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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Greetings Compatriots,

As reflected in the pages of this newsletter, another busy month is behind us. I pray that you had a joyous Thanksgiving, spending time with family and friends, and enjoying all that God has provided us.

We now turn our attention to December. I'm very proud of our chapter. We sponsored more than 120 wreaths for Wreaths Across America at Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth. Our goal was 100 wreaths and for the third year in a row, we met our goal. As I write this, a total of 760 wreaths were sponsored at Oakwood Cemetery by just three organizations — Fort Worth Chapter DAR, Mary Isham Keith Chapter DAR, and Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter SAR. Please see page 14 for a list of those who individuals or organizations that sponsored one or more wreaths.

While I'm on the subject of Wreaths Across America, please be aware of the time change for the Wreath-Laying Ceremony on December 18th at Oakwood Cemetery. It is now at 11:00 a.m.

As we approach the end of the year, don't forget to submit all SAR activities you participated in to Chapter Secretary Kevin Shellman for our required reports. If you are not sure about it, please submit it anyway and he will make the determination whether to include it or not.

Finally, after a year filled with Covid-19 concerns, may this Christmas end the present year on a cheerful note and make way for a fresh and bright New Year. Spend time with loved ones. Eat well. Be safe if you are traveling. Celebrate the wonderful birth of Jesus Christ and give thanks to God for all your blessings.

Here's wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In brotherly affection,

Ron



41st Annual Massing of the Colors

On Sunday, November 7, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., members of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter participated in the 41st Annual Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance hosted by the Fort Worth Chapter, Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) and the Fort Worth ISD JROTC. The non-denominational service honors our flag and America's veterans. This year's event was held at Birchman Baptist Church, 9100 N. Normandale St., Fort Worth.

Colonel David Green, US Army Judge Advocate Corp, was the keynote speaker for this patriotic event. The Frontier Brigade Band provided stirring military-type music during a brief concert at 2:00 p.m. preceding the service.

The Massing of the Colors is a patriotic ceremony providing a living tribute to our heritage and rededicates our faith in the Flag of the United States. It demonstrates our support for the Colors of the United States of America, and for the men and women of our uniformed services under whose Colors they chose to serve. It combines the colors and color guard units of Active and Reserve Component military units, ROTC/JROTC Units, Veterans' Organizations, Civic and Patriotic organizations, including Boy and Girl Scout units from the local councils.

Each participating unit provided two members that carried the American flag and the unit/organization flag. Additional compatriots also attended the ceremony. Participating Chapter members included:

Sons of the American Revolution: Ron Turner, Mark Parkison, Vann Cunningham, Keven Shellman (all from Maj. K.M. Van Zandt) and Tom Van Fossen and Bill Watts (Dallas Chapter)

Sons of Confederate Veterans: Bobby Gresham & James Alderman

Sons of Union Veterans in the Civil War: Don Woodworth

1Lt Mike Connelley, US Army (Former), is a member of MOWW and read a prayer during the ceremony.



1Lt Mike Connelley, USA (Former), Ron Turner,
James Alderman & Bill Watts





SAR members who participated in MOWW include (left to right):
 Sons of Confederate Veterans Bobby Gresham & James Alderman; Sons of the American Revolution Vann Cunningham, Mark Parkison, Tom Van Fossen, Bill Watts, Ron Turner & Kevin Shellman



(left to right): Vann Cunningham, Tom Van Fossen, Bill Watts, Ron Turner, Kevin Shellman, and Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter member Don Woodworth who represented the Sons of Union Veterans in the Civil War.

MOWW Participants & 2022 Patriot Medal Awardees Tom Van Fossen & Ron Turner



FORTH WORTH VETERANS DAY PARADE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021



Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter participants included:

- Color Guard Commander Bobby Gresham
- James Alderman
- Gerry Gieger
- Art Munford
- Kevin Shellman
- John Anderson (driver)



DAR Veterans Day Luncheon

The Captain Molly Corbin DAR Chapter in Grapevine, Texas, hosted a Veterans Day luncheon on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at the new Vin Hotel in Grapevine. The Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter SAR presented, posted, and retrieved the Colors for the event.



(Left to right) Compatriots Kevin Shellman, Color Guard Commander Bobby Gresham, Vann Cunningham, and James Alderman



James Alderman's daughter, a member of the Mississippi Society DAR, was visiting from Mississippi and attended the DAR Veterans Day Luncheon with James and JaAnn Alderman.



