



Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter

Texas

Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution

Chisholm Trail News

March 1, 2024

NEXT MEETING: March 16, 2024

TIME: 9:00 am

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

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FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING

The Chapter met at Diamond Oaks Country Club on Saturday, February 17, 2024, for its monthly meeting. Attendance was good with 21 members and four guests present.

President Ron Turner called the meeting to order and following the recitation of the pledges and the SAR Mission Statement, he welcomed everyone and introduced the guests.

All officers in attendance presented their reports. In particular, please notice the new design for the Chapter Registrar's Report on page 5.

Vice President Steve Hole introduced the programs. First, Historian John Anderson presented his *Historian's Moment*. He presented a slide show highlighting those chapter members who passed during 2023. The Chapter lost two members: Joe Francis Turner and Fred Arlis Vansant. This slide presentation is based on the slide presentation shown each year at the Annual State Convention.

Next, Vice President Hole introduced Dede and Todd Samuelson. Dede provided an introduction and some background information and then turned the floor over to Todd who spoke about the Bushwackers that operated in Northern Arkansas and Southern Missouri, and about the men who became scouts and spies for General Grenville Dodge, the chief spymaster of the Union Army. The Samuelson's also had their book, *Searcy County, The Civil War's Secret Heroes*, available for sale and signing by the authors. It was a very interesting program.

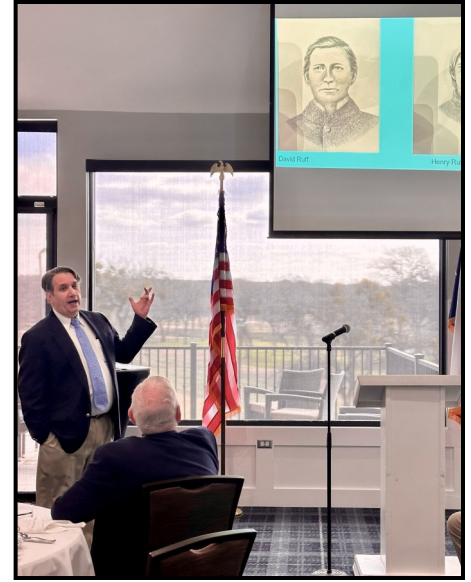
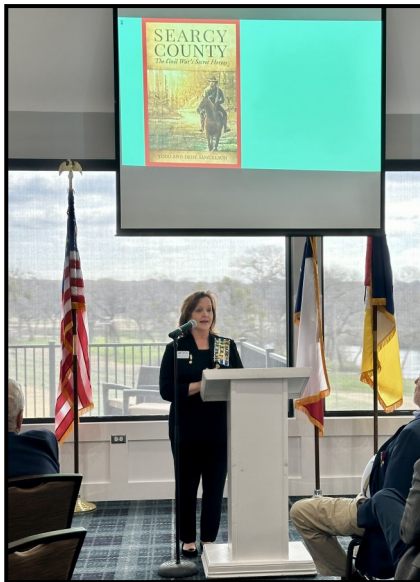
President Turner presented both Dede and Todd with a SAR Certificate of Appreciation, accompanied by a Chapter Challenge Coin.

President Turner recognized three members who achieved milestone anniversaries during the month of February with Membership Award certificates.



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President Turner inducted new member Richard Vandever into the chapter and the SAR. Richard joined the SAR on the service of his Patriot ancestor Peter Dozier/Dosher, who was a Private in Virginia.



President Turner presented Chapter Registrar Bob Jacobs with his fourth Supplemental Certificate for his Patriot ancestor Noah Wiswall, who served as a Sergeant in Massachusetts.

Under old business, President Turner pointed out that the SAR Commemorative Boston Tea Party Rifle was on display and that raffle tickets were now available for purchase. The raffle is limited to 250 tickets and the drawing is scheduled for May 16th at our monthly chapter meeting. (See the flyer on page 4 for details.)

Under new business, President Turner introduced the *Presenter Rules of Engagement*. This new policy governs how the chapter manages individuals who present programs during chapter meetings. A motion to adopt was approved by the membership. (See page 3)



Registrar Bob Jacobs introduced a program to sponsor Prospective Members. The program calls for the chapter to cover the breakfast cost for a first-time visit by a Prospective Member. A motion to adopt was approved by the membership.

President Turner spoke about the new Member Retention Committee. Currently, the committee is composed of Vice President Steve Hole and Chaplain Ralph Smith. President Turner asked Vice President Hole to be the lead on the committee. They plan to contact all members who have failed to renew their SAR membership for last year, and possibly the previous two years, and encourage the member to renew their SAR membership.



President Turner announced the next chapter meeting is on Saturday, March 16th, 2024, at Diamond Oaks Country Club. And, Texas SAR Annual State Convention is in San Antonio from April 11th-14th.

PRESENTER RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

- The Chapter picks up the breakfast tab for all non-Chapter guest speakers.
- The Chapter does not pick up the breakfast tab for Chapter members who present.
- The program each month is limited to “about 30 minutes.”
- Extra time is allocated for answering member questions but not to exceed 15 minutes total time.
- Travel expenses, other than gas mileage for non-Chapter guest speakers, are not normally provided.
- Every presenter receives a Certificate of Appreciation, along with a Chapter Challenge Coin.



