



The MINUTEMAN



Dallas Chapter

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Texas Society - Sons of the American Revolution

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DALLAS CHAPTER MEETING TXSSAR

Ventana by Buckner South Tower, Grand Hall
8301 N US 75-Central Expressway - Dallas, TX 75225

Be not hasty to believe flying reports to the disparagement of any.

G. Washington

Breakfast – 8:00am

Meeting – 9:00am

Where's the Money?

Oh, in my hand.



Tom Whitelock and Nick Harper ready to help. The Merchandise Table and breakfast is just inside the door.

Getting breakfast before the meeting starts.



Conversation, Coffee and breakfast among all the guests at the Dallas Chapter meeting make a perfect beginning for the morning.

It seems that the meeting is about to begin.



Zoom is present and ready to begin.

Look at all the posters entered in the SAR Poster Contest!



AGENDA

Call to Order – President Harrison



Rules of Engagement –

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Invocation – Frank Pounders

Pledges – American Flag – Jack Carpenter
Texas Flag – Brent Harshman
SAR – Robert Kittrell

Welcome – President Harrison – Welcome to all.

Visitors

Welcome DAR members

Nick Gilliam former Plano Chapter President

Paul Ridenour East Fork Trinity Chapter for the State Conference

Introduction of our morning Speaker – Tom Van Fossen

James F. Engler, Sr. Past President,
Maryland State Society

Jim Engler has been a SAR member since 2001. He currently serves as the president and registrar of the Westminster Chapter in Maryland and is a past Maryland State president. He also is Maryland SAR's assistant secretary and the chairman of their Americanism and Patriot Records Committees, as well as the lead for the Maryland Application Data Entry (MADE) project, which has a team of volunteers entering lineage data into the SAR Patriot Research System.



Jim currently chairs the IT Committee's Genealogical Research System Subcommittee. He also serves on the national SAR 250th Committee and on the IT Committee's Digitization and Patriot Records subcommittees. He developed software that provides visualizations of different SAR data, which is the focus of his presentation to the Dallas Chapter.

Why is he here? We are a growing organization at National, State and Chapter but if it's going to be respected, it's gotta be inspected.

There are three things that I want you to concentrate on during this presentation today.

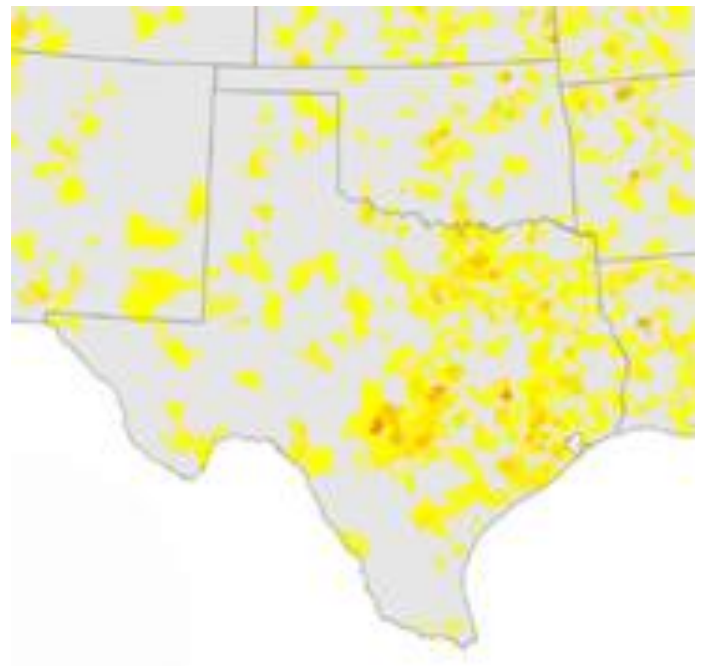
1. Take a look at who we are, and where we've been because that's important.
2. Where we can go and how we can do it.
3. If there's data that can help us become bigger, faster, stronger, Jim can help us do it.