(Left to right) Compatriots Vann Cunningham, Color Guard Commander Bobby Gresham, Bonny Kurtz, Mary Kate McRainey, Ja Ann Alderman, James Alderman, and Kevin Shellman



Flag Certificate Presentations

During the fourth quarter of 2021, Chapter Registrar Gerry Gieger presented a number of recipients with Certificates of Commendation in recognition of Exemplary Patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America.

Those receiving Flag Certificates for September 11th:

- ★ Candletree Apartments, 7425 S. Hulen St., Fort Worth 76133
- ★ Lena Pope Chapel Hill Academy, 4640 Sycamore School Rd, Fort Worth 76133
- ★ Trinity Meadows Apartments, 4533 Sycamore School Rd, Fort Worth 76133
- ★ Hulen Gardens Apartments, 7415 Tallow Wind Trail, Fort Worth 76133
- ★ Citizens National Bank of Texas, 1651 SW Wilshire Blvd, Burleson 76028
- ★ Rocket Car Wash, 301 E. Rendon Crowley Rd (FM 1187), Burleson 76028
- ★ Alcon, 6201 S. Freeway (I-35W), Fort Worth 76134
- ★ WhiteWater Express Car Wash, 1998 E. Main St., Crowley 76036
- ★ Walmart Supercenter #590, 6300 Oakmont Blvd, Fort Worth 76132
- ★ Whataburger #345, 3501 Altamesa Blvd, Fort Worth 76133

Those receiving Flag Certificates for November 11th:

- ★ Greenbriar Community Center, 5200 Hemphill St., Fort Worth 76115
- ★ Castrol Premium Lube Express, 857 John Jones Dr. (FM 731), Burleson 76028
- ★ Mini U Storage, 786 FM 1187 E., Crowley 76036
- ★ Texas Health Burleson, 2750 SW Wilshire Blvd (TX Hwy 174), Burleson 76028
- ★ Harvest Assembly of God Church, 7501 Crowley Rd. (FM 731), Fort Worth 76134
- ★ Walmart Market #3135, 717 W. Berry St., Fort Worth 76110
- ★ Whataburger #76, 2600 Hemphill St., Fort Worth 76110
- ★ Laird Law, 1119 Pennsylvania Ave, Fort Worth 76104

- ★ Colonial Savings Bank, 7317 Oakmont Blvd., Fort Worth 76132

Those receiving Flag Certificates for December 7th:

- ★ The Coventry at Cityview Apartments, 5200 Bryant-Irvin Rd., Fort Worth 76132
- ★ Arbors Apartments, 6000 Oakmont Blvd., Fort Worth 76132
- ★ Frost Bank, 3000 Altamesa Blvd., Fort Worth 76133
- ★ McDonald's, 3500 Altamesa Blvd., Fort Worth 76133
- ★ Chick-fil-A, 3580 Altamesa Blvd., Fort Worth, 76133
- ★ Cristo Rey College Prep School, 2633 Altamesa Blvd., Fort Worth 76133
- ★ Idea Edgecliff Prep School, 1640 Altamesa Blvd., Fort Worth 76134
- ★ Chick-fil-A, 4913 Bryant Irvin Rd., Fort Worth 76132
- ★ The Savoy Apartments, 7501 Kingswood Dr., Fort Worth 76133



Chapter Officers 2022 & 2023

On November 20th, the chapter elected officers to lead the chapter for the next two-year cycle. These men will assume their leadership positions during the January 2022 chapter meeting. They are:

President-elect: Robert "Bobby" Grady Gresham

Vice President-elect: Kevin Jon Shellman

Secretary-elect: Mark David Parkison

Treasurer-elect: Michael Anthony Walker

Co-Registrars-elect: Gerald "Gerry" Allen Gieger and Ronald "Ron" Joe Turner

Genealogist-elect: Donald "Don" Gordon Woodworth

Chaplain-elect: Ralph Edward Smith

Sergeant-at-Arms & Color Guard Commander-elect: James Vann Cunningham

Congratulations, Compatriots!

New Officer Induction

All members of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter are encouraged to be in attendance at the January 2022 chapter meeting for the induction of our new officers.

We continue to search for a new meeting place that is centrally located to Tarrant, Parker, and Johnson counties and will advise all members via our Google Groups email list once a location and time is determined.

Please add our January 15th meeting to your calendar NOW and plan to attend.



Lockheed Martin

Armed Forces Bowl

Veterans' Village

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Game Kick-Off 7:00 p.m.

Amon Carter Stadium Parking Lot

Can you help out in the booth?

Perfect opportunity to present

Vietnam Veteran Pins!

SAR Recruitment Opportunity!



