



## Denton #23 Chapter Newsletter



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### SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

#### Edition:

**NEXT MEETING:** January 11, 2020    **TIME:** 10AM    **LOCATION:** TBD

#### From the President's Desk:



The photo was taken 11/11/2020 at the Plano East Rotary "1000 flags" recognition on Veterans Day. It was taken by chapter member Jim Akers who mentioned how impressive the site was. I hope many of you were able to attend a Veterans Day event, whether in person or via an on-line or ZOOM format. Don't forget to let me know if you did attend an event so I can make the appropriate entry on the chapters' Stark Report for 2020.

**As I mentioned in prior emails, the Board of Managers (BOM) meeting** held in mid-November was successful with about 61 members signed on to attend the ZOOM meetings. The organization is growing membership under the COVID restrictions (Guess prospects are sitting around filling out the paper work). although we cannot get together "face to face", ZOOM is working out for us. I am hopeful we will have some new members to induct in this latest round of new member paperwork coming out of Texas SAR.

**A note to those of you on Facebook;** there are several Texas SAR chapters that have pages which cover Revolutionary War information and activities / events by the Texas SAR organization. On Facebook, search out "Patrick Henry SAR chapter" down in central Texas and "Maj KM Van Zandt SAR chapter" which is located in Fort Worth. Good articles, photos, etc. appear periodically on both these Facebook sites.

**Take care during the holiday season** since things are looking up with the news that some of the COVID vaccines have "passed inspection" and will be available after the new year. A reminder that in the Spring of 2021 we will be electing and installing chapter officers for the next year beginning April 2021. I hope to see some of our "new / nearly new" chapter members think seriously about moving into the

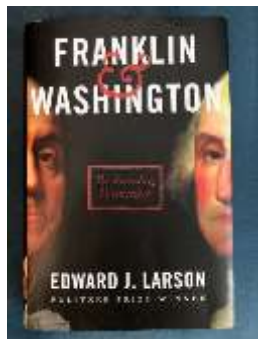
officer rank of the chapter. While some of the positions take more work than others, none of it is “brain surgery” and the “old timers” such as Jim Johnson, Chris Strauss and myself won’t let you fail. Zap an email to me if curious or interested in this step forward.

**Right after the first of December, I plan on holding a “new member / nearly new member” orientation meeting via the ZOOM format.** This will be an informal, on-line session where I will explain how the organization operates, what is important about the “private website”- what can be found on this website; how to order name tag off the National SAR website; what awards, scholarship programs the organization performs each and every year. Stay tuned for the date / time details that will come out shortly after the first of December 2020. All will be welcome and bring your questions.

### **THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION TIMELINE – “THIS DATE IN HISTORY”**

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| Dec. 8-11, 1775 | Siege of Quebec by American forces.  |
| Dec. 13, 1775   | Congress authorizes the Naval construction Act of 1775.  |
| Dec. 26, 1776   | Battle of Trenton (NJ); first major US victory for U S forces.   |
| Dec. 19, 1777   | Washington and the Continental Army set up winter quarters at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.  |
| Dec. 29, 1779   | Clinton departs New York for South Carolina to capture Charleston. However, upon learning of a French expedition headed to America, he returns to New York and leaves General Cornwallis in Command. <b>(we all know how that worked out for the British.....)</b> |
| Dec. 23, 1783   | General Washington resigns as Commander of the Continental Army and retires to Mt. Vernon, VA.   |

### **Next Book to Read:**



The book “Franklin and Washington- The Founders Partnership” is a 2020 book on this working relationship between two giants of the Revolution. It is written by a Pulitzer prize winning author.



**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**

Chapter President / Secretary- Mike Connelley

Vice President – James J. Johnson, Jr.

Treasurer – Christopher E. Strauss

Registrar- Thomas C. Richards

Chaplain- Joseph W. Rowell

Sgt. At Arms – Johnny L. Loomis