



**Texas Society**  
**Sons of the American Revolution**  
**Chisholm Trail News**



Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter  
 Fort Worth, Texas  
 April 11, 2018

**NEXT MEETING:** April 21, 2018

**TIME:** 9:00 am

**LOCATION:** Woodhaven Country Club

**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:**

Hello Compatriots:

We just returned from the Annual meeting of our Texas Society held in Richardson on 6-8 April, where several of our members, and some wives, were present. Great time of comradery, while conducting the Business of our Society.

Again, we encourage each of you to help our Chapter grow by enlisting your sons, grandsons, brothers, nephews and cousins. YOU are our best tool for growth and our Youth Programs need young folks to take advantage of the generous Cash awards offered.

Finally, The National Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution will be in Houston, Texas, 13-18 July, which is a great opportunity for all of us to learn about preserving American History and understanding the inward working of the SAR, without going out of state. Please consider attending. <https://sar.org/annual-sar-congress>

Hope to see you at our April Chapter meeting on Saturday the 21st.

Gerry

**CHAPTER OFFICERS**  
**2018-2019**

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- Sergeant-at-Arms & Color Guard Commander  
Robert G. "Bobby" Gresham

**New Survey for Our Members**

You will soon receive an email with a survey attached. We encourage you to complete and return the survey. Your completion of the survey will allow us to ensure our chapter membership records are up-to-date and provide an avenue for chapter leadership to understand how best to serve you. Moving forward, we plan to provide the survey to each new member who submits an application.



## THIS MONTH DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR (1776-1780):

**In April of 1776**, the Continental Congress gives privateers permission to "by force of arms, attack, subdue, and take all ships and other vessels belonging to the inhabitants of Great Britain."

In Brussels, Belgium, an ordinance is passed prohibiting the trade of munitions or articles of war with the American colonies.

Congress resolves to allow exports from the colonies to any part of the world not under British rule. They also vote to allow the importation of any goods except those grown, produced, or shipped from any country under the King's rule.

Captain John Barry, commander of the sloop of war Lexington, makes the first U.S. Navy capture of a British warship, the sloop Edward, under battle conditions.

The Provincial Congress in North Carolina empowers its delegates to the Continental Congress to concur with delegates from other colonies in declaring independence. They are the first colony to do so.

In Williamsburg, Virginia, General Charles Lee instructs regimental recruiting officers to enlist no natives of Great Britain or Ireland unless they have been longtime residents of America, have dependents in the country, or can provide a strong recommendation.

**In 1777**, a British expedition led by Cornwallis surprises American troops at Bound Brook, New Jersey. American Major General Benjamin Lincoln and most of his 500 troops escape capture, although the artillery detachment and its guns are seized by the British.

British troops under the command of General William Tryon attack Danbury, Connecticut, where they destroy houses, barns, storehouses, and more than 1,500 tents. As the British withdraw, they are attacked by American forces under Generals Benedict Arnold, David Wooster, and Gold Silliman. The outnumbered American troops are unable to stop the British who march through Ridgefield and Compo Hill, Connecticut, en route to their ships at Long Island Sound.

**In 1778**, John Adams replaces Silas Deane as a member of the commission representing the interests of the United States in France. Lee believes that Deane is misappropriating French funds. Later, it is discovered that Deane is also passing information along to the British.

The Continental Congress declares that "the United States cannot hold with propriety any conference or treaty with any commissioners on the part of Great Britain unless they as a preliminary thereto, either withdraw their fleets and armies or else in positive and express terms acknowledge of the said states."

John Paul Jones leads a detachment from the U.S.S. Ranger, setting three ships on fire while also spiking the guns of two forts protecting the port of Whitehaven, England. Later in the day, Jones attempts to capture the Earl of Selkirk at St. Mary's Isle but fails. These American assaults on the British Isles lead to consternation in Parliament.

**In 1780**, The British, commanded by General Henry Clinton, begin what is termed "the one solid British triumph of the war." This bold move is intended to subjugate the South from Georgia to the Chesapeake.

A force of 3,000 men is led by General William Alexander (Lord Stirling) from Elizabethtown Point to Staten Island, in an attempt to surprise the British. The British are informed of the raid and after spending an entire day in snow and below freezing weather, the Americans withdraw after capturing 17 prisoners and a marginal amount of booty. Alexander's losses total six men killed. The unruly behavior of the militia accompanying his forces causes the British to retaliate by burning the Elizabethtown courthouse and the academy at Newark.



President Gerry Gieger and Compatriot Mike Connelley presented Isaac Kerhman with the Eagle Scout Award certificate and medal.

