



Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Chisholm Trail News



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

NEXT MEETING: May 18, 2019 **TIME:** 8:30 am **LOCATION:** Woodhaven Country Club

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Greetings Compatriots,

We are just returning from the Texas Society's State Convention where our Compatriots Mike Connelley and John Anderson were awarded the Patriot Medal, Texas SAR's highest and most prestigious award. Also, Compatriot Connelley was elected Chairman of the Council of past-Presidents. It was a most successful Convention and we look forward to the Fall BOM Convention which our Chapter, along with the Arlington Chapter, is co-hosting.

May is a most exciting month. Flowers are budding and trees have sprouted leaves. It is also a month of many recognitions. May 2nd is the date that our USN Seal Team 6 located and killed Osama Bin Laden, master perpetrator of the 2001 Attack on America.

May is the month when Astronaut Alan Shepard piloted our Freedom 7 Spacecraft, becoming the first American in Space. It is also the month when the transcontinental Railroad joined the East to the West with the Golden Spike in Promontory Point, Utah, a historical place that stands today in tribute to American perseverance.

Decoration Day began in May which began the tradition of recognizing graves of the Fallen Soldiers who have defended our nation. It was the forerunner of the Memorial Day Holiday that we presently recognize on the last Monday of the month.

So many significant occurrences such as the un-official ending of WWII in Europe, the beginning of the Battle of Hamburger Hill in Vietnam, the German airship 'von Hindenburg' bursting into flames, both Charles Lindburgh and Amelia Earhart flying solo flights across the Atlantic, the first permanent English speaking settlement at Jamestown in 1607, and Lewis & Clark's expedition to explore the West, all began in May.

I trust that you are planning to be in attendance at our May meeting on the 18th.

Gerry

CHAPTER OFFICERS
2018-2019

- President
Gerald A. "Gerry" Gieger
- Vice-President
Charles O. "Chase" Sanger IV
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- Chaplain
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- Sergeant-at-Arms & Color Guard Commander
Robert G. "Bobby" Gresham



Texas Society, SAR, State Convention

The Texas Society held its state convention in Austin on April 5, 6, & 7, at the Omni at Southpark Hotel. Members of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter who attended included President Gerry Gieger and his wife Sharon, Secretary Ron Turner, Compatriot James Alderman and his wife Ja Ann, Compatriot Mike Connelley, and Compatriot John Anderson and his wife Meg. John holds dual membership in his home chapter Arlington and in our chapter.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Individual Awards included:

The **Patriot Medal** represents long, faithful, and outstanding service at the state and/or chapter level. It is the highest award given for service at the state or chapter level and is only awarded by a state society. The Texas Society is allowed a total of six awards per year based on society membership size. This year, Compatriots Mike Connelley and John Anderson were among the six recipients of the Patriot Medal from the Texas Society. Congratulations Mike & John! They were recognized at the Gala Banquet on Saturday evening by out-going President Tom Jackson. They were welcomed by fellow recipients as they walked the Patriot Gauntlet.

The **Bernardo de Galvez Texas SAR Color Guard Medal** is to encourage participation in National and State Color Guard events within the borders of the State of Texas. Compatriot Ron Turner received the Bronze Galvez Medal from out-going State Color Guard Commander Stu Hoyt.

Chapter Awards included:

The Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter received an **Outstanding Public Service Award** which is presented to chapters for awarding all four Public Service Awards during the year 2018.

The **E. A. Limmer Award** is presented to the chapter having the greatest percentage of supplemental memberships completed and approved during the Texas SAR fiscal year 2018, based on the number of members in the chapter as of March 1st of each year. The Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter received the award for Group #4 (100+ members).

The Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter received a certificate recognizing the chapter for sponsoring Andrew Ken Walker as the 3rd Place Winner in the **Texas SAR CAR Essay Scholarship Contest** for the Texas SAR year 2018.

The chapter also received two silver stars for the banner on our chapter flag staff.

The first star was a **Texas SAR Flag Presentation Award** which is given to chapters having recognized an individual, company, or organization for the proper display, maintenance, and care for flying the Flag of the United States during the past year 2018.

No one remembers the reason for the second star. :-)



Congratulations to New State Officers!

On Saturday evening during the Gala Banquet at the 124th Texas Society State Convention, Secretary General John T. Manning (New Hampshire Society) installed new officers for the next year. Congratulations to David J. Temple (Dallas Chapter), our new Society President for 2019-2020. Compatriot Drake M. Peddie (Plano Chapter) was installed as President-Elect. Compatriot James R. Clements, Jr. (Patrick Henry Chapter, Austin), was installed as Secretary, replacing Drake Peddie.

