



Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Chisholm Trail News



Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter
 Fort Worth, Texas
 April 1, 2019

NEXT MEETING: April 20, 2019 **TIME:** 8:30 am **LOCATION:** Woodhaven Country Club

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Greetings Compatriots,

Spring is upon us with all its blooming and budding. Leaves have returned to many of the trees, and weeds and pollen abound. Also, Day-light Savings time with the forward jumping of our clocks. Soon yards will bloom with the beautiful flowers and we will press winter into our memory. But wait, April is the month of showers. And Easter is not yet. Doesn't it always freeze after Easter??? Maybe not this year.

It was mid-April in 1776 when the North Carolina Provincial Legislature met and adopted the Halifax Resolves - an official resolution calling for independence from Great Britain. These Resolves authorized the North Carolina delegates at the Second Continental Congress to join with those from other Colonies to declare independence from British rule. Along with the Mecklenburg Resolves, the Halifax Resolves had been preceded by the Leedstown (Westmoreland) Resolves some ten years earlier. That document, crafted by Richard Henry Lee, was the first effort by the Colonies in resistance to the Stamp Act. The names of the signers of the Leedstown document are etched in marble in the Westmoreland County, Virginia Courthouse wall. All three of these documents led to our Declaration of Independence. Those actions were not taken lightly but were entered at great risk to the signers.

Today, our Nation faces a great divide not seen since the Civil War. Brother against Brother, Parents against Children, and Children against Parents.

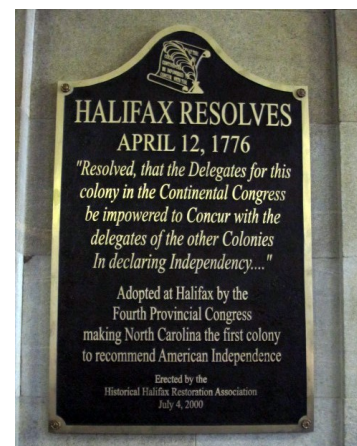
In the Pledge to the SAR, "we reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe."

I pray that we never take those words lightly. They have meaning.

Gerry

CHAPTER OFFICERS
2018-2019

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Robert G. "Bobby" Gresham



Texas Society Secretary Drake Peddie presented SAR Color Guard medals posthumously to Mrs. Lila Davidson, widow of Compatriot David Davidson who passed away on October 1, 2018.



Eight members of Compatriot David Davidson’s family attended the presentation of SAR Color Guard medals to him posthumously. From right to left are: Chapter President Gerry Gieger, Texas Society Secretary Drake Peddie, Mrs. Lila Davidson, Rob Davidson, Zechariah Davidson, Joshua Davidson, Shawn Davidson, Elizabeth Davidson, Ric Davidson, & Gina Davidson.





Texas Society Secretary Drake Peddie inducted new member and Compatriot Troy Jeffery Kennedy into the chapter. Jeff's wife, Teresa, pinned the SAR Rosette on her husband.

Jeff's patriot ancestor is William Johnson, a Private in the Virginia 1st Light Dragoons Cavalry under Capt. Benjamin Temple and Col. Theodorick Bland.

Jeff is a military veteran and is employed by Southwest Airlines. He and Teresa are the proud parents of three sons (future members, per-



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

In March of 1781, the Continental Congress ratifies the Articles of Confederation initially proposed by Richard Henry Lee on June 7, 1776. After a long delay these articles are sent to the individual states for ratification on November 15, 1777. Bickering over land claims between Virginia and Maryland holds up ratification until March 1, 1781. The nation is guided by the Articles of Confederation until the ratification of the Constitution on November 21, 1788.

British troops win a costly victory over Continentals and militia at Guilford Courthouse, N.C. The battle is part of General Nathanael Greene's strategy of engaging the British on ground of his choosing. Without winning a single clear-cut victory, he will succeed in wearing down the British army through hit-and-run tactics and set-piece battles.

In March of 1782, the Battle of Little Mountain, Kentucky (Estill's Defeat), occurring during Kentucky's "Year of Blood," was a fierce fight in the lightly settled territory, claimed at that time by Virginia. James Estill, a veteran Indian fighter, is somehow unaware of an Indian camp some half mile away. Estill's band of 35 is attacked and defeated in a two-hour fight. A number of his men are killed and about 20 Indians are casualties.

In March of 1783, General Washington denounces a threat by his officers to rebel against Congress.



Texas Society Secretary Drake Peddie provided a lively and interesting presentation, filled with humor and little-known stories, on the importance of saving our history.

Vice President Chase Sanger IV introduced Secretary Peddie.



