



July, 2024

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TEXAS SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, DENTON CHAPTER #23, TXSSAR INC.



**Next Meeting: 10am July 20, 2024 **New Date****  
**Denton North Branch Library **New Location****

## Chapter Officers

President—Brandon Story  
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Mike Connelley  
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Color Guard — David Cook

## Opportunities

1. **July 10-16 NSSAR Annual Congress, Lancaster, PA**
2. **July 20, Chapter meeting**
3. **July 27 Texas SAR BOM**
4. **August 16 200th anniversary of Lafayette's return visit**
5. **September 5, 250th anniversary of 1st Continental Congress**

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## Note the date and place for the July Chapter Meeting

**July 20, 10am**

**Denton North Branch Library**

**3020 North Locust Street, Denton, 76209**

Brandon Story, Chapter President

**Did your Patriot meet Lafayette on his tour? Check out the map on the Tour website, research your Patriot's life and/or family in 1824-1825. Was he still alive? Was he or his ancestors on the Tour route? Any family documentation for that period of time?**

<https://lafayette200.org/>



# America 250 Decade Of The American Revolution



The National SAR has created this **Decade of the American Revolution** calendar to list Revolutionary War signature events each year that will be the focus of the NSSAR main celebration. Every State Society and all State Chapters should download the programs for the year and celebrate with us in your local area.

**December 16, 2023 Boston Tea Party**

**August 14, 2024 200th Anniversary of Lafayette's arrival  
in the U.S. for his Tour**

**September 5, 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/Fort Sackville Battle of Kettle  
Creek**

**2030 Battle of Kings Mountain**

**2031 Siege of Yorktown 2032 Battle of Blue Licks**

**2033 Treaty of Paris**

Visit <https://america250sar.org/rd/> for details of each event.

# Bicentennial of Lafayette's Farewell Tour



## 2024–2025 Tour

Beginning on August 16, 2024, we will start the thirteen-month bicentennial celebration of Lafayette's triumphant return tour of the United States in New York City. During the next thirteen months, we will follow Lafayette's footsteps through the then existing 24 states in the exact order he traveled in 1824 and 1825.

**41 days until Lafayette arrives!**

Visit <https://lafayette200.org/> for more information.

An introductory video is here:

<https://vimeo.com/855470022>

## Here are your Patriots. Did they meet Lafayette in 1824-1825?

Denton SAR Member	Patriot	Patriot State
Allen Wright	John Jeffries	South Carolina
Billy B. Dareing	Aaron Burleson	North Carolina
Bobby G. Sikes	William Brockett	Connecticut
Brandon D. Story	John T Story	South Carolina
Christopher E. Strauss PhD	Peter Banta	New Jersey
Dan M. Frye	Josepy Palmer	Connecticut
David G. Strauss	Peter Banta	New Jersey
David R. Cook	William Richmond	North Carolina
Douglas P. Graves	David Allen	New Jersey
Fred A. Brown	David Epperson	Virginia
James C. Gilmore	James Griffin	Virginia
James D. Akers	Drury Holt	Virginia
James D. Hobdy	William Abernathy	Virginia
James L. Marshall	Andrew Hickenlooper	Pennsylvania
Jeffrey J. Akers	Drury Holt	Virginia
Jeffrey V. Zwall	Jacob Schneider	Pennsylvania
Johnny L. Loomis	Daniel Loomis	Connecticut
Joseph H. McCall	James Speed	Virginia
Joseph W. Rowell Jr.	Lewis Sewall	Maryland
Lawrence M. Connelley	Edward Rippy	North Carolina
Mark H. Prothro	Evan Prothro	Georgia
Mark M. Miller	Robert Babcock	Connecticut
Merle O. Tanner	Henry Ware	Georgia
Michael O. Lester	Abner Beckham	North Carolina
Noah J. Gilmore	James Griffin	Virginia
Owen C. Gilmore	James Griffin	Virginia
Randy T. Nusbaum	Stephen Lee	Virginia
Robert A. Constant II	Oliver Cady	Connecticut
Robert J. Samuel	Andrew Samual	North Carolina
Robert W. Richardson	Elisha Cranson Sr	Massachusetts
Ronald J. Akers	Drury Holt	Virginia
Ronnie G. Rencher	Valentine Cook	Virginia
Ryan J. Swingle	Johan Nicolaus Dietrich	Pennsylvania
Scott A. Smith	Conrad Seiple	Pennsylvania
Stanley L. Hobbs	Michael McGee	South Carolina
Stanton E. Black	Abednego Inman	Tennessee
Stephen C. Strauss	Peter Banta	New Jersey
Steven C. Tisdale	Devereux Jarratt	Virginia
Thomas C. Richards	William Dawes Jr	Massachusetts
Todd M. Wilber	John Mory	?
William A. Tisdale	Devereux Jarratt	Virginia
William D. Roussel III	John Mosby Binford	Virginia
William E. Godwin	Asa Foote	Connecticut
William R. Surles	John Hereford	Virginia
Zwaine Lamar II	Fulgam Wester	Virginia
Zwaine Lamar III	Fulgam Wester	Virginia

