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Texas

Chisholm Trail News

Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter Fort Worth, Texas
December 1, 2023



NEXT MEETING: January 20, 2024 **TIME:** 9:00 am
LOCATION: Diamond Oaks Country Club,
5821 Diamond Oaks Dr N, Fort Worth, TX

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Welcome Greg and Scott!

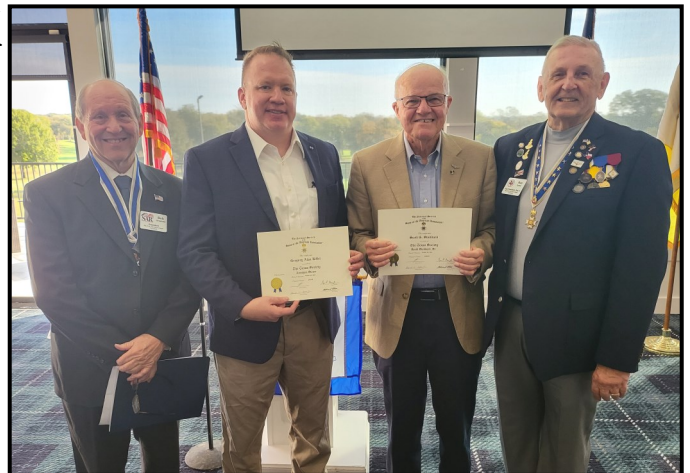
At the November 18th Chapter Meeting, President Bobby Gresham inducted new members Greg Riffel and Scott Stoddard. Vice President District 5 and Assistant Registrar Ron Turner assisted by pinning the SAR Rosette on Greg and Scott's lapels.

Gregory Allen Riffel entered the SAR on the patriotic service of his sixth great-grandfather Abraham Stauffer or Stover who paid the Supply Tax in Middleton Township in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. Abraham also served as a Private in the Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Militia. Abraham was born 17 Jan 1747 in Elizabeth Township in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and died on 11 Mar 1809 in Guilford Township in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. He is buried in Stoufferstown Cemetery in Chambersburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania. He was married twice - first to Barbara Hershey and second to Elizabeth Boyer. He was the father of Jacob, Anna, John, and Magdalena.

Scott George Stoddard entered the SAR on the service of his fifth great-grandfather David Stoddard, Sr., who served as a Sergeant under Captain Hind and Colonel Reed in New Hampshire. David was born 27 Nov 1726 in Newton in Middlesex County, Massachusetts. He died in Aug 1777 in service to his fledgling country.

David married Joanna Kingsley and they were the parents of Samuel, David Jr., Joseph, Lemuel, and Abigail.

Welcome Greg and Scott to the SAR, Texas SAR, and especially the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter!



Left to right: President Bobby Gresham, Greg Riffel, Scott Stoddard, and Vice President District 5 Ron Turner

Your Newly Elected Officers

The officers elected at the November Chapter Meeting for 2024 & 2025 are:

President:	Ron Turner
Vice President:	Steve Hole
Secretary:	Mark Parkison
Treasurer:	Anthony Walker
Registrar:	Bob Jacobs
Chaplain:	Ralph Smith
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Vann Cunningham

The Chapter Constitution & Bylaws specifies the above officer positions are voted on by the membership. In addition, the following positions will be filled by Presidential Appointment.

Historian:	John Anderson
Quartermaster:	John Anderson
Color Guard Commander:	Vann Cunningham
Assistant Registrars:	Art Munford, Doug Schwetke, Steven Hole & Ron Turner
Web Administrator:	Ron Turner
<i>Chisholm Trail News</i> editor:	Ron Turner

They will be sworn into office by Texas SAR President Sam Massey at our regular Chapter Meeting on Saturday, January 20, 2024. **Please put this important meeting on your calendar and plan to be present to both welcome President Massey and to support your new Chapter officers.**



Many Thanks!