December 3	David Nicholas Boyd
December 7	James Reagan Herman III
December 8	Charles Wendell McHenry
December 9	Cable Gregory Johnson
December 10	Andrew Kent Walker
December 11	Patrick Lee Fogerson
December 23	Larry Vaughn Mick
December 24	<i>Brent Evan Butterworth (PM)</i>
December 30	James Edward Reeves III



Please pay your 2022 Dues Before December 31, 2021



CHAPTER LAPEL PINS FOR SALE

\$5 per pin

Available each month at chapter meetings

\$7.50 per pin with delivery via USPS

includes packaging & shipping

Contact Ron Turner

All proceeds from the sale of pins support the Chapter's Goodman Youth Fund and the Pray TCU Awards Fund.

Get yours today!



Support our Youth!

November Chapter Meeting



Steven Hole Inducted

At the November chapter meeting, President Ron Turner inducted Steven James Hole into the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter and the Sons of the American Revolution. Registrar Gerry Gieger assisted by pinning the SAR Rosette on Compatriot Hole's coat lapel.

Steven's Patriot Ancestor is his 4th great-grandfather, Daniel Hole, who served as a Private in both New Jersey and Virginia under Captain James Parsons, General Hand, and Captain Woods.

Daniel was born 5 Apr 1757 in Essex County, New Jersey. His second wife was Mary Bedell. Daniel died 2 Mar 1839 in Washington County, Indiana.



President Turner is wearing the blue shirt with embroidered SAR logo that is available through our chapter's store, as well as the SAR logo name badge.

Merchandise can only be ordered through the website.

A link is on the webpage providing shirt size details.

The shirt is available in either white or blue.

To order:

<https://stores.inksoft.com/sartx/shop/home>



Vann Cunningham and President Ron Turner received Certificates of Appreciation for their time and new member recruitment service during the 2021 Texas State Fair

Presidential Awards

At the November chapter meeting, President Ron Turner presented several awards for outstanding service to the chapter.



President Turner presented the Chapter Meritorious Service Medal to Luther Vaughn Oliver, retiring Chapter Treasurer, for his long devotion and service to the chapter as our Treasurer. Vaughn completes 10 years as Treasurer.



President Turner presented the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal to Robert Grady Gresham for his many years of service to the chapter as the Chapter Sergeant-at-Arms and Color Guard Commander. Bobby is retiring as Color Guard Commander.



President Turner presented the Chapter Distinguished Service Medal to Gerald Allen Gieger for his many years of service performing duties of the Chapter Registrar, as well as his support to President Turner during the last two years. Gerry is the Immediate Past President for the chapter.



Compatriot Vann Cunningham presented a short program on his experience attending Yorktown Day in Virginia on September 18th. He described his role in the various events and activities he attended. Vann wore his militia uniform and discussed how it was the least expensive way to participate in the chapter's Color Guard.

Fort Knyphausen

British Commander in Chief General William Howe re-named Fort Washington "Fort Knyphausen."

