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Chisholm Trail News



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Greetings Compatriots,

Today is Memorial Day. A day of remembrance. I read this touching and moving reminder on social media this morning and it is so appropriate for today. My wish is for all Americans to remember and to understand.

Monday will be the most expensive holiday on the calendar. Every hot dog, every burger, every spin around the lake, or drink with friends and family...is a debt...purchased by others. This is not about all who've served...that day comes in the fall. This one is in honor of those who paid in life and blood; whose moms never saw them again, whose dads wept in private, whose husbands and wives raised kids alone, and whose kids only remembered them from pictures. This isn't simply a day off. This is a day to remember - that others paid for every free breath you ever get to take. Freedom.

Freedom isn't free.

In brotherly affection,

Ron



Memorial Day at Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery



COMPATRIOT ALDERMAN TRAINS DAR

Terry Vrabel, Regent of the Captain Molly Corbin Chapter DAR in Grapevine, wanted ladies in her chapter to learn how to clean cemetery grave stones. On Friday, May 7th, Compatriot James Alderman met 11 DAR members at Parker Memorial Cemetery on Highway 121 in Grapevine and trained the ladies on the proper procedure in using DS2 to clean headstones.

The ladies really got into the program. They cleaned a total of eight stones: four (4) World War I soldiers, one (1) World War II soldier, one (1) Union army soldier, two (2) Confederate soldiers, and the wife of one (1) Confederate soldier.



Compatriot Alderman is shown with Regent Terry Vrabel (kneeling on his right) and nine of the ladies of the Captain Molly Corbin DAR Chapter at Parker Memorial Cemetery in Grapevine. Ja Ann Alderman took the picture.



ART MUNFORD RECOGNIZED

At our monthly chapter meeting on May 15th, President Ron Turner presented Compatriot Art Munford with a certificate issued by Texas Society President Drake Peddie in recognition of Art's dedication and work as the Texas Society State Chairman of the Eagle Scout Award Sub-Committee.

EAGLE SCOUT ESSAY AWARDS

President Ron Turner, with the assistance of Compatriot Art Munford, recognized the chapter's Eagle Scout Essay contestants at our May 15th chapter meeting.

President Turner and Compatriot Munford presented a certificate, a check for \$300, and the SAR Eagle Scout Medal to chapter winner Preston Davis.

Then, they presented a certificate and a SAR/BSA Partnership for Good Citizenship patch to chapter contest runner-up Israel Cartagena, Jr.

Each scout read their respective essay to the members in attendance.

NEW PICTURE POLICY

The Texas Society has issued a new policy pertaining to the publication of children under the age of 18. To publish photos of children in *The Texas Compatriot*, the *Chisholm Trail News*, or on our chapter website, we must have a signed parental form that gives us permission to publish the child's photo and name. You can find the form on our chapter's website under Documents.



RUSSELL WARREN LEAVENS

LOVING FATHER, HUSBAND, & CIVIL ENGINEER

Our friend and compatriot Russ Leavens passed away peacefully in his sleep on the morning of April 19th. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, May 22, 2021, at 1:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church in Grapevine.

Russ was a longtime member of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter and served as Chapter President from 2014-2015.

In Memoriam

RUSSELL WARREN LEAVENS
19 Nov 1936 – 19 Apr 2021

NSSAR 165266

Texas SAR 9615



Texas Society President Drake Peddie, upon hearing of Russ's death, communicated the following:

"I am extremely sad to learn of the passing of Compatriot Leavens. I know he was a long time stalwart of the Van Zandt Chapter for almost 15 years and I always enjoyed chatting with him at the many state meetings that he attended. Please express my sympathy and regrets to your chapter and the family."

Russell Warren Leavens, 84, passed away on April 19, 2021, at home in Southlake.

Memorial Services: 1:00 pm Saturday, May 22, at First Presbyterian Church in Grapevine, Texas.

Russ was born on November 19, 1936, to Rosemary Schwartz and Colin Leavens. He grew up in Houston and moved to Southlake in 1984.

Russ was a structural engineer with a degree from the University of Houston. He specialized in marine engineering and worked around the world designing and building offshore drilling rigs until the 1980's when he settled in Southlake and established his own engineering firm, Enterprise Engineers.


Russ was best known as an avid patriot and historian of both the United States and Texas. He was a member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas and the Sons of the American Revolution. He was also an honorary member of the Texas Rangers Foundation. Russ was a long time member of First Presbyterian Church of Grapevine where he worked on many activities and had many close friends.

Survivors: wife Ann Leavens; children Richard Leavens and wife Beth, Ben Leavens and wife Becky, Jennifer Leavens, Paul Leavens and wife Jamie; step children Brock Cattnach and wife Kelly, Edwina Cattnach; grandchildren Whitney Leavens and husband Victor Segura, Michelle, Kelli, Jasmine, Adam, Zane, Lillian and Liam; and many great grandchildren.

