



Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

“Chisholm Trail News”

Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter

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NEXT MEETING: February 18, 2017 **TIME:** 9:00 am **LOCATION:** Woodhaven Country Club



FYPD officers Matt Pearce and Brandi Kamper with chapter president Mike Connelley during the January 2017 meeting. Matt was seriously wounded in a shootout in March 2016 and Brandi literally saved his life while performing life-saving medical aid as the perpetrator continued to fire at them and other Fort Worth officers. Both were honored by our chapter for their role in this event. These two officers deserve our thanks.

From the President's Desk: The February 18th meeting will honor our EMT employee of the year along with recognizing the chapter winner of the Tom Lawrence SAR History Teacher of the Year award. I hope you can join us that morning.

I had hoped to kick off our year long series on battles of the American Revolutionary War with the February meeting but our speaker on equipment and weapons of the common soldier had to cancel; his talk is rescheduled for May. We will begin the series in March with a representative from the National Archives who will touch on family research during the Revolutionary War period along with information on researching the battles of the War.

Make sure you get the chapter membership dues paid for the year 2017. The invoices came out in the fall of 2016. You can check the Texas SAR website to see if you are current on your dues. <http://txssar.org/!!TXS!!SAR!!/roster/TXSSARRoster-Chapter.pdf> . This link should take you to the current Texas SAR roster; go to chapter 6 (that's us) and see if you are current or not on the dues. Any questions or problems checking the on-line roster or get hold of me.

I hope to see many of you there during our chapter series of 2017 meetings as I move toward the end of my two-year stint as the chapter president. The 122nd Texas SAR convention will be in San Antonio in March 2017. I would like to see some of our new members take the opportunity to attend one of the conventions. It is an interesting event in which many of the individual and chapter awards are presented. Check out the Texas SAR website for details; the link is as follows: http://txssar.org/reg_mar17.htm



Had the privilege of visiting the Nathaniel Mills Chapter, DAR, in the mid-cities on 2/4/2017. The photo is with Regent Sharon Katz, on left and Alice Stone on right. They will be visiting our chapter later in the year to recognize our chapter military veterans.

Chapter Member Profile: We haven't done this in a couple of months so it is time to take a look at another longtime chapter member. Paul Valentine has served the chapter long and well by taking care of the chapter website in addition to being the "authorized photographer" for pictures that we see on the website and in the newsletter. Paul was born in Dennison, Ohio back in 1936. His Dad was pastor of Park Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Dennison, Ohio. Around the age of 3, Paul and his parents moved to Charleston, West Virginia where his Dad was the State Secretary for the Disciple of Christ Churches in West Virginia. A year or so later, the family moved to Huntington, WV where Paul grew up. He graduated high school in 1954 and briefly attended Marshal University. He went to work for the McCrory store chain and became a store manager. After leaving McCrory's he worked for the Myers' store chain and then went to work for a local home builder as a building superintendent. He eventually went in the mortgage lending business along with home construction, repair and remodeling. While now "semi-retired" he still helps out a few of his old customers.

Paul is a "professional photographer" (my words not Paul's) and has assumed this role with the chapter for some years now, in addition to taking the photos and caring for the chapter website, Paul is involved in various veterans' programs with the chapter. Go to the chapter website; <http://www.sarftw.org/Welcome.html> and then to the link for "photos" and you will see some of his handiwork from past meetings and official events.

Paul descends from Peter Feaser, who was born in 1741 in Pennsylvania. Peter served in the Captain Isaac Adams Company of Light Infantry, a militia unit. If you don't know Paul, look around during the meeting; you will spot he and his camera just about every third Saturday morning of each month taking the "official chapter photos".

This Month during the Revolutionary War: The month of February was traditionally and typically quiet as far as combat action during the Revolutionary War. Winter weather was always a major concern and most battles occurred during the warmer months, especially in the northern campaigns. February 27th, 1776 the patriots drive the loyalists from Moore's Creek Bridge, NC. On February 6th, 1778, the United States and France signed the French Alliance. On February 1, 1781, the Battle of Cowan's Ford, Huntersville, NC occurred. A Patriot militia force of 340 led by Colonel Andrew Pickens of South Carolina with Colonel John Dooly and Lieutenant Colonel Elijah Clarke of Georgia defeats a larger force of 700 Loyalist militia commanded by Colonel James Boyd on this day in 1779 at Kettle Creek, Georgia.



DAR Pictures supporting the Cleburne Chapter with Brazos Valley Chapter from Vice President Gerry Geiger.



Pass Pres. James Alderman has provided this picture of Sea Cadet Logan M. Lisenby. Logan was SAR cadet of the year.

<https://www.sar.org> Link to the National Site which has a link to our state site.

Tad Bit about Valentines Day:

In truth, the exact origins and identity of St. Valentine are unclear. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, “At least three different Saint Valentines, all of them martyrs, are mentioned in the early martyrologies under the date of 14 February.” One was a priest in Rome, the second one was a bishop of Interamna (now Terni, Italy) and the third St. Valentine was a martyr in the Roman province of Africa.



Standing Guard at the National Cemetary

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 the chapter color guard commander, Compatriot Bobby Gresham, at email address: “gresham817@att.net”

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!!

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