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

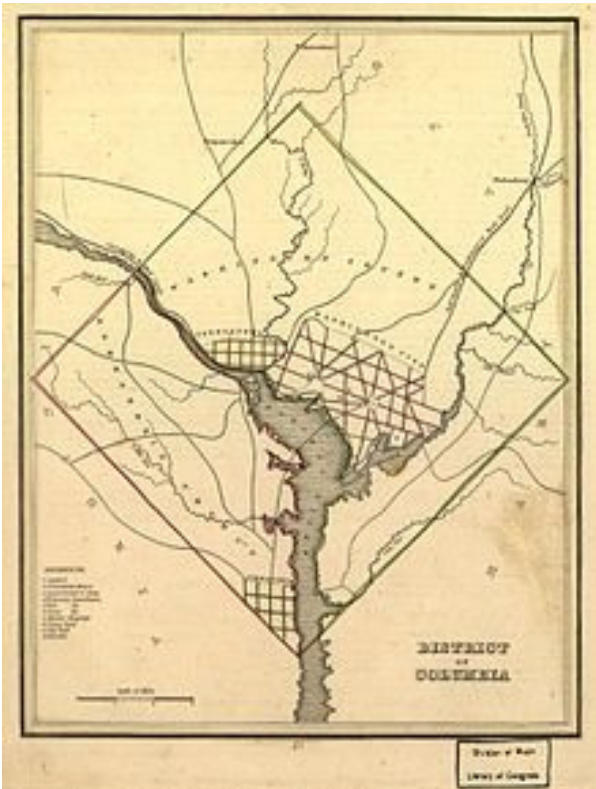


How the D.C. Got in Washington, D.C.

In 1790, a year after George Washington took office as president, Congress authorized him to find a site along the Potomac River for the new nation's capital. It was the first time a country had ever established its permanent capital by legislative action. The president ended up choosing a spot just a few miles upstream from his home at Mount Vernon, Virginia.

Surveyors staked out an area of one hundred square miles straddling the river. The idea was to create a special territory, not part of any state, to contain the capital city. The land came from Maryland and Virginia, and the territory was named the "District of Columbia" ("D.C." for short) in honor of Christopher Columbus.

George Washington hired French engineer Pierre L'Enfant to plan the city that would lie within the new District. In 1791, the District's commissioners decided to name that city "Washington" in honor of the first president. The federal government moved there in 1800.



On May 3, 1802, Washington was incorporated as a city, with a city council elected by local residents, and a mayor appointed by the president. People began to refer to the capital city inside the District of Columbia as "Washington, D.C."—just as they might write "Albany, N.Y." or "Charleston, S.C."

For a long time Washington remained a relatively small town, and much of the land inside the District of Columbia lay undeveloped. In 1846 Congress decided it would never need the District's land on the south side of the Potomac River, so it returned that portion to the state of Virginia. But of course the city did eventually grow, especially after World War II. Today it fills virtually the entire District of Columbia.

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MARCH MINUTES

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

<https://www.txssar.org/KMVanZandt/docs/minutes/minutes201903.pdf>

Awards, Awards, and More Awards!!!

The SAR Society offers a number of awards to members of the society. Here's a list of some of the more common awards.



CHAPTER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

The incumbent Chapter President may present one medal during his term (or each year of his term if elected to a multiyear term) at the Chapter's Annual Meeting, to a Compatriot in recognition for that Compatriot's conspicuous service to the Chapter during the president's administration.

WAR SERVICE MEDAL

The War Service Medal was first authorized in 1899 for members who served in the Spanish-American War. It was subsequently authorized for members who served in World War I and World War II. Following World War II, the NSSAR authorized a generic War Service Medal with specific service periods indicated by bronze bars. This medal may be purchased by the member.



MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL

It may be presented by a chapter or society to SAR members who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States, Coast Guard, or a country that was an ally of the United States, or in a United Nations Peace Keeping Force, who otherwise do not qualify for the SAR War Service Medal. This medal may be purchased by the member.

THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

This SAR Member medal is earned for substantial contributions to the SAR over an extended period of time, normally a three to five year period.



BRONZE ROGER SHERMAN MEDAL

The Bronze Roger Sherman Medal may be awarded to a compatriot in recognition of, and in appreciation of, outstanding services rendered to a Chapter. The medal is presented to a compatriot for significant service which lacks the requirements for the Meritorious Service Medal. The recipient must have served as an active officer for a minimum of two years, as an active committee chairman for three years, or as an active member of a committee for four years. .

