Louisville, Kentucky and the formal organization of the Texas Society was on December 8, 1896.

TXSSAR is part of the NSSAR South Central District, which is composed of the state societies of Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, and Texas. The district meets annually in convention, rotating among the five member societies (commonly referred to as MOKAT).

Brief History of the Arlington Chapter

In the early 1930s, a few member of the Major K.M. Van Zandt chapter, including Dr. Valin R. Woodward, Sr. and his brother Dr. Cicero Smith Woodward, were from the Arlington area. Dr. Valin R. Woodward was also a strong force in the early history of Texas SAR and the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt chapter. Living in Arlington, Texas, and his brother Dr. Cicero Smith Woodward living in Fort Worth, both medial doctors, saw a need to stimulate interest in the Texas Society, so they created a newspaper, *The Texas Compatriot*, which they published at their expense from 1933 until 1952. This publication became a valuable document in the early history of the Texas SAR organization. All the five of the Woodward brothers were Doctors of Medicine. Most attended TCU.

In the 1920 Census, Dr. Valin, age 29, and wife Fannie are living in the Arlington Home for the Aged Masons. He is listed as a Physician of Geriatrics. Dr. Cicero age 25 and not married is living and working at the St. Joseph Infirmary in Fort Worth.

In the 1930 Census, Dr. Valin, and family (3 of 5 boys) are in their home on E. First St @ Mary St, near modern day Arlington and Parkdale cemeteries. He is a physician specializing in eyes, ears, nose, and throat. Dr. Cicero, wife Ruby and family (1 of 3 sons) are living in Port Arthur. He is listed as a Doctor of General Practice Medicine.

With a growing Arlington interest, the William Pruitt Chapter was chartered on May 1, 1935 as Chapter #12. The members met at various Arlington locations and, for the most part, simultaneously with the SRT. The chapter thrived and hosted a State meeting or two.

In the 1940 Census, Dr. Valin, and wife with all 5 sons are listed in Arlington. He is self-employed physician specializing in eyes, ears, nose, and throat. Dr. Cicero and wife with 2 of 3 sons are listed back in Arlington. He is a physician at the Home for the Aged Masons.

On Sept. 17, 1943, Arlington's William Pruitt Chapter #12 merged with the Jesse Watkins of Henderson Chapter #13 and became known as the Jesse Watkins Chapter #12. On Feb. 24, 1952, the Jesse Watkins Chapter #12 became known as the Arlington Chapter #7. Several area notable citizens were members with some serving as Chapter President.

Regardless of the chapter name, the Woodwards are significant as they are the actual founders to the Arlington Chapter. Dr. Valin Woodward wound up with multiple patriots identified and assisted the Texas Registrar, Charles Maxwell, significantly. Dr. Valin Woodward is the SAR Application first line sponsor of 40+ relatives. More information may be found of the Woodward brothers in the Texas SAR History Volume I. Dr. Valin Woodward died in 1969 and is buried with his wife in the old section of the Arlington Cemetery. His grave has a SAR marker from near the time of his death and was dedicated by our Arlington Chapter in March 2016. Dr. Cicero Woodward died in 1980 and is buried with his wife and parents in the Fairmount Cemetery in San Angelo, Texas.



In Jan. 1958 and 1959, the chapter renamed itself the Gonzales Chapter #7. Then in 1960 renamed itself back to the Arlington Chapter #7. Also, again it continued to struggle like many in the late 1960s to early 1990s.

Little history has been preserved over the prior years. But in the early 1990s a few area members from other area chapters began thoughts of re-organizing Arlington. On January 11, 1994, the Arlington Chapter #7 was re-chartered, with James M. Head, Jr. previously of Major K.M. Van Zandt chapter as Chapter President. The charter was submitted to the Texas SAR and approved in February 1994. In our January 2022 chapter meeting, we celebrated our 28th chapter anniversary.

By October 1994, Al Coppinger was Chapter President. But the chapter struggled again and by 2010 had almost dissolved. Robert Harris was acting as Chapter President when in 2011, the chapter voted Ron Carter as President. With his tremendous influence, followed by David Friels, and John Anderson, the chapter survives and has grown to 67+ members.

In March 2016 the Arlington Chapter lead the Texas SAR ceremony to recognize two of its own members as TXSSAR Past Presidents at the Arlington Cemetery. Namely 1935 TXSSAR Past President Dr. Valin R. Woodward and 1942 TXSSAR Past President Honorable Benton Carter Collins. Current TXSSAR President Larry Stevens gave the welcoming speech.

In August 2018 the Arlington Chapter lead the Texas SAR ceremony to recognize two TXSSAR Past Presidents at the Coriscan Oakwood Cemetery. Namely 1906 TXSSAR Past President George T. Jester and 1931 TXSSAR Past President Edward M. Polk. Current TXSSAR President Tom Jackson gave the welcoming speech.

Photos taken from both events are posted to the Arlington Chapter Website.