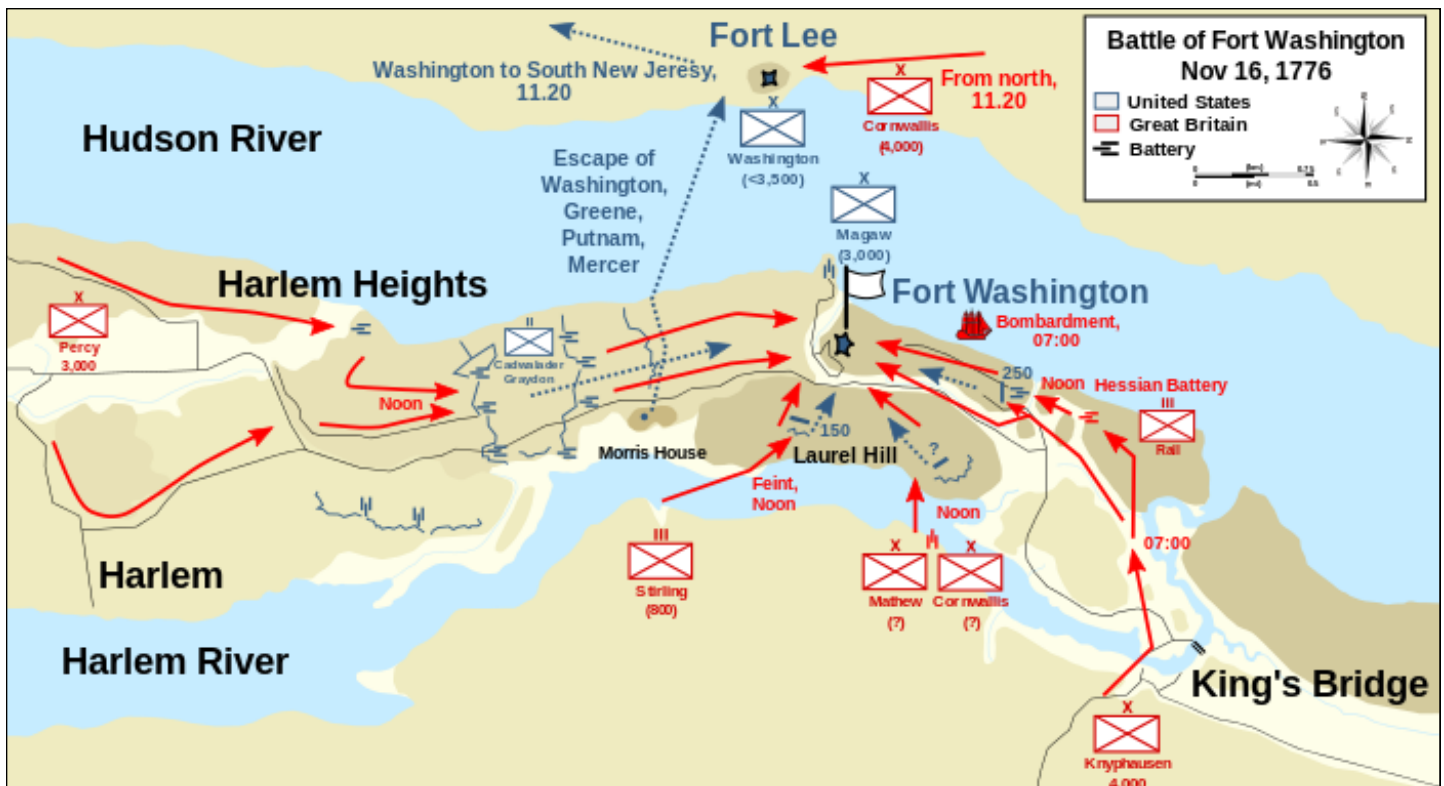
"When one side of a war takes control of an area or a fort belonging to the other side, they often change the name of the area or fort to reflect the name of the hero who laid siege on it. Lieutenant General Wilhelm von Knyphausen became a British hero in 1776, when he and a force of 3,000 Hessian mercenaries and 5,000 Redcoats laid siege to Fort Washington at the northern end and highest point of Manhattan Island on November 16, 1776.

Throughout that morning, Knyphausen met stiff resistance from the Patriot riflemen inside, but by afternoon, the Patriots were overwhelmed, and the garrison commander, Colonel Robert Magaw, surrendered. Nearly 3,000 Patriots were taken prisoner, and valuable ammunition and supplies were lost to the Hessians. The prisoners faced a particularly grim fate, because many later died aboard British prison ships anchored in New York Harbor. Among the 53 dead and 96 wounded Patriots were John and Margaret Corbin of Virginia. When John died in action, his wife Margaret took over his cannon, cleaning, loading, and firing the gun until she too was severely

wounded. The first woman known to have fought for the Continental Army, Margaret survived, but lost the use of her left arm.

After the siege, and in honor of Lieutenant General Wilhelm von Knyphausen, who had stormed the post five days earlier, British Commander in Chief General William Howe renamed Fort Washington, "Fort Knyphausen" on November 18, 1776. It was a devastating loss to the patriots. Today, the site of Fort Washington is Bennett Park on Fort Washington Avenue, between West 183rd and West 185th streets in the neighborhood of the Washington Heights section of New York City. The locations of the fort's walls are marked in the park by stones, along with a tablet commemorating the location of Fort Washington, and the brave troops who took back the fort on their triumphal entry into the city of New York on November 25, 1783."

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Wilhelm von Knyphausen

Wilhelm Reichsfreiherr von Innhausen und Knyphausen was a German general officer who served in Hesse-Kassel. He fought in the American Revolutionary War, during which he commanded Hessian auxiliaries on behalf of Great Britain.

Knyphausen's father was the colonel of a Prussian regiment under the Duke of Marlborough. Educated in Berlin, the young Knyphausen entered the Prussian military service in 1734, and in 1775 he became a general officer in the army of Frederick the Great. In the army of Hesse-Cassel, he was a lieutenant general. In 1776, with 42 years of military experience, he came to the Thirteen Colonies of British North America as second-in-command of an army of 12,000 men called "Hessians" under General Heister.



