

# TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING  
AUSTIN \* TEXAS



BANQUET PROGRAM  
SATURDAY \* 31 JULY 2010



Call to Order.....President James T. Jones, Jr.  
Advance the Colors.....TXSSAR Color Guard  
Pledge to the US and Texas Flags .....President Elect W.M. "Bill" Marrs  
Pledge to the SAR .....President Elect W.M. "Bill" Marrs  
National Anthem .....Led by Dr. Don Pugh  
Invocation.....Dr. Wendell Edwards  
Welcome .....George Finch - Host Committee • Patrick Henry Chapter  
Introduction of Head Table and Special Guests.....President James T. Jones, Jr.

## DINNER



## KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Compatriot Mark Collins as

Remarks .....President James T. Jones, Jr.  
Benediction.....Dr. Wendell Edwards  
Retire the Colors.....TXSSAR Color Guard  
SAR Closing and Adjournment.....President James T. Jones, Jr.



Silent Auction Settlement .....George Finch - Host Committee.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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.

### PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

Honor the Texas flag: I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas one state under God, one and indivisible.

### PLEDGE TO THE SAR

We 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

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

**T E X A S   S O C I E T Y  
S O N S O F T H E A M E R I C A N R E V O L U T I O N  
B O A R D O F M A N A G E R S M E E T I N G  
A U S T I N \* T E X A S**

**K E Y N O T E   S P E A K E R  
M A R K   C O L L I N S**

Mark Collins was born in Cincinnati Ohio on April 21, 1961.

His parents moved to Texas when he was but 3 years old – so he got here as quickly as he could.

Mark was smart enough to marry a Texas girl from Fort Worth. He married his lovely wife, Devy, in 1981 on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mark attended Northwood University in Dallas Texas and graduated with a degree in Business in 1984.

He then began a successful 20-year career with Blue Beacon International, a truck washing service company with over 100 locations, rising to the level of General Manager.

Mark was an Associate Pastor at First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, Texas for 9 years where he studied seminary and history under Senior Pastor Frank Pomeroy. <http://www.ssfb.net/>

On a Fourth of July, Pastor Pomeroy asked Mark to portray the Father of Our Country, George Washington, for the first time.

During his preparation, Mark came across General Washington's Prayer Journal and he became inspired by these writings. He discovered a man devoted to God and Country and much more about George Washington than the schoolbooks ever revealed. That event turned into a life-changing experience for both Mark Collins, and for everyone who was in attendance that day. By the time Mark was finished making George Washington's appeal to God from on his knees many in the audience were in tears.

He was then invited to speak at the Southern Baptist Convention with many more invitations following.

The George Washington Mount Vernon Museum called Mark and wanted to use him in a docu-drama they were making. The project fell through, but those efforts resulted in Mark's portrayal of General Washington in The History Channel's widely-acclaimed television series, "The Revolution".

As a result of these events, Mark retired from Blue Beacon International to devote his energies to portraying George Washington full-time.

He now pastors his own Church, which is fittingly located in Yorktown, Texas.

When he's not busy portraying General Washington, Mark and his family operate a successful hunting guide service in southwest Texas called Apache Ranch Outfitters and if you like to hunt, please visit <http://www.apacheranch.org/>.

You don't have to use a black powder rifle if you don't want to.