President Gerry Gieger presented the Medal of Appreciation Award to Linda Johnson, Mary Isham Keith Chapter, on March 1. Joining them was Gwen Boyd, Regent, Mary Isham Keith Chapter of the NSDAR.



President Gerry Gieger presented Compatriot Don Goodman with the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal.

President Gerry Gieger presented Compatriot Billy Thompson with the SAR Veteran Corps certificate for his military service.





President Gerry Gieger administered the oath to new members (l to r): David Rankin, Nicholas Mandich, Timothy Hawkins, and Wade Chaney. Registrar David Davidson pinned the new members with the SAR rosette.

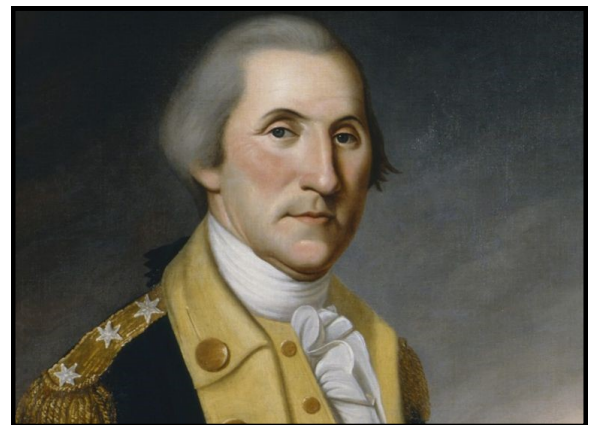
## MARCH MINUTES

Please review the minutes for our March chapter meeting prior to attending the next meeting in April.

<http://www.txssar.org/KMVanZandt/docs/minutes/minutes201803.pdf>.

## George Washington's Prayer for the United States of America

*Almighty GOD; we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection, that thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States of America at large. And finally, that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of The Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech thee, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



# Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution 2018 State Convention

The Texas Society held its 2018 state convention over the weekend of April 5–8, 2018, at the Hyatt Regency North Dallas in Richardson, Texas.

Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter #6 was well-represented at the convention with seven delegates from our chapter and one of our dual members representing Arlington Chapter #7.

In the picture at right, members of Van Zandt Chapter participate in the State Color Guard’s presenting the colors at the opening session of convention.



Van Zandt Chapter #6 Delegates to Convention (L to R)  
John Anderson (Arlington Chapter #7), Chase Sanger, Gerry Gieger, James Alderman, Bobby Gresham, David Davidson, Mike Connelley, & Ron Turner



(L to R) John & Meg Anderson, Chase Sanger, Gerry & Sharon Gieger, Mike & Sarah Connelley, James Alderman, Bobby Gresham, Ron Turner, Ja’Ann Alderman, & District 5 Vice President Ron Carter



(L to R) Mike & Sarah Connelley, Jan Turner, Chase Sanger, James & Ja’Ann Alderman, Meg Anderson, Dana Gresham, John Anderson



(L to R) Gerry Gieger, Sarah Connelley, Jan & Ron Turner

## ROTC and JROTC Award Presentations

During the month of April, the chapter completes the majority of its ROTC and JROTC award presentations. On April 12th, Compatriot James Alderman presented awards to the Army ROTC unit at TCU.

We have four presentations on April 19th. Compatriot Vaughn Oliver will present awards to the Air Force ROTC unit at TCU. Compatriot David Davidson will present awards to the JROTC unit at Richland High School. Compatriot Ron Turner will present awards to the JROTC unit at Birdville High School. Compatriot James Alderman will present awards to the JROTC unit at Haltom High School.

On April 20th, Compatriot Bobby Gresham will present awards for the JROTC units in the Fort Worth ISD at Farrington Field.

On April 27th, President Gerry Gieger will present awards to the JROTC unit at North Crowley High School.

Additional presentations are scheduled in May for Saginaw High School, North Central High School (Keller), and Burkburnett High School.



**Patriotic Holidays**

**Maj. K.M. Van Zandt**  
**Chapter Charter**  
**April 1**

**Patriots' Day**  
**(Battle of Lexington**  
**& Concord)**  
**April 19**

## REPORTING YOUR SAR ACTIVITIES

In last month's newsletter, you read about the Annual Report that the chapter must submit each year, and in particular, the first 8 sections. This month, you will read about categories 9-16.

### **Veterans Support**

- a. Donations to Veterans Administration facilities or other Veterans organizations.