In 2019 the Arlington Chapter partnered with the Fort Worth Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter and hosted the 2019 Fall TXSSAR SAR Board of Managers meeting at the Arlington Hilton Hotel. It was a three-day event and was the first time since the late 1930s that Arlington hosted such a TXSSAR event.

In the covid years 2020-2021, minimal chapter activities were conducted, but zoom meetings began and the chapter continued. In 2020 a chapter logo was formed and a chapter Challenge Coin and chapter merchandise listing was created. In 2021 a chapter Color Guard locker was created. See the chapter website at <https://texassar.org/Arlington>

Despite the past, the future looks bright as even through the covid years, 10-12 new applicants are approved annually.

For more Arlington Chapter history, see our chapter website at <https://texassar.org/Arlington> then drill down to [History](#).



Arlington Chapter Past Presidents

<https://texassar.org/Arlington/pastpres.php>

Year	Chapter President	Member	Death
2022-23	<i>Hamilton, Daniel R.</i>	2018	
2020-21	<i>Pope, Jr, Robert B. "Bob"</i>	2017	
2018-19	<i>Wehr, Roger E.</i>	2012	
2016-17	<i>Anderson, Jr., John D.</i>	2010	
2014-15	<i>Friels, David R.</i>	1999	
2011-13	<i>Carter, Ronald K. "Ron"</i>	2007	
2009-10	<i>Harris, Robert Alfred "Bob"</i>	1994	2014
2008	<i>Davis, Joe Samuel</i>	1995	2010
2005-07	<i>Mueller, Jr., Roger Eugene</i>	1999	2010
2003-04	<i>Coppinger, Audrey Gaylon "Al"</i>	1992	2004
2002	<i>Johnson, Phil Edward</i>	1999	2012
1996	Allison, David L.	1994	
1995	Coppinger, Audrey Gaylon "Al"	1992	2004
1994	Head, Jr., James Manley "Jim"	1981	1999
1993	Allison, David L.	1994	
1983-92	-----		
1979-82	Kelly, Jr., John V. "Jack"	1972	2015
1976-78	Charlesworth, Lawrence E.	1972	2001
1973-75	Kelly, Jr., John V. "Jack"	1972	2015
1972	Traylor, Billy J.	1969	
1971	Bellows, Robert Lee	1969	1981
1970	Farris, Dr. Robert Grantland	1957	1970
1968-69	Farris, DDS, Edward Thompson	1957	1997
1961-67	Hutcheson, Guy Carlton	1949	2004
1959-60	Collins, Hon. Benton Carter	1937	1972
1952-58	Hoblitzelle, Karl St. John	1951	1967
1950-51	Woodward, M.D., Walter M.	1940	1990
1949	Woodward, Dr. Mortimer M. "Jack"	1936	1968
1948	Collins, Hon. Benton Carter	1937	1972
1947	Cravens, Carlisle Grove	1937	1975
1946	Howard, Dr. William E.		1948
1945	Spellman, John Martin	1925	1945
1944	Morrow, Judge Temple Houston	1943	1966
1943	Watkins, Judge Royall Richard	1938	1953
1942	Collins, Hon. Benton Carter	1937	1972
1941	Woodward, Dr. Cicero Smith	1929	1980
1940	Watson, Willis H. "Harold"	1937	1968
1939	Cravens, Thomas Lindsey	1937	1945
1939	Woodward, Sr., Dr. Valin R.	1925	1969
1938	McKnight, Sr., Alfred	1936	1949

Brief Summary of Organizational Structure

The National Society has several officers: examples; President General, Secretary General, and more. See <https://www.sar.org/general-officers> .

The National Society is aligned into state districts. Each National Society District has one Vice President and he is a National Officer. Our state makes up one part of the National Society South Central District, which is composed of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

See <https://txssar.org/SCD>.

Each State Society has several officers: examples; President, Secretary, and more. State Societies are aligned into districts within the state. Each State District has one Vice President and he is a State Officer. Our chapter makes up one part of Texas Society District V, which is composed of Arlington #7; Big Country #16, Abilene; Brazos Valley #45, Granbury; Major K.M. Van Zandt #6, Fort Worth; Quanah Parker #67, Vernon. See <https://txssar.org/map.htm> (yellow Chapters)

Your annual dues payment is composed of fees from the National, State and Chapter levels and are required to retain membership

Objectives of the SAR

The objectives of this Society are declared as patriotic, historical, and educational, and shall include those intended or designed to perpetuate the memory of those patriots who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people:

- ✓ To unite and promote fellowship among their descendants
- ✓ To inspire them and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers
- ✓ To encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution
- ✓ To acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks
- ✓ To mark the scene of the Revolution by appropriate memorials
- ✓ To celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war and of the Revolutionary period
- ✓ To foster true Patriotism
- ✓ To maintain and extend institutions of American Freedom, to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble of the Constitution of our country, and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American People.