## A Lafayette Farewell Tour story (WHAT'S YOURS?)

My Patriot's Son, Major John Hereford, met Lafayette again in 1825 along the Ohio River, as Lafayette traveled up from Cincinnati on a steamboat, with a stop in Gallipolis, Ohio May 22, 1825.

*Boats were then fired by wood. Every few miles some enterprising citizens would have a wood yard, stacked high and cut to the lengths the boat used, and these lengths were then carried aboard by the deck hands.*

*The boat carrying Lafayette came into a wood yard just above John Hereford's home in Virginia (now West Virginia). He, with many others, started down the bank to watch the boat lay in her supply of wood. A tall man on the top deck of the boat halted John with "Hey there, Hereford, come aboard for I want to see you." John Hereford then boarded the boat and was kissed and embraced by Lafayette, who showed in many ways his pleasure at meeting his old friend and aide. Upon returning home, John told of their meeting and how great was his pleasure at meeting his oldtime friend, and seeing his idolized General once more and in their short interview, Lafayette told of his intention of staying over several days in Gallipolis and could it be arranged that he could see Hereford the next day. John told his wife "Of course, I will go and see him". He made preparations for an early horseback ride to Gallipolis the next morning and by daylight was on his way.*

*It was related that when John Hereford got out of a skiff at the water's edge, Lafayette was standing on the top the bank, exclaiming over the beautiful Ohio River, and as John ascended, Lafayette descended and the two soldiers met halfway and Lafayette grasp John by the hand and standing there for several moments, the tears streaming down the cheeks of both of them, their hearts too full for words. John Hereford was as emotional as Lafayette. The friendship of these two men endured for their natural lives, cemented with a personal gift from Lafayette. At the close of the war, when the soldiers were being disbanded for their return home, Lafayette to show his appreciation and admiration and friendship for his aide John Hereford, presented him (John) with his (Lafayette's) own sword, unbuckling it from his side handed it to John Hereford to keep always as a remembrance from his Chief, and to the day of his death, John Hereford cherished it as one of his most prized possessions.*

**Bill Surles**



# Denton SAR Chapter Color Guard



**SAR Color Guard  
at the Denton 4th  
of July parade,  
June 29, 2024**



Date	Time-muster	Event	Location	Chapter /State /National
9/13/24	1L30 AM	DAR Constitution Day Celebration	Denton, Texas	C

On Saturday June 29, the chapter Color Guard and chapter members participated in the Denton July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day parade. Five Chapter Color Guard members joined the parade including: Brandon Story, Chris Strauss, David Cook, Mike Lester and Todd Wilber, all in militia or continental uniform. Color Guard Commander Cook issued safety precautions not to wear coats due to the high heat expected. Steve Hole joined the chapter from the Van Zandt SAR Chapter in Continental uniform. Mike Lester's truck provided the chapter s display.

Since January of 2023 the Color Guard unit has grown to six approved members with uniforms.

Members of the Color Guard have participated in four events so far in the year 2024 including:

- Colonial Dames annual Texas meeting- Posted the Colors
- Patriots Day at Providence Christian School
- Medal of Honor parade in Gainesville TX
- Denton Independence Day parade

Future events at this time include posting the Colors For the Colonial Dames Constitution Day celebration on September 13 at the Emily Flower Library at 1:30 pm. Commander Cook will appear as George Washington as the meeting program.

The is no such thing as too many color guard members in the chapter.We need more in order to have some flexibility with individual schedules.The more participants in a color guard event is mor impressive. We have four flags that can be carried along with three muskets.Contact Commander David Cook for more information and now to take the first step.

