



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



Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter  
 Fort Worth, Texas  
 February 4, 2019

**NEXT MEETING:** February 16, 2019      **TIME:** 9:00 am      **LOCATION:** Woodhaven Country Club

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:**

Greetings Compatriots,

February is a unique Month. Two of America's greatest Presidents were born in her. Abraham Lincoln on the 12th and George Washington on the 22nd. We owe a great deal to the foresight and knowledge of these great Men.

While Washington was responsible for winning the Revolutionary War, without him America would be ten (or thirteen) single colonies bound only by a common language but with different purposes of existence. The New Englanders were most interested in freedom from tyranny and taxation. The Middle Atlantic states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Northern Virginia were interested in establishing commerce, and the Southern States of Georgia and the Carolinas were interested in crop production. Washington saw that ten (or 13) small colonies could not survive individually against a world power bent on expansion. So he established and encouraged them to remain one.

Lincoln was responsible for holding the Nation together. It was his untimely and dastardly assassination that caused General U.S. Grant to determine to win, at all costs. Even though Abraham Lincoln was hated by much of the population, his death dragged the dissenters into the fold, to fight another day. Many of his policies remain in effect today, and his resolution "...that this Nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government, Of the People, By the People, For the People shall not perish from the earth" endures to our time.

We encourage you to participate in celebrations honoring these two great men.

Hoping to see you at our next meeting on the 16th.

Gerry

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Compatriot Mike Connelley presented a SAR Flag Certificate to the Support Our Troops organization at Robson Ranch on January 15, 2019. President Susan Gilbreath accepted the certificate for the organization.



Compatriot James Alderman, accompanied by his wife Ja Ann, attended the Lone Star Squadron Sea Cadet Banquet at Joint Base Carswell on Saturday, January 26th. James presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Award to CPO Mitchell D. Meaders. Pictured with James and Mitchell is Lt. Cmdr. Jane Bell, Squadron Commanding Officer. SAR applications for Mitchell, his dad Brian, and his grandfather William, are currently at the Registrar General's office waiting approval.

## Molly Pitcher

Mary Ludwig Hayes McCauly was born on October 13, 1744, in a town near Trenton, New Jersey. She later moved to Pennsylvania. When she was only a young teenager, she married William Hayes, a barber. Hayes joined the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. Mary's story may or may not be partly folklore. Some historians believe her story is the composite of several "Molly's" who helped on the battlefields of the Revolutionary War.

Mary McCauly is best known today for the role that she played in the 1778 Battle of Monmouth (N.J.) as a Continental Army camp follower and original "Molly Pitcher". Like many women of the day she carried pitchers of water for thirsty soldiers or for their smoldering cannons. She probably earned the nickname from soldiers on the battlefield shouting "Molly! Pitcher!" Molly was a common nickname for women named Mary.

Mary earned her legendary status during the Battle of Monmouth Courthouse. After her husband collapsed from the 100-degree heat, or from being wounded, Mary bravely took over as the gunner and continued to fire the cannon herself throughout the scorching day. According to legend, a British cannonball flew between her legs and tore her skirt, to which she responded, "well, that could have been worse."

After the Revolutionary War came to a close, both William and Mary settled in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. After William Hayes' death, Mary married Revolutionary War veteran John McCauly. In 1822, Mary Ludwig Hayes McCauly was awarded a Revolutionary War pension by the Pennsylvania State Legislature for her service at the Battle of Monmouth. "Molly Pitcher" died on January 22, 1832, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. In 1876, a special marker was laid on her grave commemorating her service as "Molly Pitcher" in the Revolutionary War.

<https://www.mrnussbaum.com/molly-pitcher/>



## Chapter Trailer to Appear in Medal of Honor Parade

On Saturday, April 13th, the North Texas Color Guard (NTCG) will again participate in the annual Gainesville Medal of Honor Recipient Parade in Gainesville, Texas. This year, Ted Wilson, the NTCG Commander, asked if we would be willing to pull our trailer in the parade. Our response was a resounding YES!

Gainesville has participated in the Medal of Honor Host City Program since its inception in 2001 and is recognized as the only Medal of Honor Host City in America. The city has hosted 56 of the 74 living Medal of Honor Recipients.

The festivities begin on Wednesday, April 10th, with a motorcade from DFW Airport non-stop to Gainesville encompassing multiple police and emergency vehicles plus in excess of 500 motorcycles. On Thursday, a Red Oak tree is planted along the Home Grown Hero's Walking Trail for every new recipient that comes to Gainesville. There are currently 56 tree's that line what used to be the Katy railroad. Also on Thursday, the best opportunity to meet and shake the hand of living national treasures occurs at the Annual Patriot Dinner. Friday is the annual Medal of Honor Banquet—one of the most anticipated events of the program. The highlight of the week is the Medal of Honor Parade. The entire town turns out to welcome and support the Medal of Honor Recipients and show their American pride. The culmination of the Medal of Honor week finishes with the annual book signing. The merchandise booth will have for sale the newest edition of The Medal of Honor Portrait of Valor book as well as books individually authored by the recipients. This is the best opportunity to spend a little face time with the honored guests and take advantage of a rare opportunity to take photos, get an autograph, and interact with our nation's heroes.