Bottom Line Up Front

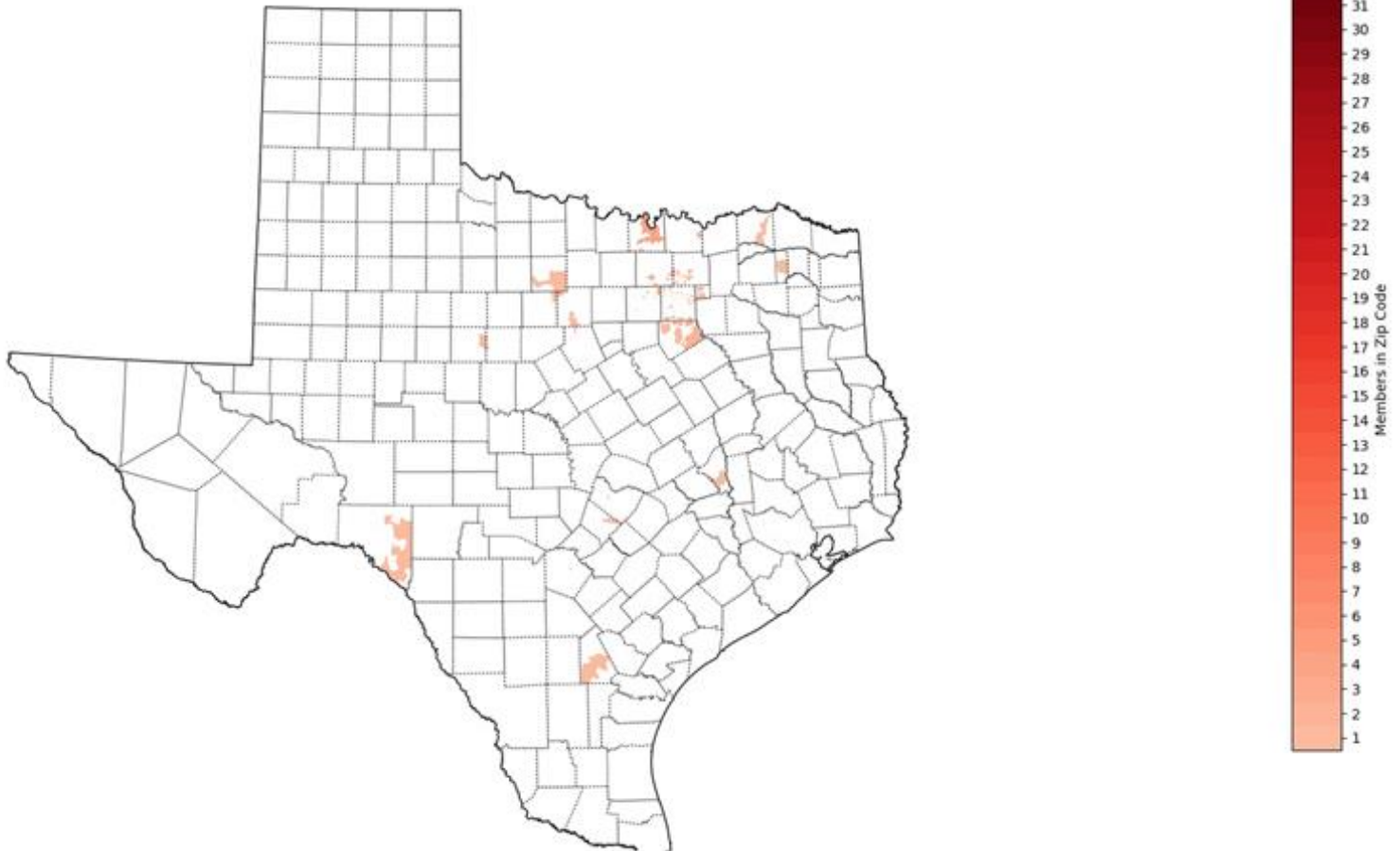
- “You can't improve what you don't measure”
- National SAR Database contains information that can help in that improvement
 - Location, Location, Location:
 - zip codes show distribution and concentrations of membership
 - Ages
 - Shows where there may be future attrition issues that can't be avoided
 - Time in SAR
 - May identify where there are recruitment/retention issues
- Tool developed over several years that provides visualization of information
 - National
 - Shared with General Officers (including VPGs) in August
 - District
 - Shared with VPGs for their own districts in August (allowed comparison with national trends)
 - State & Chapter
 - Shared with state societies their own results since July 2018 on request by state society (about 40% took up offer)
 - Shared with every U.S. based state society their own results in August (allowed comparison with national trends)
 - Shared with VPGs the state societies in their district in August (allowed situational awareness, comparison with national trends)
- Covered in this brief
 - U.S. based societies only (no International Societies included)
 - “In Country” = in a U.S. state or territory covered by USPS (exclude are all overseas/military zip codes)
 - Counts only consider members still active on the rolls (excludes dropped/resigned/deceased)
 - How Visualizations Can Help the Dallas Chapter

Texas has the largest number of SAR members living within its' borders. But, not all of those who are living within the state are members of the Texas Society. They belong to other societies or don't belong to any state society. There are about 6000 members who are not a part of a state society. About 3000 to 3500 of those are living in the state of Texas. There are a lot of different reasons but wouldn't it be great to reach out to those SAR members and invite them to our chapter meeting.



