



Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter

Texas

Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution

Chisholm Trail News

February 1, 2024

NEXT MEETING: February 17, 2024

TIME: 9:00 am

LOCATION: Diamond Oaks Country Club
5821 Diamond Oaks Dr N, Fort Worth, TX

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

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Texas SAR President Installs Chapter Officers

Sam Massey, President, Texas SAR, was our special guest at our January 20, 2024, Chapter Meeting. Sam installed new officers for the 2024 & 2025 term and then spoke to the membership.

Bobby Gresham, out-going President, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. following a delightful buffet breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Chaplain Ralph Smith offered the Invocation and Color Guard Commander Vann Cunningham led the recitation of the pledges and the SAR Mission Statement. President-elect Ron Turner then welcomed a number of guests.

In addition to President Massey, invited guests included Tracy Pounders, President-elect, Texas SAR; Meg Anderson, Regent, Lucretia Council Cochran Chapter DAR, and Laura Weger, Regent, Captain Nathaniel Mills Chapter DAR. Additional guests included Ja Ann Alderman, Captain Molly Corbin Chapter DAR, and Janna Brimer, Weatherford Chapter DAR. Other guests included Tom Bransford, SAR Applicant, and Denise Bransford, Captain Nathaniel Mills Chapter DAR.

President Bobby Gresham introduced President Massey who installed officers. Officers for the next two years are (below, left to right): John Anderson (Historian & Quartermaster), Vann Cunningham (Sergeant-at-Arms & Color Guard Commander), Mark Parkison (Secretary), Ron Turner (President), Steve Hole, (Vice President), Ralph Smith (Chaplain), Bob Jacobs (Registrar), and Anthony Walker (Treasurer). President Sam Massey stands to the far right.



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President Turner called for reports from the Secretary and the Treasurer.

President Turner then introduced President Massey who presented his program titled *Working Together to Preserve & Share Stories*. Sam asked how does an organization succeed such as an SAR Chapter? The tools needed include relevance, visibility, relationships, and trust. He provided an overview of what's happening with Texas SAR. We currently have 3,213 members and this includes over 200 junior members, over 300 Lifetime/Perpetual, and over 250 new members for 2023. We have 50 chapters; the latest chapter in Waxahachie receiving its charter last December and a revitalized chapter in San Angelo will receive its charter on February 24th.

migration to new web servers for our website, and the implementation of GroupMe communications blog for new chapter presidents.

Sam then provided brief updates on the Texas SAR Monument Project to be located at Texas State Cemetery in Austin, the proposal to host Congress in 2029 in San Antonio, and the Bernardo de Galvez Statue in Galveston.

President Turner, assisted by President Massey, presented a number of awards and recognitions.

President Massey presented Bob Jacobs with his George Washington Fellow certificate and lapel pin. Other chapter members who are Fellows are: Ron Turner, Steve Hole, and Art Munford.



Some new initiatives for Texas SAR include the implementation of SendGrid to supplement and solve DADA email issues, the implementation of a new recognition program for first time National Congress attendees, the

President Massey next presented Ron Turner and Steve Hole with the SAR Patriot Grave Marking Medal and Certificate. The awarding of this medal requires the participant to participate in at least 15 Patriot Grave Marking Ceremonies.



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President Turner then presented the SAR Chapter Meritorious Service Medal to retiring Registrar Gerry Gieger. President Turner thanks Gerry for his many years of service to the chapter in a variety of offices and after the receipt of numerous medals and awards. The membership recognized Gerry with a standing ovation.



President Turner presented Art Munford with the SAR Liberty Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster. This was Art's seventh Oak Leaf Cluster. Each Oak Leaf Cluster represents ten new member applications for which Art was the first-line sponsor on the application.



President Turner presented Immediate Past President Bobby Gresham with the SAR Past President's Pin and Certificate. The Past President's Pin is worn at the "V" of the President's Neck Ribbon.

Finally, President Turner presented two certificates to Mr. Gregg Wideman, Catering Manager, Diamond Oaks Country Club. The first certificate was a Flag Certificate recognizing the club's proper and patriotic display of the United States Flag. The second certificate was a Certificate of Appreciation for the club's welcoming stance towards the Chapter.



