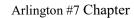


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FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS MEETS SEPTEMBER 5, 1774

The First Continental Congress was a meeting of delegates from 12 of the 13 British colonies that became the United States. It met from September 5 to October 26, 1774, at Carpenters' Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, after the British Navy instituted a blockade of Boston Harbor and the Parliament of Great Britain passed the punitive Intolerable Acts in response to the December 1773 Boston Tea Party. During the opening weeks of the Congress, the delegates conducted a spirited discussion about how the colonies could collectively respond to the British government's coercive actions, and they worked to make a common cause.

As a prelude to its decisions, the Congress's first action was the adoption of the Suffolk Resolves, a measure drawn up by several counties in Massachusetts that included a declaration of grievances, called for a trade boycott of British goods, and urged each colony to set up and train its own militia. A less radical plan was then proposed to create a Union of Great Britain and the Colonies, but the delegates tabled the measure and later struck it from the record of their proceedings. They then agreed on a Declaration and Resolves that included the Continental Association, a proposal for an embargo on British trade. They also drew up a Petition to the King pleading for redress of their grievances and repeal of the Intolerable Acts. That appeal had no effect, so the colonies convened the Second Continental Congress the following May, shortly after the battles of Lexington and Concord, to organize the defense of the colonies at the outset of the Revolutionary War.



Convention

The Congress met from September 5 to October 26, 1774, in Carpenters' Hall in Philadelphia; delegates from 12 British colonies participated. They were elected by the people of the various colonies, the colonial legislature, or by the Committee of Correspondence of a colony. Loyalist sentiments outweighed Patriot views in Georgia, and that colony did not join the cause until the following year.

Peyton Randolph was elected as president of the Congress on the opening day, and he served through October 22 when ill health forced him to retire, and Henry Middleton was elected in his place for the balance of the session. Charles Thomson, leader of the Philadelphia Committee of Correspondence, was selected as the congressional secretary.

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the deliberations progressed, it became clear that those in attendman, Samuel Adams, and John Adams believed their task to be Congress. developing a decisive statement of the rights and liberties of the Colonies. Their ultimate goal was to end what they felt to be the abuses of parliamentary authority and to retain their rights, which had been guaranteed under Colonial charters and the English constitution.

Roger Sherman denied the legislative authority of Parliament, and Patrick Henry believed that the Congress needed to develop a completely new system of government, independent from Great Britain, for the existing Colonial governments were already dissolved. In contrast to these ideas, Joseph Galloway put forward a "Plan of Union" which suggested that an American legislative body should be formed with some authority, whose consent would be required for imperial measures.

Declaration and Resolves

In the end, the voices of compromise carried the day. Rather than calling for independence, the First Continental Congress passed and signed the Continental Association in its Declaration and Resolves, which called for a boycott of British goods to take effect in December 1774. After Congress signed on October 20, 1774 embracing non exportation they also planned nonimportation of slaves beginning December 1, which would have abolished the slave trade in the United States of America 33 years before it actually ended.

Accomplishments

The primary accomplishment of the First Continental Congress was a compact among the colonies to boycott British goods beginning on December 1, 1774, unless parliament should rescind the Intolerable Acts. While delegates convened in the First Continental Congress, fifty-one women in Edenton, North Carolina formed their own association (now referred to as the Edenton Tea Party) in response to the Intolerable Acts that focused on producing goods for the colonies. Additionally, Great Britain's colonies in the West Indies were threatened with a boycott unless they agreed to non-importation of British goods. Imports from Britain dropped by 97 percent in 1775, compared with the previous year. Committees of observation and inspection were to be formed in each Colony to ensure compliance with the boycott. It was further agreed that if the Intolerable Acts were not repealed, the colonies would also cease exports to Britain after September 10, 1775.