There are three versions of the Medal of Honor, one for each of the military departments of the Department of Defense: Army, Navy, and Air Force. Members of the Marine Corps and Coast Guard are eligible to receive the Navy version. The President, in the name of Congress, has awarded more than 3,500 Medals of Honor to our nation's bravest Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen since the decoration's creation in 1861.



Army

Navy

Air Force

Color Guardsmen, mark your calendars. Look for additional details in next month's edition of The Chisholm Trail News.



## *The Patrick Henry Chapter # 11*

Save the Date

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The State Conference for the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is just around the corner and now is the time to start making plans to attend. The online registration site for the Omni at Southpark Hotel is available. The convention registration site should be up and running soon. There are two great raffles for you. First is a Loyalist Arms new, 2nd model Short Land (Brown Bess) Musket. Second is an original signed Lithograph #00977 by Arnold Friberg titled "The Prayer at Valley Forge."

For updated information and links, go to the state public website (<https://txssar.org/>) and look under Events.

If you have never attended a State Conference, you should plan to do so. It is a very informative weekend as you see how the state organization operates, as well as making lasting friendships and connections with other SAR members around our great state.



Chapter President Gerry Gieger and Compatriot Mike Connelly presented the 2019 Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate to Officer Joel Zuniga of the Fort Worth Police Department. A large number of his fellow Fort Worth officers attended, including Assistant Chief Ed Crouse who spoke to the group and offered his thanks and answered questions from the group.



## From the Application Status Report:

### Approved Applications for 2019 [\[approved and registered since the last newsletter\]](#)

Dec. 14, 2018, **Scottie Linn Clark**, 209892, 13790, Olney, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Stephen Bell Bassford, 1755-1814

### Applications in the approval process

#### IN PROGRESS:

[at national registrar] **Troy Jeffery Kennedy**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, William Johnson, 1753-1827  
 [at national registrar] **William Lowell Meaders**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Boone, 1727-1803  
 [at national registrar] **Brian William Meaders**, 0, 0, Keller, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Boone, 1727-1803  
 [at national registrar] **Mitchell Dane Meaders**, 0, 0, Keller, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Boone, 1727-1803  
 [at state registrar] **Christopher Justin Goulet**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob George Klock, 1738-1814  
 [at state registrar] **Joshua Christopher Goulet**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, JUNIOR/NEW, Jacob George Klock, 1738-1814  
 [at state registrar] **Tommie Rosnald Harvey**, 0, 0, Everman, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Thomas Jones, ca1762-1842  
 [in development] **Robert Arthur**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW  
 [in development] **Charles DeLapp**, 0, 0, Aledo, TX, ACTIVE/NEW,  
 [in development] **Robert Leslie Goode, Jr.**, 0, 0, North Richland Hills, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob Minor, 1761-1836  
 [in development] **Robert Leslie Goode, III**, 0, 0, Azle, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob Minor, 1761-1836  
 [in development] **Daniel Patrick Goode**, 0, 0, New York, NY, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob Minor, 1761-1836  
 [in development] **Glen Richard Grindley**, 0, 0, North Richland Hills, TX, ACTIVE/NEW,  
 [in development] **Robert Hendricks**, 0, 0, Benbrook, TX, ACTIVE/NEW  
 [in development] **Kenneth C. Housden**, 0, 0, Willow Park, TX, ACTIVE/NEW,  
 [in development] **Paul Ervin Noe, Jr.**, 0, 0, (city), TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Peter Noe, 1720-1787  
 [in development] **Donald Gordon Woodworth**, 0, 0, Benbrook, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Daniel Kellogg, 1758-1830  
 [in development] **Kedron Jacob Woodworth**, 0, 0, Benbrook, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Daniel Kellogg, 1758-1830  
 [in development] **Scott D. Simpson**, 0, 0, Weatherford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, James Felix McGuire  
 [in development] **Nephew of Suzan Bates**, 0, 0, Dallas, TX, ACTIVE/NEW,  
 [enquiry] **Chad Dillard**, 0, 0, Weatherford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW,  
 [enquiry] **Douglas T. Walters**, 0, 0, Weatherford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW,



## JANUARY MINUTES

Please review the minutes for our January chapter meeting prior to attending the next meeting in February.