President Bobby Gresham (far right) began the November meeting by thanking the officers who have served with him during the past two years. Shown left to right are Chaplain Ralph Smith, Secretary Mark Parkison, Historian John Anderson, and Vice President Kevin Shellman. Officers not present are Treasurer Anthony Walker and Sergeant-at-Arms/Color Guard Commander Vann Cunningham.



Texas SAR President to visit on January 20, 2024

Texas SAR President Sam Massey is scheduled as the Chapter's special guest on Saturday, January 20, 2024. During his visit, he will install new Chapter Officer's for the 2024 & 2025 term.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW &
PLAN TO ATTEND!**

Grave Marking Medal

Geoff Baggett, National Patriot Graves Chairman, has approved the awarding of the National Grave Marking Medal to Vice President District 5 Ron Turner.



The medal is suspended from a purple and black drape and is a round disk of silver color. The obverse depicts a cemetery with a picket fence, with a rifle leaning against the fence, a Betsy Ross flag, and a cloudy sky. The words “1775 Patriot” appear at the bottom. The reverse has the words “Services for Those Who Served” flanked by laurel leaves.

Ron earned the medal by participating in ceremonies marking the graves of 15 Revolutionary War Patriots. Ron will receive the medal at a future SAR or Texas SAR event.



Welcome Ellis County Chapter!

Compatriot Ron Turner, Vice President District 5 and President-elect of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, assisted with welcoming the newest chapter to Texas SAR—the Ellis County Chapter #70. Ron gave the Invocation during the Chartering Ceremony held in Waxahachie on Saturday afternoon, November 25th, in Fidelis Hall at the First United Methodist Church.

Compatriot Sam Massey, President of Texas SAR, pre-



sented the charter and installation the Chapter Officers: (right to left) President/Secretary John “Jack” C. Haughton, Vice President William D. Hill, Treasurer Robert W. Skinner, Chaplain Ronald A. Russell, and Chancellor Patrick J. Haughton.



Thank You!

The Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, Texas SAR, extends its THANKS to the following individuals or organizations who sponsored wreaths for our 2023 Wreaths Across America program. Due to your generosity, we met our goal of 150 wreaths this year.

- Jeff Kennedy
- Bob Jacobs
- Richard Vandever
- Ron Turner
- James Cunningham
- James Alderman
- John Anderson
- Art Munford
- Ken Cox
- Barbara Gallagher
- Harriet Wade
- Billy Thompson
- Mark Nash
- Mark Parkison
- Scott Manning
- Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, Texas SAR
- Col. E.W. Taylor Camp, SCV

2023 Veterans Day Parade

Compatriots assembled in Fort Worth’s Panther Island Pavilion parking lot early in the morning on Saturday, November 11, 2023, to participate in the annual Veterans Day Parade. Again this year, the parade avoided downtown Fort Worth and instead marched down North Forest Park Blvd. along the Clear Fork of the Trinity River to just north of Interstate 30 and then returned along the same route to Panther Island Pavilion.

This year, in conjunction with the 150th anniversary of Texas Christian University, the parade theme was Saluting TCU Warriors. The Tarrant County Veterans Council saluted TCU’s military legacy - its Army, and Air Force ROTC programs - while honoring TCU alum and Medal of Honor recipient Maj. Horace S. Carswell, Jr..



Photos 2 and 3 courtesy of Raymond Cervantes, Fort Worth Police Department photographer



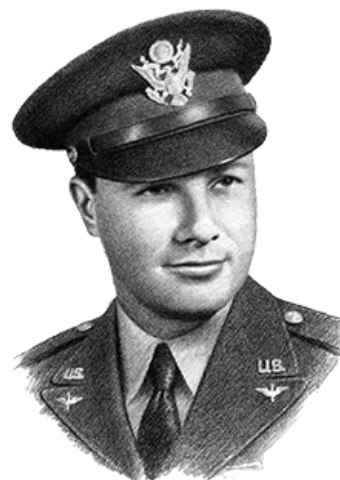
Carswell Biographical Sketch

Horace Seaver "Stump" Carswell Jr. (July 18, 1916 – Oct. 26, 1944) was a United States Army major who was killed in action while serving as a member of the Army Air Forces during World War II. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. He was the namesake of Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth, Texas, since 1948, renamed Naval Air Station-Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base in 1993.