Elevator Pitch/Speech

From time to time, all members have the opportunity to introduce our society to others. For those occasions and for our sustainability, we ask our members to learn about our society and be prepared. This manual should help, but if you use our websites, you'll learn even more.



Common questions and plausible responses are:

“What is the SAR and what does your society do?”

- We are a non-profit service organization with lineage requirements.
- We promote patriotism. Some of our promotions are military recognitions, education promotions, flag certificates, and civic recognitions.
- We promote education about the American Revolution. We educate by offering annual student contests for significant monetary awards. Those are broken down into all levels where all students are welcome to enter.
- We promote the historic preservation of records relating to the events leading up to and during the American Revolution. For example, our National SAR Magazine publishes authoritative high quality descriptions of historical events of archival value.

“Why does one join our society?”

- You have an opportunity to research your lineage with guidance to available documentation. Thereafter, we maintain your genealogy with all members at our National Headquarters. The SAR provides free online access website via the PRS system to those Patriots for others to research. This is similar to the DAR online website access via their free GRS system.
- You have an opportunity to join our Color Guard and participate in patriotic events.
- You have an opportunity to join several events. We seek networking and fellowship.
- Chapters have guest speakers with recaps of American Revolution events.

“Who are the members of your society?”

- All our members have researched and provided documentation proving their lineage back to a Patriot of the American Revolution. That Patriot must have rendered military or civil service to the colonies during the American Revolution period, which is between 19 April 1775 and 26 November 1783.
- SAR members and their Patriots have also answered their country's call in every major American conflict beginning with the battle of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775, and continuing to the present day, including Operation Desert Storm, Bosnia, and the recent actions in Afghanistan and Iraq. SAR members have received the highest awards America can bestow, including the Medal of Honor.

Your “Elevator Pitch/Speech” should be personable and include those items above as time permits. Be sure to leave the SAR promotion opportunity with a welcome to seek membership and exchange contact information. Please don't let a possible new candidate slip away!

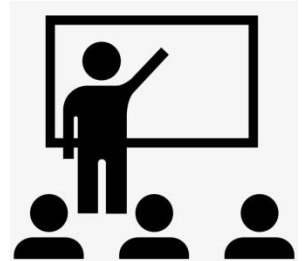
Compatriot Information

The following is suggested and provided as reference:

The Texas SAR Arlington Chapter meets the 2nd Saturday monthly. We gather at 8:30 AM for a 9:00 AM meeting at the Southern Recipes Grill, 2715 N. Collins St., Arlington TX 76006. Officer and Committee reports are given and usually followed with a Patriotic Program or Civic Award. Please join our monthly meetings. Contact any officer or committee chair. Ask questions and make suggestions. We would love to get you involved with the activities of your common interest. Your fellowship is welcome. By the way, don't forget to generously tip the restaurant staff as they freely provide the space.

All members are asked to review the available Member Training materials available. See the Website Information section of this manual for user id access information.

- NSSAR Members tab
<https://sar.org> then drill down to Members
- NSSAR Handbook
<https://sar.org/nssar-handbook>
- NSSAR New Member Manual
<https://sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/New-Member-Manual.doc>
- Texas SAR Member Training
<https://txssar.org/!!TXS!!SAR!!/training.htm>



If you have not already done so, please download and complete the Texas SAR Questionnaire (see TOC > Compatriot Questionnaire Download) and return it to the Chapter Web Admin or Historian. He will share the information with others, retain it for Historian purposes, and forward a copy to the Texas SAR Historian for archival purposes.

Dues are payable in November annually. Your SAR Application fee included the 1st year NSSAR, TXSSAR, and Arlington chapter fees. If your application was NSSAR approved after Labor Day, then no dues are required until the following year. Annual dues are subject to change, currently total \$57 and payable to TXSSAR, not Arlington. Each November TXSSAR will mail a form to your last known residence as a reminder. With your national number, that form is re-printable at <https://txssar.org/!!TXS!!SAR!!/invoice.htm>. However, dues are easily paid with a credit card or PayPal account using the link at <https://txssar.org/dues.htm>. Enter your name and number, select Arlington at the top, and if applicable, add dual chapters. Several optional donations and award programs are available. You can then continue to the bottom to enter your credit card or PayPal account information. This site is secure

Review the Perpetual Membership Information at <https://txssar.org/perpetual.htm>. A onetime payment guards against dues increases and may favorably compare, dependent upon your age, for a reduction over a lifetime of annual dues payments.

Basic Protocol

Basic Attire: Please refer to the National Manual for the attire for NSSAR meetings. TXSSAR meetings follow those same guidelines.

The basic attire for TXSSAR Arlington Chapter Meetings is *business casual*, i.e., long pants and a collared shirt. Many members elect to wear their SAR shirts. Please, no shorts and no weapons.

