# November, 2022







Next Meeting: Scheduled for 10am January 14, 2023

#### **LOCATION THIS TIME:**

at the Emily Fowler Public Library, 502 Oakland Street, Denton, TX

#### **Chapter Officers**

President—Jim Akers
Vice President—Brandon Story
Registrar & Genealogist—
Tom Richards
Recording Secretary—Mike Fry
Treasurer—Christopher Strauss
Chaplain—Bill Rowell
Past President—Mike Connelley
Sgt at Arms—Johnny Loomis

## **Opportunities**

- 1. Vietnam Wall activities
- 2. Partners in Patriotism
- Denton chapter meeting—Emily Fowler Public Library, Denton

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## **Chapter President Jim Akers Message:**

Mike Connelley and I attended the Fall 2022 Board of Managers (BOM) meeting for the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution from October 21 to October 23 in Plano. The meeting, or actually series of meeting, was hosted by the McKinney Chapter.

The meeting included presentations by candidates seeking office in the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and the National Society Foundation. Although most candidates are running unopposed, it was still necessary for the Texas Society to select our candidates to support in the national election.

Meetings were also held by the Americanism Committee for Texas. The Americanism Committee guides the youth programs, including the Essay Contests, Oration Contests, the new Video Contest, ROTC and JROTC awards, and the Teacher of the Year Contests.

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Chapter President's Message, continued

The Veterans Committee also met, and Chapters were encouraged to report their contacts with veterans through the USS Stark Report. In this regard, Mike Connelley is beginning to collect data for the annual STARK report as to "visits with veterans". If you visited with a veteran, let Mike know who and when so this can be collected on the STARK report. This also applies to those who have disbursed the Vietnam Veteran lapel pins. Send Mike an email with where and when you gave out a lapel pin- you don't have to have the individuals name.

The Registrar Committee reported on using "proof documents". This is a new addition to the methods that everyone has to clarify and explain relationships in the new or supplemental application. It is a free-form document that explains relationships that may not be readily apparent, and it must be shown in the References section of the application.

It was also noted that YouTube videos have been posted that are useful to both new members and members that have been members for some time. These videos were described as "SAR 101" and "SAR 102".

A continuing theme at SAR events is the "Youth Protection Program". Any member that has, or anticipates having any contact with young people as part of their SAR activities is required to have completed this short class on SAR.org. Some chapters have taken the step of using this training, for which a Certificate of Completion is awarded, as one of their programs for Chapter meetings.

The BOM also approved adopting the national society's Legal and Ethics standards for the Texas Society. Those can also be found at SAR.org.

This BOM was well organized and run by our fellow Compatriots at the McKinney Chapter.

Promote patriotism. Preserve American History. Promote education to our future generations. These three things describe what the Sons of the American Revolution does, and I think our Chapter activities reflect commitment to each of them.

Please mark your calendar for our next in-person meeting: January 14, 2023, 10:00 am. We will be returning to the Emily Fowler Public Library 502 Oakland Streety, Denton, TX 76201.

Ron Akers, Denton Chapter President

## Participate in these SAR Activities

- 1. Vietnam Veterans Traveling Wall, November 9 13, Golden Triangle Mall in Denton
- 2. U.S. Veterans Day, November 11
- 3. Partners in Patriotism, November 13—see page 6
- 4. January Denton Chapter SAR Meeting, January 14, 10am at **Emily**

Fowler Public Library 502 Oakland Streety, Denton, TX 76201

#### **Editor's Note**

THANKS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF GREAT ARTICLES, with pictures. The more, the better.

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, 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.

Bill Surles, wsmerch@gmail.com

## SAR Meeting Minutes, October 8, 2022



President Jim Akers called the meeting to order

Invocation Bill Rowell, Chaplin

Pledge of Allegiance led by Tom Richards Pledge

to Texas Flag by Brandon Story

Pledge of SAR led by Mike Connelly, Secretary

**Annual Reports** 

Introduction of guests: Fred Brown, Stanley Hobbs, Tim Wilbert

Chapter Treasurer report: Given by Chris Strauss amount in treasury \$2,623.94, no outstanding invoices.

Chapter Secretary report: Announced last meeting minutes are in the last newsletter. Beginning this date minutes will be in the newsletter rather than being posted on the website or e-mailed. Motion to accept this and the minutes as stated by Jim Hobdy seconded by Brandon Story.

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New Business: Gary Barker, District Vice president spoke on SAR commitment to the JROTC/ROTC in the high schools. There are four in Denton now and two detachments at UNT, Army and Air Force. Mr. Barker stated the UNT could use volunteers to lecture for the ROTC at UNT. He also gave a report on the National Congress and Current SAR events.

