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REVOLUTION, DENTON CHAPTER #23, TXSSAR INC.®



**Next Meeting: Scheduled for 10am January 8,2022  
at the Denton Emily Fowler Central Library, 502 Oakland St .**

## President's Message

A new year is getting started and so is the chapter. We begin with our **chapter meeting** that will be held Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at the Denton Library. Hopefully the COVID issues are somewhat behind us and the library will be open for meetings. We still need to be cautious and hopefully, most, if not all, are vaccinated.

### **In January we present our new slate of chapter officers**

that will take office in April, 2022 for a two-year term. We, the chapter, have made great strides the last couple of years and I hope to see this continue forward. See page 4 for the details of the slate of officers to be voted on in April.

**Don't forget, SAR dues are payable at the year end.** The invoice came out about 6 weeks ago. Many think it is junk mail and it goes straight to trash. You can pay on the website; no big deal. Go to the Texas SAR website, hit the link at the bottom of the page for dues and follow the prompts. You need to enter your name and National SAR number and you can pay by credit card. Again, "it ain't brain surgery" but get hold of me if you have an issue or problem with getting yours paid.

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## **President's Message, continued**

**As you can see in another part of the newsletter, we had a productive and successful Oration Contest in December.** Jeff Bryan "JB" Lilley, last years' Knight Essay winner for the Denton chapter, was our only candidate so we had a runoff with the Van Zandt chapter in Fort Worth who also only had one entry. JB Lilley was the clear winner and will advance to the State competition in April 2022 to be held at the Texas SAR convention. I hope to have him at our January meeting where he can present his Oration to us as we recognize him as the Denton chapter winner.

Give some thought to attending the **Texas SAR State convention** which will be held in North Texas in April of 2022. The State SAR website will carry the details as we get closer to that timeframe. It is good to attend the convention and get a sense of what we do as an organization AND watch "JB" give his oration to the attendees. This will probably occur at the Saturday lunch with the winner announced that night at the banquet. I plan to be there and hope some of you will make it also.

**Also, don't forget that we have a Denton chapter page on Facebook.** For those on Facebook take a look at it and give it a "like". Search "Denton Texas SAR" and it should pop up. I am not on Facebook but lurk through my wife's Facebook account. We have the page there in case someone is searching us out in this part of North Texas. Whether we like it or not (in my case trying to grasp the reason...) it is a major form of communication in our time. As my son and daughter and grandkids reminds me all of the time "nobody reads the newspaper anymore...". What we have seen in the past few years is that the youth search Facebook when they are looking for non-profits that give out college scholarship competitions.

**Chapter President: Mike Connelley**

## Denton Chapter (Maybe the State Regional Oration Contest)

The Denton chapter held our Oration contest on Saturday morning, December 4<sup>th</sup> at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Denton. Our entry was Jeff Bryan Lilley the young man who was our Knight Essay winner this past year. Those of you who saw him at our Essay award meeting this past spring recall his poise and maturity as he presented his essay to us.

This year he did enter the Oration contest and was our only entry. The Van Zandt chapter in Fort Worth also had only one entry so both chapter entrants presented their Orations here, in Denton, at the Church. Both entrants did a great job with their Orations.

Interestingly, both Van Zandt chapter and the Denton chapter are in the same Texas SAR region so, in effect, the contest became a Texas SAR Region Oration Contest. A panel of judges from both chapters declared Jeff Bryan Lilley the Region winner, so he will now automatically go forward to the State Oration contest at the Texas SAR annual convention to be held in April 2022 in Richardson, Texas.



The photos show Jeff Bryan Lilley presenting his oration to the panel of judges which is composed of members of both the Denton Chapter and the K M Van Zandt chapter in Fort Worth. The judging panel included a timekeeper, an official “prompter” along with the 4 judge panel. The Denton chapter judges were Jim Akers and Tom Richards shown in the above photo.

I am optimistic that Jeff will do well at the State competition which will be at the April 2022 Texas SAR convention in Richardson, Texas. At that time, he will be competing for a \$2500.00 college scholarship and a trip to the National Oration finals where he would compete at the National SAR Oration Contest. Let’s wish him all the best.