Insignia: Every member when attending an SAR event/meeting or representing the SAR at a public event is entitled to wear the National Society Sons of the American Revolution insignia, which may be purchased from the <https://store.sar.org>, (registration on the member web site is required). The insignia is worn on a blazer or suit coat (never an overcoat) on the left breast suspended on the included drape. Current and Former General Officers, State Presidents, and Chapter Presidents may wear the insignia suspended from the SAR Neck Ribbon.



Rosette: Additionally, new members receive a small Rosette for your lapel. This Rosette is in the colors of George Washington's uniform and represents your membership in the SAR. The Rosette is worn only on informal occasions, and it is displayed on the left lapel of the suit or sports coat. You do not wear it on a sweater, sports shirt, topcoat, or formal dress. The Rosette is not worn when you are wearing the Society Member Badge or other Society medals.



Medals and Awards: Medals are presented by the National, District, State, or Chapter level according to criteria published in *The SAR Handbook, Volume V*. They may be worn at an SAR event/meeting or when representing the SAR at a public event.

There is a proper way to wear insignia and many improper ways. The Medal Order of Precedence is specified in *The SAR Handbook, Volume V*.

Mounting medals when the compatriot has earned three or more is recommended according to the criteria in *The SAR Handbook Volume IV*.

Attend Chapter Meetings and State Meetings and wear your decorations and medals with pride. At the Annual State Meeting, it is the custom at the Saturday night banquet to wear a tuxedo (or at least a dark suit) with all the medals and decorations to which you are entitled, including Combat Infantry Badges in miniature and pilot and parachute wings in miniature. At TXSSAR meetings where Compatriots are awarded the Patriot Medal, it is customary for prior Patriot Medal winners to wear their medal.

Member Burial Marker: Members may purchase their own burial marker from <https://store.sar.org>. They vary in sizes, 6" marker, and 3" medallion. It is also a good paperweight.



Opportunities

The NSSAR Manual identified various member opportunities. See sar.org, login then drill down to [Members > Committees](#).

The TXSSAR also has some open meetings. Most notable are their annual TXSSAR Convention in April and their annual TXSSAR Board of Managers meeting in Oct. Both are open to all SAR members. Summer meetings are occasional and may be via video conference. A complete list of TXSSAR committees can be found on their website.

See texassar.org then drill down to [About Texas SAR > Committees](#).

Video conference appears to be gaining popularity at both NSSAR and TXSSAR.

Activities

At National, District, State, and Chapter levels, there are numerous activities to support.

Each Chapter Meeting attempts to accomplish one, or part of one of the goals of NSSAR / Texas SAR. The goals are (1) Celebrate the Past, (2) Strengthen the Present, and (3) Shape the Future.

Our Chapter Officers oversee the Chapter operations. They and the Past Chapter Presidents comprise the Chapter Board of Manager.



The Chapter Color Guard presents a great opportunity for the SAR to be visible to the public. The Color Guard marches in parades, such as July 4th, Memorial Day, Medal of Honor Parade, and Veterans Day. They participate in Grave Markings for Patriots and other events, such as History Day in some states. Points are awarded for events and Color Guardsmen can earn medals.

The Chapter Veteran Affairs Committee handles compatriot military recognitions and support of military personnel. In addition, Vietnam service recognition pins are awarded. SAR also supports our Veterans with Ancestor Search to help them discover their ancestors. Please inform the chairman if you are a veteran.



The Chapter Parades Committees invite your participation in several parades through the year. Such as Independence Day, Veterans Day and other Color Guard parades.

The Public Service Award Committee recognizes civic outstanding service in Law Enforcement, Fire Safety and Emergency Medical Services. In addition, awards to citizens for Life Saving, Heroism and Good Citizenship are available.

The Chapter Youth Awards Committee is comprised of several youth sub-committees. They are ROTC/JROTC, Eagle Scouts, Poster, Brochure, Essay, Oration and History Teacher. These sub-committees conduct annual contests through which students earn awards and medals relating to the significance of the American Revolution to current day issues.



The Chapter Speakers Bureau offers presentations about the Revolutionary War in schools and other organizations and societies.

The Chapter Flag Certificates Committee is comprised of all chapter members. Any compatriot observing the American Flag displayed in a respectful non-commercial manner may recommend and recognize those with merit.

Our Chapter Web Admin could use your technical support from time to time. He supports our Chapter Website, Chapter Facebook, Google Groups and Google Drive to support our chapter needs. Occasional video conference skills are needed.

Wreaths Across America is an annual program where wreaths are placed on Veterans graves at participating cemeteries. Most of these activities are a few weeks in December. See wreathsacrossamerica.org for the Arlington and Parkdale cemeteries.



SAR, State Societies, and Chapters have websites with information on dates, times, and locations of activities to keep members informed of events. Note SAR does not contain the periods. A more complete listing of activities may be found on their websites.

Some Compatriots work with the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) and support their activities. Note C.A.R. contains the periods after the initials.



Some Compatriots work with the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and support their activities. Note DAR does not contain the periods after the initials. An example is our Color Guard support for some of their various activities. DAR members support the SAR by sponsoring their husbands, sons, fathers, brothers, etc., for membership in the SAR.



