

Denton SAR Chapter # 23

Yearbook

2023-2024

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INTRODUCTION

This document describes and lists activities, events, awards in the Denton SAR Chapter #23. It includes awards received by members, chapter, and awards presented by the chapter. It is updated each year with information beginning in the year 2019 consistent with the Chapters year of April to April.

CHAPTER EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

George S and Stella M Knight Essay Contest

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) invites all high school students (9th through 12th grades) interested in the American Revolution to participate in the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. The contest is open to all US Citizen and Legal Resident students attending home schools, public, parochial, or private high schools in that same grade range.

To participate, students must submit an original 800- to 1,200-word essay based on an event, person, philosophy or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution. Each student's essay will be judged based upon its historical accuracy, clarity, organization, grammar and spelling, and documentation.

The SAR Middle School Brochure Contest

The *SAR Middle School Contest* is to create a tri-fold brochure out of a typical 8 ½" x 11" piece of paper. The brochure must conform to the contest theme which is one the nine foundational documents of the United States which the student selects. The brochure will be judged on: Content, Creativity and Correctness. The judging criteria rates highest personally drawn art work and text authored by the student as opposed to cut and paste from books, magazines and the Internet. The use of software tools by the student for creating the brochure, and even the art work, is permissible.

The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest

The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest is open to all students attending 9th through 12th grades in public, parochial or private schools; or home-school students studying at the same grade levels. The preliminary rounds of the contest begin at the local chapter level; students have the opportunity to advance to the state or national levels where scholarships and cash prizes are awarded. It is our intent that the contest will continue to expand on all levels and bring the voices of our young patriots to greater light across our entire nation.

Teacher of the year Award

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) invites all American history teachers, whose approved curriculum teaches students about the American Revolution era from 1750 to 1800, to apply for the Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award. The award is open to all teachers at the middle school or high school levels at a recognized public, private, or parochial institution. While the preliminary rounds of the award program begin at the local chapter level, teachers may eventually advance to the state and national levels.

Poster Contest

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) invites all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students interested in the American Revolution to participate in the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest. The contest is open to public school, parochial, home schooled, Scouting, or Children of the American Revolution member students in that same grade range

ROTC

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) awards the ROTC Medal to foster the principle of the “citizen-soldier,” exemplified by the Minutemen of Revolutionary War days. This award is presented by an SAR Chapter, State-level Society, or the National Society to ROTC or JROTC cadets who are selected for having a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing, and general excellence. The recipients are selected by the Commanding Officer of the ROTC or JROTC unit, who should be given full latitude in making the selection.

Arthur M and Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) invites all Eagle Scouts interested in the American Revolution to participate in the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest. The contest is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and, except as provided in the paragraph below, have not reached their nineteenth birthday during the year of application. The year that the Eagle rank was awarded is not restricted. Contest year is Jan 1 to Dec 31.

MEMBERSHIP

New Members

2020- May- Jim Gilmore, Noah Gilmore, Owen Gilmore

2021- July- Scot Smith, Mike Frye, Bobby Samuels

2022-July- William “Billy” Roussel
Ryan Swindle
Donald Peden
Brandon Story

2023- April Stanley Hobbs
Jim Marshal
Fred Brown
Randy Nusbaum
Mike Lester
David Cook- Dual Member

2024- January

Officers

2013- 2019- President- Christopher Strauss

2019: President- Mike Connelly
Vice President- Jim Johnson
Secretary- Mike Connelly
Treasurer- Christopher Strauss
Historian- Jim Johnson
Chaplin- Tom Richards

2022: President-Jim Akers
Vice President- Brandon Story
Registrar and Genealogist- Tom Richards
Treasurer- Christopher Strauss
Secretary- mike Frye
Chaplin-Bill Rowell
Past President- Mike Connelly
Sgt. At Arms- Johnny Loomis

2023: Same as 2022

2024:

GRAVE DEDICATIONS

Denton chapter attended

2022-Patriot James Carter- Bonham TX, Sept 11, Brandon story, Mike Connelly,
Allen Wright, Jim Akers
2023- Patriot James Lemmon, Lancaster TX, March 19- Tom Richards, Jim Akers,
David Cook

DONATIONS TO PUBLIC

2023- Donated book "Pioneer Dallas Families" to the Denton Library

AWARDS GIVEN

Youth

Knight Essay-

2021-Jeff Bryan Lilley- Ryan H.S- Chapter certificate Also Texas State, 2500\$

2023- Emma Figueroa, Ralph H. Poteet High School, Mesquite TX Chapter certificate

Oration Contest-

2022 -Jeff Bryan Lilly

Teacher of the Year-

2022 -Rodney Hess, Ryan High School

Scouts

2023- The chapter supported an eagle scout project by Jonathan Land, troop 192, crew 60, to build a bird observation tower on Lake Lewisville.

