

2025 Presidential Farewell
Tracy Pounders, Texas Soc. President 2024-25
Formal Banquet, March 29, 2025



My friends, there is no need to check your watch, but on min it says it's a minute to Midnight, and the seconds are ticking on what's left of my term as your President. Standing before you this evening, my heart is filled with both *gratitude* and a deep sense of ... *reflection*. Serving you, the Texas Society, has been one of the greatest honors of my life. Tonight, as you hear my farewell, know that it is not given with sadness, but with *pride*—and with *faith* in the road ahead.

When I first joined this organization thirty-three years ago it was just an excuse to hang out with my Dad one Saturday morning a month. Later the history drew me in — the names, the battles, the documents and dates. But over time, it became clear to me that this organization isn't just about remembering the past—it's about continuing a *legacy*. It's about honoring courage not just with words, but with *action*. It's about keeping the flame of Liberty alive—not just in ceremonies, but in our communities, our families, and our lives.

Your dedication, your kindness, your stories have inspired me. We've gathered to honor Patriots long gone, mentor young people who will carry on our mission, and work quietly and faithfully to uphold the values that built this nation. And through it all, you've reminded again and again that what we do here matters. History lives because we choose to remember it. **The Revolution lives on** because we choose to live by its ideals.

My beloved Texas Society, membership in the SAR is more than just membership in a club. Membership in this Society is a *promise*. A promise to never forget where we came from. A promise to never take for granted the sacrifices made by those who fought for our freedom. And a promise to never stop working to build a future *worthy* of their struggle.





My time is running short and it is time for me to close. But as my time ends please let me assure you that this Society is in strong, capable hands. The torch we carry is bright—and let there be NO DOUBT it will shine even brighter in the

years to come.

Thank you—for your friendship, your support, and for allowing me to be a part of something so meaningful. Additionally I want thank my late mother, Margaret Pounders, who got our family started on this genealogical journey. My Dad, Frank Pounders, who got me into the SAR and encouraged me to take on leadership roles. My sister, Gina Henderson, who is here with her husband Jim, for continuing Mom's work, for her constant support and for looking out for me since I was a baby. My kids, Elizabeth and her husband Caleb, and Alex and his wife Kiersten and our grandson Lucas, for putting up with me and supporting me in my work with the SAR. And lastly, my sweet wife, Marci Pounders – there are no words – ***I love this woman*** – there are very few things done by me without the partnership of this sweet sweet soul.

That said my Friends, let us move forward with heads high, hearts full, and always—always—being true to the legacy of the Patriots we honor.

God bless you. God bless Texas. And God bless the Sons of the American Revolution!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tracy A. Pounders". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Tracy A. Pounders
President, Texas Society 2024-25
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