New members are encouraged to attend monthly meetings and get involved. To get the most of your membership, serve on one or more of the above committees and later consider holding an office. "New Member" votes and opinions are valuable any time business or activities are discussed.

Chapter Contacts

Please don't feel afraid to contact a chapter officer or committee Chair. We are here to assist all members pursue their interest. Contact information is on the chapter website (see below).

Chapter Officers:

The current Chapter Offices are listed at <https://texassar.org/Arlington/officers.php>.

Chapter Committees:

The best way to get the most out of the organization is to have a good understanding of what it does, when it does these things, and why. It is important to become knowledgeable in the operation of the local chapter to which you belong. Becoming active in the chapter is a good place to get started.

The Chapter needs men to step forward and chair committees or be active members of committees. Members are encouraged to participate in Chapter Committees.

For more information, see the Chapter Color Guard webpage <https://texassar.org/Arlington/committees.php>.

Chapter Color Guard

The Arlington Chapter has an active color guard, which is always recruiting new guardsmen. Members of the Color Guard appear at various patriotic events, funerals, and parades around the Fort Worth and Dallas area. The color guard represents a high visibility unit that honorably represents the SAR organization around the area. Members interested in joining the Chapter Color Guard are required to assemble and purchase their own uniform or Militia attire.

For more information, see the Chapter Color Guard webpage <https://texassar.org/Arlington> then drill down to [Activities > Color Guard Corner](#). Be sure to check out the [Color Guard Locker](#) and our [Chapter Merchandise](#).

The NSSAR and TXSSAR Color Guard Handbooks maybe found on the Texas SAR Private Website <https://texassar.org/!!TXS!!SAR!!> then drill down to [Information > Color Guard](#).

If the member is using a flintlock, the SAR uses The National Park Service Manual at <http://npshistory.com/publications/battlefield/hwp/18th-century-small-arms-manual-fd.pdf>

Community Reward Programs

<http://texassar.org/Arlington/rewards.php>

Some of our local retailers have established free Community Reward Programs that make fund-raising easy. Year after year, local schools, churches, and other nonprofit organizations earn millions of dollars through these reward programs, some of which will now be directed to us.

Even if you're not an Arlington chapter member, we encourage everyone to consider sign-up and sponsoring us with your purchases. Please take a few moments to register with these retailers and encourage others to do likewise! Our chapter will benefit through time as these purchases accumulate. Thank you for signing up!

Texas SAR Arlington Chapter Reward Summary	
• Kroger	#KX137
• Tom Thumb , Randall's , Albertsons	#13649

The signup/sign in process is easy. If you need assistance, the signup details are listed on our website at the above link.

Important Chapter Dates

See <http://texassar.org/Arlington/activityCal.php>

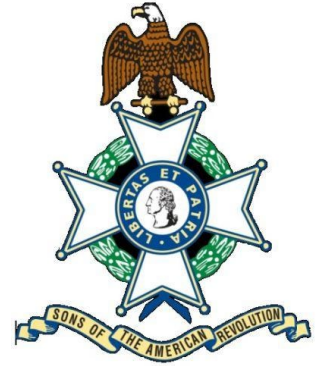
January 2 nd Saturday	<p>Our Chapter Anniversary</p> <p>The Arlington Chapter filed for re-charter on January 11, 1994 and TX SAR reactivated on February 25, 1994. This meeting traditionally celebrates the anniversary. Please note new roster pictures are generally taken. Please try to attend!</p>
February 3 rd Monday	<p>Presidents Day</p> <p>Is the common name for the holiday officially designated as Washington's birthday. As the first federal holiday to honor an American citizen, it was originally celebrated on Washington's actual birthday Feb. 22, 1796, the last full year of his presidency. While the holiday is still officially known as Washington's birthday, it has become popularly known as Presidents Day, honoring both Washington & Lincoln, and all others who have served as president. It is adjusted to the 3rd Monday of February.</p>
March Meeting	<p>Chapter Annual Meeting</p> <p>This meeting traditionally has the new chapter officer inductions. Compatriots are encouraged to support their goals.</p>
Late March Thurs pm to Sun am	<p>TX SAR Annual Convention</p> <p>Rotates usually between Houston area, DFW area, and San Antonio areas. The TX State Society is very organized and has a meaningful schedule throughout these days.</p>
April 3 rd Monday	<p>Patriots Day</p> <p>Is a civic holiday commemorating the anniversary of the Battles of Lexington & Concord. It is observed on the 3rd Monday in April in Massachusetts and Maine and is a public school observance day in Wisconsin. Observances and re-enactments of these 1st battles occur annually at the "Lexington Green" in Lexington, Massachusetts and "The Old North Bridge" in Concord, Massachusetts Mounted re-enactors with state police escorts retraces the rides of Paul Revere and William Dawes, calling out warnings the entire way.</p>
May 1 st	<p>Loyalty Day is a day set aside for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States and for the recognition of the heritage of American freedom. Formerly known as "Americanization Day", it was first observed in 1921 and was intended to counter balance the celebration of Labor Day.</p>
May Last Monday	<p>Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. It is formerly known as Decoration Day and originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the Civil War. By the 20th century Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died in all wars and adjusted to the last Monday of May.</p>

