

Texas SAR William Gates Grave Marking

The Freedom Chapter would like to announce an upcoming marker dedication at the historic Gates-Perry Cemetery located in Gates Crossing, a ranch community in Washington County, Texas. We will honor Revolutionary War Patriot William Gates who, as part of Stephen F. Austin's "Old Three Hundred," arrived in Texas in the early 1800s and settled in what is known today as Washington on the Brazos. The Freedom Chapter and the DAR Coushatti Trace Chapter will be adding Patriot Grave Markers within the cemetery.

We will jointly host this dedication ceremony with the DAR for these markers on November 16, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. Formal invitations, including details, maps, parking information, and other logistics, will be posted on the events calendar in the coming week. Please mark your calendar and share this with your members or others who may be interested. We look forward to your presence as we celebrate this significant event!

The drive is about 1½ hour.



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The Mission of the SAR

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.

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CHAPTER EVENTS

Monthly Meeting

Spring Branch BBQ
 Oct 8 – 6:30

TXCSS Booth

Kalahari Resort
 Oct 31 – Nov 2

Fall BOM

Austin
 Nov 1 - 3

Celebrating Constitution Day with the Elisha Roberts Chapter DAR

On September 19, 2024, Elisha Roberts Chapter, NSDAR met at Juergens' Hall Community Center in Cypress to celebrate Constitution Week.



To help celebrate, Regent Barbara Fisk-Dorr requested that the Robert Rankin Chapter SAR provide a Color Guard. Rankin's Color Guard consisting of Commander Ralph Reed, Bill Sorrells, Tom Jackson, and Jerry Martin presented and retired the colors.



During the ceremony, Tom Jackson presented the Martha Washington Medal to Kathy Reynolds for her service to the SAR. In addition, Tom presented Regent Barbara Fisk-Dorr a Certificate of



Tom Jackson presenting the Martha Washington Award

Appreciation for her dedication to the DAR. Regent Fisk-Dorr also accepted a Flag Certificate in behalf of the Elisha Roberts Chapter for her service to the community for first responders



Tom Jackson presenting Certificate of Appreciation to Regent Fisk-Dorr



Members solving a trivia challenge before the meeting.

Updated Fees and Annual Dues Chart

Effective September 1, 2024

Application Type	NSSAR Fees	NSSAR Annual Dues	Total
New Member Regular Application – Age 18 and Older	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$200.00
New Member Regular Application – Age 18 to Under 250 Established Lineage	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$125.00
New Member Regular Application - Family Plan - Additional Family Member Applicant who is the son, grandson, brother, nephew, or grand-nephew of the initial applicant filed WITH Initial application using same ancestor	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$125.00
Junior Member Application – Age Newborn to Under 18 – Established Lineage	\$75.00	\$5.00	\$80.00
Junior Member Application – Age Newborn to Under 18 - New Lineage	\$150.00	\$5.00	\$155.00
Youth Registrant converting to Junior Member – Age Newborn to Under 18	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Youth Registrant converting to Regular Member – age 18 to Under 29	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
C.A.R. converting to Junior Member – age Newborn to Under 18	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
C.A.R. to SAR Transfer – age 18 to under 22	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Supplemental Application – all ages	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Supplemental Application – Family Plan – All ages	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Memorial Application (One-Times Dues Collected)	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$200.00
Reinstatement (Regular Member)	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Reinstatement (Junior Member)	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
NSSAR Life Membership Dues – Consult NSSAR Life Membership Application located on NSSAR website			

Monthly Meeting - Presentations

September's monthly speaker was Compatriot Judge Russ Ridgway. Judge Ridgway gave three different presentations utilizing PowerPoint. The first was on the events leading up to the First Continental Congress. This included the revenue raising by England because of the cost of the French and Indian war but also the influence of the Ohio Company of Virginia featuring investors George Washington and George Mason. The second highlighted the impact of the Continental Congress on the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. The third was interesting historical tidbits of the time and what is not taught in school but perhaps, should be.



On Sunday, September 15, 2024, Robert Rankin Chapter Color Guard Ralph Reed joined Color Guard members of Freedom Chapter to present the colors in Sugarland for the Astro's minor league team Space Cowboys.