The Houses of Assembly of each participating colony approved the proceedings of the Congress, with the exception of New The rules adopted by the delegates were designed to guard the York. The boycott was successfully implemented, but its potenequality of participants and to promote free-flowing debate. As tial for altering British colonial policy was cut off by the outbreak of hostilities in April 1775. Congress also voted to meet ance were not of one mind concerning why they were there. again the following year if their grievances were not addressed Conservatives such as Joseph Galloway, John Dickinson, John satisfactorily. Anticipating that there would be cause to convene Jay, and Edward Rutledge believed their task to be forging poli- a second congress, delegates resolved to send letters of invitacies to pressure Parliament to rescind its unreasonable acts. tion to those colonies that had not joined them in Philadelphia, Their ultimate goal was to develop a reasonable solution to the including: Quebec, Saint John's Island (now Prince Edward Isdifficulties and bring about reconciliation between the Colonies land), Nova Scotia, Georgia, East Florida, and West Florida. Of and Great Britain. Others such as Patrick Henry, Roger Sher- these, only Georgia would ultimately send delegates to the next

~ From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



Medal Spotlight:

PATRIOT MEDAL



The Patriot Medal is awarded only by a state society. It is the highest award given for service at the state or chapter level. This medal is presented only to individuals and may be received ONLY once. It represents long, faithful and outstanding service at the state and/or chapter level.

The medal is sterling silver and bears the portrait of Compatriot General of the Army Douglas MacArthur on the obverse within the inscription, "The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution." The reverse is inscribed "Awarded to for Patriotic Service by the Society SAR, 20". The medal is suspended from a chest ribbon of royal blue color. The design for the medal was selected by Compatriot MacArthur. He received the first medal, presented posthumously at his tomb in Norfolk, Virginia, on October 19, 1964, where it is on permanent display.





INDUCTIONS



Jake Ashford, Jared Ashford, Justin Ashford, Patriot ancestor- John Hart, Signer of the Declaration of Independence, Kirby M. Anderson, Patriot ancestor- William Shaw, Sgt NC Continental Line and Pres. Dan Hamilton



Jake Ashford, Jared Ashford, Justin Ashford, Inductees, Past Pres. Robert Pope, Brenda Ashford, Jacob Ashford, John Ashford and Sonia Ashford. Brenda's husband, who passed away in January was a Past Chapter Vice-President.



Lyman Grady "Nick" Nichols, born in Tampico Mexico. Patriot ancestor- Moses Nichols, 5th NH militia.

Richard Vaughn - son of late chapter member Richard Preston Vaughn (d. 2016). The first time we've had the son of a former member join after this length of time. Patriot ancestor-Hezefuah Alexander, member of the NC Provincial Congress and Committee of Safety and signer of the Mecklenburg Oath of Allegiance.



Inductions

Kirby Michael Anderson Jake Ashford Jared Ashford Justin Ashford Lyman Grady "Nick" Nichols Wendell W. Black Richard Vaughn

Anniversaries

August

Robin D. Teagarden, Jr. 8/30/1977 46 years Ronald K. Carter 8/9/07 16 years Robert H. Wehr 8/13/12 11 years Roger E. Wehr 8/13/12 11 years Jeffery D. Meller 8/11/17 6 years Scott D. Hamilton 8/30/19 4 years Phillip N. Roe 8/30/19 4 years Ian A. Yuhasz 8/30/19 4 years Douglas S. Steward 8/7/20 3 years Bradlyn J. Cole 8/13/21 2 years Brent Houser 8/5/22 1 year

Jr. SAR Members

Alexander S. Hamilton 8/30/19 4 years McCoy A. Salmon 8/6/21 2 years Adrian B. Cole 8/13/21 2 years Alden C. Cole 8/13/21 2 years Alexander E. Cole 8/13/21 2 years

September

James D. Friels 9/4/12 11 years Bill C. Goodman 9/3/21 2 years Grant A. Hamilton 9/4/14 9 years Nicholas D. Hamilton 9/4/14 9 years Richard L. Martin 9/26/06 17 years Robert B. Pope 9/8/17 6 years

October

Burton G. Watkins 10/19/87 36 years Gary S. Faletti 10/4/11 12 years Michael S. Davis 10/4/19 4 years



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Compatriots,

Well, the season is changing. The days are becoming shorter and the obsessive heat has left. It seems activities have increased and more and more demands are put on our time.