# Denton Chapter's Appearance At the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade In Downtown Denton, Texas

There is nothing like a parade, a big parade, to celebrate the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday in Denton, Texas as the Nation is edging closer and closer to the 250th year anniversary of our Nation's founding. The word went out to chapter members and chapter color guard members to assemble on June 29<sup>th</sup> at a location near the old Denton County Courthouse. Your typical Texas summer weather was a concern but the men dressed comfortably, hydrated and stayed close to some available shade.

Eleven men showed up with seven in uniform. They were Brandon Story, Bill Surles, David Raysen, Chris Strauss, Mike Lester, Jim Hobdy, Bobby Samuel, Mike Connelley, Todd Wilber, David Cook and Steven Hole. Steven is a member of the K M Van Zandt chapter in Fort Worth and made the drive north to Denton to celebrate with us.

Mike Connelley





## Join the Denton Chapter Color Guard

Members can participate individually or we can attend as a Color Guard unit representing the Denton SAR Chapter. New Color Guard members are welcome. Color guard members wanting to attend are to contact Color Guard Commander David Cook.

It is significant to note that several events are designated as National Events which earns 20 points toward national and state Color Guard medals.

**“We are the face of the Sons of the American Revolution at the national, state, and chapter levels. Accordingly, as we further the Patriotic, Historic, and Educational Goals of the SAR let us have fun, enjoy the comradely, and practice safety for yourself and others. Yours in Patriotism**

**K. Scott Collins National Society SAR Color Guard Commander”**

**David R. Cook**  
**Denton Color Guard Commander**  
**706-835-5910**  
**davidcook1936@gmail.com**





# Buy a Bench for the Denton Courthouse?



## **SAR 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** **Memorial Bench Program** **Partner with the DAR, C.A.R.**



**One Bench in Every State By 2026**  
**Courthouse, Square, Park, Historic Site, Cemetery**



**250th Message (All Sites)**



**Custom Message (Site Specific)**

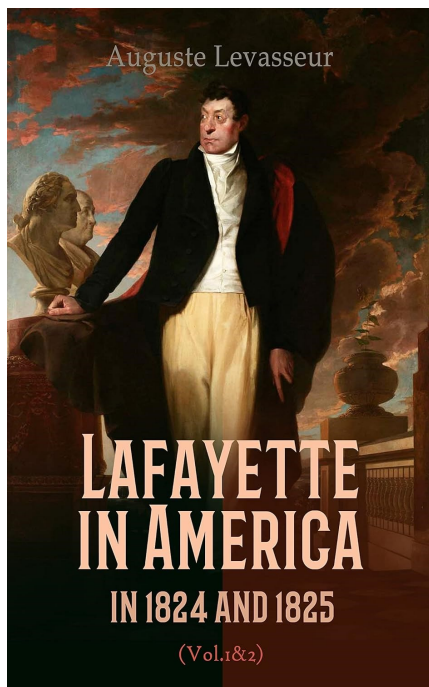
## **Meets SAR 5-Year Historical Program Goal**

### ***Just Four Easy Steps***

- Step 1: Choose a Site and Contact the History Committee***
- Step 2: Select a Monument Company for the Granite Bench***
- Step 3: Secure the Required Local Site Approvals***
- Step 4: Partner and Raise the Required Funds***

### ***For More Information:***

***Contact History Committee Chairman Jeff Thomas at [jthomas4sar@gmail.com](mailto:jthomas4sar@gmail.com)  
or Project Chairman John Trussell at [jtrusswr@gmail.com](mailto:jtrusswr@gmail.com)***



## Lafayette in America in 1824 and 1825 (Vol. 1&2): An Eyewitness Account of the Landmark Tour of the United States by General Gilbert du Motier

Lafayette in America in 1824 and 1825 is a journal of Auguste Levasseur who accompanied General Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette on the tour of all the 24 States in 1824-1825 at the invitation of Congress President, Monroe, and the American people.

General Lafayette was a French aristocrat and military officer who fought in the American Revolutionary War, commanding American troops in several battles, including the siege of Yorktown.

After returning to France, he was a key figure in the French Revolution of 1789 and the July Revolution of 1830. He has been considered a national hero in both countries and known as "The Hero of the Two Worlds." President James Monroe and Congress invited Lafayette in part to celebrate the nation's upcoming 50th anniversary and intended to have him travel on an American warship, but Lafayette felt that having such a vessel as transport was undemocratic and booked passage on a merchantman. Louis XVIII did not approve of the trip and had troops disperse the crowd that gathered at Le Havre to see him off.