In Memoriam



TOMMY GENE COPELAND

26 Aug 1933 – 20 Dec 2018

NSSAR 169247

Texas SAR 10002

R.I.P Tommy Gene Copeland, NSSAR & Texas Society Life Member

KELLER - Tommy Gene (Tom) Copeland, 85, Major US Army (retired), of Keller TX, passed away peacefully with family by his side on December 20, 2018 after a battle with dementia. Tom was born on August 26, 1933, in Bosqueville, TX to Odis Walter and Willie Mae McCutcheon Copeland and was the youngest of 11 children. Tom retired from the US Army after 22 years of military service. He served two tours during the Vietnam war, receiving two purple hearts, two bronze stars, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry and numerous other medals and awards. After retiring from the Army, he went to work in Saudi Arabia as a manager in the Saudi Arabian Army Logistics Department. Upon returning to the United States, he worked for International Telephone and Telegraph in Houston and then, became the Manager of the Market Square La Quinta Inn in San Antonio, TX. At age 59, Tom retired for good, moving to Canyon Lake, TX, and spent several years relaxing and traveling with his wife. Later, he moved to Tyler, TX, where he enjoyed spending time with friends and family. Tom was a lifetime member of the American Legion, DAV, Military Officer Association, and Purple Heart Association. He was especially proud of being in the Sons of the American Revolution, where he served in the Tyler TX Chapter as president. In 2015, he moved to Keller to be near family.

Tom was predeceased by his parents, four brothers - Walter, Harland, Marland, and Harold, six sisters - Malzie, Betty, Virgie, Mary, Lillian, and a stillborn sister, and one son, Steven Copeland. Tom is survived by his wife of over 61 years Bernadine (Dene) of Keller TX, and three sons, Walter and Marci Copeland of Westlake, TX, William and Susan Copeland of West Monroe, LA, and Thomas Copeland and partner Diane Weber of Milipitas, CA. He is also survived by five grandchildren: John Copeland and wife Jessica of Highland Park IL, Wendy Copeland-Hogg and husband Casey Hogg of Austin, TX, Krysten Copeland of Grants Pass, OR, Melissa Copeland of Portland, OR, and Christine Copeland of Oslo, Norway, and great grandchildren Kaylee and Jordan

Copeland of Highland Park, IL. Tom is also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Tom's body was donated to UT Southwestern in Dallas TX for medical research. A memorial service honoring Tom's life will be scheduled in March, and a graveside service for his ashes will be held on a later date at the family plot in Bosqueville, TX.

He was a NSSAR and Texas Life member and a member of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter in the Texas Society.

The family held a memorial service for Tom at the chapel of St Laurence Anglican Church, 519 Kimball Avenue, Southlake, Texas, on Saturday, March 9, at 11:00 am.

Inurnment will be at Bosqueville Cemetery in Bosqueville, McLennan County, Texas.



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
 Feb. 15, 2019, **Troy Jeffery Kennedy**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, William Johnson, 1753-1827
 Feb. 15, 2019, **William Lowell Meaders**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Boone, 1727-1803
 Feb. 15, 2019, **Brian William Meaders**, 0, 0, Keller, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Boone, 1727-1803
 Feb. 15, 2019, **Mitchell Dane Meaders**, 0, 0, Keller, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Boone, 1727-1803

Applications in the approval process

IN PROGRESS:

[\[at national registrar\]](#) **Wayne Alma Heide**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX ACTIVE/NEW, Thomas Miles, 1745-1806
[\[at state registrar\]](#) **Thomas James Avers**, 0, 0, Grapevine, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Hughes, 1747-1830
[\[at state registrar\]](#) **William Lawrence Bannister III**, 0, 0, Benbrook, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, James Brown, 1738-1788
[\[at state registrar\]](#) **Lloyd Stephen Barnes**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, James Hunt, 1765-1851
[\[at state registrar\]](#) **Robert Leslie Goode, Jr.**, 0, 0, North Richland Hills, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob Minor, 1761-1836
[\[at state registrar\]](#) **Robert Leslie Goode, III**, 0, 0, Azle, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob Minor, 1761-1836
[\[at state registrar\]](#) **Daniel Patrick Goode**, 0, 0, New York, NY, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob Minor, 1761-1836
[\[at state registrar\]](#) **Damon Dion Harvey**, 0, 0, Everman, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Thomas Jones, ca1762-1842
[\[at state registrar\]](#) **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] **Tim Baker**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW,
 [in development] **Alexander Marr Chandler**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, ACTIVE/NEW,
 [in development] **Charles DeLapp**, 0, 0, Aledo, TX, ACTIVE/NEW,
 [in development] **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Alexander, ca1733-ca1814
 [in development] **Christopher Justin Goulet**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob George Klock, 1738-1814
 [in development] **Joshua Christopher Goulet**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, JUNIOR/NEW, Jacob George Klock, 1738-1814
 [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] **Coleman Crockett Meadows**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, William Howle, 1755-1844
 [in development] **Larry Mick**, 0, 0, North Richland Hills, TX, ACTIVE/NEW,
 [in development] **Paul Ervin Noe, Jr.**, 0, 0, (city), TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Peter Noe, 1720-1787
 [in development] **Dylan Sanders**, 0, 0, Goldthwaite, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Miller, 1750-1808
 [in development] **Gavin Sanders**, 0, 0, Goldthwaite, TX, JUNIOR/NEW, John Miller, 1750-1808
 [in development] **Scott D. Simpson**, 0, 0, Weatherford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, James Felix McGuire,
 [in development] **Jimmy Ware**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW,
 [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] **Jameson Garrett Wright**, 0, 0, Goldthwaite, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Miller, 1750-1808
 [in development] **Terry Wayne Wright**, 0, 0, Goldthwaite, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Miller, 1750-1808
 [enquiry] **Robert Coleman**, 0, 0, Keller, TX, ACTIVE/NEW,
 [enquiry] **Chad Dillard**, 0, 0, Weatherford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW,
 [enquiry] **Donald Scott**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW,
 [enquiry] **Douglas T. Walters**, 0, 0, Weatherford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW,

