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TWO SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER MEMBERS WIN DAR'S HIGHEST AWARD

The San Antonio de Bexar chapter of the DAR announced on Dec. 4, 2021, that John Delavan Baines, had been selected to receive the 2021 DAR Medal of Honor. It is given to an adult man or woman who is a United States citizen by birth and has shown extraordinary qualities of leadership, trustworthiness, service, and patriotism.

Since its creation in 1972, the most prestigious honor awarded by the National DAR Society has been presented to fewer than 2,000 individuals across the United States and overseas. There is only one award each year. The DAR has about 3,000 chapters worldwide, and each is authorized to nominate an individual. It is a credit to the San Antonio de Bexar DAR chapter that two of their nominees have won this award in the past four years - some might say amazing, as Judge Ed Butler, President General of the SAR in 2009-2010 was the winner in 2017.

What is even more amazing is that John Bains and Judge Ed Butler are both members of Texas SAR. It is incredible that both Medal of Honor winners are members of the San Antonio Chapter SAR. It would take a mathematician to compute the odds of that happening again.

John will be presented his medal and certificate at the Texas DAR annual convention in March 2022.



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Mar 17	Texas Society, DAR State Conference Houston, TX
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Mar 31	Texas SAR Color Guard Command School, Richardson, TX
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Apr 3	Texas Society, General Society of the War of 1812 State Conference Richardson, TX
Apr 23	Medal of Honor Parade Gainesville, TX
May 21	Texas SAR Color Guard Rally, Denison, TX
Jul 10-15	NSSAR Annual Congress Savannah, GA
Aug TBD	Summer Texas SAR BOM ZOOM
Sep 29-Oct 1	Fall Leadership Louisville, KY
Oct 21-23	Fall BOM McKinney, TX
Dec 17	Wreaths Across America



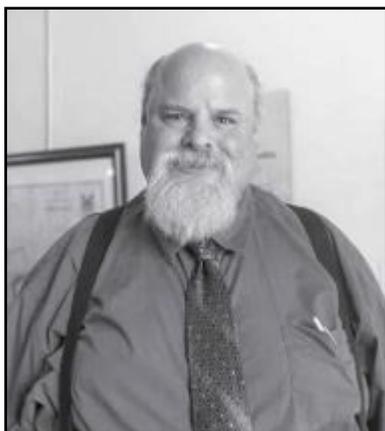
Patriot Medal Awardees Announced for 2022

by Tom Jackson

In October, the Patriot Medal Committee selected six compatriots to receive the Patriot Medal at the Annual meeting in April 2022. The Patriot Medal is the highest award presented to a Compatriot by a State Society and recognizes long, faithful, outstanding, and distinguished service at the state and/or chapter level. The Committee is comprised of Patriot Medal Recipients from around the state.

Michael J. Bailey - Faithful member since 2008, Michael has actively served as Cradle

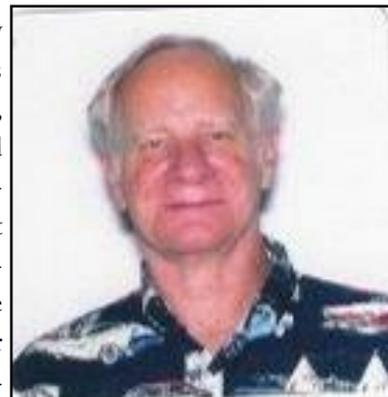
of Texas Chapter SAR President for three terms 2013-2015, 2012 Chapter #33 Vice President, 2011 Chapter Secretary, and has also served as Chapter Historian, Chapter Chaplain, and member of the Chapter Color Guard for over six



years. Michael has passionately served as Chapter Newsletter editor and publisher for 10 years. His dedication to the community and DAR outreach has been proven with seven historical presentations at area museums and DAR chapter in 2018 and 2019 alone. His continued service includes attending meetings in full Militia uniform, manning the SAR recruitment booth at the Annual Brazoria Heritage Day Celebration for the past five years, as well as helping out when needed on short notice. Through his commitment and leadership, Michael has been great asset to his Chapter.

Ronald W. Brown - Ron joined the SAR in 2011 and hit the ground running. He served as President of Alexander Hodge Chapter SAR 2014-2015, as well as Vice President of Alexander Hodge Chapter 2012-2013. He has been an active member of the Chapter Color Guard since 2014 and remains Vice President of District 7 since 2014.

Ron has continuously attended numerous ceremonies at DAR, Houston Rodeo, and DRT for SAR. In addition to his presence at countless Chapter ceremonies which include Teacher of the Year awards and VA Hospital visits for SAR, Ron



frequented many Grave Site ceremonies for Alexander Hodge Chapter SAR in Sugarland and for Mr. Fulshear in Fulshear, Texas. Through his perseverance and guidance Ron restarted the Chapter in Baytown.

He temporarily serves as President of the Major White Baytown SAR Chapter until a new President can be elected. He is also the Past President General of the San Jacinto Descendants and serves as 1st Vice President General of the SRT. He is a Colonel in the Texas Army and won the Star of Texas award in 2016. He is also the Past Commander of the Tom Toby Squadron of the Texas Navy, and is an Admiral in the Texas Navy.

Frank H. Pounders - Almost thirty years ago in 1983, Frank joined the Dallas Chapter SAR.

Frank is an ordained minister and has served as Chaplain of the Dallas Chapter for over a decade and has served as Chaplain of the Texas Society for a five-year stint in 2005 and answered the call again in 2013, where he continues to serve. He still serves as Senior Pastor at Unity Church of Irving.



Frank served the Dallas Chapter as President in 2012-2013, 1st Vice President in 2011-2012, and 2nd Vice President in 2010-2011. As a retired USAF Lt. Colonel, Frank has continued his service by volunteering regularly on various Veteran-related matters, as well as running for public office as a Republican in 1964, 1966, and 1968.



Frank continues to receive numerous Awards and Medals at both the Chapter and State level.

Ronald J. Turner - Ron has been a member of the SAR starting in 2016 and has given exemplary chapter service. He has served the Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter SAR as President 2020-2021, acting Vice President 2019, Chapter Website Administrator 2017-present, Editor of *The Chisholm Trail News* Chapter Newsletter 2017-present, Editor of *The Texas Compatriot* State Newsletter 2021-present, Chapter Assistant Registrar 2018-present, and so many more committees and offices.



Ron donned his Color Guard uniform in 2017 and has served at the Chapter, National, and State level, earning the 2019 Bernardo de Galvez Color Guard Bronze Medal and the 2020 NSSAR Color Guard Bronze Medal.

He received his first Medal in 2017 for Military Service Veterans Corp Certificate/Military Service Medal; he has gone on to receive several awards and medals such as, 2019 Chapter Distinguished Service Medal, as Fall BOM Co-Coordinator, 2019 Certificate of Appreciation/Silver Roger Sherman Medal, 2020 Texas Chapter Service Medal, 2020 Liberty Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), 2020 Lafayette Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), and others.

While dealing with the challenges faced by COVID-19, Ron has adapted by maintaining activities for the Chapter through Zoom and hybrid format. He has been busy initiating, maintaining, and modernizing the Chapter website and the Chapter Facebook page which he publishes daily. Recently, Ron stepped up to be the state newsletter editor.

Dustin Whittenburg - Dustin joined the San Antonio Chapter SAR in 2014 and quickly stepped up to chapter leadership. He has served as Chapter President 2019-2020, Chapter Treasurer 2016-2017, 2nd Vice President 2017, 1st Vice President 2018, Committee Chairmanships 2020 Nominee and Veteran 2020-2021, Appointed Assistant Registrar 2021. His state level offices include Chancellor 2021-present,

By-Laws Committee Chairman 2020-present, and State Meeting Committee Chairman 2021.

