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Sons of the American Revolution
Chisholm Trail News



Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter
 Fort Worth, Texas
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NEXT MEETING: April 18, 2020 **TIME:** 8:30 am **LOCATION:** Woodhaven Country Club

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Greetings Compatriots,

We are living in an unprecedented time. Who would have ever thought that our beloved country would be brought to its knees, economically, socially, and medically, by this current pandemic. I pray that each of you remains safe and healthy during this historic time period.

As you already know, our Texas Society State Convention was cancelled for March and is now scheduled for July 30-August 2. The Westin at the Woodlands will stay as the host hotel. I have inquired about opening registration up again so that anyone who could not attend in March but can in July might be able to register. I have not received an answer at this time. If you can attend in July, please contact me as we need delegates.

Unfortunately, it appears that many of our award ceremonies for the ROTC/JROTC will not be held due to the current Covid-19 crisis. Instead of presenting the awards in person, Compatriot Alderman is arranging to mail the certificate and medal to each respective unit for presentation to the awardees.

Compatriot Oliver has the same issue with the TCU History Award and will also mail the certificate and medal for presentation to the awardee. So, we continue to find ways to fulfill our obligations in spite of the current situation.

The SAR National Headquarters in Louisville is closed and new and supplemental applications are not currently being processed. This really hampers bringing new members into the organization. Let's hope they are able to re-open as soon as possible.

Finally, today, April 1st, is the 88th Anniversary of the chartering of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter of the Texas Society of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Our charter was issued on this date in 1932. There were ten charter members: Elmer Renfro, Sam B. Gaines, Robert W. Fender, Joe Ingraham, Dr. Valin R. Woodward, Sam B. Cantey, Jr., Newton Gaines, Dr. M. Lee Woodward, Dr. S. A. Woodward, and Frank D. Kent. Happy Birthday to us!

In brotherly affection,

Ron



SILVER GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL PRESENTATION LONE STAR SQUADRON OF SEA CADETS MARCH 1, 2020

President Ron Turner attended the Annual Inspection of the Lone Star Sea Cadet Squadron based at the Naval Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth to present the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate to PO2 Kennedy M. McHorse (pictured at right). The Inspection occurred in front of the Coliseum in the Fort Worth Stockyards. Prior to the Inspection, the Squadron enjoyed lunch at Trailboss Burgers in the Stockyards. The Squadron then marched to the Coliseum. At the conclusion of the Inspection, the Squadron marched in review past the Officer Corps. President Turner was also invited to stand with the Squadron for their formal picture.




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TRAINING SHIP LONE STAR
NSCC / NLCC

Nations #1 Combined Unit 2010, 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018
Sponsored by The U.S. Navy League, Fort Worth, TX

THE 125TH ANNUAL CONVENTION POSTPONED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS

Compatriots,

Sadly, I must inform you the Texas Society SAR Annual Meeting is cancelled for the weekend of March 26 - Mar 29, 2020 and has been rescheduled for the weekend of July 30 - August 2, 2020. Due to the current National Emergency surrounding the COVID-19 virus your officers began looking at our options surrounding this meeting. The CDC called for the cancellation of in-person events of 50 or more people for the next 8 weeks to help prevent the spread of this disease. So in keeping with CDC guidelines for social distancing, hygiene, and helping to mitigate the virus for our at risk population we felt this action prudent. These are extraordinary times.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

The hotel has worked with the Texas Society to move the room block and event structure out to the July 30-August 2 date range. The hotel has cancelled all room reservations for you so that there is no penalty in delaying to do so. You do not need to call the hotel to cancel your room (please do not yet make reservations for the new dates until the hotel is ready).

What you can do is confirm for us your registration for the new meeting on July 30-August 2.

In addition, the contest chairmen need to coordinate with VP - CMA John Hamlin to communicate their contest winners to the National chairmen. We need to be sure they know before the deadline. We are looking at alternatives for the poster, pamphlet, and oration contests and will communicate those.

Thank you for your understanding and for your patience as we deal with this national emergency.

David Temple
President
Texas Society SAR
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For questions email mel_oller@yahoo.com or call 713-818-9732

MARCH MEETING CANCELLED - WHAT ABOUT APRIL?