*Requiescat in pace,
Compatriot & Friend!*

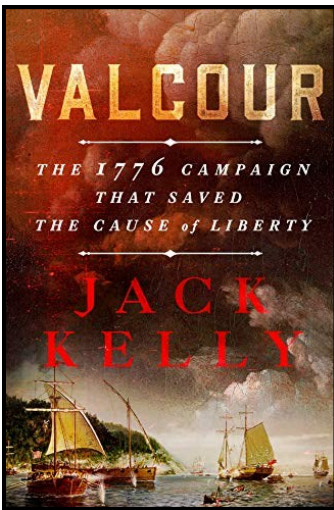


READING for PLEASURE



VALCOUR

By Jack Kelly



During the summer of 1776, a British incursion from Canada loomed. In response, citizen soldiers of the newly independent nation mounted a heroic defense. Patriots constructed a small fleet of gunboats on Lake Champlain in northern New York and confronted the Royal Navy in a desperate three-day battle near Valcour Island. Their effort surprised the arrogant British and forced

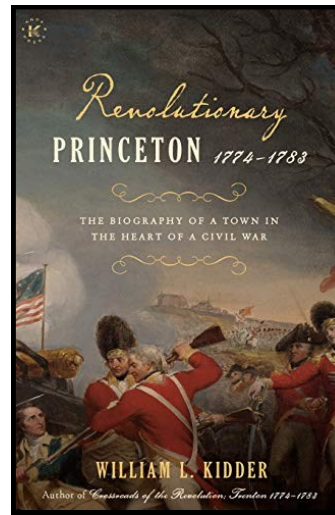
the enemy to call off their invasion.

Jack Kelly's *Valcour* is a story of people. The northern campaign of 1776 was led by the underrated general Philip Schuyler (Hamilton's father-in-law), the ambitious former British officer Horatio Gates, and the notorious Benedict Arnold. An experienced sea captain, Arnold devised a brilliant strategy that confounded his slow-witted opponents.

America's independence hung in the balance during 1776. Patriots endured one defeat after another. But two events turned the tide: Washington's bold attack on Trenton and the equally audacious fight at Valcour Island. Together, they stunned the enemy and helped preserve the cause of liberty.

REVOLUTIONARY PRINCETON 1774-1783

By William L. Kidder



The battles of Trenton and Princeton have been the subject of several recent books, but this story complements them by expanding the story to include the many experiences of the people of Princeton in the wider Revolution and their contributions to it. This story combines social history with the better known military and political history of the Revolution. It

does not just deal with amorphous groups and institutions, but rather with individuals working with and affected by various groups on both sides of the conflict. Readers can identify with real people they get to know in the story. This story of Princeton unfolds in narrative format and, while deeply researched, reads more like a novel than an academic study.

JUNE CHAPTER MEETING

JUNE 19, 2021

We will meet at

BACON'S BISTRO & CAFÉ

714 GRAPEVINE HWY A

HURST, TX 76054

[Website](#)

[Map](#)

Please mark your calendars accordingly!

Breakfast at 8:30 am - Business Meeting at 9:00 am

Your officers are actively searching for a suitable and permanent location. If you have recommendations, please contact one of the chapter officers.



BILL TAYLOR INDUCTED

President Ron Turner inducted new member William "Bill" Stanley Taylor at our monthly chapter meeting on Saturday, May 15th. Registrar Gerry Gieger assisted by pinning Compatriot Taylor with the SAR Rosette.

Bill is the 4x great-grandson of Patriot CHARLES HAMILTON, born about 1750 in Scotland, and died 24 Nov 1818 in Kentucky. He married Hannah Henry. Charles served as a soldier in South Carolina.



TEXAS SOCIETY MEMBER ROSTER FOR 1977 DONATED TO CHAPTER ARCHIVES

Compatriot Charles K. Webster was going through some stuff and found a Texas Society Roster of Members with Constitution and By-Laws through June 30, 1977. Compatriot Webster thought the chapter needed this bit of history so he has donated it to us.

The roster was mailed to Compatriot Roscoe Earl Cox, Jr., a member at the time. Mr. Cox owned Cox's Department Stores in Fort Worth.

It is a fascinating item of our chapter history, as well as that of the Texas Society. The roster will eventually find its way to the Texas Society SAR archives housed at North Texas University in Denton.

If you have any old items that perhaps have historical value to the chapter or the state society, please consider donating them so they can be permanently preserved at UNT.