He has proven descent from 17 patriots, in which many were previously unproven to the SAR. His commitment in assisting with application research has helped more than twenty men become compatriots, as evidenced by serving as either primary or secondary sponsors.

He prepares the annual report for his chapter and has received numerous recognitions, which include 2015 Certificate of Appreciation, 2016 Texas Society Chapter Service Medal, 2017 Texas Society Silver Service Medal, 2017 Bronze Roger Sherman Medal, 2018 Texas Society Chapter Service Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), 2021 Texas Society Certificate of Appreciation, as well as many others. Dustin has proven to be a dedicated and motivated Chapter member who continually serves his compatriots and community.

Thomas F. Van Fossen - Tom joined the SAR in 2017 and immediately joined the Color Guard, serving at the Chapter, State, and Regional level. He has served as the Dallas Chapter SAR President 2018-2021, Texas SAR District Six Vice President 2019-2021, 2021 Chapter Hospitality Host at SAR South Central District Conference.



Tom is also a Dual member of Plano and East Fork Trinity Chapters SAR, as well as DAR and C.A.R. liaison, Community (1st Responders) Ambassador. He holds multiple state committee member office, which include Council of Chapter Presidents, Archives/History, and Color Guard to name a few.



Tom has been responsible for personally financing or raising funds to acquire a large number of promotional, marketing, and display items for the Chapter, State, Regional, and National SAR Societies. With the help of Tom, materials, such as printed banners, flags, brochures, informative brochures, recruitment tools and hand-outs have been supplied over the last five years. He actively mentors new officers in their current positions.

Armed Forces Bowl Veterans Village

Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter SAR joined with various DAR chapters in the Fort Worth area to sponsor a booth in the Veterans Village on December 22nd as part of the 19th edition of the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl at TCU's Amon Carter Stadium. Game attendees enjoyed military displays from every branch and interactive booths. In addition, there was a pre-game concert, pep rally, and a variety of food trucks. The Village was open from 4:00p.m. until game time at 7:00 p.m.



Gerry Gieger, Past President, Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter SAR, presented numerous veterans with the Vietnam Era Veterans Lapel Pin.

2022 SAR CONGRESS SAVANNAH, GEORGIA JULY 10-15, 2022

Registration for Hotel Rooms at Congress has opened.

The link for on-line reservations is:

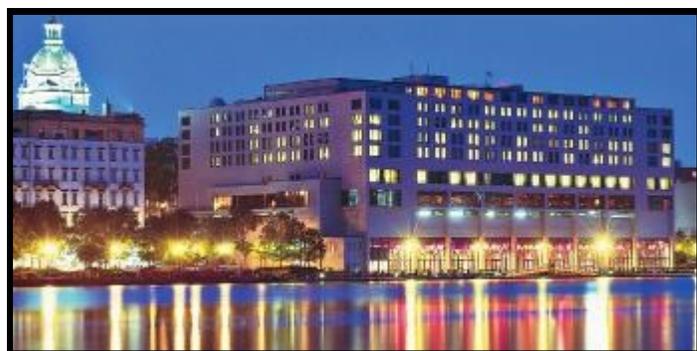
<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/SAVRS/G-NSSA>

For phone reservations, call

877.803.7534

Use the Group Code **G-NSSA**

Hyatt Regency Hotels utilizes a centralized reservations system so be sure to specify the reservation is for the **Hyatt Regency Savannah**



Saturday, 9 July

EXCOM/SAR Foundation

Sunday, 10 July

Tours and Host Reception

Monday, 11 July

Memorial Service, First Ladies Tea, & Rumbaugh Orations

Tuesday, 12 July

Opening Ceremony, Youth Luncheon, & Award Night

Wednesday, 13 July

Ladies Luncheon & PGs Banquet

Thursday, 14 July

Last tour and Installation Banquet

Friday, 15 July

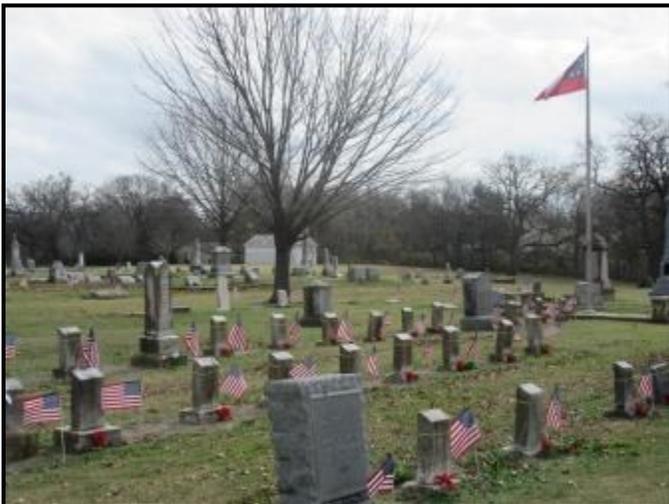
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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Edmund Terrill Chapter SAR

West Hill Cemetery Sherman, Texas

Members of the Edmund Terrill Chapter SAR placed approximately 90 flags in the old Veterans area of West Hill Cemetery. This area of the cemetery receives very little attention. Graves are of those who fought in the Spanish American War, World War I, some World War II, and the Civil War.



Tioga Cemetery Tioga, Texas

Members of the Edmund Terrill Chapter SAR participated in Wreaths Across America at Tioga Cemetery. Those participating included T.L. Holden, Gary Barker, Paul Mattoon, and Ted Wilson.



Mabank, Texas

Bill Sekel, Vice President (acting), District 10 and a member of the Athens Chapter SAR, and Bob Kubin, Northern Commander of Texas SAR Color Guard and a member of the East Fork Trinity Chapter SAR, participated in Wreaths Across America in Mabank, Texas.



Oakwood Cemetery Fort Worth, Texas

Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter SAR participated in WAA ceremonies at Oakwood Cemetery. Pictured are Compatriot James Alderman, Jake Behringer (Joe Wade's grandson), President-elect Bobby Gresham, and Prospective Member Joe Wade.



Pecan Grove Cemetery McKinney, Texas

Four members of the Plano Chapter SAR at the Wreath Across America event in McKinney included: Nick Gilliam, Larry Melton, Steve Driever, and John Ray.



Jacobs Cemetery Ninevah, Indiana

Samuel Jacobs, Patriot of Bob Jacobs, a member of Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter SAR, lies buried in the backyard of a private residence in Nineveh, Indiana. Although "Jacobs Cemetery" is not officially sanctioned by WAA, Compatriot Jacobs sent a wreath to the homeowners who in turn honored Samuel's grave on December 17th.



Texas State Capitol Austin, Texas

On December 13th, members of the Color Guard, Patrick Henry Chapter SAR, participated in WAA ceremonies at the Texas State Capitol.



Woodlawn Cemetery Houston, Texas

On December 18th, Tom Jackson, Robert Rankin Chapter SAR, participated in WAA, along with over 200 volunteers who braved the coming rain to place wreaths on the graves of veterans. Tom writes that “WAA is meant to be a celebration of their service. The ceremony is special because it takes place at the same time across America, touching all National cemeteries from Arlington to Hawaii and to all places in between, as well as numerous private cemeteries.”



Granbury Awards Flag Certificates

Bob Mearns, Vice President, District 5, Texas SAR, presents Certificates of Commendation to The Hood County News (top) and The First National Bank (bottom), both in Granbury, Texas, in recognition of exemplary participation in the display of the Flag of the United States of America.