Lafayette arrived at New York on 15 August 1824, accompanied by his son Georges Washington and his secretary Auguste Levasseur. He was greeted by a group of Revolutionary War veterans who had fought alongside him many years before. New York erupted for four continuous days and nights of celebration. He then departed for what he thought would be a restful trip to Boston but instead found the route lined by cheering citizens, with welcomes organized in every town along the way.

This book also contains the details of Lafayette's visits with Founding Fathers and addresses slavery and Native American issues.

From the review posted with the book on Amazon.



## National Society Sons of the American Revolution

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SARmagazine>



Also see the Denton Chapter Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/409893430767486>



### Recent Denton SAR Web Site Updates

The Denton SAR Web Site at <https://www.txssar.org/Denton/> has some recent additions, and there are more to come. I've been asked to create a Color Guard section, so I am working on that.

Back copies of newsletters can be found listed in the Docs drop-down on the Chapter web home page.

**Available Years:** [1995](#) [1996](#) [1997](#) [1998](#) [1999](#)  
[2000](#) [2001](#) [2002](#) [2019](#) [2020](#) [2021](#) [2022](#) [2023](#) [2024](#)

If you have back/historical pictures of documents from the chapter's past, please discuss with me so we can capture this info on either the web site or in the archives.

Bill [wsmerch@gmail.com](mailto:wsmerch@gmail.com)





## SAR Embroidered Shirt Order Form

Shirts will be ordered from Angelheart Embroidery ([tim.angelheart@gmail.com](mailto:tim.angelheart@gmail.com)) who is located in Saginaw. Shirts will be embroidered with the new SAR Logo (above) on the left breast (Jim Akers has our SAR approval to use this.) **Optional:** Patriot, Compatriot Name and Chapter can be added as well.



## Shirt Styles

		
<b>Polo</b>	<b>Short Sleeve Button Down</b>	<b>Long Sleeve Button Down</b>
Price (includes logo): <b>(S-XL) \$32.42</b> <b>(XXL) \$34.42</b>	Price (includes logo): <b>(S-XL) \$34.98</b> <b>(XXL) \$36.98</b>	Price (includes logo): <b>(S-XL) \$36.98</b> <b>(XXL) \$38.98</b>

## Color Palette

 Athletic Gold/ Light Stone	 Bark	 Black/Light Stone	 Bright Lavender
 Burgundy/Light Stone	 Classic Navy/ Light Stone	 Clover Green	 Court Green
 Dark Green/ Navy	 Light Blue/ Light Stone	 Light Stone/ Classic Navy	 Maui Blue
 Mediterranean Blue	 Navy/ Light Stone	 Purple/ Light Stone	 Red/ Light Stone
 Royal/Classic Navy	 Steel Grey/ Light Stone	 Stone	 Strong Blue
 Teal Green	 Texas Orange/ Light Stone	 Ultramarine Blue	 White/ Light Stone
 Yellow			
 Black	 Blue Lake	 Deep Orange	 Forest Green
 Gold	 Grey Concrete	 Iron Grey	 Kelly Green
 Lime Shock	 Maroon	 Purple	 Texas Orange
 Tropic Blue	 True Navy	 True Red	 True Royal
 Vegas Gold	 White		



<b>Shirt Order Form</b>	
Name:	Personalize with Name (right breast) of shirt: <span style="float: right;">Y [ ] N [ ]</span> <b>- Plus: \$6</b>
Chapter Name:	Personalize with Chapter Name under SAR logo (left breast): <span style="float: right;">Y [ ] N [ ]</span> <b>- Plus: \$4</b>
Patriot Name:	Personalize with Patriot Name (left sleeve): <span style="float: right;">Y [ ] N [ ]</span> <b>- Plus: \$6</b>
Shirt Color (see palette above):	
Shirt Style:	Short Sleeve Polo [ ] Short Sleeve Button Down [ ] Long Sleeve Button Down [ ] <b>- Prices detailed above by shirt size &amp; type: \$32.42 – \$38.98</b>
Shirt Size:	S [ ] M [ ] L [ ] XL [ ] XXL [ ]
Address:	Shirts to be returned to Denton Chapter during next scheduled meeting.
<b>Donation to Denton SAR:</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>TOTAL REMITTED:</b>	<b>\$ .</b>

**Return Order Form & check made out to “SAR Denton Chapter” to:**

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 Savannah, TX 76227