



Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Chisholm Trail News



Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter
Fort Worth, Texas
May 1, 2022

NEXT MEETING: May 21, 2022

TIME: 9:00 am

LOCATION: Rock Springs Café
Fort Worth Botanical Gardens

A monthly publication of Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, Ron Turner, Editor

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Greetings Compatriots,

The first item on our agenda is a report on the 127th Annual Convention in Richardson, March 31st through April 3rd.

The Chapter received three certificates at the convention:

- 1) Col. Joe M. Hill Membership Award
- 2) Texas SAR Flag Presentation Award
- 3) Col. Joe M. Hill Patriot Fund Award

I presented the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest Award to Haleigh Briana Buse. She was also awarded for the Knight Essay Contest at the chapter level and came in 2nd in the State contest.

I want to congratulate Ron Turner who was elected to serve as our Vice President for District 5 of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. It was a great honor to also be present when he was awarded the Patriot Medal. He joins past winners of this award: Mike Connelley, James Alderman, Gerry Gieger, and John Anderson.

Events on the calendar for May include the Texas SAR Color Guard Rally in Denison, Texas, on Saturday, May 21st. It should be a great learning experience for anyone wanting to serve in the Chapter/State Color Guard. On Memorial Day, May 30th, the Mt. Gilead Cemetery Association in Keller is hosting a Memorial Day Service. A firing squad representing military units from the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Sons of Union Veterans, the Sons of the Republic of Texas, the War of 1812, World War I, World War II and the Vietnam War.

I hope everyone will try to participate in a Memorial Day commemorative event and don't forget to notify the Chapter Secretary of all events you participate in as we need to report those activities on our Chapter Year-End Report.

Bobby



Frontier Village is 17-acre preservation of a pioneer village and museum. At the entrance to the park is a 16' bust of President Dwight D Eisenhower in recognition of Denison, TX as his birthplace.

Location: Grayson County Frontier Village
111 RC Vaughan Dr
Denison, TX

Date: Saturday May 21, 2022

Muster: 10:00 am

Rally at the Flag, Presentation of Colors, Photos/Video: 11:00am

- Additional flags will not be needed.
- Muskets will NOT be fired but should be brought for Presentation of the Colors.
- Bring water and/or electrolytes in your haversack to stay hydrated.

Please confirm your attendance to:

Gary Barker, Texas Color Guard
Northern Commander
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(903) 819-4862



Sons of the American Revolution, Texas Society
Armed Forces Day Recognition/State Color Guard Rally

2022 Texas SAR State Convention



Color Guard Commander Blair Rudy conducts a workshop for Color Guardsmen.



President Drake Peddie addresses the Council of Chapter Presidents meeting.



President-Elect Jim Kuykendall addresses the Council of Chapter Presidents.



The Convention honored World War II Veteran Cliff Stump during the Saturday morning business session.



The Texas SAR Color Guard posts the colors at the Youth Awards Luncheon on Saturday.



President Bobby Gresham presented Haleigh Buse with her two Youth Contest Awards following the Youth Awards Luncheon on Saturday.



**The Texas SAR 127th Annual Convention
held at the Hilton Richardson-Dallas
April 30—May 3, 2022**





Four of the five living Patriot Medal recipients from the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter are pictured at the conclusion of the 127th Annual Convention for the Texas SAR on April 2, 2022. From left to right: Gerry Gieger (2016), Mike Connelley (2019), Ron Turner (2022), and John Anderson (2019). Not in the photo was James Alderman (2009).



Immediate Past President Ron Turner received the SAR Patriot Medal at Saturday evening's Dinner Banquet. This is the highest award that a State Society can give to a Compatriot.



Members of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt delegation to the 127th Annual Convention of Texas SAR pose with their wives. Pictured from left to right: Gerry Gieger, Sharon Gieger, Mike Connelley, Sarah Connelley, Ron Turner, Meg Anderson and John Anderson. Not pictured are Jan Turner, James Alderman, Ja Ann Alderman, Bobby Gresham, Dana Gresham, and Art Munford



Immediate Past President, Texas SAR District 5 Vice President & Patriot Medal Recipient Ron Turner and Mrs. Jan Turner.

Photos courtesy of Tom Jackson, Paul Ridenhour, and Ron Turner.