The following article is excerpted from the December 22, 2021, edition of *Montgomery County News*

TEXAS FREEDOM CHAPTER HOSTS WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CEREMONIES IN MONTGOMERY TEXAS

The members of the Texas Freedom Chapter Sons of the American Revolution hosted a wonderful Wreaths Across America Ceremony on Sunday, December 19, 2021, in Montgomery, Texas - "The Birthplace of the Texas Flag." Originally planned for December 18th, which is the nationwide weekend "to remember and honor veterans" by laying wreaths on the graves of the country's fallen heroes and Patriots, the ceremonies were postponed until Sunday, when a downpour of rain and thunderstorms prevented the groups from having the ceremony on Saturday.

The vision to have the Wreaths across America Ceremonies at the New Cemetery in Montgomery, Texas, was that of David Hamaker of the Texas Freedom Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. The SAR Freedom Chapter members who led the ceremonies were John Meredith, Ed Sellards, Loren Johnston, Dave Underdown, Tom Stuewe, John Thompson, and David Hamaker. Hamaker introduced and thanked Montgomery Mayor Sara Countryman for her efforts in making the Wreaths across America ceremonies happen for the first time at the New Montgomery Cemetery in Montgomery and she was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Sons of the American Revolution. David Hamaker thanked

Dean Bass of the Spirit of Texas Bank for donating the hundreds of Wreaths which were placed on the graves. The Color Guard was provided by Montgomery High School JROTC, Maj. Erik Sharpe, Sr. Marine instructor. Randall Moore, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 491, and his scouts marched in with the Honor guard and provided assistance all day in the laying of the wreaths.

The goal of the nationwide ceremonies is to remember and honor veterans through the laying of Wreaths on the graves of the country's fallen heroes. With the laying of the wreaths, each person or group laying a wreath was asked to "Say the name of each Veteran aloud" as they honored their memory.

The numerous groups who were part of the Wreath Laying ceremonies were members of the Sons of the American Revolution, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (Heritage Trails Chapter, Couthatt Trace Chapter, and Spring Creek Chapter), the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (Judge Nathaniel Hart Davis Chapter), the United Daughters of the Confederacy (Thomas Jefferson Stubbs Chapter and Rebel Joan of Arc Chapter), the United Daughters of the Confederacy; the Sons of the Republic of Texas (Lone Star Chapter), the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and Students from Montgomery High School, Junior High School, and Elementary school, along with the Boys Scouts and

JROTC cadets who were all part of the Wreath laying ceremonies honoring their ancestors buried in the cemetery. David Hamaker introduced Pat Spackey, descendant of Texas Patriot Dr. Charles B. Stewart, and the honorable Sara Countryman, Mayor of Montgomery, to lay the first wreaths in the cemetery. During Wreaths Across America Day across the Country, more than 2,500 cemeteries took part in honoring these men and women who have served our country. It was a beautiful day in Montgomery, Texas!



William Hightower Awards EMS Medal

During the Blanco County Commissioners Court in Johnson City on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, the William Hightower Chapter, Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), honored Blanco County Emergency Medical Service's EMS Chief Ben Oakley with the SAR Emergency Medical Services Commendation certificate and medal.

This commendation is presented to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contribution in the area of emergency medical services for performing an act or service beyond what is normally expected during the course of their duties.

Chief Oakley was highly recommended by Blanco County Judge Brett Bray.

In addition to directly saving many lives in his role, other highlights of this recommendation was Oakley's outstanding management of two EMS districts by staffing and procurement of state-of-the-art equipment for the benefit of Blanco County residents and visitors. As a member of the Blanco County Incident Command System, Oakley excelled in his role of Incident Commander during the 2015 Memorial Day Flood. Oakley has also participated in the Texas coastal hurricane rescue operations. As a vital member of the Blanco County Emergency Management Team, his advice and counsel are relied on to the benefit of all of Blanco County.

A certificate of award and medal with bar was presented by Blanco county resident Blair Rudy. Rudy is the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Color Guard Commander.

He was assisted by Robert Duckworth, Chief Ben Oakley, Judge Brett Bray, Eric Mowles, and Kris Krueger of the William Hightower Chapter in New Braunfels, Texas.



Blanco County EMS Chief Ben Oakley receives the Emergency Services Commendation Medal from the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Pictured, from left, are: Blair Rudy, Kris Krueger, Chief Ben Oakley, Blanco County Judge Brett Bray, Eric Mowles, and Robert Duckworth. (Photo by Candy Rudy)

REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOTS Buried in TEXAS

Ted Wilson, Edmund Terrill Chapter SAR
Texas SAR Archives/History/Yearbook Committee

Compatriots:

An on-going project for the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is the marking of ALL the graves of the patriots from the American Revolution who are buried in Texas. Only about 24 have been marked and not all by the SAR. Other organizations, like the DAR, DRT, and SRT, have marked some of the graves. My research revealed that the last Revolutionary War Patriots grave to be marked was that of Benjamin W. Anderson in the Glenfawn Cemetery near Glenfawn in East Texas. It was done by the Athens Chapter SAR on 24 November 2018. Bill Sekel conducted the program and the Edmund Terrill Chapter SAR provided the Color Guard. We also had Clayton Starr, a member of the SRT James George Chapter, talk about Benjamin enlisting in the local militia during the Texas Revolution at 85 years of age. He may be the only person to have fought in both revolutions. On a lighter note, he had a love for race horses and often rode them himself. At the age of 96, he fell off of one



and broke his leg in a race. Stories of this type you would never know unless you did research or attended the dedication.

When you locate the information on the Texas web site under "Who are we," you will find "Texas SAR Revolutionary War Patriot Grave Markings Project." The second paragraph goes into details as to what needs to be accomplished when marking a grave. I have been searching the Internet and local libraries for information on these patriots. The biggest draw back is that many of those needing to be marked are in East Texas. Granted some of the graves cannot be marked as they are on private property or the grave has not been located. Still, that does not mean that we should overlook them, but collect information on their lives when we can. It would allow the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution to have a more complete picture of the Revolutionary War Patriots from those who fought for the independence of a free nation.

You ask what can you do! We need some champions to take on one or two of these grave markings. Ask your chapter to join you in completing this work. By doing this we would be working on an on-going project that the Texas SAR has allowed to lapse. Part of this is because those who started it are no longer with us or cannot get out. We need to finish this great project before our 250th Anniversary of Independence occurs. Reach out to the DAR Chapters for additional help. Additionally, a good bio of the patriot, plus pictures of the marking and a program are needed, if available. These would be placed in the Texas SAR archives and history.

What are the benefits for you or your chapter? These marking are all National Events. There is a section on the Stark report for recording them. Color Guardsmen can count points toward National medals, plus you can count miles. They are open to all members of the SAR. Let's not forget that other organizations may want to join you and place their own marker on these graves. Who among you would like to work or organize one of these projects? Contact John Anderson <historian@txssar.org> or Ted Wilson <twilson6345@yahoo.com> and we will get the information to you.

Listed below are counties in which we have patriots buried and we need your help in getting their graves marked.