Knyphausen led the Hessian troops in the Battles of White Plains, Fort Mifflin, Brandywine, Germantown, Springfield, and Monmouth. In 1779 and 1780, he commanded British-held New York City. When Heister left for Germany, Knyphausen took command of the German troops serving under Sir William Howe. Because of Knyphausen's seniority, British officers held dormant commissions outranking him in case the British commander became disabled. Despite this, Knyphausen was trusted by his British superiors.

Knyphausen's regiment took part in the attack on Fort Mifflin and was in garrison at Trenton, New Jersey. Major Von Dechow, who was in command in late 1776, warned Colonel Johann Rall to fortify the town, advice that was ignored. During the Battle of Trenton the regiment tried to escape across Assunpink Creek but was forced to surrender. Dechow was mortally wounded during the battle.

Sir William Howe gave Knyphausen responsibility for commanding the right flank at the Brandywine, tasked with keeping the attention of the Continental commanders on the river line at Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania. He also commanded the vanguard of the army withdrawing from Philadelphia at the time of the Battle of Monmouth.

For several years the main body of Knyphausen's force occupied the upper part of Manhattan Island, and during the temporary absence of Sir Henry Clinton in 1780, he was in command of the city.

Knyphausen's regiment served in the Americas from 1776 to 1783. Knyphausen left the North American theater in 1782 in part because of ill health, including blindness in one eye caused by a cataract. (His wife had died in 1778.) Friedrich Wilhelm von Lossberg succeeded to command of the Hessian troops in New York.

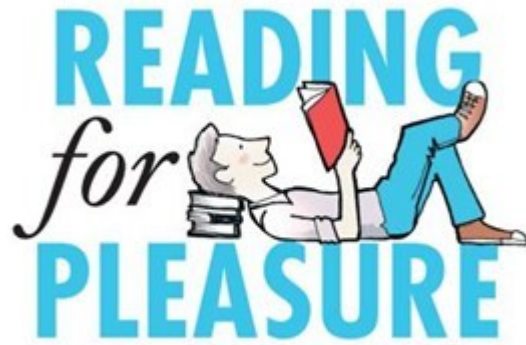
Knyphausen returned to Europe, having, as he said, achieved neither glory nor advancement, but near the end of his life he became military governor of Cassel. He was a taciturn and discreet officer, who understood the temper of his troops and rarely entered on hazardous exploits. His was a hireling army of recruits gathered from work-houses and by impressment, drilled in the use of arms on shipboard. As he frequently declared, on such forces a judicious commander could place little reliance; they dwindled less by death than by desertion.

In 1785, shortly after the end of the war, General Lafayette travelled to Cassel and met Knyphausen. He wrote to General Washington that they had reminisced about the war and exchanged compliments. Knyphausen died in 1800 as the result of an eye surgery.

Fort Hill Park in Staten Island, New York is the site of what was once called Fort Knyphausen, an earthen redoubt built to fend off Patriot forces.

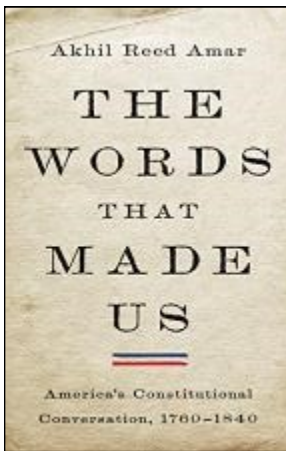
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THE WORDS THAT MADE US

By Akhil Reed Amar



A history of the American Constitution's formative decades from a preeminent legal scholar.

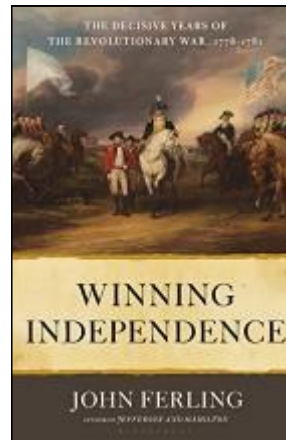
When the US Constitution won popular approval in 1788, it was the culmination of thirty years of passionate argument over the nature of government. But ratification hardly ended the conversation. For the next half century, ordinary Americans and

statesmen alike continued to wrestle with weighty questions in the halls of government and in the pages of newspapers. Should the nation's borders be expanded? Should America allow slavery to spread westward? What rights should Indian nations hold? What was the proper role of the judicial branch?