June 14 th	Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the U.S. flag, which happened by resolution of the 2nd Continental Congress on June 14 1777. Congress had previously adopted the "American Continental Army" after reaching a consensus position in the "Committee of the Whole" on June 14, 1775. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 th as Flag Day. In August 1949, an Act of Congress established the National Flag Day.
July 4 th	Independence Day is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. This day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, and political speeches & ceremonies. In addition, various other public & private events celebrate United States history, government, and traditions.
September 11 th	Patriot Day or "National Day of Service & Remembrance" is designated in memory of the 2,977 killed on September 11th, 2001 in the terrorist attacks in New York City, Washington D.C, and Pennsylvania.
September 17 th	Constitution Day or Citizenship Day is an American federal observance that recognizes the adoption of the United States Constitution and those who have become U.S. citizens. It is observed on the day in 1787 when the U.S. Constitutional Convention delegates signed the Constitution.
October 19 th	Victory at Yorktown was accomplished after a French naval victory allowed American and French forces to trap the British army in Virginia. Gen. George Washington led the Continental Army and delivered the final blow to the British. On October 17, 1781, the British surrendered at Yorktown, which marked the end of major fighting in continental North America. The surrender ceremony took place on October 19, 1781.
November 11 th	Veterans Day honors people who have served in the armed services and are known as veterans. It is a federal holiday observed on November 11th. It coincides with other holidays such as Armistice Day & Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other parts of the world. It marks the anniversary of the end of WWI as major hostilities were formally ended at the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month of 1918, with the German signing of the Armistice.
December 8 th	Texas SAR Anniversary commemorates the founding of the "Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution" on December 8th, 1896. Mr. Ira Hobart Evans organized a small group of men in Galveston and became the 1st Texas SAR President. His was National #2751 and Texas #1. More information may be found at https://txssar.org/evans.htm .
December 15 th	Bill of Rights Day is the commemorative day named for the collective name of the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution as introduced by James Madison to the 1st U.S. Congress. These amendments were limitations to serve and protect the rights of liberty and property. They guarantee a number of personal freedoms, limit the government's power in judicial and other proceedings, and reserve some powers to the states and the public.

Enroll Your Family Members

[Extracts from the Constitution of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution]

The objects of this Society are declared as patriotic, historical, and educational, and shall include those intended or designed to perpetuate the memory of those who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people, to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants; to inspire them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics and landmarks; to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war and of the Revolutionary period; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble of the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.



Qualifications For Membership

Any man shall be eligible for membership in this Society who, being of the age of eighteen years or over and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unflinching in loyalty to and rendered active service in, the cause of American Independence either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman or minute man, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress or one of the several Colonies or States; or as a Signer of the Declaration of Independence; or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence; or as a member of any Continental Provincial or Colonial Congress or Legislature; or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain.

Application for membership is on standard forms furnished by the National Society or State Society. These forms require the place and date of birth and death of the Revolutionary ancestor and the names and dates of birth, marriage, and death of ancestors in intervening generations. Starting with your own birth certificate, or equivalent record, documentary proof or reference to published material and supplied to connect each generation with the preceding generation back to the Patriot Ancestor.

Membership Opportunities

Membership in the SAR can be a great gift for Christmas, Birthday, Father's Day, Grandparent's Day, or any other day of celebration. Truly, a gift will continue to give or a lifetime and beyond. Membership in the SAR will ensure the continuance of your family line or lines. In addition, and more importantly, membership in the SAR will perpetuate the memory of our patriot ancestors *"Who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a nation of free men."*

Easy Enrollment Opportunities!

- Son
- Cousin
- Great Grandfather
- Grandson
- Grandfather
- Uncle
- Nephew
- Brother
- Father
- Memorial Members
- Junior Memberships are available from birth to age 18

How To Enroll Those Dear to You

1. Obtain a copy of your completed application (record copy) as your reference to other family members.
2. Contact your Chapter Registrar or other officer. He will furnish worksheets, application forms, and additional information.
3. Starting with your relative's birth certificate, document him and the other generations from him and using your record copy verbatim as proof to the Patriot ancestor. Use the worksheet and your record copy to document and connect to your relative's bloodline.
4. Contact the local chapter to determine the next step.

National Society Sons of the American Revolution

www.sar.org

SAR Online Membership Database (Blue)

You probably are already aware of this database. It is the database where your membership application was entered: sar.org > Quick Links > Online Membership Database (Blue), sign in is required. If you have other family members wishing to enter their lineage for SAR submission. This is the place for that data entry. See the Chapter Registrar for more information.