We also have a new Vice President for our District. Robert H. Mearns, Jr. (Brazos Valley Chapter, Granbury) replaces Ron Carter (Arlington Chapter), who is retiring as District 5 Vice President. We wish Compatriot Carter the very best in his retirement and look forward to working with Bob as our new VP.



President David J. Temple



President-Elect Drake M. Peddie



Secretary James R. Clements



District 5 Vice President
Robert H. Mearns, Jr.



Members of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter at the Gala Dinner at the 124th State Convention for the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in Austin on Saturday evening, April 6th: (l to r) James & Ja Ann Alderman, John & Meg Anderson, Mike Connelley, Ron Turner, and Gerry & Sharon Gieger.

124th Annual State Convention Texas Society

Compatriots Ron Turner, Mike Connelley, John Anderson, and Chapter President Gerry Gieger are joined by retiring SAR District 5 Vice President Ron Carter.



Compatriots James Alderman, John Anderson, Mike Connelley, Ron Turner, and Chapter President Gerry Gieger



The Texas Society Color Guard
 124th Annual Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution State Convention
 April 4-7, 2019, Austin, Texas



Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter Color Guard members
 (l to r) Ron Turner, Vann Cunningham & James Alderman
 pose with Melissa Johnson, Regent, Fort Worth Chapter NSDAR
 at the White Gloves Tea on April 27, 2019 at Tarrant County Courthouse

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

In May of 1781, Fort Motte, South Carolina is strategically located where the Congaree and the Wateree form the Santee River and is the principal communications post of the British between Charleston and the interior of the state. A former mansion is fortified and held by a force of British dragoons and infantry comprising over 150 men. Forces commanded by Henry Lee and Francis Marion request that the British surrender, but they refuse. After a siege of only a few days the British surrender and are paroled. The Americans lose two men killed in the process while the British incur no casualties.

At Fort Granby, South Carolina, a 352-man Loyalist force commanded by Major Andrew Maxwell defends a fortified frame building rather eloquently named "Fort Granby." Maxwell is known more for gathering plunder than any conspicuous military ability. A Patriot force commanded by Henry Lee assaults the position but Maxwell agrees to surrender providing he is allowed to maintain possession of his plunder. After some haggling, Lee agrees to the proposition and Maxwell departs the fort with two wagonloads of personal loot. A valuable position, with ammunition and provisions, falls to the Continentals without the loss of a man.

In May of 1782, Colonel William Crawford, an experienced officer and a close friend of George Washington, is called out of retirement to lead an expedition into the Ohio country, which commences on May 25, 1782. On June 6, Crawford loses his supply train and has his command surrounded by hostile Indians. Over 250 Patriots die in the battle, including Crawford's son and son-in-law. Wyandot Indians capture Crawford and take revenge on him for a previous, unrelated massacre. According to Dr. John Knight, who later escapes, Crawford is scalped and burned, taking two hours to die. Knight wanders for three weeks before eventually reaching Ft. Pitt and to tell his story.

In May of 1783, the *Pennsylvania Evening Post*, the first American daily newspaper, begins publishing in Philadelphia.

At our April chapter meeting, Vice President Chase Sanger inducted new members Bill Meaders, his son Brian Meaders, and his grandson Mitchell Meaders. Secretary Ron Turner assisted by pinning the SAR Rosette on each new member. In addition, Mitchell was our chapter's Sea Cadet Award winner for 2019 and is also National Sea Cadet of the Year.





On April 3rd, Color Guard Commander Bobby Gresham, accompanied by his wife Dana, presented the first JROTC Award of 2019 to C/CPL Raymond Korhone, a student at Haltom High School.

On April 11th, Compatriot James Alderman presented the ROTC Award to TCU Army ROTC Cadet Christopher del Pozo.



On April 23rd at Birdville High School, Secretary Turner presented the SAR JROTC Award to Cadet CSM Tyler Maxey.



March Chapter Meeting

Compatriot Mike Connelley recognized our Knight Essay Contest winner. Thevnin Rumende, a native of Namibia and now a US Citizen, read his essay titled "Hero of Trenton". Thevnin's father attended with him.



Compatriot Mike Connelley recognized Andrew Kent Walker as the 3rd Place Winner in the Texas Society SAR CAR Essay Scholarship Contest for the year 2018. Andrew's father, Anthony Walker, accompanied him.



Vice President Chase Sanger presented a Vietnam War Veterans Corp certificate to Compatriot Darrell Dunlop.



Vice President Chase Sanger presented a Military Service Veterans Corp certificate to Compatriot Mark Holt.