Do You Visit Veterans?

If you visit any veterans at their home, in a nursing facility, in a re-hab facility, etc., please send an email to the chapter secretary providing him with the date and the name of the veteran you visited. The chapter gets credit for these visits on the end-of-year STARK Report.

If you attend the funeral of a veteran, please report this information to the chapter secretary as well. Again, we get credit for your attendance on the STARK Report at year's end.

New Parade Trailer Signage

The North Texas Color Guard has requested that our chapter pull our parade trailer in the Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville on Saturday, April 13th. The current banners are 12 years old and showing their age. The chapter purchased a set of new banners two years ago when the DAR ladies began riding with us. These banners have both the SAR and DAR logos and names on them. We need banners that advertise only the Sons of the American Revolution for events when the DAR is not participating. We also want to advertise our chapter as the sponsoring chapter for the trailer. At the March meeting, the membership approved the purchase of two new banners and two vehicle magnetic signs that can be applied to the tow vehicle doors. The magnetic signs will use our longhorn logo to advertise the chapter. We anticipate many additional, future opportunities to pull our chapter trailer in parades.

For anyone wishing to participate in the Medal of Honor Parade, it usually kicks off at 10:00 a.m. The parade route is along California Street between the railroad and Braum's. Muster call is between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. If you are driving, you need to plan on 1 hour 30 minutes travel time. If you need a ride, please contact either Color Guard Commander Bobby Gresham (gresham817@aol.com) or Secretary Ron Turner (rjturner0815@gmail.com). Commander Gresham will depart from his home in East Fort Worth. Compatriot Turner will depart from his home in Euless.

All Color Guard members are encouraged to participate. If you aren't a member of the Color Guard and don't have a uniform, you are certainly welcome to participate as well. The trailer will hold approximately 16 people, both seated and standing. If the trailer fills up with those needing to sit, able-bodied men will be asked to march alongside or behind the trailer.



SIGNIFICANT DAYS AND OBSERVANCES FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

April - Month of the Military Child is an opportunity to recognize military children and youth for their heroism, character, courage, sacrifices and continued resilience.

April 21 - Easter Sunday

April 5 - Gold Star Wives Day is a day set aside to recognize the sacrifices of Gold Star wives.

April 14 - Air Force Reserve Birthday

April 23 - Army Reserved Birthday

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2019

April 5-6	Texas SAR 124th Annual Conference, Austin (CG-N)
April 7	Texas SAR Spring BOM, Austin
April 13	Texas SAR participation in the Medal of Honor Parade, Gainesville (CG-S)
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, Costa Mesa, California (CG-N)
July 20	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth
August 17	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth
September 21	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth
October 4-6	Texas SAR 2019 Fall Board of Managers Arlington (CG-S)
October 19	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth
November 9	Fort Worth Veterans Day Parade (CG-N)
November 10	MOWW Massing of the Colors (CG-N)
November 16	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth Election of Chapter Officers for 2020-2021

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



April 2	Charles Robert Hield
April 4	Wilburn Wade Chaney
April 7	Richard Art DeLaughter
April 11	Christopher Kirkpatrick Hull
April 15	David Leon Whalen
April 18	David Ray Martin
April 21	Robert Harold Browder

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.



MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Our chapter membership levels as of March 4, 2019, are:

Active / Current Member	101
NSSAR Life.....	6
TXSSAR Perpetual	12
Active / New Member	4
Active / Reinstated	1
Deceased	1
Dual w/Other Primary State.....	3
Emeritus (50+ years)	0
Junior SAR Member.....	1
Non-Paid Junior Member	4
Not Paid (Current Year)	12
Reinstated / Transferred In	0
Transferred In.....	0
Memorial.....	0

Our membership currently is **109**.



SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!!

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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>.

Visit and Like/Follow the Texas Society Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/txssar>.