2022 Medal of Honor Parade

The 2022 Medal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, Texas, on Saturday, April 23rd, featured the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt parade trailer. A total of 49 guardsmen from Texas and Oklahoma mustered for the parade, along with five DAR wives. Compatriots participating this year were: Chapter President Bobby Gresham, Vice President Kevin Shellman, Registrar Gerry Gieger, Color Guard Commander Vann Cunningham, Compatriot Bob Jacobs, and District 5 Vice President Ron Turner. WOSAR Jan Turner rode on the trailer in support of the SAR and State Color Guard Commander Bob Kubin awarded her the Texas SAR Bernardo de Galvez Bronze Medal. Bob Jacobs also participated for the first time as a Color Guardsman and also was awarded the Bernardo de Galvez Bronze Medal.





Oklahoma SAR President Ken Young (left) and Texas SAR President Jim Kuykendall (right)



205th Anniversary of the American Revolution

2025-2033

The National Society Sons of the American Revolution has challenged every SAR State Society and Chapter to recognize those events that led to the American Revolution, as well as those events that occurred during the Revolution. Each SAR State Society and Chapter should hold public venues to educate, recognize, honor, and celebrate the events and heroes of the period surrounding the American Revolution. These events will be significant events related directly to acts of resistance of British attempts to coerce the residents in America from the first Parliamentary Act, through the armed struggle, until the Treaty of Paris.



Compatriot Don Woodworth, assisted by his wife Sherrye, presented a program at the April Chapter Meeting on Washington's Crossing of the Delaware.

The Siege of Fort Granby

BATTLE BEGINS

On May 2, with about 400 to 500 men, Colonel Thomas Sumter laid siege to Fort Granby, South Carolina, commanded by Major Maxwell, of the Prince of Wales Regiment. Maxwell had 340 men, including 60 regulars (mostly Provincials, and including soldiers from Maxwell's own regiment the Prince of Wales Volunteers). As well with him were some loyalists, including a militia unit from the Orangeburg area, under Captain Samuel Tolless. Maxwell's artillery at the fort consisted of two twelve-pounders, and three or four smaller cannon.

Colonel Sumter had written Major General Nathanael Greene requesting a field piece and ammunition from Greene, and a six-pounder was immediately sent. He sent Greene 10 wagons of meal, and in a few days received back ammunition in those same wagons, plus the cannon. Sumter then took his main force, and the cannon, and moved against Orangeburg, while, at the same time, leaving a detachment, under Colonel Thomas Taylor to besiege the fort.

On May 13, Lieutenant Colonel Henry Lee and a large force left Fort Motte on a mission to Fort Granby. Fort Granby was a strong British post, commanded by Major Andrew Maxwell, that held 292 Tories and 60 mounted German mercenaries. The fort was actually a fortified farm building. Lee knew that Maxwell was not a strong military leader, devoting most of his time to collecting plunder.

On May 14, Lee, with 400 to 500 infantry, arrived at Granby in the evening. Already there besieging the post was a small detachment of Sumter's under Colonel Thomas Taylor. Lee arrived to within 600 yards of the fort and set up a 6-lb. gun. He was to wait until morning before beginning his attack.

After the morning fog lifted, he ordered an artillery barrage on the fort and moved his Legion infantry forward. They fired a volley of musket fire at the fort. Having shown the strength of his forces, Lee decided to negotiate a surrender. Major Andrew Maxwell, commander of the fort, stated that he would surrender only if he and his men could keep their plunder, taken from the local countryside. Lee agreed to these terms.



On May 15, after the early morning fog cleared, he ordered the gun to fire and then moved forward with his men. Maxwell's pickets were quickly overrun. Lee summoned Maxwell to surrender. Maxwell stated that he would accept the surrender on two conditions. They were that he and his men could keep their plunder and the garrison would be allowed to withdraw to Charleston as prisoners of war until exchanged.

Lee had sent a small cavalry force to screen in the direction of Camden, looking for signs of Rawdon and his reinforcements. Lee received word from the cavalry screeners that Rawdon had been spotted crossing the Santee River at Nelson's Ferry and was approaching Fort Motte. Lee was in a hurry so he sent word to Maxwell that the original; surrender terms would be accepted.

The British garrison contained 60 British regulars (including some Hessians and men from Prince of Wales Regiment), 280 Loyalist, two artillery pieces, and included numerous wagons. Lee gives the garrison's strength as 360, and that most of these were loyalists. Knowing that Lieutenant Colonel Francis Rawdon, who was at Camden, had been requested from the Tories and that he may be on his way, allowed horses belonging as private property to individuals of the garrison to be kept by them, while officers were allowed their side arms as well.