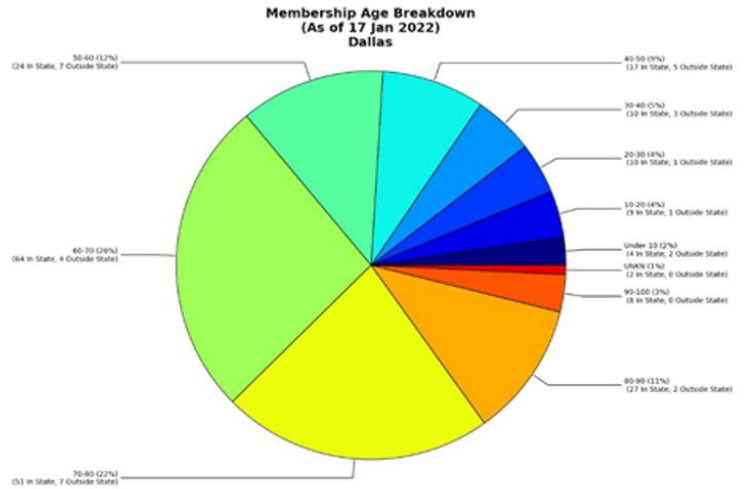
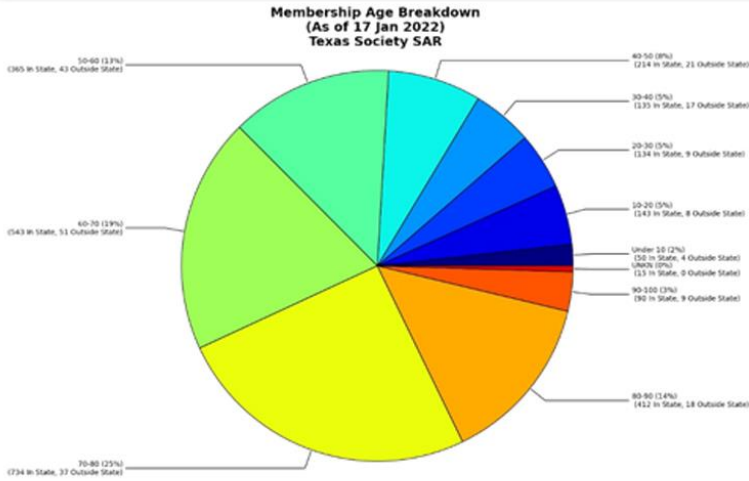
The Dallas Chapter could get a list of SAR members that are not a member of a state society and begin to invite those who live nearby to our Chapter meetings.

**Membership by Zip Code
(As of 17 Jan 2022)
Dallas
258 Total Compatriots
(226 In State, 32 Out of State)**



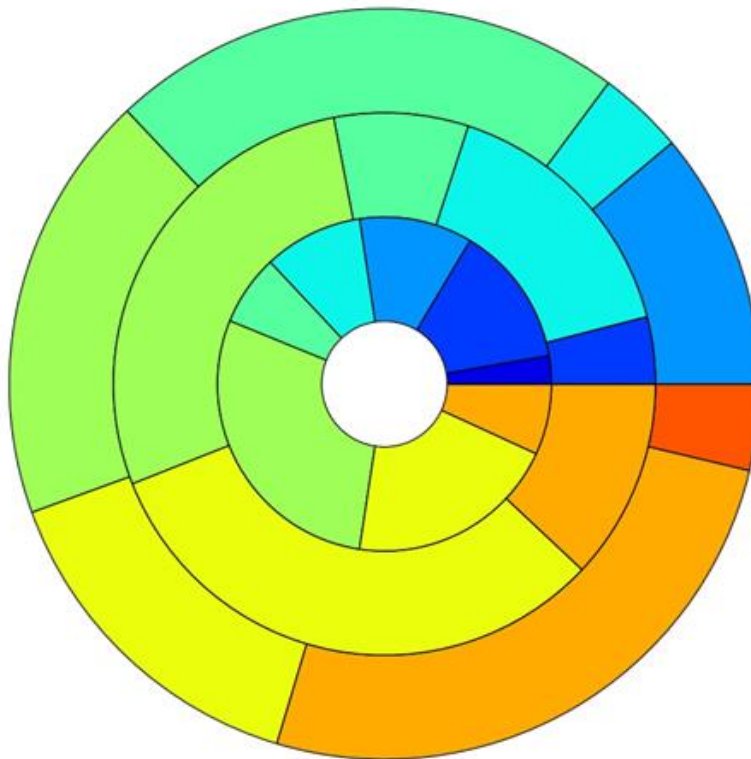
Where do the Dallas Chapter members live in Texas?