In *The Words that Made Us*, Akhil Reed Amar unites history and law in a vivid narrative of the biggest constitutional questions early Americans confronted, and he expertly assesses the answers they offered. His account of the document's origins and consolidation is a guide for anyone seeking to properly understand America's Constitution today.

WINNING INDEPENDENCE

By John Ferling



From celebrated historian John Ferling, the underexplored history of the second half of the Revolutionary War, when, after years of - fighting, American independence often seemed beyond reach.

It was 1778, and the recent American victory at Saratoga had netted the U.S a powerful ally in France. Many, including

General George Washington, presumed France's entrance into the war meant independence was just around the corner.

Meanwhile, having lost an entire army at Saratoga, Great Britain pivoted to a "southern strategy." The army would henceforth seek to regain its southern colonies, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, a highly profitable segment of its pre-war American empire. Deep into 1780 Britain's new approach seemed headed for success as the U.S. economy collapsed and morale on the home front waned. By early 1781, Washington, and others, feared that France would drop out of the war if the Allies failed to score a decisive victory that year. Sir Henry Clinton, commander of Britain's army, thought "the rebellion is near its end." Washington, who had been so optimistic in 1778, despaired: "I have almost ceased to hope."

Winning Independence is the dramatic story of how and why Great Britain-so close to regaining several southern colonies and rendering the postwar United States a fatally weak nation ultimately failed to win the war. The book explores the choices and decisions made by Clinton and Washington, and others, that ultimately led the French and American allies to clinch the pivotal victory at Yorktown that at long last secured American independence.

Colonial Christmas



Christmas in the colonies was, for the most part, just another day. In New England, a great devoutness meant Christmas was just another day to do the Lord's work, which means an ordinary working day. Many colonial religions banned celebrations of the holiday, claiming that it was tied to pagan traditions. Puritans abhorred the excesses of church celebrations. They passed a law in Massachusetts that punished anyone who observed the holiday with a five-shilling fine. The Quakers treated Christmas Day as any other day of the year. The Presbyterians did not have formal Christmas Day services until they noticed that their members were heading to the English church to observe the Christmas services. This sparked the Presbyterian Church to start services of their own.

It was the Anglicans, Roman Catholics, and Lutherans who introduced Christmas celebrations to colonial America, but they were still much different than today's festivities. December 25th actually began a season of festivities that lasted until January 6—the "Twelve days of Christmas." January 6 was called Twelfth Day, and colonists found it was the perfect occasion for balls, parties, and other festivals.

Colonial Christmas was a holiday for adults, not a magical day for children. Christmas celebrations originated in the southern colonies, and activities included parties, hunts, feasts, and church services, all of which were adult activities. We do get some of our traditions from colonial days. For instance, the main decorations were holly, laurel, and garland, because these were the only plants that looked good during the middle of winter. Mistletoe was

hung prominently, and couples would find their way under it at the Christmas balls.

The plantation mansions festively donned their decorations, and large feasts were prepared. The foodstuffs of colonial Christmas celebrations were similar to today's Christmas dinner. A ham, roast, or turkey was usually the main course, followed, of course, by pie and other dessert treats. The wealth of the family determined the extent of feasting. Christmas trees were not a part of the colonial Christmas celebrations, for they did not make it to the states until the middle 1800s. Christmas carols were sung during the season and were religious in nature. "Joy to the World" gained popularity in Virginia, as noted in many journals and historical records of the time.

The tradition of gift giving did show up in colonial America, with an interesting twist. People gave gifts to their dependents, whether it be to servants, apprentices, or children. People did not return the gift giving to their superiors. And the gift giving was not the elaborate ordeal that it is today. Each recipient would most likely receive one special treasure. And the gifts were more treasured than they are today.

As more and more immigrants migrated to the New World, the Christmas holiday became more wide spread and incorporated traditions from around the world. It is accepted among some historians that Hessian soldiers who fought alongside the British first introduced the Christmas tree to the colonies during the Revolutionary War. Others claim German immigrants who settled in Eastern Pennsylvania started the tradition. All agree that prior to the Revolutionary War, Christmas was not celebrated with much merriment and outward adornment, as this did not befit the proper Puritan of that day.

Early in the 19th Century these ethnic Christmas ideas began to slip into the mainstream, earlier here than in England. Most historians trace English Christmas tree traditions to Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, who married on February 11, 1840. Albert was the son of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, German states with the Christmas tree tradition, and Victoria and Albert shared a Christmas tree in the royal palace—which made the custom popular with the English population. The tradition of Christmas cards came from London.