Maxwell himself was permitted to retain two wagons of private baggage. The Germans objected to this and temporarily suspended the surrender. These taken were to march to Charleston as prisoners of war on parole.

Before noon, the capitulation was signed and Maxwell moved 2 wagons full of his personal plunder. The fort was found to be well stocked with stores, which under

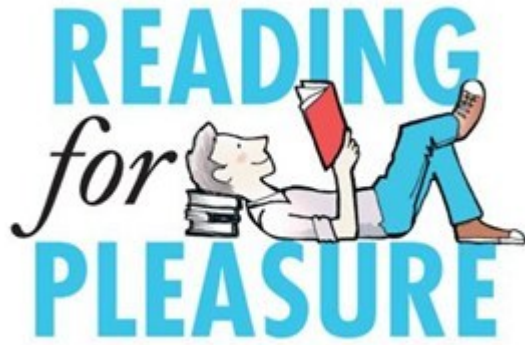
terms of capitulation, were left for the Americans. Among the equipment that was captured was 192 muskets, 86 bayonets, 63 rifles, 8,928 musket cartridges, 100 cartridge boxes, 3,000 flints, 120 lbs. of powder, 328 lbs. of lead, 20 12-lb. canister shot, and 1 drum.

Sumter, angered at the terms Lee gave and by having the prize of Granby taken from him, for about the next month, offered his resignation, saying that his old wound troubled him. Greene, each time, respectfully refused it, while giving him a sizable share of some of the munitions and stores captured at Granby. He also gave Sumter some of the slaves taken from loyalists there, which then Sumter used as pay for his 10 months men. After the surrender, Lee moved to besiege Augusta.

~ <https://revolutionarywar.us>

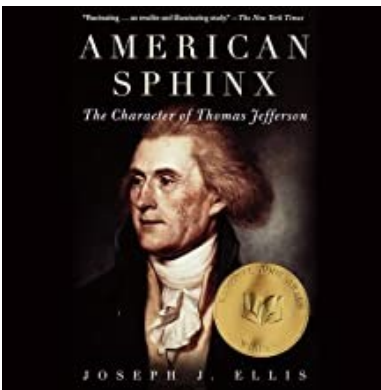
Tidbits from the Revolution

- Number of Americans who remained loyal to Britain during the Revolution: as many as 500,000 (20% of white Americans)
- Length of standard colonial flintlock musket used by American militia: 5 feet
- Weight of standard colonial flintlock musket used by American militia: about 10 pounds
- Ammunition of standard colonial flintlock musket used by American militia: lead balls weighing about an ounce, fired in a single shot
- Total population of the British colonies in North America in 1770: 2,165,076
- Population of London alone around 1775: almost 1 million
- Number of military engagements in the Revolutionary War: 1,546
- Age of some of the youngest members of the Continental Army: 10 (e.g. Israel Trask, son of a Lieutenant who volunteered and served as a cook's helper and messenger)
- Age of some of the oldest members of the Continental Army: 57 (e.g. the very popular General Israel Putnam)
- Monthly salary for teenaged fifers and drummers in the Continental Army (over 500 of whom served during the Revolutionary War): \$8



American Sphinx: The Character of Thomas Jefferson

By Joseph J. Ellis



For a man who insisted that life on the public stage was not what he had in mind, Thomas Jefferson certainly spent a great deal of time in the spotlight - and not only during his active political career. After 1809, his longed-for retirement was

compromised by a steady stream of guests and tourists who made of his estate at Monticello a virtual hotel, as well as by more than one thousand letters per year, most from strangers, which he insisted on answering personally. In his twilight years Jefferson was already taking on the luster of a national icon, which was polished off by his auspicious death (on July 4, 1896); and in the subsequent 17 decades of his celebrity - now verging, thanks to virulent revisionists and television documentaries, on notoriety - has been inflated beyond recognition of the original person.