President Turner announced the next chapter meeting on Saturday, February 17th. Color Guard Commander Cunningham led the recitation of the Closing Admonition and Chaplain Smith offered the Benediction. President Turner adjourned the meeting.



Special guests included Meg Anderson, Regent, Lucretia Council Cochran Chapter DAR, Ja Ann Alderman, Captain Molly Corbin Chapter DAR, and Laura Weger, Regent, Captain Nathaniel Mills Chapter DAR. Also in attendance was Janna Brimer, Weatherford Chapter DAR.

Congratulations, Senator Brimer!

Compatriot and former Texas State Representative and Senator Kim Brimer is being honored by the City of Arlington for his service to the city. The City Council passed a resolution on January 9, 2024, naming the Nolan Ryan Expressway bridge over Mark Holtz Lake after former Texas State Senator Kim Brimer. The text of the resolution is included below.

Resolution No. 24-011

A resolution naming the Nolan Ryan Expressway bridge over Mark Holtz Lake after former Texas State Senator Kim Brimer


- WHEREAS, the City Facility and Honorary Street Naming Policy provides guidance for City Council to review and approve community requests for recognition of persons with significant contributions to the City of Arlington; and
- WHEREAS, on December 12, 2023, City Council received a report on a community request to consider recognizing former Texas State Senator Kim Brimer, who served as the senator for the Arlington area from 2003-2009 after seven terms in the Texas House of Representatives from 1989-2003; and
- WHEREAS, former Texas State Senator Kim Brimer’s signature achievement included legislation which allowed the City of Arlington to use a portion of the sales tax revenue for sports and recreation facility debt with voter authorization, enabling the construction of the Ballpark in Arlington, which opened in 1994 and allowed the Texas Rangers to stay in Arlington; and
- WHEREAS, Senator Brimer's continued ability to craft similar legislation led to the Sports and Community Venues statute, Chapter 334 of the Texas Local Government Code, otherwise known as the “Brimer Bill”; and
- WHEREAS, the “Brimer Bill” allowed Arlington voters the opportunity to consider support for the creation of AT&T Stadium and the new Globe Life Field; and
- WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt a resolution in support of naming the Nolan Ryan Expressway bridge over Mark Holtz Lake after former Texas State Senator Kim Brimer; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS:

I.

That the City Council of the City of Arlington hereby approves naming the Nolan Ryan Expressway bridge over Mark Holtz Lake the “Senator Kim Brimer Bridge” in recognition of the significant contributions to the City of Arlington by former Texas State Senator Kim Brimer.

PRESENTED AND PASSED on this the 9th day of January, 2024, by a vote of 9 ayes and 0 nays at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas.



JIM R. ROSS, Mayor

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The Battle of Hobkirk's Hill

The Battle of Hobkirk's Hill is often referred to as the Second Battle of Camden. It was fought on April 25, 1781, near Camden, South Carolina. A small American force under Nathaniel Greene occupying Hobkirk's Hill, north of Camden, was attacked by British troops led by Francis Rawdon. After a fierce clash, Greene retreated, leaving Rawdon's smaller force in possession of the hill.

Despite the victory, Rawdon soon fell back to Camden and two weeks later found it necessary to abandon Camden and withdraw toward Charleston, South Carolina. The battle was one of four contests in which Greene was defeated, though his overall strategy was successful in depriving the British of all South Carolina except Charleston. The battlefield marker is located at Broad Street and Greene Street two miles north of the center of modern Camden.

BACKGROUND

After the Battle of Guilford Court House, Cornwallis's force was spent and in great need of supply. He therefore moved his army towards Wilmington, North Carolina where he had previously ordered supplies to be sent. Greene pursued the British force for a short time before deciding to take his forces into South Carolina. Greene hoped that by threatening the British garrisons in the state he could force Cornwallis to pursue him and then engage the British on ground favorable to his army. When informed of this strategy, Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee replied on April 2:

I am decidedly of opinion with you that nothing is left for you but to imitate the example of Scipio Africanus.