As the year draws to an end, we need to be looking forward. I will be ending my second term as Chapter President and will not run again. I want to let all of you know what a distinct pleasure it has been being your Chapter President. I am especially appreciative of all the trust, faith and support you have offered me in this journey.

I am going to place Joe Kohn's name in nomination for Chapter President. I hope all chapter members will be thinking about how their talents and abilities can best be utilized to help the chapter grow.

Yesterday, Oct 08, 2023, several members of our chapter gathered with hundreds of others to say our final good-byes to Dick Lee. I was honored to put together an honor guard to stand vigil at Dick's casket during the visitation hour. Thanks to fellow North Texas Color Guardsmen, Bill Watts and Tom Van Fossen for your support.

At the memorial service for Dick, I was also asked to say a few words in connection to Dick's SAR service. In my preparation I mulled over the concept that SAR is more than a lineage society, a club, an organization. SAR is a brotherhood. The brotherhood forged by our Great Grand parents through the cold, wet, hungry, tired times of the War for Independence has been inherited by us.

We are this generation's version of them. Therefore, we need to actively pursue our Society's mission statement.

"The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our Country."

Thank you all!

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IN MEMORIUM

DICK LEE, SAR

Dick was inducted as a member of the SAR in 2012.

His patriot ancestor (grandfather) is Stephen Lee, Stephen actively supported the Continental Army with goods and is listed as a Patriot of the American Revolution.

When Dick was inducted into the Arlington Chapter of SAR his Chapter President was Ron Carter. The chapter was not very large in those days and they met at The Division Street Diner.

Dick was a loyal member of the Arlington Chapter, attending most monthly Chapter meetings. He commented on several occasions how much he admired his fellow chapter members, often comparing them to his Naval buddies. I can assure you the feeling was mutual. Dick was one of those rare individuals who is easy to meet and always feel comfortable with. Dick was a man who may hold a Guinness World Record. He personally was friends with six Presidents, SAR Presidents, that is. Ron Carter, David Friels, John Anderson, Roger Wehr, Robert Pope and Dan Hamilton.

Dick did not seek to be an Arlington chapter officer or chair a committee although he did assist with the presentation of JROTC medals and certificates.

Dick's calling was his "Comment of the Day":

In 2016, then Chapter President, John Anderson, added "Dick Lee's – Comment of the Day" to each month's agenda. This comment was highly anticipated by all in attendance. Generally, Dick would share something humorous. On occasion, he would help us reflect on how things were years ago and how they differed from how we look at things now.

In 2017, the chapter helped Dick celebrate his 90th birthday. He related some of his life experiences over those 90 years and the new innovations and inventions which had come into being and some of the things we no longer do or use.

When 2022 rolled around Dick received his 10 year service pin and certificate with Sons of the American Revolution.

I recently heard a story and thought to myself, I believe Dick would approve of as a "Dick Lee Comment of the Day":

The story tells about an older retired gentleman who enjoyed playing golf. One day after finishing his round of golf, he returned home and proclaimed to his wife, "I'm never going to play golf again!"

The inquisitive wife said "why dear? You enjoy golf so much?" "Not any longer", he stormed. "I can't see the silly ball after I hit."

"Well", said the wife, "why don't you keep playing and take my brother, Leonard, along. Leonard can still see just fine."

The husband agreed and the next time he went golfing he took his brother-in-law, Leonard with him.

At the first tee the husband drove the ball down the fairway. He turned to Leonard and said, I didn't see it, did you?

Leonard replied, "Oh yes I saw it very well."

"Well," the old man said "where did it go?" Lenoard replied "I forgot!"

Thank you, Dick! You are missed! But, Not forgotten!

Dan Hamilton, President

SAR POLITICAL ACTIVITY POLICY MESSAGE

Compatriots:

As political campaign season is upon us it is important for all of us to be reminded not to mix SAR with politics regardless of issue or party. This is important because 501(c)(3) organizations, such as the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, are unable to participate in campaigning for specific candidates or political parties. 501(c)(3) organizations are also unable to lobby for changes in laws. If our organization does participate in such activities the officers and committee chairmen may be held personally liable for penalties. Even worse, the organization may lose its tax-exempt status.