Angelina	Bowie	Dallas
Fannin	Jasper	Lamar
Liberty	Morris	Nacogdoches
San Augustine	Travis	Walker
Williamson		



Texas SAR Annual Conference

31 March - 3 April, 2022

**Hilton Richardson Dallas
701 East Campbell Road
Richardson, Texas 75081**

**Register for both the
Conference and Hotel
at**

<https://txssar.org/>

Select Events > Upcoming Meetings

Rates: Single or Double for \$115 plus taxes

Compatriot Speaks on His Virginia Long Rifle

Compatriot Bob Jacobs spoke at the January meeting of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter SAR about his newly built Virginia Long Rifle, for which the personal significance is that it's likely similar to what his Patriot ancestors would have carried. Perhaps in battle, but certainly to put food on the table. Samuel Jacobs (P-223912) was born in 1760 in Hampshire County, Virginia (now West Virginia) on the western slope of the Appalachians abutting the Proclamation Line of 1763. Samuel's father, William Jacobs, is presumed to have moved from the Chesapeake Bay region (where the Jacobs had lived for several generations) to Hampshire as the result of his service in the French and Indian War. William Jacobs (P-341202) would later serve as a Lieutenant in the Virginia Militia under Col. Henry Lee.

Bob's rifle is modeled after French and Indian War/early Revolutionary War era long rifles. It was built by Thom Frazier, an artisan gun maker in Minnesota, using a tiger maple stock, a 44" Rice swamped .54 caliber barrel, and a Jim Chamber's "Deluxe Large" Siler lock replicating an American forged lock of the period (the vast majority of locks were imported from England). Bob hopes to take a deer and/or turkey, to make Samuel and William proud, before relegating it to Color Guard duty and a permanent place of honor adorning his office wall.



Lt. Gen. John Wright, Jr.

John McNair Wright, Jr. was born in Los Angeles, California, on April 14, 1916. He enlisted in the Regular Army in 1935. He entered the U. S. Military Academy in 1936 and graduated from West Point in 1940.



CORREGIDOR

The White flag went up at noon. The war was over for the men on Corregidor. Three hours before noon on May 6, 1942, orders were issued to demolish all equipment. When the surrender flag was raised, Corregidor was a silent, battered wreck. No longer was it a strongly fortified island. Relentless Japanese air and artillery bombardment had reduced it to a white, dusty rock.



As John wrote in his diary, "We did not know at noon on May 6, 1942, that we were starting down a road to Hell. We did not know that many of us would plumb the depths of the bottomless pit and look death in the eye and that only one out of three prisoners of war would make the road back."

Through three and one half years they were POW's. Knowing how the Japs would love to have a West Point ring, John sewed his into the crotch of his drawers. Later, he sewed it into the cuffs of his trousers. When they were moved to Korea, the ship was bombed nine times by the Allied forces. The ninth time a major hole was opened and the ship was so damaged she was run to ground. John had to swim ashore and when they reached the beach, they were rounded up by Japanese Marines. When the end of the war came, rations were air lifted to the camps. As multi-colored parachutes dropped supplies, they sewed an American Flag out of red white and blue parachutes. On September 6, 1945, at the most impressive flag raising ceremony any of them had ever witnessed, they were again under the American Flag.



POST-WAR

John spent a year in the Hospital and from his diary that he had kept, he wrote **Captured on Corregidor: Diary of an American P.O.W. in World War II.**

John spent several years in Washington, D. C., and on November 1, 1948, he became a Major and a Military Attaché at the Embassy of the United States in Paraguay for a year.

He was a staff Officer of the 7th Infantry Division in Korea, then Colonel Chief of Staff 8th Infantry Division in Germany. In 1964, he became Assistant Division Commander Brigadier General at Ft Benning, Georgia, 11th Air Assault Division, where he took a Helicopter Course and was designated a U S Army Aviator and deployed to Vietnam.



VIETNAM

In 1965, he was the Assistant Division Commander 1st Cavalry Division in Vietnam where he was in charge of setting up a base camp. The 1,030 officers and men tasked with building the camp began their work. Wright directed that they plant grass on the ground they had cleared for the heliport. He believed that "each blade of grass was going to help in keeping down the dust, thus minimizing the maintenance problems that we would have on the helicopters as well as the wear on the rotor blades." He even ordered those working on the field to avoid scuffing the area with their boots, going so far as to declare that anyone who did would have to work in his bare feet. His exhortations to make the area "look exactly like a fine golf course" gave the heliport its nickname-"the Golf Course." He started flying rescue missions.

He went back to Ft Benning Georgia, as a Major General for more training at Infantry school.

In May 1969, he was the Major General Commanding the 101st Airborne Division - The Screaming Eagles. He was again flying rescue missions. For his leadership, he was awarded his second Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and 47 Air Medals.

POST-VIETNAM

After his second tour, he was promoted to Lt. General and transferred to the Pentagon as Controller of the Army.

John had moved to Irving, Texas, and made application to join the SAR. His application was approved October 5, 1981, and became the Dallas Chapter President in 1985.

In 1987/88, General Wright was President of the Texas Society. At the 97th Annual Congress in Pennsylvania in 1987, Lt. General John McNair Wright was almost exhausted by the time Recognition Night drew to a close - for he came from the audience to accept **nine** major awards on behalf of his society. At the 98th annual Congress in Virginia when the results were revealed, the Texas SAR walked off with the most honors - as it did last year. Texas also became the largest Society with 2020 members.

I became friends with Former State President David Peterson and I asked him if he knew General Wright. Yes, he met him in Korea as they were both in the 7th Infantry Division. David had high regards for General Wright.

John moved back to Los Angeles and was President of the Boy Scouts. John died January 27, 2014, and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery. In December 2019, I contacted Past President General Joe Dooley to see if I could get a picture of General Wright's grave with a Wreath placed on it.

Ernie Coggins , Past President of the George Washington Chapter, Virginia Society, was kind enough to find his grave and send me pictures.

By John Greer
Edmund Terrill Chapter





The 16th of January was the date chosen by the Texas Society to present a Charter to the newly organized **Ambassador Fletcher Warren Chapter** during a banquet in Greenville. The Chapter's namesake (seated, at left, with Society President Lt. Gen. John M. Wright), is a member of the **Dallas Chapter** and resident of Greenville. He served with the State Department for 40 years in a variety of positions that encompassed being Ambassador to Turkey, Nicaragua and Paraguay. Dignitaries attending the program included Former President General Clovis H. Brakebill (standing, left) and Vice-President General William R. Eddleman. Elected President was William C. Duck.

San Antonio's Annual Gala

Texas SAR President Drake Peddie is pictured with Texas SAR State Color Guard Commander Blair Rudy at the San Antonio Chapter SAR Annual Gala at the Petroleum Club in San Antonio on Saturday, January 25th.

*They clean up well,
don't they!*



Van Zandt Awards Flag Certificate



President Bobby Gresham and Flag Chairman & Past President Gerry Gieger presented Compatriot Bob Jacobs with a Certificate of Commendation in Recognition of Exemplary Patriotism in the Display of The Flag of the United States of America.

Texas SAR Historian's Corner

by John Anderson; historian@txssar.org

Texas SAR Newsletter Archives

At the suggestion of longtime Compatriot John Greer, Web Admin Ray Cox readily agreed to add the *Texas Compatriot* and *Texas Society SAR Bulletin* newsletter links to the Texas SAR public website. Now those older newsletters, archived by UNT to *The Portal of Texas History*, are quickly available for our research. Check them out in our public website within the **ABOUT TEXAS SAR > TEXAS COMPATRIOT NEWSLETTER > ARCHIVES** menu where Compatriot Cox made searches easy with optional sort options and quick access links.

1980 forward is now available. Please advise if you know of even older newsletters.

American Revolutionary War Patriots Buried In Texas

Compatriot Ted Wilson is seeking paragraph revisions to the verbiage written within the **ABOUT TEXAS SAR > HISTORY > AM.REV.WAR PATRIOTS BURIED IN TEXAS** menu. Please contact Compatriot Wilson twilson6345@yahoo.com, with improvement details.