When Cornwallis did not pursue the Continental Army, Greene chose to reduce the British garrisons scattered throughout South Carolina in order to force the British back into Charleston. To this end, Greene started his army of 1,450 men, made up of four Continental regiments, Lee's Legion, Washington's Cavalry and Campbell's Riflemen, as rapidly and secretly as possible towards Camden, which was at the center of the British line of posts in South Carolina. At the same time he hoped to

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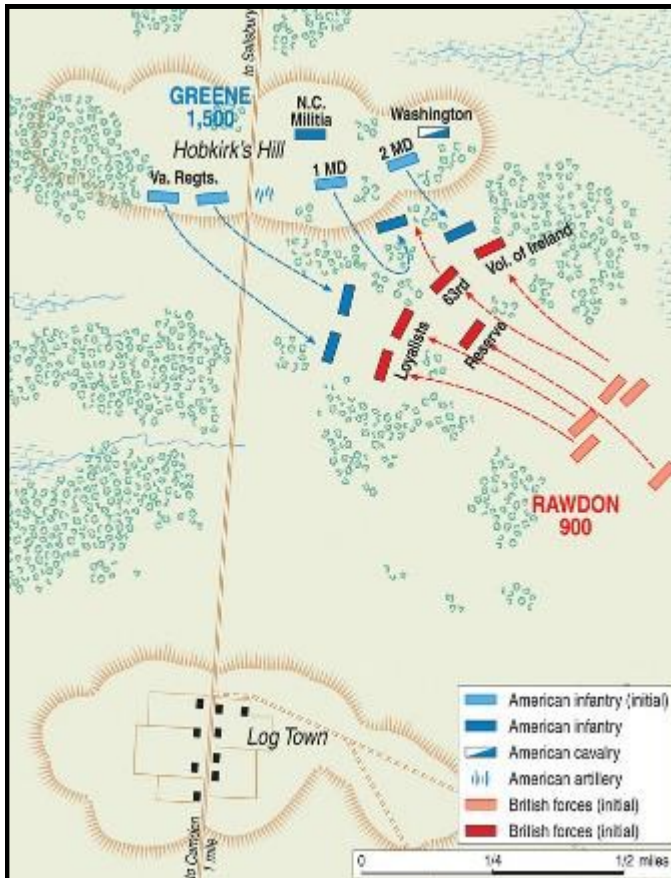


The Senator Kim Brimer Bridge is shown in relation to AT&T Stadium, Globe Life Field, Chocowatch Stadium (the old Ballpark), and the construction site of the new Medal of Honor Museum.



secure the cooperation of the various partisan bands in South Carolina. The movement was part of an intricate campaign organized by Greene involving Continental and militia troops all across the state. To that end, he sent Lee and his men to assist General Francis Marion, whose small band of militia was being pursued by 400 British troops under John Watson, in the hopes of preventing Watson and his men from reaching Camden before the battle. To that end he was successful, as the combined forces of Lee and Marion forced Watson to make a lengthy detour before eventually rejoining the British forces at Camden after the battle.

The Camden garrison under Lord Francis Rawdon included the 63rd (The West Suffolk) Regiment of Foot, the Loyalist Volunteers of Ireland, the King's American Regiment, the New York Volunteers, the South Carolina Royalists and a small detachment of cavalry.



Disposition of force at the start of conflict

The town of Camden was situated on a gentle elevation. To the south and southwest lay the Wateree River and to the east was Pinetree creek. A ring of redoubts, con-

structed by the British during their year-long occupation of the town, stretched from the Wateree to the Pinetree and covered the northern approaches. Upon arrival on April 20, 1781 at Camden, it was apparent that the Continentals had lost the element of surprise as Rawdon's forces were prepared on all fronts. Being unable to storm the town or surround the entire circle of fortifications, Greene chose to encamp his army about a mile and a half away on a small elevation called Hobkirk's Hill, blocking Great Waxhaw Road. As he did not have enough men to besiege Camden, Greene, hoping to draw Rawdon into an attack on the position, organized the camp so that battle positions could be taken quickly in the event of an alarm.

The following evening, Greene's intelligence indicated that a force of some four hundred British soldiers was marching to Camden to join Rawdon's garrison. Greene detached some of the South Carolina militia under Colonel Carrington to the east with some of his artillery to cover the road from Charleston. Finding the terrain too marshy for the artillery, Carrington removed the cannon to a position of safety and awaited further orders. On April 24, having received updated information that the additional forces were not on their way to join the Camden garrison, Greene ordered Carrington back to Hobkirk's Hill.