Wreaths Across America Grave Marking for Oakwood Cemetery ~ Volunteers Needed

The Fort Worth and Mary Isham Keith Chapters, NSDAR, and the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, SAR, are the major sponsors for Wreaths Across America for Oakwood Cemetery and the three organizations outdid ourselves this year! Between the three organizations, we have over 700 wreaths sponsored. There are 660 veteran graves in Oakwood Cemetery to mark with flags so participants know which graves need a wreath on December 18th.

Kindra Gensheimer, the WAA coordinator, has arranged for us to pre-mark graves on three separate days. If you are available and can help, your assistance will be greatly appreciated. No need to sign up. Just show up on any of the days below.

Saturday, December 11 – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, December 13 – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 15 – 1:00 p.m.

NOTE: Time Change of December 18th Ceremony to 11:00 am

Volunteer to place wreaths on veterans graves on Saturday, December 18, 2021, at 11:00 a.m..

GOAL MET & EXCEEDED!

3RD YEAR IN A ROW

123 WREATHS SPONSORED

**Thank you to the following individuals and organizations for helping
the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter exceed its goal for 2021.**

James Alderman

John Anderson

Larry Bannister

Perry Bartholow, Jr.

Kirby Boyd

Ken Cox

Vann Cunningham

The Ephraim M. Daggett Chapter

#36, Sons of the Republic of
Texas

Barbara Gallagher (Captain Na-
thaniel Mills Chapter DAR)

Gerry Gieger

Ross Givens

Steven Hole

Bob Jacobs

Jeff Kennedy

Larry Mick

The Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter

#6, Sons of the American Revo-
lution

Art Munford

Vaughn Oliver

Mark Parkison

Doug Schwetke

Roger Tate

Bill Taylor

The E.W. Taylor Camp #1777, Sons
of Confederate Veterans

Billy Thompson

Ron Turner

Stephen Williams

Don Woodworth

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2021

December 4	Dickens on the Strand, Galveston (CG-S)
December 11	10:00 am, Marking Graves for WAA, Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth
December 13	1:00 pm, Marking Graves for WAA, Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth
December 15	1:00 pm, Marking Graves for WAA, Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth
December 18	11:00 am, Wreaths Across America (WAA), Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth (CG-N)
December 22	4:00 pm, Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl Veterans' Village, Fort Worth (CG-C)

2022

January 15	Chapter Meeting, Location to be determined Installation of Officers for 2022-2023
February 19	Chapter Meeting, Location to be determined
February 19	George Washington Parade, Laredo (CG-N)
March 19	Chapter Meeting, Location to be determined
March 30-April 3	Texas Society State Convention, Richardson (CG-S)
April 16	Chapter Meeting, Location to be determined
April 23	Medal of Honor Parade, Gainesville (CG-N)
July TBD	Summer BOM, ZOOM (CG-S)
October TBD	Fall BOM, McKinney (CG-S)

(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





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
 Jun 04, **Raymond Ross Hartsfield**, 219397, 14727, North Richland Hills, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Christian Fast, 1762-1841
 Jun 11, **Robert Perry Bartholow, Jr.**, 219472, 14732, Burleson, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Boaz Fleming, 1758-1830
 Aug 06, **Rodney Everett Buttermore, Jr.**, 220126, 14781, Westworth Village, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob Bottomer, abt 1758-1820
 Aug 06, **Robert Donald Cochrane**, 220127, 14782, Bedford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Thomas King, 1754-1847
 Aug 06, **David Charles Fleming**, 220129, 14784, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, William Snodgrass, 1760-1849
 Oct 08, **Steven James Hole**, 220639, 14850, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Daniel Hole, 1757-1839
 Oct 29, **David Clark Fussell**, 220896, 14874, Burleson, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Charles Moale Croxall, 1756-1831
 Oct 29, **Allan Lee Smith**, 220893, 14871, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Thomas Smith, bef 1743-1790
 Oct 29, **Tanner Allan Smith**, 220894, 14872, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Thomas Smith, bef 1743-1790



FROM THE NATIONAL REGISTRAR'S APPLICATION STATUS REPORT:

CHAPTER REGISTRAR'S REPORT (as of November 19th):

Applications in progress (National—7, State—4, Chapter—12)