**Special Observances and Ceremonies** (does not include parades or grave markings; cannot be an SAR meeting; other organizations or the public must be invited to count as an event)

- a. Programs include Washington's Birthday, Patriots Day, Memorial Day Program, Flag Day, Fourth of July, Constitution Week, Yorktown Day, Veterans Day, Wreaths Across America or other historic events)
- b. Wreath Presentations at a Special Observance (National, State, Chapter)
- c. State Society sponsored event (cannot be counted in Categories 7 or 11)
- d. Chapter sponsored event (cannot be counted in Categories 7 or 11)
- e. Bonus points when presented in Revolutionary War Uniform or Colonial Clothing

### **Grave Markings**

- a. Patriot Grave Marking sponsored by chapter or society
- b. Compatriot Grave Marking sponsored by chapter or society
- c. Attendance at Revolutionary Patriot or Compatriot grave marking
- d. Patriot Grave Registry Documentation provided to National Graves Registry Committee
- e. Flag Placement on a veterans grave that occurs in conjunction with a national holiday or other commemorative event. Flags that are part of a wreath are specifically excluded.
- f. Presentation of a Wreath at a Patriot or Compatriot Grave Marking
- g. Bonus points when presented in Revolutionary War Uniform or Colonial Clothing

**SAR Medals & Certificates Awarded** (cannot be counted if entered in Categories 6 (Youth Awards) or 7A (Public Service Medals))

- a. Non-member awards (must be listed in the SAR Handbook to be counted) (A medal and certificate awarded simultaneously can only be counted once.) Award must be made in person by an SAR member.
- b. Member awards must be listed in the SAR Handbook to be counted) (A medal and certificate awarded simultaneously can only be counted once.) Award must be made in person by an SAR member.

### **National Society Service**

- a. State Society qualifying for the Officer's Streamer Award
- b. For each member serving as a National Committee Chairman, Co-Chairman or Vice-Chairman.
- c. For each member serving on a National Committee who attended the meeting at a National Leadership Meeting or Congress as verified by the Committee Chairman's published report.
- d. For each member serving as a National Trustee, Alternate National Trustee, Vice President General or General Officer
- e. For each member serving on the Executive Committee

### **Membership, Reinstatements, Supplementals, Dues & Secretarial Returns**

- a. Sponsorship of a New Chapter during Contest Year
- b. Net Membership Growth During Contest Year
- c. Member Dues Paid on Time
- d. Secretarial Returns (Chapter / Society Annual Report filed by deadline)
- e. New Members during Contest Year
- f. For conducting a Mentoring Program with at least each new member being assigned a mentor for the year.
- g. Participation in the Mentoring Program (listed by New Member Mentee and Name of Mentor)
- h. Reinstatements during Contest Year
- i. Supplementals during Contest Year

### **Attendance at State, District, and National Meetings**

- a. National Congress / Trustee Meeting
- b. NSSAR District Meeting
- c. State Meeting (home state or visiting other state societies)
- d. Was attendance part of Color Guard activities?
- e. Bonus points when presented in Revolutionary War Uniform or Colonial Clothing

### **Contributions to the SAR**

- a. For each dollar donated to an SAR program such as a Youth Program Endowment Funds, Public Service Program Endowment Funds, Center for Advancing America's Heritage, George Washington Endowment Fund, SAR Foundation, Friends of the Library, the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, USO or President General's special project.
- b. For each Non-Cash donation made to the NSSAR. Amount donated is based on IRS defined Market Values.

***Remember that it is important you submit your activities to the chapter secretary each month so you don't forget by the end of the year.***





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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](mailto:gresham817@att.net).



### *MEMBERSHIP STATUS*

Our chapter membership levels as of April 4, 2018, are:

|                                   |    |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| Active / Current Member .....     | 96 |
| NSSAR Life.....                   | 4  |
| TXSSAR Perpetual .....            | 13 |
| Active / New Member .....         | 5  |
| Active / Reinstated .....         | 2  |
| Dual w/Other Primary State.....   | 1  |
| Emeritus (50+ years) .....        | 1  |
| Inactive by Member Request ...    | 2  |
| Junior SAR Member.....            | 4  |
| Not Paid (Current Year) .....     | 16 |
| Not Paid (Dual State) .....       | 2  |
| Reinstated / Transferred In ..... | 1  |
| Transferred In.....               | 1  |
| Memorial.....                     | 0  |
| Deceased .....                    | 2  |

Our membership currently is **111**.

### **SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!!**

Visit and bookmark our chapter website at <http://www.txssar.org/KMVanZandt/index.htm>.

Visit and Like/Follow our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/vanzandtsar/>.

Join our Google Group for emails at <https://groups.google.com/forum/?hl=en#!forum/sar-km-van-zandt>.