EDUCATION

Born in Fort Worth, Texas, to Horace Seaver Carswell, Sr. and Bertha (Rea) Carswell, Carswell attended North Side High School, where he played football, with his highlight being the winning touchdown he scored on Armistice Day in a game against Wichita Falls in 1933. After

graduation from North Side, Horace attended college at Texas A&M University for a year as a member of the class of 1938, and then began attending Texas Christian University (since four of his uncles were Methodist preachers)



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Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter Compatriots riding on the trailer included (left to right): Todd Samuelson, Steve Hole, Doug Schwetke, Ron Turner (driver of the tow vehicle), Bobby Gresham, Gerry Gieger, and James Alderman.

The Compatriots also invited ladies of the Fort Worth Chapter DAR to also ride on the parade trailer.



where he graduated in August 1939 with a bachelor's degree in physical education. Among his teammates on the Horned Frog football team were quarterbacks Sammy Baugh and Davey O'Brien.

On a double date while still at TCU, Horace met a co-ed featured in one of the yearbook's beauty pages, by the name of Virginia Adaline Ede. Virginia was from a ranching family from the west Texas town of San Angelo. They were married in October 1941.

MILITARY SERVICE

After the German invasion of Poland, Carswell decided to join the U.S. Army Air Forces. He was appointed a flying cadet in Dallas on March 26, 1940, and trained at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Randolph and Kelly Fields, Texas, getting his commission and wings toward the end of 1940. He instructed at Randolph and Goodfellow Fields in Texas, with promotion in February 1942, to first lieutenant.

WORLD WAR II

Carswell attended the Army Air Force Combat Crew School at Hendricks Field, Florida. He was an instructor and flight commander with bomb squadrons at Davis Monthan Field, Arizona; Biggs Field, Texas. In December 1942 he was promoted to Captain.

In January 1943, he was assigned to the 356th Bomb Squadron at Clovis Army Air Field, New Mexico, where he was promoted to Major (United States) in April. The next month he was transferred to Headquarters 302nd Bombardment Group. During this period Virginia gave birth to their only child, Robert Ede Carswell, at Clovis Army Air Field in September 1943.

Shortly thereafter he was transferred to Langley Field, Virginia, in operations and group command assignments. Major Carswell went to the Pacific Theater of Operations in April 1944, as pilot and operations officer of the 374th Bombardment Squadron in the 308th Bombardment Group of the 14th Air Force.

Carswell was assigned as the commander of a detachment of B-24Js (radar-equipped bombers used for low-altitude missions) at Liuchow. On October 15 Carswell's B-24 crew experienced success in a night sweep over the South China Sea when it sank two enemy warships.

MEDAL OF HONOR MISSION

Carswell was flying a B-24 Liberator on the night of October 26, 1944, on a single-aircraft mission against a Japanese convoy in the South China Sea. He elected to make a second lowlevel run over a thoroughly alerted convoy and scored two direct hits on a large tanker. His copilot was wounded, and his aircraft had two engines knocked out, a third damaged, the hydraulic system damaged, and a fuel tank punctured.

He managed to gain enough altitude to reach land, where he ordered the crew to bail out. Eight did, but the bombardier's parachute was too badly damaged to use. Instead of bailing out, Carswell stayed with the bombardier and the wounded co-pilot, and attempted a crash landing. The badly damaged aircraft crashed against a mountain, and all three aboard were killed.

Carswell was buried at a Catholic mission in Tungchen, China. He was survived by his wife and son. Carswell Memorial Park – where his remains now rest – in Oakwood Cemetery, is named in his honor.



MILITARY AWARDS

Carswell was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Air Medal, and the Purple Heart. These medals were presented to his wife, Virginia, on Dec. 20, 1944, and July 21, 1945. Major Carswell also received the Medal of Honor posthumously on Feb. 4, 1946.