CONSERVATION OF A MODEL 1777 PISTOL

The Model 1777 pistol was designed in the late 1770s, and it was manufactured until 1792 in three French cities: Saint-Étienne, Charleville, and Maubeuge. Between the period of 1788 to 1792, it is estimated that approximately 145,000 were fabricated. The French Model 1777 flint-lock pistol is currently in the care of the NSSAR. This pistol recently completed a conservation treatment at McKay Lodge Conservation Laboratory, just outside of Cleveland, Ohio. The top picture is before the conservation treatment and the bottom picture is after treatment.



2021 MEDAL OF HONOR PARADE

POSTPONED UNTIL September 25, 2021 Gainesville, Texas

Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Color Guard Members
Take Note!

Our trailer will be one of two trailers in the parade under the SAR North Texas Color Guard banner.

Plan now to participate!

Texas Represented at Waxhaws

By William “Bill” Schwetke

On May 29, 1780, 241 years ago, the Continental 3rd Detachment, about 350 green Virginia recruits, under the command of Colonel Abraham Buford, retreating from a failed attempt to relieve besieged troops at Charleston, South Carolina, were overtaken by Banastre Tarleton and badly defeated, with many dead. The Virginians had attempted to surrender, but were mercilessly cut down in an atrocity that became a rallying cry for patriots in the South.

This event was memorialized on the anniversary in an SAR ceremony on the battle ground, next to the mass grave of over 100 Virginians. Sacred soil of Virginia, gathered from Culpeper County and blessed in a ceremony on April 17th, was transported to Waxhaws by the Virginia SAR President, Jeff Thomas, and spread on the mass grave of Virginians.

Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter dual member Bill Schwetke, and Past President of the Virginia Society, carried the Texas flag in the Color Guard and presented a Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter wreath during the ceremony.



Bill Schwetke carrying the Texas flag in the Color Guard



Bill Schwetke with the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt wreath



Compatriot Father Henry Minich blesses the Virginia Soil held by Virginia SAR President Jeff Thomas on April 17th.



Left: Virginia SAR President Jeff Thomas spreads the Blessed Soil of Virginia on the mass grave of Virginians.



- June 4 Damon Dion Harvey
 Ralph Edward Smith
- June 7 Robert Grady Gresham
- June 10 David John Smith
 Jimmy Dwight Tom
- June 13 William Lowell Meaders
 Donald Gordon Woodworth
- June 17 David Alan Barkley
- June 18 Nicholas Kenneth Mandich
- June 20 Jeffrey Wade Wilson
- June 23 Lloyd Stephen Barnes
- June 28 Jeffrey Warren Sparks

WOODHAVEN COUNTRY CLUB UPDATE

Management of Woodhaven Country Club reports that the country club will not re-open until possibly September. Louis Scoma said that issues with the availability of materials and with labor are causing the delay.

President Ron Turner has reserved the meeting room at Bacon’s Grill & Café in Hurst through November as our temporary meeting location. As a reminder, breakfast begins at 8:30 am with the business meeting starting at 9:00 am.

We are continuing the search for a permanent suitable location that is more central to our membership. If you know of a suitable location, please contact President Turner. A suitable location would be in the downtown Fort Worth area or the southwest quadrant of Tarrant County.



FROM THE NATIONAL REGISTRAR'S APPLICATION STATUS REPORT:

Applications Approved in 2021 [approved and registered since the last newsletter]

Feb 05, Michael Ty Hobbs, 218182, 14620, North Richland Hills, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Jesse Glasscock, 1748-aft1810
 Mar 05, Robert Anthony Jacobs, 218481, 14644, Azle, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Samuel Jacobs, 1760-1840
 Mar 05, William Stanley Taylor, Col. (ret.), 218483, 14646, Colleyville, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Charles Hamilton, 1750-1818
 Mar 12, Michael Edward Fussell, 218579, 14658, Burleson, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Charles Moale Croxall, 1756-1831
 Mar 19, Conrad James Kimble, 218649, 14664, Weatherford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Isaac Booth, 1755-1841
 Mar 19, Clay Tolbert Robinson, 218648, 14663, Mansfield, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Isaac Booth, 1755-1841
 Mar 19, Cullen Bradshaw Robinson, 218647, 14662, Mansfield, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Isaac Booth, 1755-1841
 Mar 19, Patrick James Robinson, 218650, 14665, Mansfield, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Isaac Booth, 1755-1841
 Apr 02, Daryl Allan Johnson, 218779, 14699, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob Brumbaugh, 1734-ca1816

CHAPTER REGISTRAR'S REPORT (as of May 21):

Applications in progress (National—6, State—0, Chapter—12)