Registrar's Report:

Applications in progress

[at national registrar] **Thomas James Avers**, 0, 0, Grapevine, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Hughes, 1747-1830

[at national registrar] **William Lawrence Bannister III**, 0, 0, Benbrook, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, James Brown, 1738-1788

[at national registrar] **Lloyd Stephen Barnes**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, James Hunt, 1765-1851

[at national registrar] **Damon Dion Harvey**, 0, 0, Everman, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Thomas Jones, ca1762-1842

[at national registrar] **Tommie Rosnald Harvey**, 0, 0, Everman, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Thomas Jones, ca1762-1842

[at national registrar] **Wayne Alma Heide**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX ACTIVE/NEW, Thomas Miles, 1745-1806

[at state registrar] **Robert Dale Arthur**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Arthur, 1756-1848

[at state registrar] **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, William McGuire, 1748-1834

[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] **Edward Oran Stanley**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Jacob Fast, 1758-1827

[in development] **Tim Baker**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW,

[in development] **Alexander Marr Chandler**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, ACTIVE/NEW,

[in development] **Robert Coleman**, 0, 0, Keller, TX, ACTIVE/NEW,

[in development] **Charles DeLapp**, 0, 0, Aledo, TX, ACTIVE/NEW,

[in development] **Chad Dillard**, 0, 0, Weatherford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW,

[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] **David Paul Johnson**, 0, 0, Irving, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Hugh Whiteside, 1738-1802

[in development] **Carl David McAfee, Jr.**, 0, 0, Weatherford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW,

[in development] **David McLaughlin**, 0, 0, Bedford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW,

[in development] **Coleman Crockett Meadows**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, William Howle, 1755-1844

[in development] **Larry Vaughn Mick**, 0, 0, North Richland Hills, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Mary Boone Bryan, 1736-1819

[in development] **Paul Ervin Noe, Jr.**, 0, 0, (city), TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Peter Noe, 1720-1787

[in development] **Ivan Pieratt**, 0, 0, North Richland Hills, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Valentine Pieratt

[in development] **Dylan Edward 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] **Donald Scott**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW,

[in development] **Scott D. Simpson**, 0, 0, Weatherford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, James Felix McGuire,

[in development] **Ronald J. Turner**, 198382, 12354, Euless, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL #6, William McElwee, 1761-aft 1846

[in development] **Ronald J. Turner**, 198382, 12354, Euless, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL #7, William McElwee, abt 1718-1807

[in development] **Charles L. Vanover**, 0, 0, Keller, TX, ACTIVE/NEW,

[in development] **Anthony Walker**, 0, 0, ACTIVE/NEW,

[in development] **Andrew Kent Walker**, 0, 0, JUNIOR,

[in development] **Douglas T. Walters**, 0, 0, Weatherford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW,

[in development] **Jimmy Ware**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW,

[in development] **James Ralph Webster**, 0, 0, North Richland Hills, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Darius Benjamin, 1758-1850

[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, Highland Village, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Miller, 1750-1808

[in development] **Terry Wayne Wright**, 0, 0, Highland Village, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Miller, 1750-1808

From the National Registrar’s 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



May 1	Mason Austin Watkins
May 4	Walter Franklin Bowie
May 24	Gerald Harmon Wise
	Jeffrey Donald Pray
May 25	David Paul Brown
May 29	Michael Roston Cox
	Troy Jeffery Kennedy

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

- May 1-31 - National Military Appreciation Month** is a month to recognize and show appreciation to the Armed Forces of the United States of American.
- May 1 - Loyalty Day** is a day set aside for American citizens to reaffirm their loyalty to the United States and to recognize the heritage of American freedom.
- May 1 - Silver Star Service Banner Day** is a day set aside to honor our wounded, ill, and dying military personnel by participating in flying a Silver Star Banner.
- May 2 - National Day of Prayer** is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation.
- May 8 - VE (Victory in Europe) Day** is a day which marks the anniversary of the Allies' victory in Europe during World War II.
- May 10 - Military Spouse Appreciation Day** is a day set aside to acknowledge the contributions and sacrifices of the spouses of the U.S. Armed Forces.
- May 13 - Children of Fallen Patriots Day** is a day to honor the families our Fallen Heroes have left behind—especially their children. It's a reminder to the community that we have an obligation to support the families of our Fallen Patriots.
- May 18 - Armed Forces Day** is a day set aside to pay tribute to men and women who serve in the United States' Armed Forces.
- May 27 - Memorial Day** is a day set aside to commemorate all who have died in military service for the United States. Typically recognized by parades, visiting memorials and cemeteries.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2019

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 19-21	NSSAR Fall Leadership Conference (CG-N)
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 10	MOWW Massing of the Colors (CG-N)
November 11	Fort Worth Veterans Day Parade (CG-N)
November 16	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth Election of Chapter Officers for 2020-2021

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March 26-29	125th Texas SAR Annual Convention, The Woodlands (CG-N)
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(CG) = Color Guard event, **(C)** = Chapter, **(S)** = State, **(N)** = National

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 April 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!!!

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>.

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