Editor's Note: Maj. Horace S. Carswell, Jr., has a connection to the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter. Maj. Carswell and Vice President District 5 Ron Turner are 3rd cousins. Their common ancestors are their 2x great-grandparents Lorenzo Dow Turner and Judah McDonald Turner.

The Star-Spangled Banner

At the November Chapter Meeting, Chaplain Ralph Smith provided an outstanding devotional prior to opening the meeting with prayer. Part of his devotional included distributing a complete version of *The Star-Spangled Banner* showing spelling and punctuation from Francis Scott Key's manuscript in the Maryland Historical Society collection. Most Americans know the first verse by heart; however, how many of you have ever read all four verses. Chaplain Smith led the group as we recited verses one and four.



O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
 What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
 Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the per-
 ilous fight
 O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly stream-
 ing?
 And the rocket's red glare, the bomb bursting in air,
 Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,
 O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep
 Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
 What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
 As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
 Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
 In full glory reflected now shines in the stream,

'Tis the star-spangled banner - O long may it wave
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore,
 That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
 A home and a Country should leave us no more?
 Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollu-
 tion.

No refuge could save the hireling and slave
 From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave,
 And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
 Between their lov'd home and the war's desolation!
 Blest with vict'ry and peace may the heav'n rescued land
 Praise the power that hath made and preserv'd us a na-
 tion!

Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
 And this be our motto - "In God is our trust,"
 And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.



November Program

Our guest speaker at the November Chapter Meeting was Jackson Pearson. He is a graduate student at TCU working on his doctorate. His presentation was on the “Neutral Ground Agreement of 1806.” The agreement, which wasn’t finalized until about 1820, set the formal boundaries between the Louisiana Purchase and the Spanish colonies.



Neutral Ground (Louisiana)

The Neutral Ground was a disputed area between Spanish Texas and the United States’ newly acquired Louisiana Purchase. Local officers of Spain and the United States agreed to leave the Neutral Ground temporarily outside the jurisdiction of either country. The area, now in western Louisiana, had neutral status from 1806 to 1821.

BACKGROUND

Spain had been concerned for many years with what it viewed as the encroachment of the French from Louisiana into Texas. About 1734, the French moved their post at Natchitoches from the east to the west side of the Red River. The Spanish governor of Texas, Manuel de Sandoval, was reprimanded for not protesting this violation of what Spain believed was its sovereign territory. In 1740, Governor Prudencio de Orobio y Basterra was ordered to investigate French intrusion in the Natchitoches area. Other investigations were ordered in 1744 and 1751.

In 1753, Texas Governor Jacinto de Barrios y Jáuregui determined that the French had encroached on Texas by occupying territory to the west of Arroyo Hondo, a small creek in western Natchitoches Parish that had previously been used by the French as their western boundary with Texas. In 1764, the boundary dispute became temporarily moot when France ceded its Louisiana colony to Spain. This colony was the large area west of the Mississippi

River but drained by the same, plus New Orleans and its immediate vicinity. The transfer was made without resolving the earlier border dispute, which did not seem significant under the circumstances. Spain administered the area from Havana, contracting out governing to people from many nationalities as long as they swore allegiance to Spain and promised to publicly worship in Catholic churches. Many Americans took advantage of these grants that would eventually become known as Rio Hondo claims.

By the secret Third Treaty of San Ildefonso of October 1, 1800, Louisiana was formally transferred back to France, although the Spanish continued to administer it. The terms of the treaty did not specify the boundaries of the territory being returned. Rumors of the treaty reached U.S. President Thomas Jefferson, who sought to purchase land at the mouth of the Mississippi to ensure American access to the Gulf of Mexico. Jefferson discovered that Napoleon was willing to sell the entire territory to help fund his wars in Europe. France took formal control of Louisiana from Spain on November 30, 1803, and turned over New Orleans to the United States on December 20, 1803. The U.S. took over the rest of the territory on March 10, 1804. The Louisiana Purchase doubled the size of the United States and opened U.S. expansion west to the Pacific Ocean and the Gulf Coast.