Early the next morning a Continental deserter, sometimes identified as a drummer, made his way into Camden. He was brought before Rawdon and informed the British commander of the Continental Army's dispositions and that they had no artillery. Fearing that Generals Marion and Lee were on their way to join Greene and believing the Continental artillery was many miles away, Rawdon decided it was a judicious time to attack.

BATTLE

On the morning of April 25, 1781, Rawdon was still under the impression that the Continental army was without its artillery. At approximately 9:00 am he left the security of the Camden fortifications with 900 troops. Unknown to Rawdon, Carrington had returned to Hobkirk's Hill that morning, together with the artillery and provisions, which were distributed to the Continental troops. At around 11 am, while many of the Continentals were occupied with cooking and washing clothes, their advanced

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pickets detected the British forces which had gained the American left by a long march skirting a swamp next to the ridge occupied by the Continental Army.

The advanced pickets, under Captain Robert Kirkwood, were able to delay the British advance giving Greene time to give orders and line his forces up for battle. He placed the Virginia Regiment under Lieutenant Colonel Campbell on the extreme right with another Virginia Regiment under Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Hawes to their left. On the extreme left, Greene placed the 5th Maryland Regiment under Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Ford, with the 1st Maryland Regiment commanded by John Gunby to their right. The artillery was placed in the center with North Carolina militia in the rear. The three 6-pound cannons and 40 Virginia gunners were directed by Colonel Charles Harrison.



Having extricated his forces from the woods and forced back the pickets, Rawdon arranged his forces and slowly advanced up the ridge towards the waiting Continentals. Greene, perceiving the British forces were presenting a narrow front, ordered an attack. He instructed Campbell on the right to wheel his men to the left and engage the British on their flank with Ford to take his men and make a similar movement on the left. Greene ordered the two remaining regiments in the center to advance with bayonets and confront the enemy head on, while Washington was to take his cavalry around the British left flank and attack the enemy in the rear. The forceful movement of the Americans and the unexpected contribution of their artillery to the exchange inflicted heavy casualties on the British, but their line held.

During the advance of the 1st Maryland on the British left, Captain William Beatty Jr., who was in command to the right of the 1st Maryland regiment, was killed causing

his company to stop their advance. Gunby ordered his men to stop their advance and fall back with the intention of reforming their line. At this time, Benjamin Ford of the 5th Maryland was mortally wounded, which threw his troops into disorder. When the Continental flank began to fall apart, Lord Rawdon and the Volunteers of Ireland (Rawdon's Personal Regiment) charged. The Maryland troops rallied briefly to fire a few rounds and then fled. Lord Rawdon, although outnumbered nearly two to one, and without artillery, took the field.

CASUALTIES

The British casualties were 39 killed, 210 wounded and 12 missing. The American casualties may be ascertained from two documents written by Colonel Otho Holland Williams, General Greene's deputy adjutant-general. The first of these, a 'List of the officers killed, wounded, and taken prisoners, in the action before Camden, the 25th of April, 1781', details 1 officer and 18 enlisted men killed, 5 officers and 108 enlisted men wounded, 2 officers captured (one of them wounded) and 136 enlisted men missing. Williams wrote, "The greatest part of those who are missing had not well understood the order to rally at Saunder's creek; some were killed; 47 of them were wounded, and are in the enemy's hospital; we have tidings of about one third of the remaining number, and hope they will be able to join us". The second of these documents is a letter from Williams to his brother, dated April 27, in which he wrote, "Capt I. Smith of the Third, and Capt Lunt [Lieut] Bruff are both prisoners, last wounded. Lieut Trueman is a prisoner, and it is said thirty-nine privates of our army are taken, besides a number wounded, the whole amounting to about fifty" This would indicate that 2 officers and 39 enlisted men were taken prisoner apart from the 1 officer and 47 enlisted men who were wounded and captured. The total American loss at Hobkirk's Hill would therefore appear to be 19 killed; 113 wounded; 48 wounded prisoners; 41 unwounded prisoners and 50 missing unaccounted for; some of whom were killed.

AFTERMATH

Washington and his cavalry never made it to the action. Their circuit to reach the British rear took them to Rawdon's hospital and commissary area, where they took 200

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prisoners. Thus laden, they were too late to assist in the battle, and joined Greene’s army on its retreat from the battlefield. Washington did, however, return in time to save the three cannons from capture. The guns were dragged from the field by 45 Maryland infantrymen. This company repelled a number of charges by loyalist horsemen under John Coffin but they suffered serious losses in the process.