I encourage you to fully voice your opinions on all political topics but do so without your SAR branded material. Please do not have your chapter or the state society listed as a sponsor for any political events. If you have pictures of political events where the SAR logo is somehow displayed, please remove the pictures from social media. If you are aware of other compatriots displaying or otherwise giving the impression that the Texas State Society somehow supports any political cause, please let me know.

In Patriotism.

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ARLINGTON #7 MERCHANDISE

Keep in mind that Arlington #7 offers logo merchandise:

Challenge Coins- \$10

Lapel Pins- \$5

Coffee Cups- \$15

These can be purchased by contacting: Sergeant-at-Arms: Richard Martin

furball2604@gmail.com



PRESENTATION CAR PRESIDENT ADDRESS ARLINGTON CHAPTER #7



Libby Deakyne, CAR Texas State President addresses a meeting of the Arlington SAR Chapter #7 with CAR members in attendance.

On July 3, 2023, CAR State President Libby Deakyne addressed the chapter regarding the State Project.

Texas Society Children of the American Revolution President Libby Deakyne presented the C.A.R. State Project: "Liberty Lives in the Lone Star State!". Included in her message: Over the next year, our members will focus on learning more about the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution and how they are living, breathing documents that shape our nation still today.

The project beneficiary is the Morris Family Center for Law & Liberty at HCU, and is dedicated to bringing the history of the American Revolution to life through a full-scale replica of Independence Hall in Houston. This year, the nearly 1,000 members of the Texas C.A.R. will work to raise \$30,000.00 to:

- ensure 1,776 Texas kids experience the Center, including taking home their very own tricorn hat and pocket Constitution;
- provide 250 classroom book sets on our founding documents for educators to share with their students;
- purchase 1 historically accurate teaching lectern for year-round use in the Center; and
- provide a herd of stick ponies to teach students more about Paul Revere's ride.
- Central to this year's project is the ability to partner with local DAR, SAR, and SR Chapters.

The C.A.R. seeks support from SAR chapters. We CAN make a difference by providing access to experiential history here in Texas! Imagine what SAR and C.A.R. could do to bring history to life for Texas kids if each chapter simply sponsored a visit for 10 students (\$100), 4 classroom book sets (\$200), or 5 stick ponies (\$300).



August

8/3 Preston C. Kennedy (Jr. Member)

8/14 Kyle A. Stephenson (Jr. Member)

8/15 Alden C. Cole (Jr. Member)

8/19 Wendell W. Black (Jr. Member)

8/23 David K. Setzer

8/25 Michael W. Fairchild

8/26 Lee Bryan Ehrler (Jr. Member)

8/29 Ronald K. Carter

September

9/3 Daniel R. Hamilton

9/4 Michael B. Hutchins, Jr.

9/4 William Laurence Oliver, DDS

9/5 James N. Gibson 9/6 Steven T. Anderson

9/6 Grayson D. Freeman (Jr. Member)

9/29 William J. McCoy

October

10/6 Roger E. Cobb

10/9 Evan B. Morgan

10/14 Branden A. Kennedy

10/15 Frank R. Dawson

10/16 Jack M. Hardwick

10/16 Aleksander C. Stephenson (Jr. Member)

10/21 Willard J. Sparks

10/23 David R. Friels

10/29 Jonathan T. Kennedy

10/31 Christopher W. Saunders

PRESIDENT DAN HAMILTON RECEIVES SILVER GALVEZ MEDAL



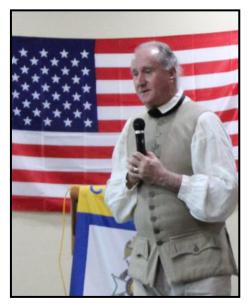
July 8- Compatriot Ron Turner, District 5 Vice President presented Compatriot Daniel Hamilton, Arlington Color Guard Commander and President, with Silver Bernardo de Galvez Color Guard Medal for his color guard activities.

ARLINGTON SAR CHAPTER #7 DUAL MEMBER APPOINTED TO LOUISIANA AMERICA 250 COMMISSION



Russ Godwin, Dual Member and President of the Oliver Pollock SAR Chapter in Lake Charles, Louisiana has been appointed to the Louisiana 250 Commission by Louisiana Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser.