[under National Review **Pended**] Kirby Lee Boyd, 205305, 13322, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, John Boyd, 1740-1815
 [under National Review] Robert Anthony Jacobs, 218481, 14644, Azle, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, William Jacobs, 1737-aft 1815
 [under National Review] Robert Anthony Jacobs, 218481, 14644, Azle, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Peter Martin, 1737-1807
 [under National Review] Charles William Thomas, 0, 0, Weatherford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, William Thomas Sr, 1741-1800
 [under National Review] Ronald Joe Turner, 198382, 12354. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, John Blackford, 1713-bef 1786
 [under National Review] Ronald Joe Turner, 198382, 12354. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, William McElwee, abt 1718-1807
 [under National Review] Charles Leon Vanover, 0, 0, Keller, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Samuel McQueen, abt1750-1794
 [under State Review] Austin Elliston Davis, 0, 0, North Richland Hills, TX, JUNIOR FAMILY/NEW, Richard Ryan, 1756-1839
 [under State Review] Nathaniel James Davis, North Richland Hills, TX, JUNIOR FAMILY/NEW, Richard Ryan, 1756-1839
 [under State Review] Preston Stokes Davis, North Richland Hills, TX, ACTIVE FAMILY/ NEW, Richard Ryan, 1756-1839
 [under State Review] Marcus "Mark" Lynn Smith, 0, 0, Bedford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Isaac Thomas, 1735-1818
 [with Chapter Registrar] Brent Evan Butterworth, 0, 0, Midlothian, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Benjamin Butterworth, 1736-abt 1801
 [with Chapter Registrar] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, James Alexander,
 [with Chapter Registrar] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, James Black,
 [with Chapter Registrar] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, Alexander Oliver,
 [with Chapter Registrar] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, Adam Lackey,
 [with Chapter Registrar] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, Micajah Stone,
 [with Chapter Registrar] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, Moses Hurt,
 [with Chapter Registrar] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, James Turner, 1710-bef 1793
 [with Chapter Registrar] Lance Everett Ortiz, 0, 0, Lake Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Hugh Coffey Sr., 1750-1827
 [with Chapter Registrar] Evan Vaughan Reid, 0, 0, Bedford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, William Brooks, 1745-1844
 [with Chapter Registrar] Lawrence Wayne Reid, 0, 0, Bedford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, William Brooks, 1745-1844
 [with Chapter Registrar] Joe Vic Wade, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Thomas Harbour, abt 1695-1779



Colonial Christmas, continued

Santa Claus himself is a combination of Saint Nicholas and Father Christmas from Dutch and English traditions. Local merchant and leader of a local historical society by the name of John Pintard objected to the roughness of Christmas as it was celebrated in the early 19th century and proposed a solution. Drawing on New York City's Dutch origins, he promoted Saint Nicholas as the city's patron saint – having a pamphlet printed in 1810 that's the earliest known American image of Santa. Pintard suggested that the celebrations should be private and family-oriented rather than public and brawling.

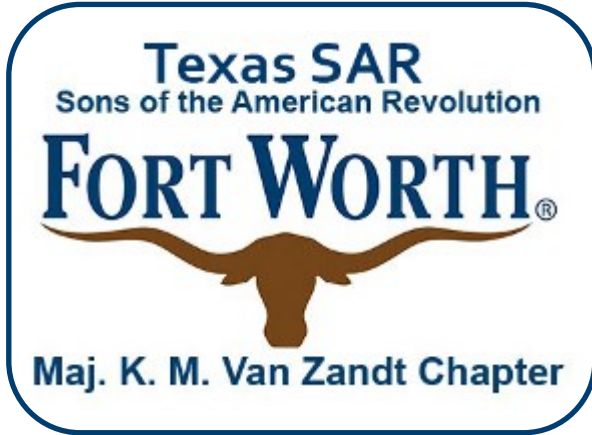
His brother-in-law, Washington Irving, picked up on St. Nick in his book "Knickerbocker's History", describing a

recognizably Dutch figure in a broad hat, smoking a long pipe. Irving's book is more popular today than it was then – probably because it wasn't a serious work. In fact, it was satire. But Irving's book likely did catch the eye of Clement Moore, whose own spin on Santa Claus through his oft-repeated poem, A Visit from St. Nicholas (or, as it is better known, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas), became the first traditional art of Christmas replayed season after season in America.

from Early American Life online (<http://www.ealonline.com/christmas/history/main.php>) and My Merry Christmas (<https://mymerrychristmas.com>)

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 November 20, 2021, are:

Active / Current Member.....	115
NSSAR Life.....	9
TXSSAR Perpetual	10
Active/New Member.....	18
Active/Reinstated (current yr) .	2
Active/Reinstated (Over 1 yr) ..	1
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	2
Non-Paid Junior Member.....	1
Not Paid (Current Year).....	14
Reinstated/Transferred In.....	1
Transferred In.....	1

Our membership currently is **143**.



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