The American retreat did not last long. Rawdon withdrew most of his forces to Camden, leaving only a company of dragoons at the battlefield. That afternoon, Greene sent Washington and Kirkwood back to Hobkirk’s Hill, where they ambushed and drove the dragoons away; Greene turned the army around and reoccupied the site. Colonel Gunby was castigated by Greene for his actions that caused the line to break. A court martial that was immediately convened found that his “spirit and activity were unexceptionable” but that his order to fall back was “in all probability the only cause why we did not obtain a complete victory”, without mentioning the failures of Washington and his cavalry’s late arrival.

Rawdon returned to Camden, where Watson’s men joined him on May 7. However, the ongoing presence of Greene on one flank and South Carolina militia general Thomas Sumter on another, and the fact that Marion and Lee were wreaking havoc with his supply and communications with Charleston, convinced him that he could no longer hold Camden. On May 9, Rawdon abandoned Camden, retreating to Moncks Corner.

It is notable that the future seventh president of the United States, Andrew Jackson, witnessed the battle. He was being held by the British at the Camden District jail as a prisoner of war.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Hobkirk%27s_Hill



Rifle Raffle Set

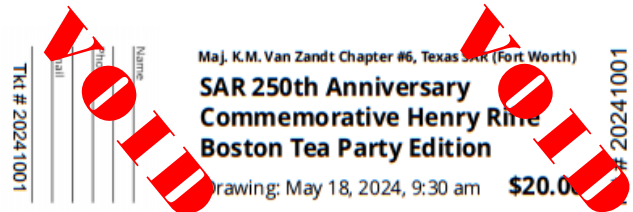
Ticket sales for the raffle of the Commemorative Henry .22 Rifle, Boston Tea Party Edition, **begins at our chapter meeting on February 17th.** The beautiful rifle will be on display at the chapter meeting. This is the first of a 10-year series of 250th Anniversary Commemorative Rifles. Calibers will vary during the ten year period.

The drawing of the winning ticket is set for our chapter meeting on May 18th.

We are limiting ticket sales to 250 tickets at \$20 per ticket. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the chapter’s Youth Contests and the TCU History Fund.

You can buy tickets for yourself, as well as check out tickets to sell to your family and friends. We will also be taking sales on the road to other chapters in the area, if needed.

Retail value: \$1,099.00





WREATHS *across* AMERICA

2023 BY THE NUMBERS

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COMMUNITIES



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Planning to Attend Congress?

First Time Attendee?

Attending a SAR Congress is very exciting: everything seems new yet steeped in tradition. This is a brief overview to aid any First Time Attendees and give a better understanding of what will occur during the annual Congress.

DELEGATES

If you are a delegate, ensure you are listed on your State-level Society’s credential sheet and have paid the registration fee. Without paying the registration fee, you cannot be a delegate.

ORIENTATION

Once you get to the hotel and have checked in, head to the SAR registration desk to pick up your information packet. Next, delegates should proceed to the credentials area to be verified as a delegate. After that, familiarize yourself with the basic layout of the meeting rooms, find out in which areas the general session, awards night, banquets, etc. will be held. Maps of the hotel and meeting schedules will be listed in the Congress program found in the packet you received at the SAR registration desk.

There will be a message board with any announcements, updates regarding committee meetings, etc. at the registration desk.

Make plans to attend the “New Attendees Orientation” scheduled for Sunday morning. It is opportunity to hear what is happening during the Congress sessions and also a chance to ask any questions you may still have. Several of the national-level officers usually attend and introduce themselves, along with many of the national SAR staff members.

KEY EVENTS

Those events included in your registration:

Host Reception – Saturday evening Rumbaugh Ora-
tions – Sunday Memorial Service – Sunday First Lady’s
Tea – Sunday **General Sessions (Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday) Youth Luncheon – Monday
Awards – Monday President General’s Banquet – Tues-
day Installation Banquet – Wednesday

OPTIONAL EVENTS

Color Guard Breakfast – Sunday; Council of State Presi-
dent’s Breakfast – Monday; Select District Breakfasts –
Tuesday North/Middle Atlantic States, InterMountain-
Rocky Mountain-Western-Pacific, Southern, South Cen-
tral, South Atlantic; Ladies Luncheon – Tuesday

VPG/George Washington Fellows Luncheon – Tuesday
SAR 1000 Breakfast – Wednesday

Welcome! Have fun meeting fellow SAR members from
around the country and enjoy your time in Richmond.
We are glad you are coming!