It was unfortunate that we found it necessary to cancel our chapter meeting for March. Fortunately, all chapter business was of a nature that it could be put off until the next meeting. The health and well-being of our members and guests is paramount in our consideration to cancel. Since almost all of us fall into the "at risk" category per the CDC, it was the prudent thing to do.

It looks as if we may need to cancel the April meeting as well. That decision will be made in a week or so. You will be notified by email if we need to take that step.

Please stay safe! Stay at home in self-isolation. If you do need to go out for "essential" reasons, be sure to follow the CDC, state, county, and city guidelines regarding "social spacing" of a minimum of six feet.

These are unprecedented times in the history of our nation and the world and we all should pray for the welfare of our nation, our people, and our families, and especially for the elimination of this dreadful Covid-19 disease.

APRIL—THE REVOLUTION BEGINS AND ENDS

BEGINNING

The Battles of Lexington and Concord were the first military engagements of the American Revolutionary War and were fought on April 19, 1775 in Massachusetts. This is the day the American Revolution began. In addition to Lexington and Concord, the battles were also fought within the towns of Lincoln, Menotomy (present-day Arlington), and Cambridge. All of the battles occurred in Middlesex County.

About 700 British Army regulars in Boston were tasked with capturing and destroying Colonial military supplies reportedly stored by the Massachusetts militia at Concord. Through effective intelligence gathering, Patriot leaders knew weeks before the expedition that their supplies might be at risk and had moved most of them to other locations. On the night before the battle, warning of the British expedition had been rapidly sent from Boston to militias in the area by several riders, including Paul Revere and Samuel Prescott, with information about British plans.

The first shots were fired just as the sun was rising in Lexington. The militia were outnumbered and fell back, and the regulars proceeded on to Concord, where they divided into companies to search for the supplies. At the North Bridge in Concord, approximately 400 militiamen engaged 100 regulars at about 11:00 am. The outnumbered regulars fell back from the bridge and rejoined the main body of British forces in Concord.

The British forces began their return march to Boston after completing their search for military supplies, and more militiamen continued to arrive from neighboring town. Gunfire erupted again between the two sides and continued throughout the day as the regulars marched back towards Boston. At Lexington, the British expedition was rescued by reinforcements. The combined force marched back to Boston under heavy fire in a tactical withdrawal and eventually reached the safety of Charlestown. The accumulated militias then blockaded the narrow land accesses to Charlestown and Boston, starting the Siege of Boston.

This was a strategic American victory. Although the British forces succeeded in destroying cannon and supplies in Concord, the American Militia successfully drove the British back to Boston.

~ Excerpted from *Wikipedia.org* and *Museum of the American Revolution*

ENDING

The Continental Congress ratified preliminary articles of peace on April 15, 1783, ending the seven-year-long Revolutionary War with Great Britain.

Formal peace talks had begun in Paris in April 1782. The French—key U.S. allies since 1778—put pressure on the American to negotiate a package deal that would also end France's hostilities with Great Britain. Spain and the Netherlands, who were also at war with the British, similarly sought to be part of a grand bargain.


Congress named as its peace commissioners John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, John Jay, Henry Laurens, and Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson did not go to France until 1785, when he became the U.S. ambassador. His role as a commissioner was to shepherd the treaty through Congress and to draft legislation for the organization of the vast Western lands acquired by the pact.

Although sentiment in Congress back in Philadelphia was strongly pro-French, the Paris-based commissioners decided on their own that the European penchant for secret diplomacy, land swaps, and sundry intrigues was not likely to facilitate a deal. Therefore, they acceded to British pressure to conclude a separate preliminary treaty. However, the final formal treaties—the United States' with Great Britain, France, with Great Britain, and Spain's with Great Britain—were all signed on the same day, September 3, 1783.

Our treaty guaranteed U.S. independence from Britain. It call for U.S. acquisition of the territory that lay between the original 13 colonies and the Mississippi River.