Current History Committee Projects

I'm seeking chapter contributions of the following:

- Chapter Charter information; including a charter photo and charter members
- Members to complete/update their Texas Compatriot Questionnaire, especially new members
- Patriot medal winner photos by year, including group and individual photos.
- Chapter key members and their contributions
- State key officers and chairs and their contributions
- A committee member representing each chapter
- A SAR Grave marker, where permitted, for at least each SAR President General and Texas Past President buried in Texas
- Member assistance with the 250th American Anniversary Committee

Chapter Yearbook Judging

Please bring your Chapter Yearbooks to the 2022 Spring Convention by 8 am on Saturday, April 2nd, for judging later that day. The Texas SAR Americanism Awards committee will award 1st, 2nd and 3rd places of the best 2021 chapter yearbooks in four separate categories by chapter size: over 99, 50-99, under 50, and video. Often I'm asked *what's the judging criteria?* The answer is *there are no specific rules. Simply the best organization and presentation of your chapter activities will be awarded.*

Texas SAR History Volume III

To honor 20 years since the previous volume, the target to organize and develop the next volume is 2025. Let our steps now be focused towards that target.

UNT Archives

Don't forget to regularly archive your older chapter documents to the UNT Special Collections library. Chapter minutes, newsletters, programs, agendas, photos with captions, award lists, and old yearbooks make up the best for later chapter research but other documents can be donated too. UNT prefers digital documents and images of your donations, but paper donations are good too. Keep them until your chapter no longer needs local access, thereafter, don't let it get lost; archive it.

As a chapter courtesy, I offer my services for UNT delivery. Bring your donations to any state or district event and I will add them to this year's donations in your behalf. The UNT Gift Agreement form is required and available from our public website within the **About Texas SAR > History > Texas SAR Archives At UNT** menu. I should have some blank one available too.

Next Committee Meeting

To achieve regular progress, this committee meets several times through the year and not just at state meetings. Some great ideas have evolved from new and old members into some great projects. The next Archives/History/Yearbook committee meeting will be via zoom on Thursday March 24, at 6:30 pm. Send me an email and I'll send you the zoom link. All past state and chapter historians are welcome.

A New Texas Chapter

Ark-La-Tex #69



On Saturday, January 15, 2022, William (Bill) Sekel called the SAR meeting to order in Atlanta, Texas, for the official issuance of the charter of Ark-La-Tex Chapter #69 in Texas and the swearing in of the new officers. It had originally been chartered on October 10, 2021, and named for the region of East Texas where Atlanta is located.

The presentation of colors by the North Texas SAR Color Guard was commanded by Bob Kubin of the East Fork Trinity Chapter SAR. Other members of the Color Guard were: Walt Thomas and Paul Ridenour from the East Fork Trinity Chapter SAR; Bill Watts and J. D. Martin of the Dallas Chapter SAR; T. L. Holden and Ted Wilson of the Edmund Terrill Chapter SAR; Bob Johns of the Plano Chapter SAR; and Robert Millwee of the McKinney Chapter SAR.

This was followed by the pledges to the United States Flag, the Texas Flag, and the Sons of the American Revolution Flag. After which, the Color Guard retired.

Bill Sekel welcomed all the guests and members of the DAR Chapters and Regents of the Trammel's Trace Chapter NSDAR; Martha McCrow Chapter NSDAR; Martha Laird Chapter NSDAR; and the John Abston Chapter NSDAR. He also introduced the Color Guard members and which chapters they represented. He concluded with a warm welcome to all other guests as there were approximately 50 in attendance. He then introduced Texas SAR President Drake Peddie.



President Peddie spoke about his tenure as the state SAR President and changes that had occurred in many of the Texas SAR manuals, the web site being one of the best for the SAR, and how leadership for the next four years has been lined up. There was a big thank you to the Trammel's Trace Chapter NSDAR and Traci Jones for her work in getting the membership increased. The following new officers for the Ark-La-Tex Chapter SAR were called forward and sworn in: Clarence Burns, President; Richard Blackwood, Secretary; Dennis Beckham, Registrar, and Bill Sekel, Chancellor.



President Burns was then presented a framed Charter for the chapter. New members were then sworn in, they being: Donny, Christopher, and Maximus Aaron Addington. Traci Jones was presented the Martha Jefferson Medal for having 18 approved SAR applications, plus the Daughter of Liberty medal. The Trammel's Trace Chapter NSDAR also received a SAR Medal of Appreciation.



The President of the Ark-La-Tex Chapter spoke about the chapter coming into being and why it was so needed. He stated, "Over the past several years, his cousin from the Carolina's would come visit him and each time gave

him the message 'You need to know your ancestors.'" Then one year, he said "It's time you came back East." He decided to go visit his cousin and he took him to a number of cemeteries while there. As they walked among the headstones, some caught his eye and he asked why they were different. His cousin explained those were individuals who had fought in the War between the States. In another, there were other stones that caught his eye and he was told they belonged to his ancestors who fought in the Revolutionary War. His cousin then told him about the Sons of the American Revolution and when he returned home he searched for a chapter but could not locate one close to him in East Texas. He soon found there were others that had the same interest as he did and they got with the local Daughters of the American Revolution who helped them get a chapter established. There are a number of Revolutionary War Patriots buried in East Texas and their graves need to be found and marked.

The Athens Chapter donated flags to the new chapter and other chapters made a cash donation to them. They being: Dallas, Plano, East Fork Trinity, and Ambassador Fletcher Warren. John Greer spoke about many of the Veterans activities and presented a 50th Vietnam medal to one individual. We would like to send a warm greeting to the new Texas Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Ted Wilson



Sons of the American Revolution, Texas Society Color Guard National Event

Gainesville, TX Medal of Honor Parade

April 23, 2022

ARMY Air Force Navy



Date: Saturday April 23, 2022

Time: 10 a.m. (step off)

Muster: 9 a.m.

Location: 100 West Broadway Gainesville, TX. **Distance:** About one mile, flat easy walking.

Registration: Confirm your attendance to the point of contact, Gary Barker. Please note in your email if this is your first time to participate in this event. First time participants will receive the Texas Color Guard Bronze Bernardo de Galvez Medal unless they already have one. When made available, the specific rally location and the parade entry number will be provided to registered participants.

Point of Contact: Gary Barker: garybarker619@gmail.com or 903-819-4862

Attire:

All participants must be in complete colonial dress.

Flags/Muskets:

Bring your chapter/society flags, carriers and muskets. Limited trailer space may be available to you.

Health Alert: Bring water and/or electrolytes to carry in your haversack. It is important to stay-hydrated.

Blair Rudy
Color Guard Commander
Texas & South Central District
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February 8, 2022

Remembering Our Departed

John Joseph Millender

January 2, 2022

SAR #186665

Member Since March 12, 2013

Independence Chapter #40

Terry Michael Lowry

January 15, 2022

SAR #211344

Member Since April 18, 2019

Captain William Barron Chapter #25

Robert Ralph Truitt Sr.

January 15, 2022

SAR #105276

Member Since September 5, 1997

Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter #6

John Bennett Syptak

January 18, 2022

SAR #144579

Member Since May 19, 1995

Independence Chapter #40

James Jefferson Johnson Jr.

January 19, 2022

SAR #144730

Member Since June 6, 1995

Denton Chapter #23

Robert Dale Sparks

February 6, 2022

SAR #131400

Member Since May 2, 1988

East Fork-Trinity Chapter #47

James Edward Shaw

February 8, 2022

SAR #160219

Member Since April 14, 2003

McKinney Chapter #63

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

TXSSAR? NO! NO!