Age Band	Under 10	10-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60	60-70	70-80	80-90	90-100	100-110	UNKNOWN
NSSAR	2.00%	5.00%	6.00%	6.00%	8.00%	13.00%	19.00%	25.00%	13.00%	3.00%	<1%	<1%
Texas SAR	2.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	8.00%	13.00%	19.00%	25.00%	14.00%	3.00%	0.00%	<1%
Dallas	2.00%	4.00%	4.00%	5.00%	9.00%	12.00%	26.00%	22.00%	11.00%	3.00%	0.00%	1.00%



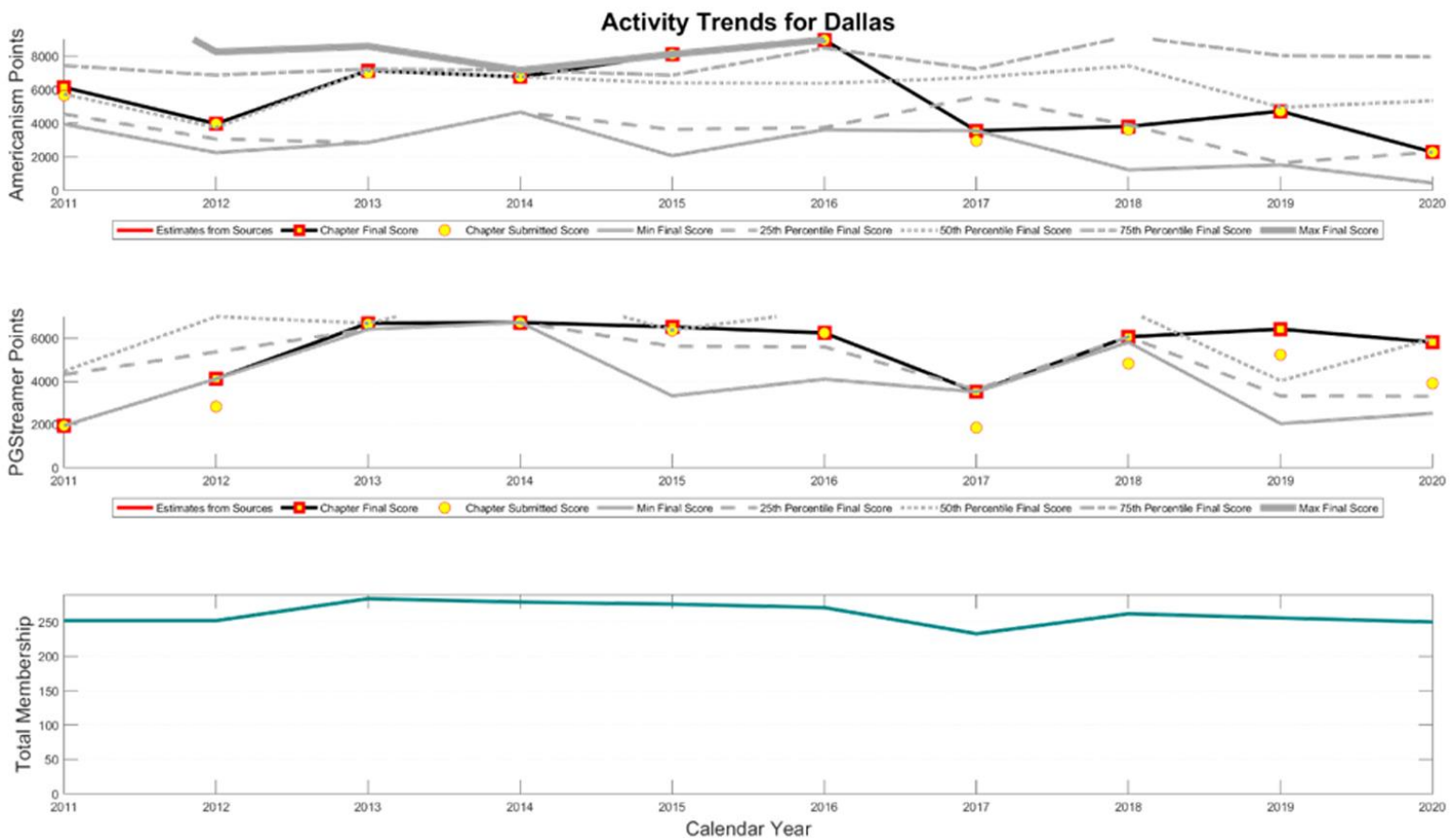
Looking at the numbers of the National Society and the Dallas Chapter they are very close.