For the historian Joseph J. Ellis, the experience of writing about Jefferson was "as if a pathologist, just about to begin an autopsy, has discovered that the body on the operating table was still breathing." In *American Sphinx*, Ellis sifts the facts shrewdly from the legends and the rumors, treading a path between vilification and hero worship in order to formulate a plausible portrait of the man who still today "hover[s]" over the political scene like one of those dirigibles cruising above a crowded football

stadium, flashing words of inspiration to both teams". For, at the grass roots, Jefferson is no longer liberal or conservative, agrarian or industrialist, pro- or anti-slavery, privileged or populist. He is all things to all people. His own obliviousness to incompatible convictions within himself (which left him deaf to most forms of irony) has leaked out into the world at large - a world determined to idolize him despite his foibles.

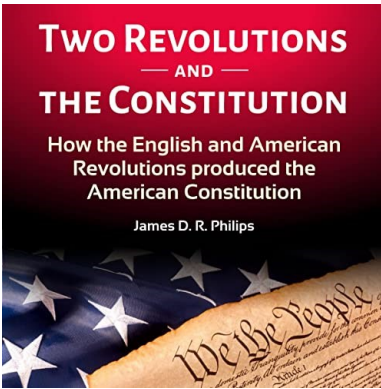
From Ellis we learn that Jefferson sang incessantly under his breath; that he delivered only two public speeches in eight years as president, while spending 10 hours a day at his writing desk; that sometimes his political sensibilities collided with his domestic agenda, as when he ordered an expensive piano from London during a boycott (and pledged to "keep it in storage"). We see him relishing such projects as the nailery at Monticello that allowed him to interact with his slaves more palatably, as pseudo-employer to pseudo-employees. We grow convinced that he preferred to meet his lovers in the rarefied region of his mind rather than in the actual bedchamber. We watch him exhibiting both great depth and great shallowness, combining massive learning with extraordinary naïveté, piercing insights with self-deception on the grandest scale. We understand why we should neither beatify him nor consign him to the rubbish heap of history, though we are by no means required to stop loving him. He is Thomas Jefferson, after all - our very own sphinx.

Two Revolutions and the Constitution: How the English and American Revolu- tions Produced the American Constitu- tion

By Willard Sterne Randall

Two Revolutions and the Constitution describes how the American Constitution secured the gains of the American Revolution. It tells the story of how the American constitutional system drew on both Americans' experience of partial self-government in colonial America and their understanding of the British constitution. It also tells how, when they were drafting the Constitution, the Framers





used what they had learned about effective constitutions since independence.

The English Revolution and the American Revolution were both part of a great struggle between a new modern society, and the political

relics of the medieval world. This audiobook describes how the English started that struggle, and the American Constitution completed it.



Compatriot Ron Turner Elected District 5 Vice President

Ron Turner, Immediate Past President of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, was elected as Vice President for District 5 at the recent 2022 Texas SAR State Convention. District 5 is currently composed of five active chapters: Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter #6 (Fort Worth), Arlington Chapter #7 (Arlington), Big Country Chapter #16 (Abilene), Brazos Valley Chapter #45 (Granbury), and Quannah Parker Chapter #67 (Vernon).



Ron joined the SAR via the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter in April 2016 and has enjoyed a very active membership in a short period of time. He is a member of the

Chapter Color Guard, as well as the Texas SAR Color Guard. He is currently the Immediate Past President and has served as President and Secretary, and is serving as the Assistant Registrar, Web Administrator for the Chapter website, and Editor of the Chapter Newsletter, *The Chisholm Trail News*. At the State level, he serves as the Editor of *The Texas Compatriot* and Chairman of the Texas SAR Newsletter Committee, and now, as District 5 Vice President. At the National level, he is a part-time volunteer for SAR's Patriot Records System. Ron is a 2022 Texas SAR Patriot Medal recipient.

As a District Vice President, Ron's job is to promote the interest and activities of Texas SAR, in addition to supporting your chapter activities. A Vice President shall be responsible for the recruitment of new members, supplemental memberships, acquisition and chartering of new chapters, retention of existing members, and reinstatement of members previously inactivated for non-payment of dues or because of resignation. His goal is to also visit each chapter regularly, at least once during the year and preferably once every six months, in order to get to know the membership. A Vice President represents the Society in the absence of the President on any proper occasion, but acting at all times under his direction and control.

He is available to answer questions or to provide any assistance the chapter might need.