THE BOUNDARY DISPUTE BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES

The precise boundaries of the area had still not been determined. The United States, having purchased the territory from France, claimed the same boundaries France had claimed before the transfer to Spain. In fact, the U.S. asserted a claim to the Rio Grande as the western border, based on the temporary settlement by René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle in Texas in 1684. The more serious U.S. claim, however, was to the Sabine River, today’s boundary between the U.S. states of Louisiana and Texas. Spanish claims were the same as before — to the Arroyo Hondo in Natchitoches Parish and, south of the Kisatchie Hills, to the Calcasieu River.

Negotiations to resolve the dispute broke down in 1805 when Spain severed diplomatic relations with the United

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States. From October 1805 until October 1806, there was continual skirmishing, both verbal and military, around the Sabine River. There were rumors that both sides were amassing troops near the disputed area.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEUTRAL GROUND

Neither side, however, wanted to go to war over the dispute. In order to avert further armed clashes, U.S. General James Wilkinson and Spanish Lt. Col. Simón de Herrera, the two military commanders in the region, signed an agreement declaring the disputed territory Neutral Ground until the boundary could be determined by the respective governments. The agreement was not a treaty and was not ratified by either government, although it was



largely respected. Even with this agreement, the boundaries of the Neutral Ground were not entirely specified.

The Arroyo Hondo and (unconnected) Calcasieu River were the eastern boundary, with the Sabine River serving as the western boundary. The southern boundary was undoubtedly the Gulf of Mexico, and it can be assumed that the northern boundary was the thirty-second parallel, approximately. It included portions of the present-day Louisiana parishes of De Soto, Sabine, Natchitoches, Vernon, Rapides, Beauregard, Allen, Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis, and Cameron.

The area covered by the agreement was declared off-limits to soldiers of both countries. The agreement also stipulated that no settlers would be permitted in the Neutral

Ground. Nevertheless, settlers from New Spain and the United States territory began to move in. After the area was recognized as a part of the United States, these settlers were granted third class homestead claims. (Those with Spanish land grants predating the sale of the Louisiana Purchase to the United States were granted first class claims.) Some of the settlers from the United States would form the nucleus of the Louisiana Redbone community. This lawless area also attracted exiles, deserters, political refugees, fortune hunters, and a variety of criminals. Eventually, the highwaymen organized to the degree that they manned outposts and organized spies in order to better fleece travelers and avoid the American and Spanish military. In 1810 and again in 1812 the two governments sent joint military expeditions into the area to expel outlaws.

RESOLUTION AND AFTERWARD

The Adams–Onís Treaty, signed in 1819 and ratified in 1821, recognized the U.S. claim, setting the border at the Sabine River. Spain surrendered any claim to the area. (Two years after the treaty was negotiated, New Spain won its independence as the Mexican Empire.) After the treaty, however, the Neutral Ground and the adjacent part of East Texas remained in the hands of the Spanish. The Regulator–Moderator War in East Texas in 1839–44 had its roots in the earlier anarchy of the Neutral Ground.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neutral_Ground_\(Louisiana\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neutral_Ground_(Louisiana))



R. I. P. Past President Acola

[Editor's Note: Sam Woody Acola served as Chapter President for 1973 and 1974. His 2000 obituary is below.]

Sam Woody Acola, 92, of Arlington went to be with our Lord Sunday, December 13, 2020.

Graveside Service is 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 22, 2000. Visitation is 11 a.m.-noon before service at Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur.

Sam was born August 2, 1928 to Sam and Marian (Woody) Acola in Ft. Worth, Texas. He was united in

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marriage February 13, 1992 to Betty Lou Blackston in Ft. Worth, Texas. As a young man, Sam attended Texas Christian University and graduated 1950 and later, the Ranch Management School, where he gave a scholarship in honor of his parents Marian and Sam Acola. He



was proud of his fifth generation ranching Wise County roots and Ft. Worth family heritage. He often told stories of the early settlers passed through the years. Sam gifted the Decatur Museum with the family Log Cabin. He was active in the Deep Creek Cemetery.