**Regular Membership Age Breakdown: Five Year Bands Under 15 Years in SAR
(Outer Ring 10-15 Yrs, Middle 5-10 Yrs, Inner Under 5 Years in SAR)
(As of 17 Jan 2022)
Dallas**



- 10-15 yrs in SAR, Age Under 10: 0% (0 In State, 0 Outside State)
- 10-15 yrs in SAR, Age 10-20: 0% (0 In State, 0 Outside State)
- 10-15 yrs in SAR, Age 20-30: 0% (0 In State, 0 Outside State)
- 10-15 yrs in SAR, Age 30-40: 11% (2 In State, 1 Outside State)
- 10-15 yrs in SAR, Age 40-50: 4% (1 In State, 0 Outside State)
- 10-15 yrs in SAR, Age 50-60: 22% (4 In State, 2 Outside State)
- 10-15 yrs in SAR, Age 60-70: 19% (5 In State, 0 Outside State)
- 10-15 yrs in SAR, Age 70-80: 15% (4 In State, 0 Outside State)
- 10-15 yrs in SAR, Age 80-90: 26% (7 In State, 0 Outside State)
- 10-15 yrs in SAR, Age 90-100: 4% (1 In State, 0 Outside State)
- 10-15 yrs in SAR, Age UNKN: 0% (0 In State, 0 Outside State)
- 5-10 yrs in SAR, Age Under 10: 0% (0 In State, 0 Outside State)
- 5-10 yrs in SAR, Age 10-20: 0% (0 In State, 0 Outside State)
- 5-10 yrs in SAR, Age 20-30: 4% (0 In State, 1 Outside State)
- 5-10 yrs in SAR, Age 30-40: 0% (0 In State, 0 Outside State)
- 5-10 yrs in SAR, Age 40-50: 16% (3 In State, 1 Outside State)
- 5-10 yrs in SAR, Age 50-60: 8% (2 In State, 0 Outside State)
- 5-10 yrs in SAR, Age 60-70: 28% (7 In State, 0 Outside State)
- 5-10 yrs in SAR, Age 70-80: 32% (8 In State, 0 Outside State)
- 5-10 yrs in SAR, Age 80-90: 12% (3 In State, 0 Outside State)
- 5-10 yrs in SAR, Age 90-100: 0% (0 In State, 0 Outside State)
- 5-10 yrs in SAR, Age UNKN: 0% (0 In State, 0 Outside State)
- Under 5 yrs in SAR, Age Under 10: 0% (0 In State, 0 Outside State)
- Under 5 yrs in SAR, Age 10-20: 3% (2 In State, 0 Outside State)
- Under 5 yrs in SAR, Age 20-30: 14% (10 In State, 0 Outside State)
- Under 5 yrs in SAR, Age 30-40: 11% (6 In State, 2 Outside State)
- Under 5 yrs in SAR, Age 40-50: 10% (6 In State, 1 Outside State)
- Under 5 yrs in SAR, Age 50-60: 7% (4 In State, 1 Outside State)
- Under 5 yrs in SAR, Age 60-70: 29% (20 In State, 1 Outside State)
- Under 5 yrs in SAR, Age 70-80: 21% (14 In State, 1 Outside State)
- Under 5 yrs in SAR, Age 80-90: 7% (4 In State, 1 Outside State)
- Under 5 yrs in SAR, Age 90-100: 0% (0 In State, 0 Outside State)
- Under 5 yrs in SAR, Age UNKN: 0% (0 In State, 0 Outside State)

The Dallas Chapter is staying steady in membership growth and has a good mix between those who have been in the SAR for 15 years or more and those who are younger.



This chart indicates the level of activity in the past. Historically the Dallas Chapter has been as active as the membership numbers. Dallas has been active since the programs began keeping records.

PG Lawrence created the National American History Teachers Essay Contest. Last year there were only 5 competitors in the National American History Teacher Essay contest. We need to boost those numbers as a society.

