

# Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution



## “Chisholm Trail News”

Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter

Fort Worth, Texas

10 July 2017



**NEXT MEETING:** July 15, 2017

**TIME:** 9:00 am

**LOCATION:** Woodhaven Country Club

**FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK:** The year 2017 is about ½ over and we are also half way through our year’s programs on selective battles of the American Revolution; July will be a presentation on Kings’ Mountain; what fact about our **chapter membership** is connected to the battle at Kings Mountain?? The answer at the July meeting. The chapter was well represented at the White Lake Hills addition July 4<sup>th</sup> parade as seen in the below photo. We had good representation for an event that we, as a chapter, have been supporting for a number of years.

The chapter is also beginning to put the newsletter on the chapter website. We hope this will help to ensure that most of our members are aware of the newsletter and can access it either by email from the chapter or by viewing it on the chapter website. Don’t forget; the link for the website is as follows;  
<http://www.sarftw.org/Welcome.html> .The newsletter will be found at a link on the home page entitled “news”; just follow the prompts given there and the newsletter should appear.

**The month of July during the Revolutionary War:** On July 3, 1775, George Washington assumed command of the Continental Army. In 1775 it is estimated to have 14,000 to 16,000 troops. The next year, on July 4, 1776, Congress adopts the Declaration of Independence and it is sent to the printers for copies to be printed. A few days later, July 8, 1776, the Declaration of Independence is read publically. Take note of the photograph below that shows a reading of the Declaration of Independence this July 4<sup>th</sup> in Cooke County, some 241 years later.



The photo to the left was taken at the burial / memorial service for the Pearl Harbor veteran whose remains were recently identified and then buried in Arlington, Texas. This event occurred earlier in the month of July. SAR color guard members and US Navy Personnel in attendance.



The above photos show chapter color guard members at two July 4<sup>th</sup> events. David Davidson (left photo) at the reading of the Declaration of Independence at Cooke County Courthouse, Gainesville, TX; the right photo is a strong representation of our chapter members at the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> parade at White Lake Hills addition, near the Woodhaven Country Club. Chapter member Donald Goodman has been instrumental on keeping this tradition alive.

### **DATES TO SET ASIDE**

**April 5-8, 2018 - Texas SAR Annual Conference**

Hyatt Regency North Dallas, 701 East Campbell Rd., Richardson, TX 75081

**July 13-18, 2018 - 128<sup>th</sup> SAR National Congress**

Houston, TX

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### **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!!!**

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