One of his favorite stories was of his early settler great grandfather Sam Woody stuffing the ballot box in Ft. Worth. Woody was one of the first to live as a pioneer in Indian country of not yet Wise County. The story was shared in a 1987 Star-Telegram article and will be read at the Celebration of Life.

After TCU, he joined the officer training USAF and completed his atomic weaponry duties as First Lieutenant. He was a landscape architect for Baker Bros. Nursery and worked with real estate development, and he held a TREC Brokers license for many years. He was a member of Sons Of [The] American Revolution.

Sam was an active and supportive member of the Tarrant and Wise County community. He greeted everyone with a smile and respect. He was a proud member of Texas Cattle Raisers Association, Rotary International and Mason. Sam served as Commodore of the Power Squadron for Texas and Louisiana.

Maxine believes he was the best Dad and Granpa in the world to “his girls”. He exemplified a gold standard heart and dry humor wit. He held fast to his rock solid wisdom.

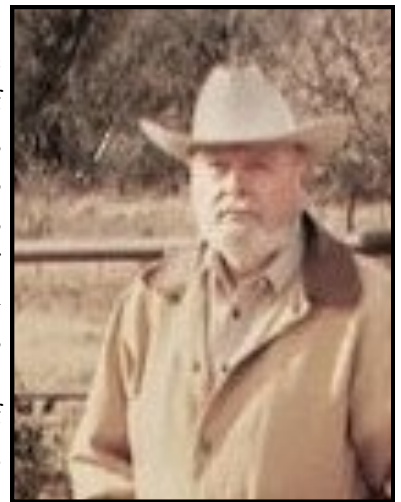
Bonnie wrote on Instagram:

“Granpa, was a 5th generation Texan, a chemist and a true rancher. He said they [sic] to pretty much anything

he didn’t agree with and had big chunky cheeks with Santa Claus like beard I always squeezed”.

Stephanie remembered her last face to face conversation with him at Thanksgiving. “Granpa, what’s your favorite color?” A surprised look on his face. “Purple. TCU “a color is purple.” Sam said. “Granpa, what’s your favorite food?” “steak and lemon chess pie.” “what’s your favorite drink?” “Scotch. But when I get out of the hospital we are going to have Dom Perignon Champagne.” “Granpa you are so funny. I love you.” “We all love and miss you Granpa and we will cherish your time in our lives on earth and in the spirit of our hearts, minds and souls. You lived a good life and we are grateful. We will see you in heaven one day.” Love, your girls.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his wife, Betty Acola of Arlington; his daughter, Maxine Acola of Aledo; his 2 grandchildren, Bonnie Kathryn Turtur Pavese, and husband Pino of Manhattan, New York and Stephanie Louise Turtur of Houston; his sister, Carolyn Acola Phelps and husband Richard of Conroe; his nephew, Gary Phelps of Phoenix, Arizona; extended family and a host of friends.



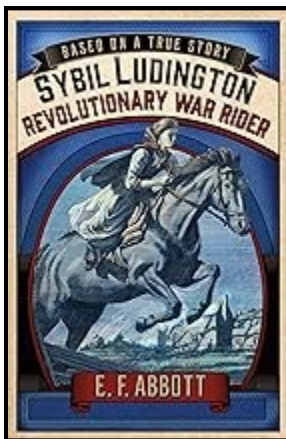
[Editor’s Note: Compatriot Acola was laid to rest in Deep Creek Cemetery in Wise County. He joined SAR on 05 Sep 1970 under Patriot John Woody.]





Sybil Ludington: Revolutionary War Rider

By E.F. Abbott



Astonishing Events from the American Revolution That They Don't Teach in School!

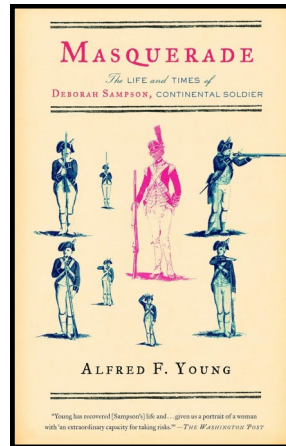
We all know about Washington's crossing of the Delaware and Betsy Ross's stitching together the Stars and Stripes, but how about What would you do if your country was counting on you to deliver a message? That's sixteen-year-old Sybil Ludington's urgent mission.