Mike Connelly reviewed the SAR scholarship program for this year and noted a new category, Tick Tock has been added which is for students involved in the age of electronics. More info to follow.

President Jim Akers gave update on the James Carter Grave Marking Ceremony. Also spoke on our chapter assisting the DAR with the December 2022 laying of Wreaths Across America at veterans graves in Denton. Jim reminded the chapter that the Viet Nam Traveling Memorial would be in Denton Nov 11, 2022 and asked for volunteers to represent the chapter at our information table.

The official SAR polo shirt purchasing by members of the chapter proposal was discussed. The matter was tabled for further review.

Old business: None

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM with the attendance being 16 members and 5 visitors.

Closing prayer was led by: Chaplin Bill Rowell

Mike Frye, Secretary Denton Chapter #23 Denton, TX

## Chapter information from Mike Connelley

Chapter president Jim Akers has passed on some BOM information in the newsletter so I thought I would do the same.

The chapter was recognized at the Board of Managers meeting through the presentation of the "Partners in Patriotism" certificate that was given to us from the National SAR organization. Photo of the certificate is below:



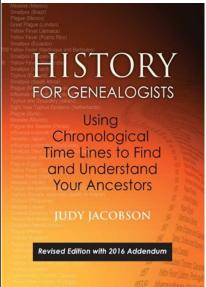
So, what is this all about? The SAR organization has a big interest in doing things for veterans. It is one of the major programs within the organization. The "partner in patriotism" recognition is when a chapter, in this case " **US** ", partners with other veterans organizations to do something for or with military veterans groups. In our case, we worked with other area organization in the "Massing of the Colors" celebration every year in November when the Fort Worth area JROTC units and color guards from the various military organizations, veteran groups and SAR color guards from around the Dallas / Fort Worth metroplex. We, the Denton chapter, are involved with this due to my connection to the Military Order of World Wars which is composed of retired or former commissioned officers that served in the Military. It is an impressive display of American Flags being presented by many different organizations and is held every year, in November, at Birchman Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas.

Try to make the event this year. It will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2022, 2:00PM at Birchman Baptist Church, 9100 N. Normandale, Fort Worth 76116. It will last about one hour and worth your time

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#### HISTORICAL TIMELINES BOOK HELPS ADD CONTEXT TO ANCESTOR'S LIVES

History for Genealogists: Using Chronological Time Lines to Find and Understand Your Ancestors (2016) by Ms.



Jacobson advocates creating historical timelines to discover more about past generations. Utilizing history as the backdrop against which researcher places ancestors, can result in remarkable insights into their short-term actions, as well as the long-term reach which events might have had on them decades or centuries later.

History for Genealogists serves up a plethora of timelines, from the history of the states and regions, to important social occurrences such as the Industrial Revolution, the Labor Movement, foreign and domestic wars, epidemics and natural disasters.

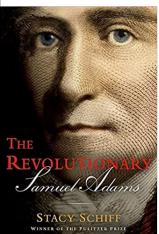
In addition to timelines, Jacobson also delivers chapters covering many other historical considerations, such as migration patterns and methods, finding missing persons—such as slaves, women, isolated societies—or missing places, places that changed names, or lost states such as Franklin, and more. She also covers finding genealogical and historical information in books such as local and social histories, diaries and journals, and oral history projects.

History for Genealogists (now available at the Denton Public Library Special Collections), may provide just the context needed to make sense of ancestors' movements and actions, providing a fuller and more comprehensive understanding of their lives.

-Nancy Gilbride Casey, Denton Public Library Volunteer

# The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams

A revelatory biography from a Pulitzer Prize-winner about the most essential Founding Father— the one who stood behind the change in thinking that produced the American Revolution.



Thomas Jefferson asserted that if there was any leader of the Revolution, "Samuel Adams was the man." With high-minded ideals and bareknuckle tactics, Adams led what could be called the greatest campaign of civil resistance in American history.

Stacy Schiff returns Adams to his seat of glory, introducing us to the shrewd and eloquent man who supplied the moral backbone of the American Revolution. A singular figure at a singular moment, Adams amplified the Boston Massacre. He helped to mastermind the Boston Tea Party. He employed every tool available to rally a town, a colony, and eventually a band of colonies behind him, creating the cause that created a country. For his efforts he became the most wanted man in America: When Paul Revere rode to Lexington in 1775, it was to warn Samuel Adams that he was about to be arrested for treason.

In The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams, Schiff brings her masterful skills to Adams's improbable life, illuminating his transformation from aimless son of a well-off family to tireless, beguiling radical who mobilized the colonies. Arresting, original, and deliriously dramatic, this is a long-overdue chapter in the history of our nation.

Description from Amazon.com