



Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

“Chisholm Trail News”

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NEXT MEETING: September 16, 2017 **TIME:** 9:00 am **LOCATION:** Woodhaven Country Club

FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK: Summer has ended and we move into the fall 2017 meetings beginning with the September meeting on 9/16/ 2017; we continue with the theme on battles of the American Revolution with a turn toward “Christianity during the time of the American Revolution”. This talk will be by our own chapter member, James Alderman. What do you know about the faith of your ancestors? Were they Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, unknown? In my case, one branch of my ancestor family was from the “Covenanters”, a branch of the Presbyterian faith that was being persecuted in Scotland and Ireland. Many of them fled to North America in the early to mid-1700s to escape the persecution by the King of England. I suspect they relished the opportunity to strike back during the Revolutionary War.

We need to continue to keep our fellow chapter members in the Houston / Gulf coast area in our thoughts and prayers as many struggle to recover from the devastating hurricane. The Texas State SAR Board of Managers meeting is in Galveston in October 2017 and the National SAR meeting is in Houston in 2018.

I will not make the September meeting but will be in Florida at a Convention. While there, I will be conducting a presentation of the Vietnam War Commemoration lapel pin to about 100 former FBI Agents who served in the military during the Vietnam War as young men and women, before entering on duty with the FBI. The event will be attended by over 500 former agents and their spouses.

We are entering the timeframe of the various youth scholarship contests that Texas SAR and the chapter support. Each chapter member should consider themselves a “committee of one” as you seek out schools or individual entrants for the various contests. Your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. from elementary level on up to high school will most likely be eligible for one of these competitions. The Eagle Scout award is handled by member Scott Manning; the Knight Essay is handled by myself and Mike Howe, and the Poster Contest by Ron Turner. The deadline for the Oration contest expired in early September and the chapter had no entrants. Get in touch with me if you have any youth family members interested in any of the award programs.

Word versus PDF?

We received a report that some members may not be able to view PDF files, which is our preferred method for sending attachments to the membership. This month, you are getting both versions, Word and PDF. The Word file is restricted to View only and does not allow any changes to the content. So, we are taking a survey. Reply to this email (rjturner0815@gmail.com) if you are NOT able to open and read PDF files.

This Month during the Revolutionary War: The month of September during the American Revolution saw some highs and some lows for American cause.

- September 1774 was the initial meeting of the First Continental Congress in Philadelphia who were at issue with the King and Parliament in Great Britain. The names of John Adams, George Washington, Patrick Henry, Richard Henry Lee, Samuel Adams and others were delegates.
- September 15, 1776- the British occupy New York City
- September 11, 1777- The British win the Battle of Brandywine, PA
- September 15, 1781- French drive the British Naval forces from Chesapeake Bay
- September 3, 1783 - USA and Great Britain sign the Treaty of Paris
- September 17, 1787 - The U.S. Constitution is signed

AUGUST MEETING



Meet Compatriot Billy Eugene Thompson, our chapter's newest member.

Pictured here with Chapter Registrar and Vice President Gerry Gieger, and Compatriot James Alderman.

Please review the August meeting minutes before the September meeting. <http://www.sarftw.org/Minutes.html>

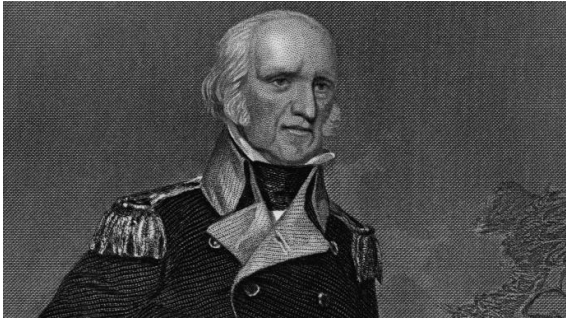
Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 11, 2017, for Fort Worth's Annual Veteran's Day Parade.

The Chapter is planning to have two floats this year and will be joined by the ladies of the DAR for the first time. This is last year's float and participants.



UNSUNG HEROES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

John Stark



When news of the shots fired at Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775, reached John Stark in New Hampshire the following day, the 46-year-old farmer and sawmill operator immediately recruited 400 men and marched to Boston. The French and Indian War veteran led his regiment into the Battle of Bunker Hill on June 17, 1775, and posted them in a noticeable gap in the patriots' defense from which they prevented the British from getting around the American line. "If the British had gotten into the rear, the patriots would have been routed," Kelly says, "so

Stark saved the day at Bunker Hill." While the patriots ultimately lost the battle, thanks to Stark they inflicted severe casualties on the British. Two years later, Stark's militia stopped the momentum of the British advance from Canada at the Battle of Bennington. When the elderly Stark sent his regrets for his inability to attend an 1809 reunion of veterans from that battle, he closed with the exhortation "Live free or die," which was adopted as the New Hampshire state motto in 1945.

Daniel Morgan

"Daniel Morgan was a natural fighter," Kelly says. "He grew up on the frontier and for fun fought in no-holds-barred brawls." In the summer of 1775, the rowdy Virginian answered the call for volunteers and commanded the first troops specifically recruited for a national army by the Continental Congress. Morgan's group of backwoods Virginia riflemen participated in the siege of Boston and answered Washington's call for recruits in the failed invasion of Canada. Nicknamed "Old Wagoner" for his work driving supplies during the French and Indian War, Morgan spent a year as a prisoner of war after being captured at Quebec in December 1775. Receiving the rank of colonel after his release, Morgan fought at the Battle of Saratoga in 1777. Three years later, he was promoted to brigadier general and given command of light infantry corps during the Southern Campaign. His most memorable victory came on January 17, 1781 with a stunning triumph at the Battle of Cowpens in South Carolina..



THE FIRST EVER COMBAT SUBMARINE WAS USED IN REVOLUTIONARY WAR

In 1775, David Bushnell an inventor created a submarine that was named turtle. Bushnell wanted to use this submarine to attack British ships at New York Harbor. Bushnell's submarine is known as the world's first submarine that was used in combat. David Bushnell planned to destroy the ships by attaching a time bomb with their hulls. In September 1776, he went to destroy a British Vessel HMS Eagle. When he went under the ship his submarine stuck with rudder bar of the Ship. Bushnell has to run away without completing his mission. Later, Bushnell also tried many attacks on British ships but none were successful because of the copper sheet on the hulls of ship.





Houston is the host city for the 2018 SAR National Congress from July 11 through July 19, 2018. The host hotel is the Westin Houston Hotel, Memorial City, connected by a skywalk to the Memorial City Mall.

Hotel Registration is open now. Two types of rooms are available at this time. You can get a room with a king bed or two doubles. Cost is \$159 per night plus tax.

You have two ways to make reservations:

By phone: Call 1-800-937-8461. When making the reservation please tell them you are registering at the WESTIN MEMORIAL CITY, HOUSTON FOR THE NSSAR or NATIONAL SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION group rate.

On line: [Please Click Here](#) to get to the online registration page.

Please plan to attend. It's not often that Congress is so close.

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>