~ Written by Andrew Glass and published on *Politico* 4/15/2008

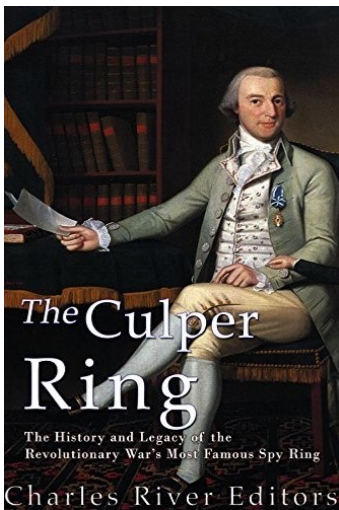
READING for PLEASURE



The Culper Ring

By Charles River Editors

After the siege of Boston forced the British to evacuate that city in March 1776, Continental Army commander George Washington suspected that the British would move by sea to New York City, the next logical target in an attempt to end a colonial insurrection. He thus rushed his army south to defend the city.



Washington guessed correctly, but it would be to no avail. Unlike Boston,

New York City's terrain featured few defensible positions. The city lacked a high point from which to launch a siege, as the peninsula of Boston was fortunate to have. Moreover, Washington wasn't sure defending the city was necessary, hoping that an expedition launched toward Quebec like the one Benedict Arnold had led in late 1775 would keep the British away from New York anyway. However, Congress thought otherwise, and demanded that Washington defend New York.

Washington thus did what he was told, and it nearly resulted in the army's demise. In the summer of 1776, the British conducted the largest amphibious expedition in North America's history at the time, landing over 20,000 troops on Long Island. British General William Howe, who had led the British at Bunker Hill and would later become commander in chief of the armies in North America, easily captured Staten Island, which

Washington was incapable of defending without a proper navy. Washington's army attempted to fight, but Washington was badly outmaneuvered, and his army was nearly cut off from escape. The withdrawal across New York City was enormously disorderly, with many of Washington's troops so scared that they deserted. Others were sick as a result of the dysentery and smallpox plaguing the Continental Army in New York. In what was arguably the worst defeat of the Revolution, Washington was ashamed, and he also felt betrayed, by both his troops and Congress.

However, unbeknownst to nearly everyone, Washington had some men remain active in New York City: the now famous Culper Ring, one of the Revolution's first major intelligence efforts. The ring consisted mostly of a group of civilians in and around New York City who spied on the British forces and Loyalist Americans and reported what they saw and overheard ultimately to Washington, who took a personal, hands-on approach to their management. After modern histories brought their story more fully to light, these spies have since become the subject (with the historical facts somewhat altered) of a recent hit television show, *Turn: Washington's Spies*.

Without question, the relatively little-known clandestine actions of these patriotic men and women contributed to the eventual victory of the long struggle for American independence, and several good books cover part or all of the history of the Culper Ring. However, the main sources consist of the correspondence, much of which has somehow survived, between the members of the ring and their military handlers. Like other spy tales, theirs is a story of courage fraught with constant suspense at being found out and facing a caught spy's usual fate of imprisonment and execution. Indeed, around the time the ring was being organized, America's most famous spy, Nathan Hale, had been caught with maps of British positions on Long Island in his possession and had been summarily hanged.

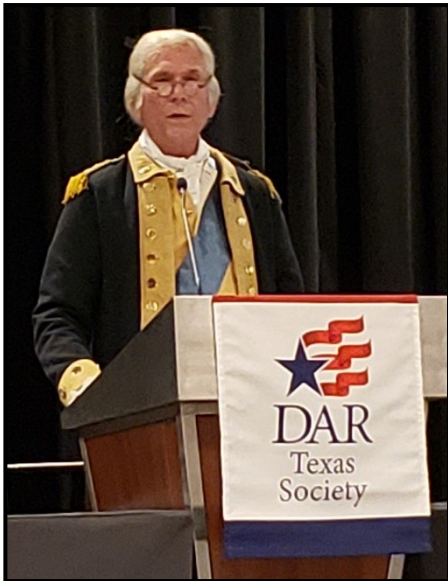
The Culper Ring: The History and Legacy of the Revolutionary War's Most Famous Spy Ring profiles the members of the ring and their activities. Along with pictures of important people, places, and events, you will learn about the Culper Ring like never before, in no time at all. .

121ST STATE CONVENTION
TEXAS SOCIETY
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
MARCH 11-14, 2020

On Wednesday evening, President Ron Turner and First Lady Jan dressed in colonial attire and enjoyed “An Evening with George Washington.”