In 1777, Sybil and her family believe the American colonies should be free from British control. Sybil's father leads a regiment of New York militiamen, and everyone in the family is dedicated to the Patriot cause. Using spy tactics and codes, the Ludingtons gather intelligence, hoping to stay one step ahead of their enemies. When British troops raid nearby Danbury, Connecticut, Sybil gallops through the night to call out her father's men. But the journey is dangerous for a girl who's all alone. With obstacles at every turn, will she make it in time to stop the British?

Based on a True Story books are exciting historical fiction about real children who lived through extraordinary times in American History.

Masquerade: The Life and Times of Deborah Sampson, Continental Soldier

By Alfred F. Young



In *Masquerade*, Alfred F. Young scrapes through layers of fiction and myth to uncover the story of Deborah Sampson, a Massachusetts woman who passed as a man and fought as a soldier for seventeen months toward the end of the American Revolution.

Deborah Sampson was not the only woman to pose as a male and fight in the war, but she was certainly one of the most successful and celebrated. She managed to fight in combat and earn the respect of her officers and peers, and in later years she toured the country lecturing about her experiences and was partially successful in obtaining veterans' benefits. Her full story, however, was buried underneath exaggeration and myth (some of which she may have created herself), becoming another sort of masquerade. Young takes the reader with him through his painstaking efforts to reveal the real Deborah Sampson in a work of history that is as spellbinding as the best detective fiction.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2023

- December 16 Wreaths Across America, 12:00 noon, Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth **(CG-N)**
- December 23 2023 Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl, Veterans Village, 2:00 pm, TCU Amon G. Carter Stadium Parking Lot

2024

- January 20 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth **Texas SAR President Sam Massey to install new officers**
- February 17 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
- March 16 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
- April 11-14 129th Annual Texas SAR State Convention, San Antonio, TX **(CG-S)**
- April 20 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
- May 18 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
- June 15 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
- July 10-16 134th NSSAR Congress, Lancaster, Pennsylvania **(CG-N)**

2025

- TBD 130th Annual Texas SAR State Convention, **DFW Metroplex**, TX **(CG-S)**
- July 12-18 135th NSSAR Congress, Uncasville , Connecticut **(CG-N)**

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



Chapter Challenge Coins

\$10 per coin

Available at all Chapter Meetings
Available via USPS with \$1.50 postage fee

Contact Ron Turner to order



This is the perfect way to advertise the SAR and our Chapter by handing out challenge coins to non-members, family, and friends!

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!

CHAPTER NAME BADGES

All members are encouraged to purchase a name badge.

Wear it to chapter meetings!

Use it to advertise the SAR and the Chapter at other events you attend.

Badges are \$14 plus tax.

Order yours at

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



Compatriot Society Anniversaries

December

Kenneth Roston Cox	48 yrs
Walter Scott Manning Jr.	36 yrs
Ralph Edward Smith	25 yrs
Gary Wayne Munford	20 yrs
Jason Scott Munford	20 yrs
Dale Allen Brock	18 yrs
Brett Hamilton Jones	13 yrs
Shawn Patrick Hinman	11 yrs
Thomas Erik Samuelson	9 yrs
John David Peet	6 yrs
Bobby W. Rushing	6 yrs
Scotte Linn Clark	5 yrs
Cody Alton Sheppard	1 yr
Jon Phillip Sprinkle	1 yr

Thank you for your continued service to our Society and your dedication to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and promoting education to future generations



CHAPTER REGISTRAR'S REPORT (as of December 1st):

Applications in progress (National—7, State—0)