[under National Review] Robert Perry Bartholow, Jr., 0, 0, Burleson, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Boaz Fleming, 1758-1830
[under National Review] Kirby Lee Boyd, 205305, 13322, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, John Boyd, 1740-1815
[under National Review] Rodney Everett Buttermore, Jr., 0, 0, Westworth Village, TX. ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob Bottomer, abt 1758-1820
[under National Review] Robert Donald Cochrane, 0, 0, Bedford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Thomas King, 1754-1847
[under National Review] David Charles Fleming, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, William Snodgrass, 1760-1849
[under National Review] Raymond Ross Hartsfield, 0, 0, North Richland Hills, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Christian Fast, 1762-1841
[under Chapter Review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, James Alexander,
[under Chapter Review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, James Black,
[under Chapter Review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, Alexander Oliver,
[under Chapter Review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, Adam Lackey,
[under Chapter Review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, Micajah Stone,
[under Chapter Review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, Moses Hurt,
[under Chapter Review] Claude Cleveland McCutcheon III, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Shadrack Turner, 1723-1784
[under Chapter Review] Tanner Allan Smith, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Wilkins Smith, abt 1766-abt 1859
[under Chapter Review] Charles William Thomas, 0, 0, Weatherford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, William Thomas Sr, 1741-1800
[under Chapter Review] Ronald Joe Turner, 198382, 12354. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, John Blackford, 1713-bef 1786
[under Chapter Review] Ronald Joe Turner, 198382, 12354. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, William McElwee, abt 1718-1807
[under Chapter Review] John Wayne Wheat, 0, 0, Weatherford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Henry Brown, 1765-1847



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2021

June 14	DAR Flag Day Ceremony, Veteran's Park, Fort Worth (CG-S)
June 19	Chapter Meeting, Bacon's Grill & Café, Hurst
July 4	Independence Day (CG-N)
July 10-15	NSSAR 131st Annual Congress, Renton, Washington (CG-N)
July 17	Chapter Meeting, Bacon's Grill & Café, Hurst
August 6-7	Summer BOM (CG-S) (ZOOM meeting)
August 21	Chapter Meeting, Bacon's Grill & Café, Hurst
August 27	South Central District Meeting,
September 18	Chapter Meeting, Bacon's Grill & Café, Hurst
September 23-25	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky (CG-N)
September 25	Medal of Honor Parade, Gainesville, muster at 9:30 a.m. (CG-S)
October 7-10	Fall Board of Managers meeting, NASA Hilton, Clear Lake City, Texas (CG-S)
October 16	Chapter Meeting, Bacon's Grill & Café, Hurst
November 11	Veterans Day Parade, Fort Worth (CG-N)
November 13	Audie Murphy Parade, Farmersville (CG-S)
November 20	Chapter Meeting, Bacon's Grill & Café, Hurst Election of Officers for 2022-2023
December 4	Dickens on the Strand, Galveston (CG-S)
December 18	Wreaths Across America, Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth (CG-N)

2022

January 15	Chapter Meeting, Location to be determined Installation of Officers for 2022-2023
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(CG) = Color Guard event, **(C)** = Chapter, **(S)** = State, **(N)** = National

FLY YOUR FLAG

Any day you wish, but especially

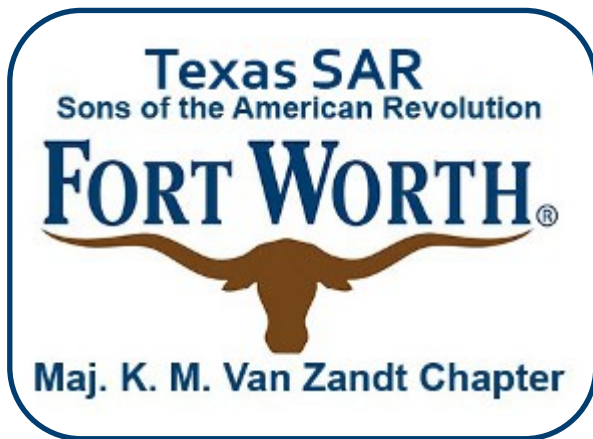
George Washington's Birthday
 Patriots' Day (Battle of Lexington & Concord, MA) (Third Monday in April)
 Armed Forces Day (3rd Saturday in May)
 Memorial Day (last Monday in May and half staff until noon)
 Flag Day, 6/14
 Independence Day, 7/4
 Labor Day
 Patriot Day (Terrorists' Attack 2001), 9/11
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



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 May 21, 2021, are:

Active / Current Member	114
NSSAR Life.....	9
TXSSAR Perpetual	10
Active/New Member	8
Active/Reinstated (current yr)	1
Active/Reinstated (Over 1 yr)..	0
Deceased (current yr).....	1
Deceased Perpetual (current yr)	0
Dual w/Other Primary State....	3
Emeritus (50+ years)	0
Junior Member/Reinstated	0
Junior SAR Member.....	3
Non-Paid Junior Member	1
Not Paid (Current Year).....	15
Reinstated/Transferred In.....	1
Transferred In.....	1

Our membership currently is **131**.



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>.