ATTIRE	MEN	LADIES
Tours	Comfortable clothes– walking involved	
Host Reception	Daytime dress, Polo Shirt and slacks	Daytime dress, Slacks or Capris
Color Guard Breakfast	Uniform or blazer and tie Colonial	Dress or Daytime dress, pants suit or suit
Memorial Service	Uniform or blazer and tie	Colonial Dress or Daytime dress, pants suit or suit
First Lady’s tea		Colonial Dress or Daytime dress, pants suit or suit (Hats Optional)
Rumbaugh Ora- tions	Daytime dress, Polo Shirt and	Daytime dress, Slacks or capris
General Session	Coat and tie	Daytime dress,
Youth Luncheon	Coat and tie	Daytime dress,

ATTIRE	MEN	LADIES
Minuteman / Awards Night	Coat and tie Day-time dress, Pants suit or suit Minutemen white dinner jacket, black tie, New inductees do not wear any insignia	
Breakfasts / George Washington Fellows & VPGs Luncheon	Coat and tie	Daytime dress, Pants suit or suit
General Session	Coat and tie	Daytime dress, Pants suit or suit
Ladies Luncheon		Daytime dress, Pants suit or suit (Hats optional)
President General's Banquet	Black or white dinner jacket with decorations or Continental Uniform Colonial	Period Attire or Long Formal Gowns
General Session	Coat and tie	Daytime dress, Pants suit or suit
Tours	Comfortable Clothes—walking involved	
Installation Banquet	Tails, white dinner jacket with decorations, Black Tuxedo or Continental Uniform Colonial	Period Attire or Long Formal Gowns GPGs, Newly elected General Officers, and newly elected VPGs wear Full Dress, White tie/ gloves/tails

134th Congress July 10-16, 2024
Lancaster, PA

135th Congress July 12-18, 2025
Uncasville, CT

136th Congress July 10-16, 2026
Greensboro, NC

137th Congress July 9-15, 2027
New Orleans, LA



2024 Annual Meeting

Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution



April 11th - April 14th

In San Antonio


Doubletree by Hilton - San Antonio Airport

611 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 76216

[Click here for lodging reservation](#)

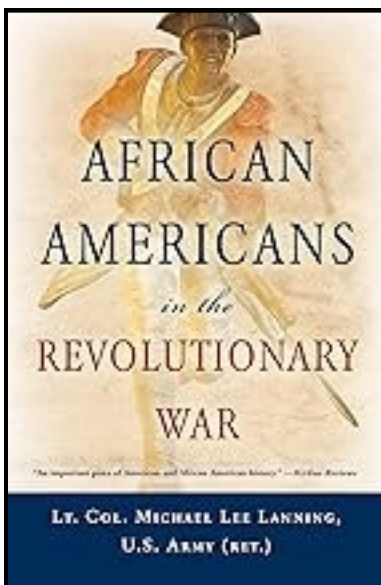
Annual Meeting Registration to open at a later date

READING for PLEASURE



African Americans in the Revolutionary War

By Lt. Col. Michael Lee Lanning



In this enlightening and informative work, military historian and author Lt. Col. Michael Lee Lanning reveals the under-acknowledged, critical, and heroic role both enslaved and free African Americans played in the American Revolution while serving – despite racism – in integrated units. An invaluable perspective for readers of American history, military

history—and for all Americans as discrimination remains a central issue.

At first, neither George Washington nor the Continental Congress approved of enlisting African Americans in the new army. Nevertheless, Black men—both slave and free—filled the ranks and served in all of the early battles. Black sailors also saw action in every major naval battle of the Revolution, including members of John Paul Jones’s crew aboard the *Bonhomme Richard*. At least thirteen Black Americans served in the newly formed U.S. Marine Corps during the war.