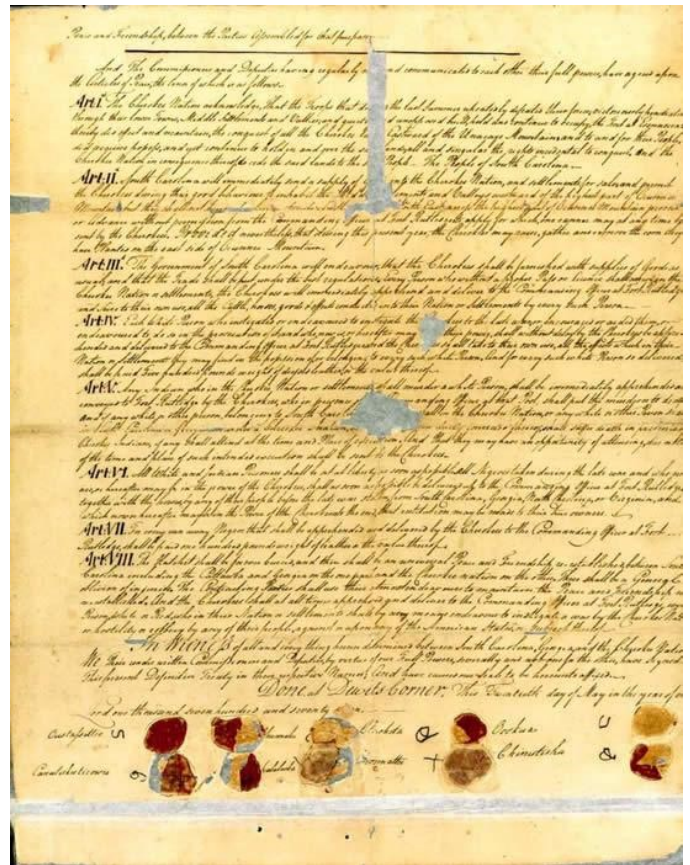
Congratulations!



The Treaty of Dewitt's Corner

The Treaty of Dewitt's Corner ended the Cherokee War of 1776-1777, which took place at the beginning of the American Revolution. In 1776, revolutionary South Carolina faced a threat similar to British South Carolina in 1759. But, in 1776, the English Crown threatened to mobilize the Cherokees against the new government. During the spring and summer of 1776, the Cherokees joined with northern tribes, the Shawnee, Delaware, and Mohawk, to raid frontier settlements in North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Virginia in an effort to push settlers from their lands. When the British attack failed on Sullivan's Island, the Cherokee were left on their own and defeated. The response from Carolinians was immediate and brutal. Colonel Andrew Williamson led a large force of South Carolina militia and Continental Army troops on an expedition against the Indians, destroying most of their towns east of the mountains, and then joined with the North Carolina militia to do the same in that state and Georgia. Captured warriors were then sold into slavery.

Defeated in skirmishes and their towns in ruins, the Cherokees sought peace. Several head men visited Charlestown to negotiate. In May 1777, Colonel Andrew Williamson led a South Carolina delegation to Dewitt's Corner, near present day Due West, in Abbeville County, to settle peace terms. Georgia also sent delegates, and on May 20, 1777, all parties signed the Treaty of Dewitt's Corner. The Treaty of Dewitt's Corner differed from previous Cherokee treaties. South Carolina dictated its terms to an enemy defeated in combat. The victorious Whigs set a boundary line between South Carolina and the Cherokee nation on the crest of Oconee Mountain and mandated that American law had precedence over Cherokee law in dealings between the two nations. The Cherokee also lost nearly all of their land in South Carolina, most of present day Anderson, Greenville, Oconee, and Pickens Counties. South Carolina in return pledged to regulate trade and travel into the remaining Cherokee territory. At Dewitt's Corner, South Carolinians required the apprehension of any British agents operating among the Cherokee and anyone who advocated breaking the treaty. For the remainder of the American Revolution, the Cherokee would not be a factor.





MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Our chapter membership levels as of April 18, 2022, are:

Active / Current Member	102
NSSAR Life.....	8
TXSSAR Perpetual	8
Active/New Member	4
Active/Reinstated (current yr)	18
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)	17
Reinstated/Transferred In.....	1
Transferred In.....	0

Our active membership currently is **131**.

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!