Patriot Research System (PRS)

From the www.sar.org website, use the PRS tab to access the sarpatriots.sar.org system. The SAR Patriot Research (PRS) system is similar the DAR Genealogy Research (GRS) system. Both are free and provides search access to genealogy lineages of Members, Patriot Ancestors, and Descendants of those Patriots. Note: the first three generations are usually hidden from public view, but with purchase of an application, all generations will be revealed.



Naturally, both GRS and PRS systems are never complete as new applications are approved every year and their entry into these systems are ongoing effort. The PRS system will continue to expand as new patriots and graves are found and new members are approved. It also provides for member addition of Patriot grave details and biographies. SAR members with interest can volunteer with this data entry effort. See the PRS system for more information.

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

Texas Society

TXSSAR at <https://txssar.org> or <https://texassar.org>

Ladies Auxiliary at <https://txssar.org/LA/index.htm>, wives of SAR Compatriots, not necessarily DAR.

Access to the TXSSAR Private Member website is at

<https://txssar.org/!!TXS!!SAR!!> Contact a Chapter Officer for the access questions. As of May 2021, the access credentials are - userid: xxxxxxxx password: yyyyyyyyyy; (See Chapter Officer) *subject to change in the near future.* Please do not share these credentials with non-paid members and please read the 1st page policy notice and abide by their recommendations to keep this website private. See a chapter officer with access questions.

You are encouraged to maintain your TXSSAR Member Contact Information at

https://txssar.org/!!TXS!!SAR!!/contact_change.htm and please alert the Chapter Secretary.

You are encouraged to subscribe to the TXSSAR Pro DADA system at

<https://txssar.org/!!TXS!!SAR!!/mailer.htm> to let TXSSAR include you in their bulk emailer system. Only a few times a year is this bulk emailer used. Do not worry about spam from them. If you choose, unsubscribe at the same link.

All members are welcome to review the TXSSAR Chapter Presidents' Manual. It is found on the Texas SAR Private website > [Information](#) > [Texas SAR Chapter Presidents Manual](#) and at

<https://txssar.org/!!TXS!!SAR!!/pdf/cpm1000.pdf>

You are encouraged to create your NSSAR account and login to the NSSAR website at

<https://sar.org/user/login>, visit their bookstore and shop around for items. We very rarely receive an email from NSSAR, so do not worry about spam from them. Be sure to look through the "About Us" and the "Mission and Goals" information.

Arlington Chapter

Arlington Chapter at <https://txssar.org/Arlington> or <https://texassar.org/Arlington>

About Us, Activities, Documents, Gallery, History, Links, Membership, etc.

The Arlington chapter uses GOOGLE DRIVE to hold chapter related documents and photos. Access is by invitation. Contact the web admin for the invitations. Thereafter, sign into drive.google.com with your email account.

The Arlington chapter USES GOOGLE CALENDAR to hold chapter related calendar activities. It may be inserted into your calendar on various devices (PC, Mac, Smartphone, Tablets). Add by google calendar name of TEXAS SAR ARLINGTON #7 or contact the Chapter WebAdmin for an invitation.

The Arlington chapter uses GOOGLE GROUPS to hold chapter related email groups. As a member and if we have your email, then we will automatically add you to our email groups. If you're not receiving emails, remind the Chapter WebAdmin for your addition.

Texas Society, Daughters of the American Revolution

<http://dar.org>

<http://texasdar.org>

<http://texasdar.org/chapters/LucretiaCouncilCochran>

<http://texasdar.org/chapters/QuanahParker>



The Texas DAR-SAR Relations Committee welcomes members. They promote cooperation, membership, and community service between DAR and SAR Chapters and members. Male relatives of DAR members -fathers, sons, grandsons, brothers, uncles, and cousins are welcome to join Sons of the American Revolution (SAR.) SAR members are eligible from birth. They have Annual, Life and Memorial memberships.

DAR Applications are welcomed by the SAR as proof, for lineage documentation. If a DAR



membership was approved after January 1, 1985, the SAR will accept an official record copy of the DAR application as proof for all common generations. For instance, if a DAR member wishes to get their son into the SAR, the only proofs needed are a copy of his birth certificate and a copy of the approved DAR application. The SAR may accept DAR applications approved prior to 1985 if the appropriate verification marks and acceptable documentation references are provided.

Local Chapter SAR Registrars invite you and/or your male relative to contact their nearest SAR Chapter for assistance.



Locate online – <https://texassar.org>, then drill down to [Chapter Info >Locations](#). SAR Chapter Registrars are glad to assist and help with the next steps. Paper and computer SAR applications and SAR official paper are available. Discounts are available when multiple SAR applications to the same patriot are bundled together. SAR Chapters can help you and/or your relatives sharing your lineage.