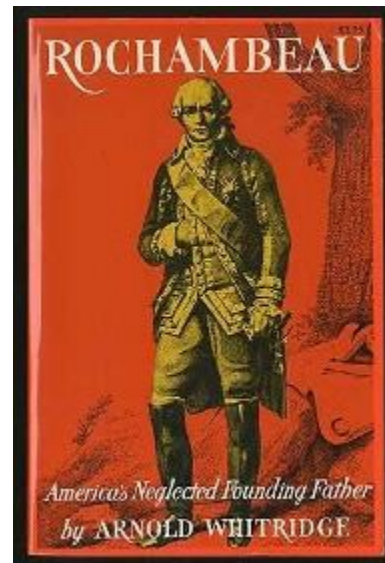
Bravery among African Americans was commonplace, as recognized by their commanders and state governments, and their bravery is recorded here in the stories of citizen

Crispus Attucks at the Boston Massacre; militiaman Price Esterbrook at Lexington Green; soldier Salem Poor at Bunker Hill; and marine John Martin aboard the brig *Reprisal*.

As interest in colonial history enjoys renewed popularity due to works like *Hamilton*, and the issues of prejudice and discrimination remain at the forefront of our times, *African Americans in the Revolutionary War* offers an invaluable perspective on a crucial topic that touches the lives of Americans of every color and background.

Rochambeau: America's Neglected Founding Father

By Arnold Whitridge



This *America's Neglected Founding Father* by Arnold Whitridge is a biography of Rochambeau. He as a great French gentleman soldier and American founding father. Rochambeau’s victory at Yorktown administered the coup de grace to the British and made America an independent nation.



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.

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Compatriot Society Anniversaries	
February	
John William Via, III	20 yrs
Scott Alan Davis	17 yrs
Jeremy Michael Petosa	16 yrs
William Anderson Knight	14 yrs
Billy Joe Harger, II	11 yrs
David Alan Rankin	6 yrs
Brian Kelly Faherty	7 yrs
Bruce Anthony Morris	7 yrs
Troy Jeffrey Kennedy	5 yrs
William L. Meaders	5 yrs
Michael Ty Hobbs	3 yrs
Charles Leon Vanover	2 yrs

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

Texas SAR Roster 2024

Texas SAR has published its first roster for 2024. The number of dropped members currently stands at over 620 members, a number that is a little higher than normal for Texas SAR.

The number of dropped members for the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter is 19, significantly less this year than in previous years.

We are establishing a Membership Committee and one of their priorities will be contacting those unpaid members.

If you would like to be on this committee, please contact President Ron Turner.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024

- February 17 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
Rifle Raffle Ticket Sales Begin
- 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
Drawing for Rifle Raffle
- 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 REGISTRAR'S REPORT (as of December 1st):

Applications in progress (National—7, State—1)

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

- [National Review] Guy Thomas Bransford, 0, 0, Hurst, TX, NEW, William Bransford
- [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
- [National Review] Kenneth Kimberlin Brimer Jr, 178249, 10933, Aledo, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Lawrence Holcomb
- [National Review] Kenneth Kimberlin Brimer Jr, 178249, 10933, Aledo, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, James Wooten
- [National Review] James Vann Cunningham, 188365, 11678, Arlington, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Joel Perkerson



FROM THE NATIONAL REGISTRAR'S APPLICATION STATUS REPORT:

Applications Approved in 2024 [approved and registered since the last newsletter]



Bernardo de Galvez Statue Project in Galveston



- February 7 Joshua Christopher Goulet
Andrew Todd Hebert
- February 12 Douglas Lynn Schwetke
- February 14 Arthur Gary Munford
- February 16 Joshua David Packard
- February 19 Jason Scott Munford
- February 23 Robert Anthony Jacobs
- February 26 Randall Reece Owens
- February 27 Rodney Everett Buttermore, Jr.



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 January 28, 2024, are:

Active / Current Member	108
NSSAR Life	9
TXSSAR Perpetual.....	10
Active/New Member	0
Active/Reinstated (current yr).....	0
Active/Reinstated (Over 1 yr)	0
Deceased (current yr)	0
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)	19
Not Paid Dual State.....	1
Reinstated/Transferred In	0
Transferred In	0
Dual Members (other chapters).....	2

Our active membership currently is **113**.

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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.

It's just that easy!

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 ad-



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

God Bless America

IMPORTANT LINKS

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

Join our Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/292616193535075/>

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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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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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