Flag Certificate

Ralph Reed presented a Flag Certificate to the Westlake Community Improvement Association October 01, 2024. The flagpole along with their Flag was destroyed by Hurricane Beryl and finally, construction was completed. On hand to accept the award was Robin Snitofsky, HOA President .

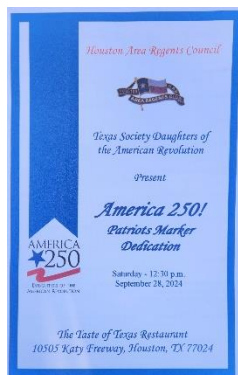


SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING

Friday, August 23, and Saturday, August 24, 2024. Joplin, MO.

South Central District for the Sons of the American Revolution. We refer to this group as MOKAT which stands for Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, and Texas. The primary purpose of this meeting is to let those individuals running for national office to be seen and discuss why they are running and what they want to accomplish. This year there was no dinner program as the focus was program light. There was a Liberty Tree dedication as part of the 250th decade of celebration that we have started as a country. Tom Jackson served as part of the Color Guard for the dedication of the Liberty Tree and for the library presentation.

Patriot Marker Dedication



On Saturday, September 28, 2024, Robert Rankin Chapter Color Guard Commander Ralph Reed participated in a Patriot Marker Dedication sponsored by the Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution as a part of the

America 250 program. The program was also sponsored by The Taste of Texas Restaurant.



Mary Barrow, Regent, Lady Washington Chapter and President, Houston Area Regents Council with our own Ralph Reed.

Wreaths Across America

December 14th, 2024

Remember the fallen. Honor those who serve. Teach the next generation the value of freedom. It's the mission of Wreaths Across America. You can join us by sponsoring a wreath, volunteering, or partnering with us on National Wreaths Across America Day and every day.

The 250th is here.
Will You Join Us
In Celebration?

July 4, 2026 will be the 250th birthday of our country.

It didn't start or stop on that day, but was a decade long process:
 1773 - 1783

america250sar.org

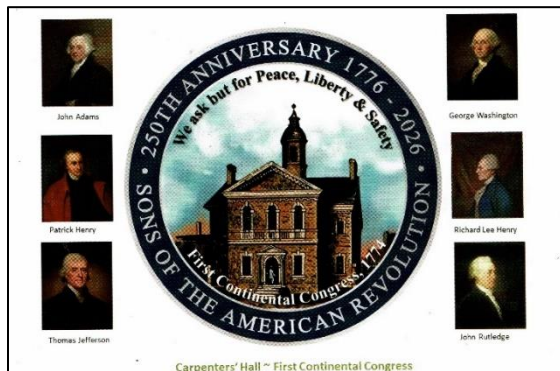
Memorable events
 250 years ago...

- 2023 Boston Tea Party
- 2024 The First Continental Congress
- 2025 Battles of Lexington and Concord.
- 2026 Declaration of Independence
- 2027 Battle of Saratoga
- 2028 French Alliance
- 2029 Siege of Vincennes/Kettle Creek
- 2030 Battle of Kings Mountain
- 2031 Siege of Yorktown
- 2032 Battle of Blue Licks
- 2033 Treaty of Paris

More Constitution Week Celebrations



Celebrating Constitution Week, Co-Regent Mary Myers of the Goose Creek Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution presents a gift to Thomas Jackson, formerly National Trustee and President of Texas Sons of the American Revolution in appreciation of his scholarly and fascinating presentation on the United States Constitution. His presentation also focused on the First Continental Congress which was meeting 250 years ago in Carpenter's Hall in Philadelphia.



The DAR celebrates Constitution Week every year. Jackson, most recently a Trustee for CFISD, shared that it was the DAR in 1955 who petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 annually to honor the Constitution of the United States, which Congress did one year later.

The United States Constitution stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans

throughout history to maintain their liberties, freedoms and inalienable rights (from dar.org).

The DAR and SAR are members of America 250, the nationwide commemoration of America's 250th anniversary in 2026.

Judge Ridgway's AIME Presentations



On August 27th, Judge Russel Ridgway gave two presentations to the AIME group at the Braeburn Country Club. The Presentations were “What led to our Declaration of Independence” and “The Significance of the First Continental Congress”.

