

TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

EAST TEXAS CHAPTER NUMBER 57

GREG GILLILAND – SECRETARY

DECEMBER 2023 MEETING MINUTES

The chapter met at Jason's on December 7, 2023 at 6:45. The meeting was called to order by Mickey Cole, President. Pledges to the United States, Texas and SAR flags were given. J. D. Denton gave the invocation. The minutes and treasurer's report were approved.

Old Business:

Any old business was combined and recorded under New Business.

New Business:

The President introduced a new member, Mr. Robert Walker and his wife Joan to the chapter. Robert's Mother, JoAnn Walker was also in attendance. Robert was later formally inducted after officers were sworn in. Mr. George Pruett has an application pending, George has taken over the task of Quartermaster.

President Cole again reminded all members that our society is a tax -exempt 501C organization and as such, cannot endorse any political candidate or party without jeopardizing our tax status. While members are encouraged to fully participate in the election process, we must do so without SAR branding or giving the appearance that the organization endorses individual candidates for elective office. Penalties could include loss of our tax exempt status by the IRS.

The national office is putting added effort into processing applications. Our chapter has two recent applications which were approved by national only three weeks after they were approved by state. We have added 5 new members in 2023 which is the highest number of new members in 10 years. President Cole said that all members should have received their 2024 dues notice.

Carl Hedges presented a flag certificate to Panola College for their continuing project to display over 100 flags honoring local veterans by name at each flag.

The President inducted the 2024/2025 chapter officers. New officers are:

President	Greg Gilliland	
1 st VP	Richard Kuna	
Secretary	Carl Hedges	
Treasurer	Mickey Cole	
Registrar	Richard Kuna	
Historian	Mickey Cole	Webmaster, Historian

Chaplin David Denton

Compatriot Hedges presented the SAR Martha Washington gold medal to Carolyn Cole for her faithful service and assistance to the Chapter.

The president then inducted Mr Robert Walker and presented his Membership Certificate and rosette.

He then presented the 250th Recognition Award Coin as a thanks for compatriots for their help in the past year of his Presidency. Those recognized were:

William Cole J D Denton Dave Connor Greg Gilliland

The meeting was adjourned with the SAR Closing and the benediction by Chaplain J. D. Denton. The next meeting will be held February 8, 2023.

Greg Gilliland - Secretary

Members and Guests Present at December 7, 2023 Meeting

Mickey Cole Carolyn

J. D Denton

Greg Gilliland

Carl Hedges

Robert Walker Joan Walker JoAnn Walker

Dave Conner

William Cole

J. R. Kuna Patti

Kenneth Blount

George Pruet

Special Guest:

Nelson Leopold from Chapter #33

SAR Chapter 57 Treasurer's Report

Nov/Dec 2023

Beginning Balance: 10/01/2023: **\$2101.56**

Deposits: Donation **\$17.00**

Total Deposits: **\$17.00**

Checks: **\$0.00**

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Ending Balance: 12/31/2023: **\$2118.56**

Submitted: Mickey Cole, Treasurer