From the SAR Brand Identity Guide -

Brand fragmentation is a very serious problem that affects public recognition of SAR. Say “DAR” and nearly everyone, including the nonmember public knows that DAR is synonymous with Patriotism, Citizenship, and the Revolutionary War. Say “SAR” and not so many make the connection. Part of the reason is because too many letters are used in our abbreviations. For example, NSSAR, TXSSAR, TNSSAR, DESSAR, VTSSAR, KSSAR and ALSSAR. Would not SAR, Texas SAR, Tennessee SAR, Delaware SAR, Vermont SAR, Kansas SAR, and Alabama SAR serve as a better identity than the alphabet soup currently used? The identity of SAR is clear in the examples and demonstrates an obvious connection between the national, district, state, and chapters. The Guide recommends adoption of the revised identification protocol and that SAR HQ urge districts, states, and chapters to conform over the next two years. The Guide recommends each state to consider how they can take advantage of using the name of their state spelled out, not abbreviated, eliminate the redundant “Society” (synonymous with state) and use “SAR” for identity. Similarly, Districts and Chapters are requested to follow the example of national and states, using naming patterns such as Southern District SAR, Western District SAR, Andrew Jackson Chapter SAR, Birmingham Chapter SAR, George Washington Chapter SAR, George Mason Chapter SAR, etc.

The policy of the editor of this newsletter is to replace any reference to TXSSAR with Texas Society or Texas SAR. When writing articles for publication, please do not use TXSSAR.

In Memoriam

Dr. James Jefferson Johnson, Jr.

Another longtime member of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has passed into Eternity.

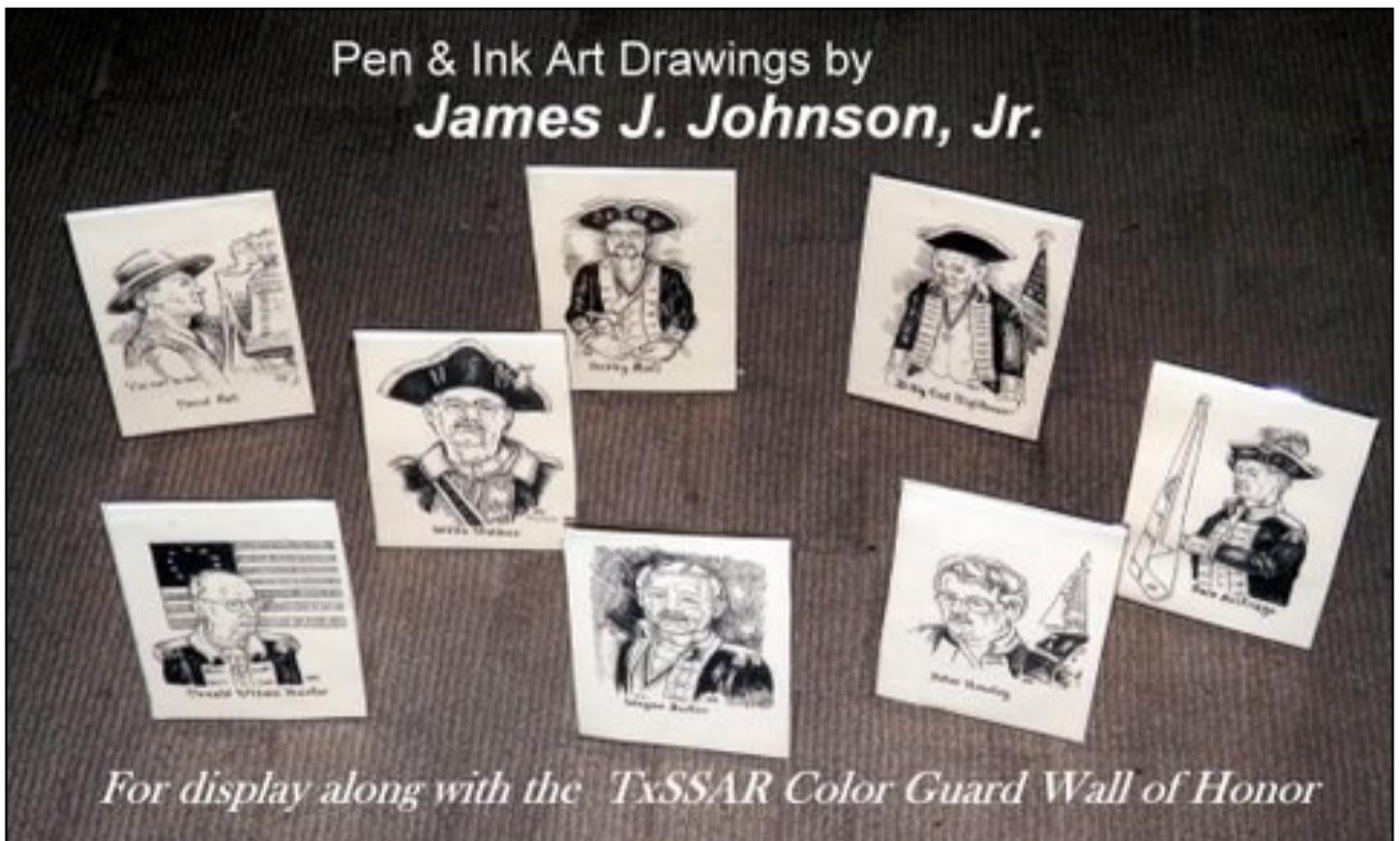
Dr. James Jefferson Johnson, Jr., a retired art professor, died on 19 Jan 2022 in Denton, Texas. Jim's application to become a member of the SAR and the Denton Chapter was registered on 15 Jun 1995.

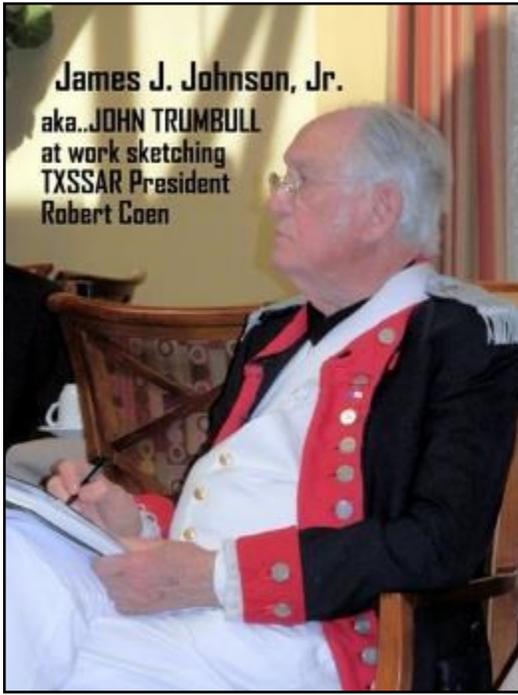
Jim was born 23 Mar 1935 in Sweetwater, Texas, the son of James Jefferson Johnson, Sr., and Ann Ellen Camp. He married Mary Lynn Miller on 17 Aug 1957 in Midland, Texas. He was the father of Melinda Ann Johnson Foster and James Jefferson Johnson, III.

Jim was a very active member of the SAR over the years. He participated in the Color Guard and as an artist, provided many sketches of SAR personages over the years. He was often seen at meetings with pen and sketchbook in hand. His sketchbooks were done between 1975 and 2002 and includes sketches of friends, family, personal events, travel, demonstrations of techniques for students,



events occurring on the North Texas State University (University of North Texas) campus, events related to the Sons of the American Revolution (Local, State, and National), sketches and notes of committee meetings for university meetings and for meetings of the Denton Greater Arts Council and the North Texas Area Art League, and from worship services.