BILL COVINGTON PRESENTS: STORY OF JOHN CHAMPE



Bill Covington spoke to the Chapter membership relating the story of John Champe and his charge from George Washington and Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee to capture traitor General Benedict Arnold and determine if other high-ranking American officers were involved.

Champe "defected" to the British side where he made contact with Arnold and confirmed that his defection was a lone act. Just prior to the actual recapture was to take place, Arnold and his entire unit, including Champe embarked in New York on the Virginia Campaign.

The plan was terminated. Champe later found his way back to the Continental Army where Lee honorably discharged Champe to avoid his potential capture by the British which could result in his hanging as a spy.





NATION'S 250TH BIRTHDAY IS COMING— 4 JULY 2026

The celebration of the founding of America includes the time period from the Stamp Act to the Treaty of Paris, ending the Revolutionary War. As the Revolution included Political and Civic actions, as well as War activities, events will include all that shaped the development of our Great Nation during the time peri-

America 250 Website: www.america250sar.com



EVENTS

2023

Sept 29-Oct 22- Texas State Fair- Jane Douglas Continental DAR House (S)

Oct 14 Arlington #7 Chapter Meeting—Skillet-n-Grill Café- 10 AM (C)

Oct 20, 21, 22- TXSAR Fall BOM (Board of Mangers) Meeting- College Station (GC-S)

October 28 Patriot Grave Marking, Washington, LA, 10:30 am, (CG-N)

October 28 Patriot Grave Marking, Opelousas, LA, 1:00 pm, (CG-N)

Nov 11 Arlington #7 Chapter Meeting—Skillet-n-Grill Café-10 AM (C)

November 11 Veterans Day Parade, 11AM, Panther Island Parking Lot, Ft. Worth (CG-N)

November 12 – Massing of the Colors, Muster 2PM, Birchman Baptist Church Sanctuary, 9100 N. Normandie St., Ft. Worth (CG-N)

December 2- Dickens on the Strand 11 AM- 3 PM Galveston (CG-S)

Nov 11 Arlington #7 Chapter Meeting—Skillet-n-Grill Café-10 AM (C)

December 16, Wreaths Across America -Parkdale & Arlington Cemeteries, Arlington, TX (CG-N)

2024

April 11-14 - 129th TXSAR Annual Conference- San Antonio (CG-S

July 10-16 134th NSSAR Congress, Lancaster, PA (CG-N)

(CG) = Color Guard event, (C) = Chapter, (S) = State, (N) = National



CONTINENTAL DAR HOUSE— TEXAS STATE FAIRGROUNDS

The Continental DAR House is open every day of the Texas State Fair (Sep. 29 through Oct. 22). This creates a need for volunteers to talk to potential new members. Volunteers are welcome from all chapters as well as family members and friends, so help us spread the word. Please give thoughtful consideration to volunteering this year to help make the 2023 State Fair a huge success for Sons of the American Revolution.

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS DATES: Sept 29 through Oct 22

The Continental DAR House is open to visitors every day of the Fair.

Volunteer shift: 10 am to 6 pm Mon-Sat

11am to 6pm Sundays.

Volunteers get a car pass to allow everyone in the car to get into the Fair for free and to park in the Fairgrounds next to the Continental DAR House (on the day you are working).

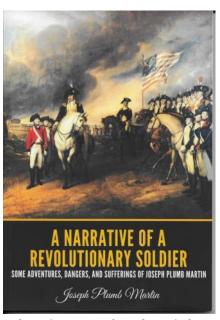
The majority of volunteer options are sitting down. Only a few require any physical exertion.

SIGN UP NOW: Texas State Fair www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c49a5aa2aabf85-texas4#/

Texas State Fair 2023 Volunteer schedule for the 2023 State Fair of Texas for the Continental DAR House, Jane Douglas Chapter. Look for open times under SAR line.