We have all these programs available but I think it breaks down into two things;

The first is service to the community and second, service to SAR. The Americanism Score Sheet breaks it down into two different kinds of contests. One is the Americanism; it's broken down into smaller parts but still its service to the community. Two, the Service Streamer is service to the SAR. This kind of activity chart shows trends. For example a trends chart showed a drop in membership but the activity stayed strong. This shows that a small group of men are doing all the work. What happens when they leave?

This is why this kind of chart is valuable to plan for a chapter's future. All members must be active in aiding the chapter to be successful in the future.

The Dallas Activity Chart shows a drop in activity in 2017 but there is also a drop in membership as well. Typically your activity has been steady except for the drop in 2017 but both the membership and activity level has been constant. So overall Dallas is doing pretty good job but there are activities where the chapter could improve.

Use the chart to aid in the chapter planning and getting chapter members involved.

Observations –

- This is a snapshot in time. Access required special permissions.
- Locations of concentration raise questions on how to better recruit in lower density areas
- Recruitment – especially of younger members – critical to the continued existence of SAR
- Further analysis of retention needed by looking at entire membership database – active and dropped/resigned/deceased – to see age patterns
- State Societies generally have no access to information on Compatriots living in their state society boundaries who are not members of their state society. Access requires special permission
- Visualizing the data useful for discussions on number of subjects;
 - Where to hold meetings for potentially higher turnout
 - Potential sites for new chapters
 - Health of existing chapters
 - Recruiting/retaining members

Questions –

John Greer: Where do we get a list of members from other states? – It requires a submission from state secretary to National.

Jack Carpenter; What about comparing SAR to DAR? See how well we are doing when compared with others. Has there been any thought of doing something like this with others. - We would need to get permission and see if our systems are compatible. This gives me an idea to get with CAR to see about members.

Nick Harper; Have we done any studies as to why members drop their membership? I don't think we have but like I say I'm just beginning to get involved. I don't think there has been any study as to why.

President Mark Harrison

We have our two of our members who are to receive the Patriot Medal. The Patriot Medal is the highest award presented to a Compatriot by a State Society and recognizes long, faithful outstanding, and distinguished service at the state and/o Chapter level. The Committee is comprised of Patriot Medal Recipients from around the state.

Frank Pounders



Tom Van Fossen



Both will have to wear a Tux at the State Convention!

Notable Texas SAR Members

John Greer; we are in the process of getting pictures of all the Patriot Medal Winners. If you have a picture of someone who won the medal please send it to me. Right now I'm at 160 pictures. We need pictures of all the winners.

127th State Convention

Save the Date

Thu, 31 March 2022 – Sun, 3 April 2022

Texas SAR Annual Conference

Hilton Richardson Dallas

701 East Campbell Road

Richardson, Texas 75081

Tel: (972) 231-9600

Web:

https://www.txssar.org/reg_mar22.htm



Speaking of the State Convention

127th State Convention Schedule

Thursday, March 31

- ★ 01:00 – 03:00pm | Color Guard Command Training
- ★ 03:00 – 04:00pm | Gravestone Cleaning & Restoration
- ★ 04:00 – 05:00pm | Other Lineage Societies

Friday, April 1

- ★ 08:00 – 11:30am | Committee Meetings
- ★ 12:30 – 01:30pm | Committee Meetings
- ★ 02:00 – 05:00pm | 1st General Session
- ★ 06:30 – 07:30pm | President's Reception

Saturday, April 2

- ★ 08:30 – 11:30am | 2nd General
- ★ 11:30 – 01:30pm | Youth Awards Luncheon
- ★ 02:00 – 02:30pm | Memorial Service
- ★ 02:30 – 05:00pm | 3rd General Session
- ★ 05:30 – 06:30pm | Social
- ★ 06:30 – 09:30pm | Banquet

Sunday, April 3

- ★ 07:00 – 08:30am | 1812 Society
- ★ 08:30 – 09:00am | Chapel Service
- ★ 09:00 – 11:30am | Board of Managers Meeting

New Members



- ★ Coleman Amory-Pinkerton | *Elisha Garland*
- ★ Nathan R. Thrift | *Elisha Garland*
- ★ James M. Boykin | *Christian Vineyard*

Coleman Amory will be inducted via Zoom, and Nathan R. Thrift and James M. Boykin will be inducted in person.



New Members receive their rosette and certificates.



Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Rita Boykin of the DAR for all her work. Rita is the sister of Jim Boykin.

The Supplemental Patriot of Dr. Gary Sisson – John Burd was recently approved.



Something New!