His sketchbooks also included notes, drawings, collage, preparatory work for other artworks and publications, etc. His artwork was done in pen, pencil, watercolor, colored inks, etc. The sketchbooks total 25 volumes and are arranged in chronological order in the Library at the University of North Texas in Denton.

The Texas Regimental Cockade was designed by Jim and Mary Lynn Johnson of the Denton Chapter #23, Texas SAR. Mary Lynn makes the cockade entirely by hand and they are pin backed with a safety catch so they may be easily attached to hat or lapel.

Dr. Johnson received a Bachelor of Art and Education at West Texas State University, where he met his wife, Dr. Mary Lynn Johnson. He received a Master's Degree at University of Texas, El Paso, and a Ph.D. in Art Education from Pennsylvania State University. He joined the art faculty at North Texas State University in 1968, where he taught until 1995.

Jim was an active member of the Denton Community Theater, the North Texas Art League, the Greater Denton Arts Council, the Denton Historical Commission, and the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Initiated by Compatriot Jim Johnson, the Texas SAR began archiving documents at the University of North Texas in late December 2003.

History Within History

You only needed to view the pride on the parents' faces and the educational wonderment in the eyes of friends in the audience, as Region 4 participants presented their *ORATION*, to know that this youth contest event was very special. The contest was held on Saturday, January 29th, at the No. 1 British Flying Training School Museum located at the Terrell, Texas, airport. The airport is the site of a training school for British Airmen during World War II.



While Compatriot Bill Watts was setting up his video prior to recording each contestant's interpretation of **history**, all attendees (including judges and guests) enjoyed touring the facility's many **historical** displays and memorabilia collections, as Texas SAR Vice President CM&A Mark Harrison visited with all students and family members.



After confirming all contestants understood the rules and were fully qualified to compete, each contestant drew a numbered slip for their speech order. As Peter McLelland and Bob Kubin took to their Judges' seats and Tom

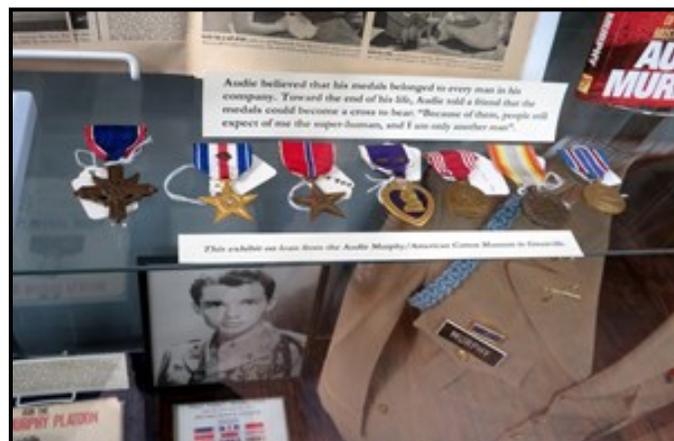
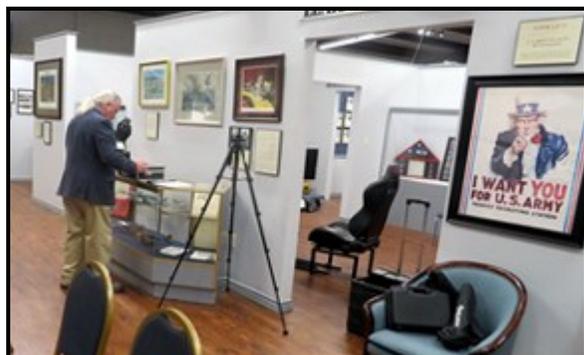


Whitelock set his stopwatch to time each student's performance, one relative from their family was selected to be the youth's "monitor/prompter." All of the American Revolution **History** topics or individuals contained in subject matter of the six speakers (who represented current **History**) were being presented in a facility honoring the **History** of a former generation.

By Tom Whitelock



Front Row (left to right):
 Amanda S., Suvonna B., Jocelyn R., Kara S., Terry K, Dylon N.
 Back Row (left to right):
 Jason Gray, Peter McLellan, Bob Kubin, Tom Whitelock



Compatriots (left to right):
 Peter McLellan, Bob Kubin, Mark Harrison, Bill Watts, Tom Whitelock



Compatriots (left to right):
 Peter McLellan, Bob Kubin, Jason Gray, Mark Harrison

Color Guard Update

There is a lot going on as we approach the spring state conference.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

Any George Washington celebration is a National Color Guard Event. That includes a rally, luncheon, or dinner that honors our beloved General Commander and President. Participation in a qualified event now earns Guardsmen twenty (20) points.

New National Color Guard Events

Two new National Color Guard Events were recently approved.

- Siege of Fort Morris, Georgia - November each year
- Frederica Naval Action, Georgia - April each year

COLOR GUARD ACTIVITIES AT THE STATE CONFERENCE

Texas SAR Color Guard Commander Blair Rudy will conduct a **Command School** on Thursday, March 31, from 1 - 3 pm in the Longhorn Rooms. Any guardsman wishing to have training on how to post and retrieve the colors are welcome. No uniform is needed; however, at 3 pm on the conclusion, the Color Guard will post our Texas SAR flag up the hotel outdoor flag pole. Meeting registration commences at 2 pm.

The Color Guard meeting will be on Friday, April 1, from 1 - 2 pm, with hopefully an early start at 12:30 pm. Friday lunch is a takeaway box so if you can grab one and head down to the Color Guard meeting room, the meeting should be able to begin at 12:30ish. The meeting must wrap-up around 1:40 pm to conduct a walk-through of posting the Colors at the onset of the 2 pm General Session.

The Color Guard will present the Colors on Friday, April 1st, at 2 pm for the General Session.

The Color Guard will present and retrieve the Colors for the Saturday, April 2, Youth Awards Luncheon.

The Color Guard will present the Colors at the Saturday evening Banquet with a walk-through just prior.

There will be a Color Guard Change of Command Ceremony during the Banquet.

At this time, the Color Guard will not retire the Colors following the Banquet, however, plans do change.

The Color Guard will retire the Colors at the conclusion of the Conference on Sunday morning, April 3.

MEDAL OF HONOR PARADE

Please plan to participate in the 2022 Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville on Saturday, April 23. This is a National Color Guard Event (20 points).

COLOR GUARD RALLY

As the Color Guard did in April 2021, a Color Guard Rally is scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2022, in Denison, Texas. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Additional information will be forthcoming.

HOW TO EARN MEDALS

The Texas SAR private website has updated information on how to earn Color Guard medals. This is an important update and you are encouraged to read it.

<https://texassar.org/!!TXS!!SAR!!/pdf/Medals.pdf>

The Color Guard Commanders and Staff will update the Color Guard Manual prior to the State Conference.

There are two kinds of Color Guard medals: Texas State Bernardo de Galvez and National Color Guard.

The Texas SAR Color Guard Bernardo de Galvez Medal program tracks types of events to earn recognition.

The National Color Guard Medal program uses a combination of types of events and points accrued. In addition to points for an event, it includes miles traveled points for the total points.

Maintain a uniformed Color Guard participation log for Texas and National medals. Texas Bernardo de Galvez Medals are Bronze, Silver, and Gold. The application form is found on the Texas SAR private website under the **Reports/Forms** menu, the **Color Guard** tab, and then **Color Guard Reporting Form**. National Color Guard Medals are also Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Texas uses the point method to apply for National Color Guard Medals. This program is more complicated than the Texas SAR Bernardo de Galvez program. Be sure to review the National Color Guard Handbook and obtain the form on the NSSAR website under **Members > Committees > Color Guard**.

