



Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

“Chisholm Trail News”

Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter

Fort Worth, Texas

18 May 2016



NEXT MEETING: May 21, 2016

TIME: 9:00 am

LOCATION: Woodhaven Country Club

FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK:

No meeting in May there is a conflict with both the club and Memorial Day!

The June, 2016 chapter meeting may have as its speaker, George Salerno, consultant, Economic Liaison for the Office of Transition, U S Department of Veterans Affairs in the Dallas / Fort Worth area. His role is the assistance in employment transition and career opportunities for US military veterans in the Dallas / Fort Worth area; he will be speaking on this topic. Mr. Salerno is a retired US Army Colonel. Also, for the past four to five weeks, the chapter has been in the midst of its annual ROTC / JROTC awards events; many of you have helped the chapter in this regard and your assistance has been appreciated.



Chapter Treasurer Vaughn Oliver presenting the Silver ROTC award to Air Force ROTC cadet Josh Joens at the TCU awards program.

Last month I handed out Vietnam War lapel pins to attending chapter members who are to present them to Vietnam War veterans over

the next thirty days. Hopefully, many of you have done that and can share that story at the May Meeting. Also, the chapter has several Vietnam War recognition ceremonies coming up in May- Former FBI Agents-Dallas chapter; Central Christian Church, Weatherford (Vaughn Oliver church); Rush Creek Christian Church, Arlington (Chuck Hield church) and Church at the Crossing, Aledo (Mike Connelley church). Remember, the chapter can help you get these ceremonies held at your church or other organizations.

Let's don't forget that the chapter will be taking up a collection at the May meeting for Matt Pearce, the injured Fort Worth Police Officer. We want to add to what was collected in April and Vaughn Oliver, our chapter secretary, challenged the chapter to make it up to a \$500.00 donation; we are close to that amount. If you want to contribute and cannot make the meeting, mail a check to Treasurer Vaughn Oliver.

Member Profile:



We have been posting a new member BIO on the chapter webpage for some time now that has allowed us to become acquainted with the new members entering the chapter. I thought it would be a good idea to profile some of the longtime members of the chapter who have been a part of the building of this chapter. I will attempt to put a longtime member of the chapter in the newsletter each month; a good place to start is with Donald Goodman.

Don Goodman has been a longtime and loyal member of the chapter. He was born and raised in Coleman, Texas and spent thirty years on active duty and reserves with the Air Force, serving in Korea, Taiwan and other Far East locations. Don had three children and is currently married and resides on the east side of Fort Worth, not far from the Woodhaven Country Club. Don's business career continued after the Air Force with his work in the area of mediation, arbitration and human resource work. He is also the author of several books on the topic of collective bargaining, labor law, history and genealogy.

Don has been an SAR member since 1991. Over the years he has served the chapter in several capacities, genealogist, poster contest, Law enforcement program, heroism award and EMT award committee. Don has also been a very loyal supporter of veteran's activities including the collection of books, magazines and DVDs for distribution at area VA hospitals or clinics. Around 1993 Don headed a committee to rejuvenate the chapter, is a past chapter president and also chaired the chapter committee which hosted the TXSSAR annual meeting around 2004. Don is always at his "post" each month, collecting the meeting fee and providing "wise counsel".

This is the first call for Texas Delegates to the 126th Annual Sons of the American Revolution National Congress to be held in Boston, MA from July 8-13, 2016 (<http://www.txssar.org/cgi-bin/dada/mail.cgi/r/chpres/248190125640/>). If you plan on attending the Congress and are interested in serving the Texas SAR as an official delegate, PLEASE provide the following to sec@txssar.org:

- 1) Put CONGRESS DELEGATE in the subject line .
- 2) Include your full name and NSSAR Number.
- 3) Include your Address/city/zip

4) Include your Texas SAR Chapter Name/Number

As we build the list, I will provide periodic updates with future requests.....

Regards,
Drake Peddie
State Secretary - Texas SAR

Past President Ken Cox sent this message “a link to the various Tarrant County area Memorial Day events. The link is <http://tcvc.us/mdp.pdf> hope it gets you there.”

Gerry Gieger making Vietnam recognitions at his Church. You may do this too.



Vietnam War 50th
Anniversary Commemoration
“Fifty Years ago in History”

Beginning in 2014, the Sons of the American Revolution along with the U. S. Defense Department is commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. Our chapter is part of this commemoration program. As part of that event, the chapter will look back at events from the Vietnam War that occurred during a particular month from the Vietnam War era.

The year 2016 is like looking back 50 years to when Vietnam was either in the near future for many of you, or was already a reality This is a sampling of what **occurred in this month (May) during the Vietnam War**, some fifty years ago:

May 1961 1st Army Security Agency Contingent arrives in South Vietnam

May 20, 1964 Marine Detachment Advisory Group One arrives in South Vietnam

May 7, 1965 First Ground combat unit (173rd Airborne Brigade) deploys to South Vietnam

May 31, 1967 CIA flies surveillance in operation BLACK SHIELD using Lockheed A-12 Blackbird

May 1, 1970 President Nixon authorizes the use of B-52 bombers in Cambodia

May 12, 1975 A Khmer Rouge gunboat seized the American ship, USS Mayaguez, in the Gulf of Thailand. The crew was release on May 15th.

The chapter will induct a new member, Ron Turner, at the May 21st meeting. Ron is military veterans having served in the US Navy from 1969 to 1973 as a communications technician interpreter/translator for both French and Thai language while stationed in the Philippines, including support for Henry Kissinger during the Paris peace talks of 1973.

The chapter is continuing to provide support for a number of 50th anniversary Vietnam Veteran recognition events with several planned in May at church services of our chapter members. Veterans will be recognized at these events in Weatherford, Aledo and Arlington. Hope to see you at the May chapter meeting where our speaker will be a representative of the VA who will discuss employment initiatives for veterans.

Mike Connelley, President, K M Van Zandt chapter



The Color Guard is “always” Recruiting-

Several times a year the Chapter is asked to present the colors or provide a color guard or honor guard for various civic functions. We are always looking for new members. Please contact Compatriot Gerry Gieger (817) 297-1078 or gieger@flash.net if you are interested.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!!

Visit our chapter website at <http://www.txssar.org/KMVanZandt/SARFTW/Welcome.html>