Compatriots Gerry Gieger, Bobby Gresham, and Ron Turner participated in the North Texas SAR Color Guard that posted the colors on Thursday evening.

Compatriot James Alderman escorted his Lady Ja Ann to the National Defense Banquet on Saturday evening and President Ron Turner escorted his First Lady Jan to the banquet as well.



Gordon R. England was the keynote speaker at the Saturday night banquet. He is an American politician and businessman who was the U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense and twice as U.S. Secretary of the Navy in the administration of U.S. President George W. Bush. The Texas Society DAR honored Mr. England with the DAR Medal of Honor.

The Texas Society DAR also honored Dana Bowman with the DAR Medal of Honor. He is a retired Sergeant First Class with the U.S. Army where he was a Special Forces Soldier and a member of the U.S. Army's elite parachute team, the Golden Knights, and is a double amputee. He lost his legs in an accident during the annual Golden Knights training in Yuma, Arizona, in 1994. Nine months later, he turned this tragedy into a triumph when he became the first double amputee to re-enlist in the United States Army. Dana spends a great deal of his personal time working with other amputees and disabled or physically challenged people. As the founder and President of the HALO for Freedom Warrior Foundation, Dana continues his selfless work giving back to the brave men and women that have given so much of themselves for our country. The Foundation's mission is to provide support for Wounded Warriors as they face the many challenges encountered during their rehabilitation, reintegration, and healing process.



CHAPTER AWARDS LIFE SAVING MEDAL MARCH 16, 2020

Chapter President Ron Turner and Treasurer/Past President Vaughn Oliver presented the SAR Life Saving Medal & Certificate to Officer Teresa Trevino at the Fort Worth Police Department headquarters on Monday, March 16, 2020, with Chief Ed Kraus in attendance.



On February 27th, Ofc. Trevino prevented a suicidal woman from jumping off the Lake Worth Bridge on IH820 in Fort Worth. Ofc. Trevino, the first officer on scene, jumped out of her car, running towards the woman, grabbed her, and stopped her from jumping off the bridge. Ofc. Trevino managed to restrain the woman until other officers arrived to assist.

Congratulations to Ofc. Trevino for a job well-done!

*Have you paid your
SAR Dues for 2020?*



FROM THE NATIONAL REGISTRAR'S APPLICATION STATUS REPORT:

Applications Approved in 2020 [\[approved and registered since the last newsletter\]](#)

Jan. 31, 2020, **Andrew Kent Walker**, 214462, 0, Flower Mound, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Daniel Stark, aft 1751-aft 1810

Jan. 31, 2020, **Michael Anthony Walker**, 214461, 0, Flower Mound, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Daniel Stark, aft 1751-aft 1810

Mar. 13, 2020, Mark David Parkison, 214948, 0, Weatherford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Daniel Parkinson, 1754-1838

Mar. 13, 2020, Phillip Gerald Williams, 214947, 0, North Richland Hills, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Lazarus Rine, 1750-1832

CHAPTER REGISTRAR'S REPORT (as of Tuesday, March 31st):

Applications in progress

(National—11, State—3, Chapter—2)

[\[under national review\]](#) **Larry John Croucher, Jr.**, 0, 0, Roanoke, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob Young, 1765-1836

[\[under national review\]](#) **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, SUPPLEMENTAL #1, Maryan Shirley, 1762-1845

[\[under national review\]](#) **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, SUPPLEMENTAL #2, Michael Shirley, ca1740-aft1784

[\[under national review\]](#) **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, SUPPLEMENTAL #3, William Ditto, ca1713-aft1780

[\[under national review\]](#) **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, SUPPLEMENTAL #4, James Ditto, ca1743-aft1828

[\[under national review\]](#) **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, SUPPLEMENTAL #5, Thomas Arnold, 1729-1795

[\[under national review\]](#) **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, SUPPLEMENTAL #6, Samuel Arnold, ca1750-1831

[\[under national review\]](#) **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, SUPPLEMENTAL #7, John Wright II, ca1710-1792

[\[under national review\]](#) **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, SUPPLEMENTAL #8, John Wright III, 1728-1789

[\[under national review\]](#) **Christopher Justin Goulet**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob George Klock, 1738-1814

[\[under national review\]](#) **Joshua Christopher Goulet**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob George Klock, 1738-1814