Van Zandt Awards Heroism & Life Saving Medals to FWPD

On August 23, 2021, at 0222 hours, Sgt. Benjamin Bucy of the Fort Worth Police Department received a phone call from Off-Duty Officer Damon Johnson stating that he just witnessed a car accident at the new roundabout located at White Settlement Road and Commercial Street. Officer Johnson stated that the car flipped over and was now on fire and requested on-duty officers' assistance. Sgt. Bucy then relayed the information over the radio requesting all West 7th units with fire extinguishers to respond. He arrived on scene and could not immediately locate the vehicle. He drove around the roundabout until he was flagged down by Officer Johnson. Officer Johnson then pointed to where the vehicle was, which was approximately 150 feet off the roadway and down a hill, making it impossible to see from the street. Sgt. Bucy exited his vehicle and retrieved his fire extinguisher. He then approached the edge of the hill and was able to see down to where the vehicle was located. The vehicle had fire coming out of the hood and was on its side, making it so no one could get out of the vehicle. Officer Jonathan Stephens, Officer Carlos Almaraz, and Officer Nicholas Wenzel had now arrived on scene as well and also retrieved their fire extinguishers. Sgt. Bucy, Officer Stephens, Officer Almaraz, and Officer Wenzel all ran towards the burning vehicle. As the Officers approached the vehicle, they could hear screaming coming from inside the car as it was filling up with smoke. Sgt. Bucy and Officer Stephens then used the fire extinguishers to put out the fire which was growing larger by the second. Officers Wenzel and Almaraz, and now Officers Timothy Arrington and Rachel Warren, tried to bust the windshield of the vehicle to get the trapped and seriously injured women out of the burning car as they screamed for help. Once the fire was put out, Sgt. Bucy went to assist with getting the trapped people out of the car before the car caught on fire again. Seeing that the rescue of the passengers was not going well, he suggested pushing the vehicle over on to its wheels so the group of Officers could try to get the people out through the doors. All Officers on scene then assisted in pushing the vehicle back over on to its wheels. Once the vehicle was on its wheels, the Officers discovered that the doors were locked from the

inside. Officers then had to bust windows to the vehicle to be able to open the car doors. Once the doors were opened, the Officers were able to drag the two trapped passengers to safety. If it were not for the quick reaction by Officer Johnson to call Sgt. Bucy for assistance and the quick and brave actions of all responding officers placing themselves in harm's way, Sgt. Bucy stated, "I am sure that those human lives would have been lost to the fire of that vehicle. These actions of duty, honor and commitment reflects credit upon all of the officers, the Fort Worth Police Department, and the City of Fort Worth."

On Tuesday afternoon, February 22, 2022, a group of chapter officers traveled to the Fort Worth Police Department headquarters to recognize this group of officers for their heroism and life-saving efforts.

Chapter President Bobby Gresham, assisted by Mike Connelley and Ron Turner, presented the SAR Heroism Medal and Certificate to Sgt. Benjamin Bucy, Officer Damon Johnson, and Officer Jonathan Stephens. They presented the SAR Life Saving Medal and Certificate to Officer Carlos Almaraz, Officer Nicholas Wenzel, Officer Timothy Arrington, and Officer Rachel Warren.

Compatriots in attendance included: President Bobby Gresham, Immediate Past President Ron Turner, Past President Gerry Gieger, Past President Mike Connelley, Color Guard Commander Vann Cunningham, and FWPD Lt. David Fleming.



Past President Mike Connelley was the emcee for the award ceremony and is pictured with (left to right): Sgt. Benjamin Bucy, Ofc. Damon Johnson, Ofc. Jonathan Stephens, Ofc. Carlos Almaraz, Ofc. Nicholas Wenzel, and Ofc. Timothy Arrington. Not pictured is Ofc. Rachel Warren who was unable to attend.





Pictured from left to right: Compatriot Lt. David Fleming, Assistant Chief Joseph Sparrow, Assistant Chief Robert Alldredge, FWPD Chief Neil Noakes, Color Guard Commander Vann Cunningham, Past President Gerry Gieger, Immediate Past President Ron Turner, President Bobby Gresham, Sgt. Benjamin Bucy, Ofc. Damon Johnson, Ofc. Jonathan Stephens, Ofc. Carlos Almarez, Ofc. Nicholas Wenzel, Ofc. Timothy Arrington, and Past President Mike Connelley.



On February 1, 2022, Ms. Rhonda Stell, Mayor of Johnson City, presented Texas SAR Color Guard Commander Blair Rudy with a proclamation issued for George Washington's Birthday.

A Day for George



The Blanco County Commissioner's Court passed a proclamation February 22nd in honor of George Washington Day. The proclamation was issued on his actual birthday. Texas SAR Color Guard Commander Blair Rudy is pictured with Blanco County Judge Brett Bray.

RULES FOR THE ROSS L. SHIPMAN NEWSLETTER COMPETITION

The Ross L. Shipman Newsletter Competition Award is presented to a Texas SAR Chapter with the Best Newsletter for the calendar year. The Award is presented for three categories.

1. **The Multi-sheet Newsletter** - This competition is for the best newsletter using the multi-sheet format and **issuing at least 8 issues a year.**
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Copies of the newsletter should be sent to the Editor, *The Texas Compatriot*, and the Chairman, Ross L. Shipman Newsletter Committee **after every publication.** The Chairman will file the newsletters and use them when time to evaluate them. The evaluation will occur in February of each year to determine the winning chapters in each category.

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How to Submit Items to

The Texas Compatriot

The Texas Compatriot welcomes submissions from compatriots. Here are some tips on getting your story published.

1. Keep your article as short as you can while still telling the story. Send stories in Microsoft Word format to compatriot@txssar.org.
2. Send digital photographs as attachments and not embedded into the Word document. They also should be sent to compatriot@txssar.org.
3. Make sure your images are high resolution, at least 300 DPI, and that no time or date stamps appear on the images.
4. Limit the number of photographs to those you would most like to see published.
5. Meet the deadlines published for and in each issue.

New Picture Policy

To publish photos of children under the age of 18 in *The Texas Compatriot*, your local chapter newsletter, or on your chapter website, you must have a signed parental form that gives us (the Texas Society SAR) permission to publish the child's name and photo. You can find the form on the Society's public website under **Contest/Programs > Permission/Release Form**.

https://www.txssar.org/pdf/Permission_Youth.pdf.

Before the child's picture can appear in *The Texas Compatriot*, the signed consent form must be on file in the editor's office.

Publishing Deadlines

Deadlines for content inclusion in *The Texas Compatriot* are: **February 28th, May 31st, August 31st, & November 31st each year**. Planned publication dates for *The Texas Compatriot* are no later than the last day of the months of March, June, September, & December each year.

Newsletter Committee

Ron Turner, Chairman of the Texas Society Newsletter Committee, is seeking members of the society who have an interest in serving on the committee.

The Mission of the Newsletter Committee is to insure the history of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, is reported and preserved in a timely manner in a publication named *The Texas Compatriot*. It is a goal of this committee to publish newsletters featuring member activities at the National, State, and Local Chapter level, and to report on educational, public, and veteran activities, our Youth Programs, and those events honoring our public servants in each issue.

Compatriot Turner desires that every chapter in the Texas Society have a representative on the Newsletter Committee. Every chapter president should ensure that his chapter is represented on the committee. If your chapter has a newsletter, the editor of said newsletter should be on the committee as your chapter's representative.

All interested parties should contact Ron Turner at rjturner0815@gmail.com.

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