March 2022 Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary

- ★ 5 Years
 - ★ Alan Prather
 - ★ Tom Van Fossen
- ★ 15 Years
 - ★ Daniel Crow
 - ★ Harlan Crow
 - ★ Stuart Crow
 - ★ Trammell Crow
- ★ 25 Years
 - ★ Tracy Pounders
- ★ 30 Years
 - ★ Robert Coursey

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary – Watts –minutes were forwarded - Jim Battles, Jerry Pinkerton Seconded, Minutes Approved

Treasurer – Treasurer Harper

Financials

As of 28 February 2022

	Annual Budget	Actual YTD
Revenue	\$8,612	\$553
Expenses	\$7,961	\$1,339
Profit/Loss	\$651	\$786

Balance Sheet - Assets

Prosperity Bank Account

North Dallas Bank & Trust Account

Opening Balance (31 Dec 2021)	\$8,295	Ritchie Fund	\$29,743
Loss	\$786	Minuteman Fund	\$9,324
Closing Balance (28 Feb 2022)	\$7,509		

As of 28 Feb 2022

2022 Registrar Activity

In Progress at Chapter – 39
At National for Review – 45
(4 Regular, 41 Supplemental)
Approved – 6
Closed – 1

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2022 New Approvals

New Members Approved – 5
Memorial Applications Approved – 0
Supplemental Applications Approved – 1

6

New Member Inductions YTD – 0
New Members Inducted Today – 3
New Members to be Inducted – 11

14

Historian - Historian Harshman

History Projects

Almost finished with
2021 Year Book

Send pictures of events
for future scrapbooks to:

Brent Harshman

brentharshman@protonmail.com

Color Guard – Commander Watts

March 1, 2022

Audie Murphy Museum Passing out Vietnam Veterans Pins and
awarding a Gold Star pin to a Vietnam Veterans Wife.



2 of the 12 Vietnam Veterans that we
gave Vietnam Pins



Our group at lunch!

Our next Color Guard event will be at the State Convention in Richardson Texas on February 31st time will be announced when it's scheduled.

This picture is from the 2018 State Convention when I was State Color Guard Commander. Ted Wilson and Stu Hoyt are holding our new banner.



Tom Whitelock added my name to the picture. He is very creative!



This is your Chapter at last year's Colonial Days. April 13th will be Colonial Day at Providence Christian School this year.





On April 23rd we will participate in the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, Texas.

Texas Society



Medal of Honor Parade September 25, 2021

Color Guard Commander Watts presented the Color Guard members who were present with a Commission signed by John Hancock.



Award Programs
Current School Schedule

- ★ 40 JROTC Letters Sent
- ★ 13 Replies Received
(12 wanting in-person presentations)
- ★ 1 Certificate & Medal Mailed
(South Oak Cliff HS – presented Mar 7)

Date	School	Time
March 25	<u>Yvonna A. Ewell Townview Center</u>	03:00pm *
April 7	Bryan Adams HS	07:00-09:00pm *
April 14	Skyline HS	06:00-08:00pm *
April 21	Molina HS	11:00am *
April 21	Emmet J. Conrad HS	01:00pm
April 22	Sunset HS	TBD
April 26	South Grand Prairie	07:00pm *
May 3	Hillcrest HS	06:00-08:00pm *
May 6	W. T. White HS	06:30pm *
TBD	Carter HS	TBD

* In person

We need volunteers to present the medals at the following schools. Please contact JD Martin to volunteer

jerrolddm@aol.com

Tom Van Fossen

presented 2nd VP Jack Carpenter with a certificate and medal for Service to the Chapter. He was responsible for JROTC and Boy Scout activities for the last few years.



OLD BUSINESS –

John Morton

We had a winner of the American History Teacher contest last year.



In the past we have provided Veterans with supplies but that ended with Covid. We may be able to continue in the future. It's under consideration at the present time.

We sponsor a Poster Contest and this year it's on the Boston Massacre. I have 10 posters and I would like for you to stop by and vote. We need to pick the best one to go to state.



Merchandise Table – Tom Whitlock

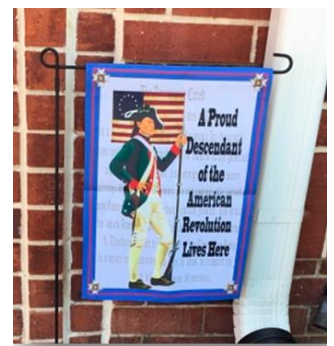
We have Metal and Wood Challenge Coins, 125th Anniversary Medal Set, and an SAR House Banner to aid our Chapter in the efforts raise money for our youth programs.