[\[under State Review\]](#) **Richard Norman Nelson**, 0, 0, Keller, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John DeVeny, ca1756-1825

[\[under State Review\]](#) **Joe Francis Turner**, 0, 0, Irving, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, George Roebuck, Jr., 1757-1847

[\[under State Review\]](#) **Matthew Lincoln Achorn**, 0, 0, Keller, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Darius Stebbins, 1759-1819

[\[under Chapter Review\]](#) **Stephen William Bridgeman**, 0, 0, Roanoke, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Samuel Doak, 1740-1830

[\[under Chapter Review\]](#) **Rodney Everett Buttermore, Jr.**, 0, 0, Westworth Village, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Johannes Jacob Bottomer, 1758-1818



April 2	Charles Robert Hield
April 4	Wilburn Wade Chaney
April 7	Richard Art DeLaughter
	Christopher Justin Goulet
April 8	Ronald M. Vandiver
April 11	Christopher Kirkpatrick Hull
April 18	David Ray Martin
April 21	Robert Harold Browder

SIGNIFICANT DAYS AND OBSERVANCES FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

April	Month of the Military Child is a time to honor the sacrifices made by military families worldwide, with an emphasis on the experience of the dependent children of military members serving at home and overseas.
April 5	Gold Star Spouses Day is a day set aside to recognize the sacrifices made by military spouses. This recognition is all at once a memorial for the fallen, a remembrance day for the survivors, and an appreciation for those who are sometimes in danger of being overlooked for their support and service to the country.
April 9	National Former POW Recognition Day is a day to honor captured wartime service members who eventually came home.
April 12	Easter
April 14	Air Force Reserve Birthday
April 23	Army Reserve Birthday
April 30	National Military Brats Day is an unofficial holiday and someday may be an actual holiday set aside by Congress to acknowledge just how precious military children—past and present—are and to say thank you for their unmistakable sacrifice and service.



FLY YOUR FLAG

Any day you wish, but especially

George Washington's Birthday
 Patriots' Day (Battle of Lexington & Concord, MA) (Third Monday in April)
 Armed Forces Day (3rd Saturday in May)
 Memorial Day (last Monday in May and half staff until noon)
 Flag Day, 6/14
 Independence Day, 7/4
 Labor Day
 Patriot Day (Terrorists' Attack 2001), 9/11
 Constitution Day, 9/17
 Columbus Day (2nd Monday in October)
 Veterans Day, 11/11

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2020

April 1	88th Anniversary of Chapter Charter (1932)
April 18	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth Emergency Medical Services Commendation Award Presentation CANCELLED Medal of Honor Parade, 10:00a, Gainesville (CG-S)
May 4	North Texas Assembly of God Camp Meeting for Senior Adults w/Col. Allen West, Maypearl, 5:00p (CG-C)
May 16	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth
May 30	Lone Star Squadron Military Ball (25th Commissioning Anniversary), President & First Lady Turner representing chapter
July 9-15	130th Annual SAR Congress, Richmond, Virginia
June 20	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth
July 18	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth
July 30-August 2	121st Annual Texas Society SAR State Convention, The Westin at the Woodlands
August 15	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth
August 29-30	South Central District Meeting, Richardson, Texas
September 19	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth
September 27-20	Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky
October 2-4	Fall Board of Managers meeting, McKinney, Texas
October 17	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth
November 8	MOWW Massing of the Colors
November 11	Veterans Day Parade, Fort Worth
November 21	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth

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



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Parking: Metered street parking is available as well as nearby paid lots such as the Frazier History Museum, Kentucky Science Center, and 8th Street Garage.

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 21, 2020, are:

Active / Current Member.....	107
NSSAR Life.....	9
TXSSAR Perpetual	10
Active / New Member	3
Active / Reinstated.....	0
Deceased.....	0
Dual w/Other Primary State.....	3
Emeritus (50+ years)	0
Junior Member / Reinstated	0
Junior SAR Member	4
Non-Paid Junior Member.....	0
Not Paid (Current Year).....	18
Not Paid Dual State	0
Reinstated / Transferred In.....	0
Transferred In.....	0
Memorial.....	0

Our membership currently is **117**.



SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!!

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

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