RECOMMENDED BOOK:

NARRATIVE OF A REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER BY JOSEPH PLUMB MARTIN RECOMMENDED BY DAN HAMILTON



I shall, therefore, by way of preface, inform the reader that my intention is to give a succinct account of some of my adventures, dangers and sufferings during my several campaigns in the revolutionary army. My readers, (who, by the by, will, I hope, none of them be beyond the pale of my own neighbourhood,) must not expect any great transactions to be exhibited to their notice, "No alpine wonders thunder through my tale," but they are here, once for all, requested to bear it in mind, that they are not the achievements of an officer of high grade which they are perusing, but the common transactions of one of the lowest in stain tion an army, private soldier.

Should the reader chance to ask himself this question, (and I think it very natural for him to do so,) how could any man of common sense ever spend his precious time in writing such a rhapsody of nonsense?—to satisfy his inquiring mind, I would inform him, that, as the adage says, "every crow thinks her own young the whitest," so every private soldier in an army thinks his particular services as essential to carry on the war he is engaged in, as the services of the most influential general; and why not? what could officers do without such men? Nothing at all. Alexander never could have conquered the world without private

- Taken from "A Narrative of a Revolutionary Soldier: Some Adventures, Dangers, and Sufferings of Joseph Plumb Martin" written by Joseph Plumb Martin



Youth Awards Programs

The following are awards given by the SAR at the chapter, state and national level:

DR. TOM & BETTY LAWRENCE AMERICAN HISTORY TEACHER AWARD (Educators for Grades 5-12)

THE ARTHUR M. AND BERDENA KING EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM

THE AMERICANISM POSTER CONTEST (Grades 3 -5)

OUTSTANDING JROTC CADET AWARD
THE GEORGE S. & STELLA M. KNIGHT ESSAY
CONTEST (Grades 9-12)

THE SGT. MOSES ADAMS MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL BROCHURE CONTEST (Grades 6-9)

THE JOSEPH S. RUMBAUGH HISTORICAL ORATION CONTEST (Grades 9-12)

THE CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AWARD (C.A.R. member)

THE TEXAS SOCIETY SAR DR. ROBERT S. CO-HEN AND Dr\R. JANE WATKINS COHEN 4-H AWARD (Grades 9-12)

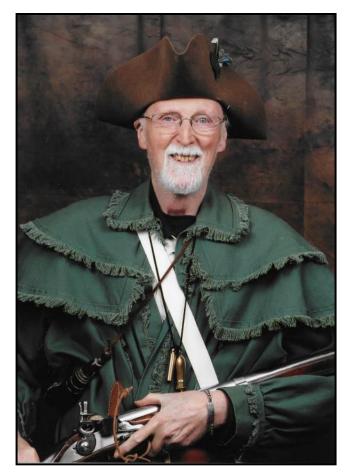
THE JOSEPH PLUMB MARTIN VIDEO CONTEST (Grades 9-12)

Texas was the **only** state to have contestants in all categories at the national level. A Texan, Matthew S. Westfall, sponsored by District 8's Robert Rankin #62 Chapter, was awarded the National SAR Eagle Scout Award.

The Arlington #7 Chapter area includes the following school districts: Grand Prairie ISD, Mansfield ISD, Arlington ISD, HEB ISD and the Grapevine-Colleyville ISD. Participants can also include private and parochial schools.

Compatriot John Anderson sits on the state Committee for Americanism Contests, Medals, & Awards that oversees the SAR Youth Award Program at the state level.

At the chapter level, it is important to develop personal contacts within each school district and school wherever possible. Another important path to encouraging participation is to make family members and friends with school age children aware of the SAR Youth Award program.



Chapter President Dan Hamilton delivered a presentation he has and will deliver to schools classes explaining the history and significance of the Constitution. Also, he makes available a copy of the Constitution to each student in the class.

SAR OUTREACH EDUCATION EVENT

OCTOBER 18 12:30-1:30PM

In a virtual Curator Zac Distel will provide a behind the scenes look at artifacts related to alcohol, featured in the latest edition of Selections from the Collection. Register at SAR.org.

Editor's Note

Quotation

"A general dissolution of principles and manners will more surely overthrow the liberties of America than the whole force of the common enemy. While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued; but when once they lose their virtue then will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader."

Samuel Adams