New Dallas
Challenge Coin



125th Anniversary Medal Set



SAR Porch Banner

NEW BUSINESS –

Paul Ridenour a member of the East Fork Trinity Chapter spoke to us about the State Convention.

The 2022 Texas Society Sons of the American revolution State conference will be here soon. We are going to raffle a Brown Bess this year. 1 ticket \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20. We will also have a silent auction of memorabilia at the State Convention. If you have anything you wish to donate please contact Paul Ridenour at brian75228@gmail.com



Today is Paul Ridenour's birthday. He is over 25!

Donate to the

Texas SAR Patriot Fund Silent Auction

31 March 2022 - 3 April 2022

Texas SAR Annual Convention

The 2021-23 Fundraising Project is designated to support the SAR Museum in Louisville. The SAR Museum Committee, under Museum Committee Chair Kent Gregory, started a program to supplement the existing artifact collection with Revolutionary War period artifacts. The program has successfully added some wonderful pieces to the collection. They periodically publish a list of artifacts they have identified as available and others that they wish to have. The Committee has developed very good relationships with collectors and vendors which can assist potential donors. The LATXSSAR has chosen this program as the benefactor of their 2021-23 Fundraising. See below just a few of the donations.

The "tickets" are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20. Ask a LATXSSAR member for more information.



Richardson, Texas

Patriot Fund Auction

We need each Texas SAR Chapter to donate at least one Patriotic or High Value item to the Texas SAR Patriot Fund Auction.

Individual members are also asked to donate one item to the Auction if they can. The chapters and members may bring the item to the convention, but we need the information about the item donated and a picture beforehand to promote it!

Send the information & picture to:

Paul Ridenour

brian75228@gmail.com

5417 Meadow Vista Lane, Garland, TX 75043

TEXAS SOCIETY LADIES AUXILIARY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

PATRIOTISM, EDUCATION, HISTORY



ANNOUNCEMENT

We are sending our mailings via a new system. This system allows us to serve our chapter members and provide additional benefits such as anniversary's and birthdays. Please make sure you are receiving this newsletter and when you make changes to your email please remember to inform the Sons of the American Revolution!

DOOR PRIZE – via Zoom - "I Love Paul Revere, Whether He Rode Or Not" by Richard Shenkman was won by Mitch Singleton

Meeting - Jon Tompkins

BENEDICTION – Frank Pounders

SAR RECESSIONAL – James Boykin

This is our attendance for today.

Via Zoom



In Person

DALSAR # 2 March 12, 2022

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Members		Guests
Tom Whitelock	10	
Jay Bowden	10	wife
Jerry Pinkerton		vanessa
Frank Bowden	10	
Glen Toal	10	Susan 20
Mark Harrison	10	
Tom Van Fossen	10	
John Green	10	
Jim Battles	10	
JOHN MORTON	10	
Mick Plog	10	
James Thrift	10	guest
Michael Thrift	10	guest
Nathan Thrift	10	instructor

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Members		Guests
James Boykin		
Wayne Stewart		
Ed. West		Donna Martin
Frank Sullivan (Piper)		
Jack Carpenter (Coppell)		
Jon Tompkins		
Nick Hoyer		
MARK HAUSEN		
Chalmers Anderson		
Frank Rowden		
Brent Harkness		BIO. journal drives
Bob Mencke		

Not signed in but attended were Paul Ridenour and Bill Watts

We are looking forward to seeing you in person at our next meeting! Stay Connected at our web page or come to our next meeting!

Connect

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NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY April 9th @ 9:00AM

Join us at our next Chapter meeting: Dorcas Helms will present “The Original Odd Couple”, Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr.

08:00 am - Breakfast buffet for \$10 including raffle ticket for door prize

09:00 am - Meeting program

Committee Opportunities Available at the Dallas Chapter

- ▶ Public Relations & Publicity
- ▶ Community Service Awards
- ▶ Member Retention
- ▶ CAR Liaison
- ▶ DAR Liaison
- ▶ Annual Audit
- ▶ American History Teacher
- ▶ Brochure Contest (MS)
- ▶ CAR Essay Contest
- ▶ Eagle Scout Essay Contest
- ▶ Knight Essay Contest (HS)
- ▶ Oration Contest (HS)
- ▶ Poster Contest (Elem)
- ▶ Speaker's Bureau

For more information concerning volunteer opportunities please contact;

Tom Whitelock

tmwpro@live.com



DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION MEETING LOCATION (A) PARKING AREA (B)