ROTC

2023

AFROTC-Guyer High School, Bronze ROTC Medal and Certificate- April 5

AFROTC-Ryan High School, Bronze ROTC Medal and certificate- April 27

AFROTC- Denton High School Commons, Bronze ROTC Medal and certificate-April 28

Army ROTC- TWU Army ROTC Office- Silver ROTC Medal and Certificate, May 4

AFROTC- Braswell High School, Bronze Medal and certificate, May 4

AFROTC- UNT- Silver ROTC Medals and certificate, (Date uncertain)

PUBLIC SERVICE

2022- Denton Police Department – 2022 Officer of the Year

2023- Award presented to Jennifer Bekker, City of Denton Director of Libraries

AWARDS TO OTHERS

Martha Washington Medal-

2024- Emily Richardson- For genealogy search for new members

AWARDS TO CHAPTER MEMBERS

Meritorious Service medal-

2023-Christopher Strauss

Roger Sherman Medal

2023- Tom Richards

2023- Dan Frye

2023- Bill Surles

AWARDS TO CHAPTER

2019-The Col. Joe M. Hill Jr, Award- 100 % mbr renewal

2019-John Bruce Stuart Jr. Memorial Award- veterans service

2020- Partners in Patriotism- patriotic outreach

2020- The Col. Joe M. Hill Jr. Membership Award

2020- Flag presentation award

2021- Joe Hill Membership Award

2021- Marshall Hunter Attendance Award –highest % member attending Chapter meetings.

2021- Flag Presentation Award

2022-Flag Presentation Award

2022- Colonel Joe Hill Membership Award- 100% member renewal 2021

2022- Partners in Patriotism, National Certificate- Chapter worked with
“Massing the Colors”

PRESIDENTS

2019-2022- Mike Connelly

2022-2024- Jim Akers

FALLEN COMPATRIOTS

2021- Sonny Replogle

2022- Jim Johnson (James Jefferson Johnson) January 21, Denton TX.

EVENT ATTENDANCE

2020 – November Day, Field of Honor, Plano TX, Jim Akers

2022- April- Medal Of Honor- Gainesville TX Parade

2022- July- Independence Day Parade- Providence Village, TX (James and Sarah Mack)

2022- November-Traveling Viet Nam Memorial, November 11-12, Denton Golden Triangle Mall

2022- December- Wreaths Across America, December 17

2023-April – Proclamation Patriots Day, Denton county Judge, Andy Eads,
April 18- Mike Connelly, Randy Nusbaum, David Cook, Jim Akers, Tom Richards

2023 April – Medal Of Honor Parade, Gainesville parade-April 22- Brandon Story, Bobby Samuel, Jeff Akers, Bill Surles, Jim Akers

2023 April- Naturalization Ceremony, UT Dallas, David Cook and Tom Richards

2023 April- Proclamation Patriots Day- Trophy Club Council, Scott Smith

2023- July – Independence Day Parade- Denton TX, Mike Lester, Chriss Strauss, David Brandon Story, Bill Surles, Joe Hobby. Pickup decorated, July 1

2023- September- Chapter provided Bill Covington JR as speaker for the DAR Chapter Benjamin Lyons on Sept 15. The color guard

posted the colors and included David Cook, Brandon Story, Chris Strauss, Tom Richards, and Bill Covington.

2023-December- The chapter supported the Wreaths Across America event by providing parking lot assistance to the Flower Mound DAR chapter on Dec 15

OTHER

2023- Chapter designed and had chapter shirts made as a fund raiser. Other chapter could modify with their chapter name. The shirt project is an ongoing project and is a successful fund raiser.

2023- The chapter designed and had challenge coins made. This is also a fund raiser for the chapter continued to present Viet Naum lapel pins to veterans to recognize their service.

2024- Chapter Color Guard posted the colors for the Colonial Dames annual Texas meeting on March 1, Grapevine, Texas. Participants were Brandon Story, Mike Lester, and David Cook