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| May 4 | Walter Franklin Bowie |
| May 10 | Charles Leon Vanover |
| May 24 | Jeffrey Donald Pray |
| May 25 | David Paul Brown |
| May 28 | Allan Lee Smith |
| May 29 | Michael Roston Cox |
| | Troy Jeffrey Kennedy |

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2022

May 21	Chapter Meeting, Rock Springs Café, Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
May 21	Texas SAR Color Guard Rally, Denison (CG-S)
May 30	Memorial Day Commemorative Service, Mt. Gilead Cemetery, Keller (CG-N)
June 18	Chapter Meeting, Rock Springs Café, Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
July 10-15	2022 SAR Congress, Savannah, Georgia (CG-N)
July 16	Chapter Meeting, Rock Springs Café, Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
August TBD	Summer BOM, ZOOM (CG-S)
August 26-27	SAR South Central District Meeting, Bentonville, AR (CG-N)
August 20	Chapter Meeting, Rock Springs Café, Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
September 17	Chapter Meeting, Rock Springs Café, Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
September 29-October 1	2022 Fall NSSAR Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY (CG-N)
October 15	Chapter Meeting, Rock Springs Café, Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
October 21-23	Texas Society Fall BOM, McKinney (CG-S)
November 19	Chapter Meeting, Rock Springs Café, Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
December 17	Wreaths Across America, Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth (CG-N)

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



On April 20, 2022, Compatriot Vaughn Oliver presented the Texas SAR Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter Award (more commonly referred to as the Pray TCU History Award) to TCU Student Claire Middleton at the Spring Banquet of the TCU History Department.





FROM THE NATIONAL REGISTRAR'S APPLICATION STATUS REPORT:

Applications Approved in 2022 [approved and registered since the last newsletter]

Jan 14, **Charles William Thomas**, 221400, 14897, Weatherford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, William Thomas Sr., 1741-bef 1800

Feb 25, **Charles Leon Vanover**, 221839, 0, Keller, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Samuel McQueen, abt1750-1794

Mar 18, **Austin Elliston Davis**, 222027, 0, North Richland Hills, TX, JUNIOR FAMILY/NEW, Richard Ryan, 1756-1839

Mar 18, **Nathaniel James Davis**, 222026, 0, North Richland Hills, TX, JUNIOR FAMILY/NEW, Richard Ryan, 1756-1839

Mar 18, **Preston Stokes Davis**, 222025, 0, North Richland Hills, TX, ACTIVE FAMILY/ NEW, Richard Ryan, 1756-1839

Mar 18, **Marcus "Mark" Lynn Smith**, 222028, 0, Bedford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Isaac Thomas, 1735-1818

Apr 29, Ronald Joe Turner, 198382, 12354. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, William McElwee, abt 1718-1807

Apr 29, Ronald Joe Turner, 198382, 12354, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, John Blackford, 1713-bef 1786



FROM THE NATIONAL REGISTRAR'S APPLICATION STATUS REPORT:

CHAPTER REGISTRAR'S REPORT (as of April 30th):

Applications in progress (National—4, State—1)

[Please note that *The Chisholm Trail News* only list those applications that have been submitted for State and National review.]

[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] **Ronald Joe Turner**, 198382, 12354. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, Solomon Robbins, 1756-1798

[under State Review] **Milton Andrew Nantz**, 0, 0, Hudson Oaks, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Michael Looney, Sr., 1751-1839

[under State Review] **Jon Phillip Sprinkle**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, James Dillard Jr., 1755-1832

[under State Review] **James Edward Thorp**, 0, 0, Springtown, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John S. Farnum, 1763-1822



“The men were literally naked, some of them of every colour and make... saw officers mounting guard in sort of dressing gown made of an old blanket or bed cover. With regard to military discipline, it was safe to say that no such thing existed... There were no regular formations, the formation of each regiment was as varied as their mode of drill dictated and which consisted only of manual exercise.”

~ Baron von Steuben, 1778

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.



General Information

The Sons of the American Revolution is the leading male lineage society that perpetuates the ideals of the War for Independence.

As an historical, educational, and patriotic non-partisan, non-profit corporation organized under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, *we seek to maintain and expand the meaning of patriotism, respect for our national symbols, the value of American citizenship, and the unifying force of "e pluribus unum" that was created from the people of many nations—one nation and one people.*

The *Chisholm Trail News* is published for members and friends of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR.

The American's Creed

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States, a perfect union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

William Tyler Page, 1917, accepted by the U.S. House of Representatives on April 3, 1918.

Please consider a tax-free donation to the Chapter's Youth Funds which support Chapter Youth Contests. Contact the Chapter Treasurer.

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>.

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