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

- [National Review] Kenneth Kimberlin Brimer Jr, 178249, 10933, Aledo, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Thomas Connelley,
- [National Review] Kenneth Kimberlin Brimer Jr, 178249, 10933, Aledo, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, John King
- [National Review] Kenneth Kimberlin Brimer Jr, 178249, 10933, Aledo, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Benjamin Cate
- [National Review] Kenneth Kimberlin Brimer Jr, 178249, 10933, Aledo, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, John Childress
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- [National Review] Kenneth Kimberlin Brimer Jr, 178249, 10933, Aledo, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, James Wooten
- [National Review] James Vann Cunningham, 188365, 11678, Arlington, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Joel Perkeron



FROM THE NATIONAL REGISTRAR'S APPLICATION STATUS REPORT:

Applications Approved in 2023 [approved and registered since the last newsletter]

- Jan 27, **Bryant McLean Jarrell**, 225131, 15644, Hudson Oaks, TX, **NEW**, George Martin Shofner
- Feb 17, **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, James Black
- Feb 17, **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Moses Hurt
- Feb 17, **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Adam Lackey
- Feb 17, **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Alexander Oliver
- Feb 17, **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Micajah Stone
- Feb 17, **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, James Turner
- Mar 24, **Richard Leon Vandever**, 225752, 15707, North Richland Hills, TX, **NEW**, Peter Doshier
- Mar 24, **Colton Lawrence Williams**, 225479, 15704, Southlake, TX, FAMILY **NEW**, John Floyd
- Mar 24, **Nathaniel David Williams**, 225750, 15705, Southlake, TX, FAMILY **NEW**, John Floyd
- Mar 24, **Samuel Clay Williams**, 225751, 15706, Southlake, TX, FAMILY **NEW**, John Floyd
- Apr 21, **Mark Todd Nash**, 226199, 15757, Southlake, TX, **NEW**, Garret Dungan
- Apr 28, **Kenneth Kimberlin Brimer Jr**, 178249, 10933, Aledo, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, John W. Connally
- May 12, **John Wayne Wheat**, 226536, 15777, Weatherford, TX, **NEW**, Edward Jackson
- May 26, **Joe Vic Wade**, 226754, 15791, Fort Worth, TX, **NEW**, James Turner
- Aug 8, **Fred Arlis Vanzant**, 227450, 0, Lowell, AR, **NEW**, Garrett Vansant
- Aug 11, **Charles William Thomas**, 221400, 14897, Weatherford, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Joseph Rhoades
- Aug 25, **Ronald Joe Turner**, 198382, 12354, Euless, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL Joseph Barnett
- Oct 20, **Gregory Alan Riffel**, 228148, 0, Fort Worth, TX, **NEW**, Abraham Stover
- Oct 20, **Scott George Stoddard**, 228149, 0, Keller, TX, **NEW**, David Stoddard
- Dec 1, **Robert Anthony Jacobs**, 218481, 14644, Azle, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Noah Wiswall



December 3	David Nicholas Boyd
December 7	James Reagan Herman III
December 8	Charles Wendell McHenry
December 10	Andrew Kent Walker
December 11	Patrick Lee Fogerson
December 23	Larry Vaughn Mick
December 30	James Edward Reeves III

250th 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.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Our chapter membership levels as of November 12, 2023, are:

Active / Current Member	108
NSSAR Life	9
TXSSAR Perpetual.....	10
Active/New Member	11
Active/Reinstated (current yr).....	3
Active/Reinstated (Over 1 yr)	0
Deceased (current yr)	1
Deceased Perpetual (current yr)	0
Dual w/Other Primary State	2
Emeritus (50+ years).....	0
Junior Member/Reinstated	0
Junior SAR Member	3
Non-Paid Junior Member	0
Not Paid (Current Year)	25
Not Paid Dual State.....	1
Reinstated/Transferred In	1
Transferred In	0
Dual Members (other chapters).....	3

Our active membership currently is **128**.

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Vice President District 5 Ron Turner



will give you one of these lapel pins when you bring in and sponsor a new member application and NSSAR approves it.

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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 Vann Cunningham, at email address: b155549@gmail.com.



Thank you for your continued support of the Chapter and the SAR

God Bless America

IMPORTANT LINKS

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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.*

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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.

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