



Denton #23 Chapter Newsletter



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NEXT MEETING: April 11, 2020 **TIME:** 10AM **LOCATION:** Emily Fowler Library, Denton

From the President's Desk: In last month's newsletter I discussed the various youth programs, competitions and scholarships offered by the Texas SAR organization through the efforts of individual chapters. This month I want to mention another SAR program just as important and probably with a more immediate impact on the community, especially the public safety officers. This is the "Public Safety Awards" program, recognizing an outstanding law-enforcement officer, a fire department officer, an EMT outstanding employee in addition to individual recognition of life-saving and / or heroism actions within the Denton community.

The Texas SAR organization encourages local chapters to recognize and honor individuals who fit the parameters of the above categories.

- **Law-enforcement** recognizes exceptional service or accomplishment in the field of law-enforcement.
- **Fire safety** to an individual for accomplishments and outstanding contribution in the area of fire safety or service.
- **EMS** to an individual for accomplishment and / or outstanding service in an area of emergency medical services.
- **Heroism award** to recognize outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of eminent danger which involves great personal courage and risk to the recipient.
- **Lifesaving** to individuals who have acted to save a human life without necessarily placing themselves or their own life in imminent danger.

Send me an email or text if you are interested in becoming involved with any of these public service award programs; they do not require any real "heavy lifting" and will be personally rewarding when you do one.

Coronavirus issues are definitely creating concern and problems for many of us since most of our membership falls in the "most at risk" category. Take care, self-quarantine and hopefully this will pass with little to no direct impact on our membership. The Texas SAR Convention, scheduled for late March has been postponed until later in the summer. The new dates are July 30-August 2, 2020. I am hopeful this issue will not affect our regular chapter meeting set for April 11th at the Denton library. I don't want us to miss another scheduled meeting. I will keep everyone informed as we get closer to that date.

Take note of the change of date for the original organization of the Denton chapter (see above on heading). An SAR friend of mine confirmed through SAR records the **date of the charter is 8/21/1965.**

ROTC Award Ceremony planning: past president Chris Strauss is beginning to schedule the spring ROTC/ JROTC awards in Denton area high schools and Colleges. Hopefully, the Coronavirus issue will not affect the ceremonies. Chapter members are needed to assist this activity. Send email to me or Chris as to your availability to assist. This is another great area where you can serve the youth of the community. Email for me is: mikefbi6588@gmail.com and for Chris Strauss: chrisopherstrauss@my.unt.edu . **Take the first step for service in the chapter.**

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION TIMELINE – “THIS DATE IN HISTORY”

March

March 1765 The “Stamp Act” created revenue for the British Crown and angered the Colonies.

March 5, 1770 The Boston Massacre in which British soldiers killed 5 citizens; resulted in a trial where John Adams famously defended the British soldiers.

March 15, 1781 The British Army wins a very costly victory over the Continentals in Guilford Courthouse, North Carolina.



The Texas SAR Color Guard Unit is always recruiting new members. This unit is the most active and visible of the Texas SAR entities. If you are interested, check with any of the chapter officers or chapter color guard members for information.

Don't Forget

The next scheduled chapter meeting is Saturday morning, 10AM, April 11, 2020, Emily Fowler Library Bldg., Denton, Texas

Denton Chapter #23 Officers

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