I hope to have Jeff at our January 2022 meeting to officially declare him our chapter winner.

## Chapter Officer Elections 2022

Below is the slate of new chapter officers that will take office at our April 2022 meeting. A good, solid slate of chapter officers.

Jim Akers will step in as chapter president / registrar with Brandon Story serving as vice president. The recording secretary will be Mike Frye and I will serve as chapter secretary- annual reports (don't want to wish this job on anyone yet). Chris Strauss will continue as treasurer along with Bill Rowell as chapter chaplain and Johnny Loomis as the Sgt. At Arms. Tom Richards will serve as chapter genealogist / registrar, taking some of the new member load off of Jim Akers.

We will present this slate of new officers at the January meeting.

The non-elected leadership will have Jim Hobdy at chairman of public relations / publicity for the chapter with Bill Surles being the webmaster and editor of the chapter newsletter.

When many of us consider where we started with the rebuild of the chapter in January 2020 with the "Snow meeting" at the Denton library, we are in good shape and we continue to add new members.

The new officers will continue this growth and involvement in the Denton area of north Texas. They already are discussing some new activities. Get a chapter color guard up and running and explore the possibility of the chapter becoming active this next year in the Wreaths Across America program.

### Editor's Note

The Chapter **website** is <https://www.txssar.org/Denton/>. On that site are the back copies of this newsletter, information about the Chapter, and links to the SAR State and National web sites.

We now have a **Facebook page**, [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), search for **Denton TX SAR**. Please join and participate.

All of these communication devices take time to maintain. If you would like to help and/or take over one of these, please let me know.

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In case you are not on the Texas SAR Newsletter distribution list.....

## Fall 2021 The Texas Compatriot

Texas Compatriots,

The Fall edition of The Texas Compatriot is now available for your reading pleasure. It is another highly informative and entertaining edition as our chapters have had lots of summer activities on which to report. Chapter news, committee news, state news, and color guard news remain topics that everyone in the Texas Society wants to read about. You have four ways to view the newsletter:

- Register on the Texas SAR DADA on the SAR Members Only website
- The direct link <https://www.txssar.org/pdf/TexasCompatriot202112.pdf>
- Access current and past editions on the public website <https://www.txssar.org> > About Texas SAR > Texas Compatriot Newsletter > 2021 > Fall 2021 or
- <https://texassar.org/pdf/TexasCompatriot202112.pdf>

Please share with me any comments or suggestions you might have for improving The Texas Compatriot. And, you can submit articles/photos you would like to see published. Enjoy!

Best regards,

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As mentioned in previous newsletters, there is a podcast that includes The American Revolution.

This website has the full list of Mike Duncan’s podcasts:

<http://www.astro.wisc.edu/~jwp/revolutions-episode-index.html>

The American Revolution includes these Episodes, with links:

The American Revolution	
Episode	Title
<a href="#">2.1</a>	The Thirteen Colonies
<a href="#">2.2</a>	The Stamp Act
<a href="#">2.3</a>	The Townshend Acts
<a href="#">2.4</a>	The Boston Tea Party
<a href="#">2.5</a>	The Guns of Ticonderoga
	<a href="#">Legend Has It: The Shot Heard Round the World</a>
<a href="#">2.6</a>	Independence
<a href="#">2.6a</a>	Supplemental: The Declaration of Independence
<a href="#">2.7</a>	Crossing the Delaware
<a href="#">2.8</a>	Saratoga
<a href="#">2.9</a>	Valley Forge
<a href="#">2.10</a>	Turning South
<a href="#">2.11</a>	Tarleton's Quarter
<a href="#">2.12</a>	Yorktown
<a href="#">2.13</a>	The Articles of Confederation
<a href="#">2.14</a>	The Critical Period
<a href="#">2.15a</a>	The Bill of Rights
<a href="#">2.15</a>	The Rising Sun

ENJOY!

And, check out Mike Duncan’s “Hero of Two Worlds: The Marquis de Lafayette in the Age of Revolution”, reviewed in a previous issue of this newsletter.