<https://www.txssar.org/KMVanZandt/docs/minutes/minutes201901.pdf>

## THIS MONTH DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR (1781-1783):

**In February of 1781**, Skirmish at Tarrant's Tavern (Torrence's Tavern), North Carolina. Located 10 miles from the Catawba River, this tavern saw Lord Cornwallis' soldiers led by Colonel Banastre Tarleton engage a group Patriot militia commanded by William Lee Davidson. The British rout the Patriots but the actual losses incurred are still in dispute.

**In February of 1782**, French Admiral Pierre Suffren de Saint-Tropez and British Admiral Sir Edward Hughes engage in four actions in the Indian Ocean. The French attack British possessions on the Indian coast and in Ceylon. Suffren captures the port of Trincomalee in Ceylon before returning to the Netherlands at the onset of peace negotiations. Napoleon had a high opinion of Suffren, commenting that he would have become France's Lord Nelson, had he survived.

**In February of 1783**, George III issues Cornwall's Proclamation of Cessation of Hostilities (which would later culminate, in September, with the Paris Peace Treaty), ending the American Revolution.

Sweden recognizes United States independence.

Spain ends its siege of Gibraltar.



America rejects the mother country: a 19th-century engraving depicts the moment the Declaration of Independence was read out at Philadelphia in 1776. (Photo by Art Archive)

## FLY YOUR FLAG

Any day you wish, but especially

George Washington's Birthday, 2/22/2019 (observed 2/18/2019)

Patriots' Day (Battle of Lexington & Concord, MA) (Third Monday in April), Monday, 4/15/2019

Armed Forces Day (3rd Saturday in May), 5/18/2019

Memorial Day (last Monday in May and half staff until noon) 5/27/2019

Flag Day, 6/14

Independence Day, 7/4

Labor Day, 9/2/2019

Patriot Day (Terrorists' Attack 2001), 9/11

Constitution Day, 9/17

Columbus Day (2nd Monday in October), 10/14/2019

Veterans Day, 11/11

and such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States



## SIGNIFICANT DAYS AND OBSERVANCES FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

**February 3 - Four Chaplains Day** is a day set aside to honor the four U.S. Army chaplains who gave their lives to save others when the troop ship *USAT Dorchester* sank during World War II.

**February 14 - Valentine's Day**

**February 19 - President's Day** is a day originally set aside to honor George Washington. Now, other presidents are also honored on this day.

**February 19 - Coast Guard Reserve Birthday**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2019

February 16	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth
March 6	General Granbury Parade, Granbury <b>(CG-C)</b>
March 16	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth
March 21-24	<b>Texas DAR</b> 120th Annual Conference, Houston <b>(CG-S)</b>
April 5-6	<b>Texas SAR</b> 124th Annual Conference, Austin <b>(CG-S)</b>
April 7	<b>Texas SAR</b> Spring BOM, Austin
April 13	<b>Texas SAR</b> participation in the Medal of Honor Parade, Gainesville <b>(CG-S)</b>
April 20	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth
May 12	Mother's Day
May 18	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth
May 27	Memorial Day
June 15	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth
June 16	Father's Day
July 4	Independence Day
July 5-10	NSSAR Congress
July 20	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth

**(CG)** = Color Guard event, **(C)** = Chapter, **(S)** = State, **(N)** = National



February 2	Donald Patrick Goodman
February 4	Charles Dwain Bonham
February 18	Harold V. Johnson III
February 22	Bryce Kenneth Baker
February 26	Randell Reece Owens



## 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).

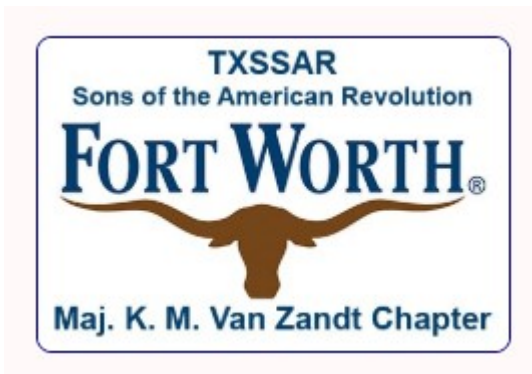


## MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Our chapter membership levels as of January 30, 2019, are:

Active / Current Member .....	100
NSSAR Life.....	7
TXSSAR Perpetual .....	13
Active / New Member .....	0
Active / Reinstated .....	0
Deceased .....	0
Dual w/Other Primary State.....	3
Emeritus (50+ years) .....	1
Junior SAR Member.....	1
Non-Paid Junior Member .....	4
Not Paid (Current Year) .....	14
Reinstated / Transferred In .....	0
Transferred In.....	0
Memorial.....	0

Our membership currently is **105**.



## SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!!

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