SAR Member Wives are invited to apply to the DAR. **SAR Member Daughters, Aunts, Cousins over 18 years** are invited to apply to the DAR with a “leg up” so to speak, as your approved SAR Application, along with the same supporting documents, provide an easy DAR application.

SAR’s DAR Finder Form is used when a DAR member refers, recruits, or assists significantly in obtaining lineage documentation and in the preparation of a SAR new application, include the FF with each SAR application, when you:

- Help recruit and/or refer a prospective SAR member to SAR membership.
- Share or help obtain approved DAR official record copy as application proofs. Every SAR application that uses a DAR paper for proof needs a FF attached, with credit to a TX DAR member - include their name & DAR number and chapter name & numbers.
- Assist/help with new member SAR Application.
- Assist SAR Chapter Registrars in their review of DAR applications, so they can order record copies to help prove SAR applications.

SAR’s DAR Finder Form is available on-line in PDF format at

<https://members.sar.org/media/uploads/pages/201/Ef8Cb5hXlppz.pdf>.

SAR Awards - Texas SAR Chapters may award the Martha Washington Medal to DAR members who help SAR gain three new members. SAR chapters may have specific guidelines. Other SAR awards: Medal of Appreciation and Daughters of Liberty Medal are available.

Texas Society, Children of the American Revolution

Three Forks of the Trinity Society

Arlington TX

For children ages birth - 21

Have fun!

Learn about history!

Encourage love of country!

Leadership opportunities for children



C.A.R. Chapter Meetings:

- Fall State Project Day - date to be determined
- Usually 2-4 times per year, preferable on Sunday afternoons
- Saturday closest to December 15th - Wreaths Across America with DAR & SAR
- Late March, T.S.C.A.R. State Conference (alternates among Texas cities)
- Mid-April, N.S.C.A.R. National Convention (Washington D.C.)

Texas State Project:

Texas Society C.A.R. partners with a non-profit for to promote youth patriotism.

For more information contact: (as of 2022 summer)

Senior Society President is Will Deakyne at wfdeakyne@hotmail.com.

Society Newsletters

Both the Texas and National Societies publish newsletters four times a year. They are emailed to your last known email address. Be sure to keep our chapter membership chair informed of your contact information including your phone and email.

The **Texas Compatriot Newsletters** are posted online at <https://texassar.org>, then drilldown to About Texas SAR > Texas Compatriot Newsletter.



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The **National SAR Magazines** are posted online but require login at <https://sar.org>, then drill down to [Members > SAR-Magazine-Archive](#).

As of May 2022, the Arlington Chapter does not have a newsletter editor. Contact the Chapter President if you have interest.

Photo Permission

I hereby grant permission to the Texas SAR to use photos of myself (and my named children) for postings to their website(s); except as noted.



Parent / Guardian Signature:

Date:

Please copy and return this signed document with any objections to the Chapter Web Admin.

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<https://texassar.org/Arlington>

Compatriot Questionnaire Download

In an effort to collect data for historical purposes, including future Texas SAR History Volumes, members are requested to download, complete and return the Texas SAR Compatriot Questionnaire. It is optional, not required, but recommended.

Blank forms are available from the Archives/History committee for members to identify themselves with a photo and short biography. If you haven't previously submitted or if you wish to update, then use this questionnaire to preserve your SAR membership identification. Please encourage all members, especially new members, to complete and submit a questionnaire. Junior members are purposely excluded but encouraged to participate when they become adult members.

To download, use your PC browser and navigate to <https://txssar.org> then drill down to [About Texas SAR > History > Compatriot Questionnaire](#). It is simplest to first download and save the blank PDF version to your PC. Please rename it to include your name; then, fill it out saving as often as needed. Scan a recent photo and share with both with your Chapter Historian and the Texas Society Historian. If printed, it will be a legal size document.

The free Adobe Acrobat PDF Reader software is available at <https://get.adobe.com/reader>. Care should be taken, as Adobe's optional offers are not required. Otherwise, print it and send by postal mail. Every effort will be to ensure your questionnaire remains private within the Texas Society SAR.

Contact me if assistance is needed. Email or postal mail to:

John D. Anderson, Jr.
 Texas Society Historian 2019+
 2205 Fall River Dr.
 Arlington, TX 76006-5703
 817-483-2214
historian@txssar.org

Texas Society SAR of the American Revolution
 Archivist Biography Via _____ Date: _____

Current Chapter: _____ Member No: _____ TOSAR No: _____

Member Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____ Suffix _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

State Year: _____ Birth Date _____ Location _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Member Email _____

Message Date _____ Message Location _____

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2023	Texas Society SAR	Annual Meeting	Chapter 6

SAR Activities

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Please print or type as much information as possible. Your street address, city, zip, phone and email are shared privately by the SAR. Please do not include sensitive information and do not include your SAR membership number or any other identifying information.
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Compatriot Member Notes:

SAR Pledges



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".



Texas Flag

"Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible".



SAR Flag

"We, the 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".



SAR Closing Admonition

"Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers whom gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a nation of free men".