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

[Hotel Reservation](#)

[Online Meeting Registration](#)

[PDF Meeting Registration](#)

[Raffle Flyer](#)

[Silent Auction Flyer](#)

[Ladies Tour Flyer](#)

[Conference Meal Flyer](#)

SPRING FORWARD

SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH





To celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States,
The Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter #6
Texas Sons of the American Revolution
is conducting a RAFFLE for a
Sons of the American Revolution
Commemorative Rifle

This Henry Rifle Company .22 Rifle commemorates the
Boston Tea Party

Tickets are \$20.00 per ticket.

Proceeds support the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter #6
Youth Awards Program and the TCU History Award Program

Not a gun enthusiast?

Then, please consider making a donation!

To make Donations or purchase Tickets , contact
Ron Turner at rjturner0815@gmail.com

Drawing for winning ticket is May 18, 2024.

Do not need to be present to win.

CHAPTER REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Update: 22 Feb 2024

National Review

<i>Compatriot</i>	<i>Patriot</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>As Of</i>
Tom Bransford	William Bransford	New	Received	1/22/24
Scott Manning III	John Manning	New	Received	2/14/24
Scott Manning Jr	John Manning	Sup	Received	2/14/24
Kim Brimer	John King	Sup	Received	7/19/23
Kim Brimer	Thomas Connelley	Sup	Received	7/27/73
Kim Brimer	Benjamin Cate	Sup	Received	9/5/23
Kim Brimer	John Childress	Sup	Received	9/5/23
Kim Brimer	Lawrence Holcomb	Sup	Received	9/5/23
Kim Brimer	James Wooten	Sup	Received	9/5/23
Vann Cunningham	Joel Perkerson	Sup	Received	9/25/23

State Review

<i>Compatriot</i>	<i>Patriot</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>As Of</i>
Timothy Ulrich	Ezra Pratt	New	Chapter Sigs	2/17/24
Will Ulrich	Ezra Pratt	New	Chapter Sigs	2/17/24

Prospective Member Activity and Forecast

Prospective Members (PMs) in Active Communication:	13
Active PM Applications in Process:	5
PM Applications Preparing for Submission to State:	3

BATTLE OF SAINT-PIERRE

The Battle of Saint-Pierre was a military confrontation on March 25, 1776, near the Quebec village of Saint-Pierre, south of Quebec City. This confrontation, which occurred during the Continental Army's siege of Quebec following its defeat at the Battle of Quebec, was between forces that were both largely composed of Canadian militia, including individuals on both sides of the conflict that had been recruited in the same communities. The Patriot forces routed the Loyalist forces, killing at least 3 and capturing more than 30.

BACKGROUND

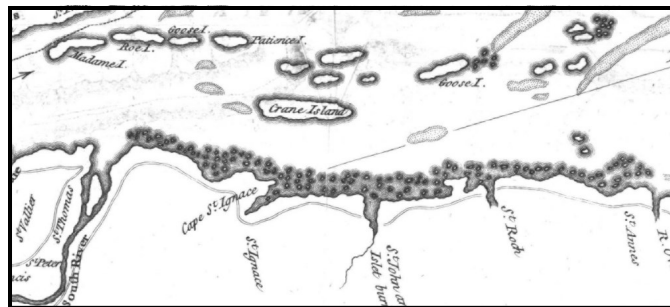
Early in the American Revolutionary War, the Second Continental Congress had invited the citizens of the Province of Quebec to join them, first by addressing letters to them, and then by invading the province with the goal of ousting the British government of General Guy Carleton. The invasion reached a peak on December 31, 1775, when the Continental Army, under the command of General Richard Montgomery, was defeated before the gates of the city of Quebec. The battle resulted in the death of Montgomery and the capture of over 400 men.

Following the defeat, the remnants of the Army, now under the command of General Benedict Arnold, besieged the city. During this time, they worked to recruit French-speaking Canadians to support their efforts toward independence, while Carleton and the British worked to build Loyalist support among the Canadiens.

LOYALIST MILITIA RECRUITMENT

Early on the morning of March 14, 1776, Jean-Baptiste Chasson, a Canadian miller from Saint-Vallier, crossed the Saint Lawrence River by canoe and reached the city of Quebec. He brought news to General Carleton that the Americans were setting up a gun battery at Pointe-Lévis, on the south shore of the river, across from the city. This battery would command the city's harbor and shipping on the river. Chasson also told Carleton that people to the south of the city were prepared to rise up against the Americans.

Carleton gave Chasson instructions to deliver to Louis Liénard de Beaujeu, the seigneur of the Isle-aux-Grues (Crane Island), an island in the Saint Lawrence, and a man with previous military experience in the French and Indian War. The instructions included intercepted communications from



Detail from a 1772 map, showing Crane Island (Île-aux-Grues), St. Anne's (Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière), St. Thomas, and St. Peters (Saint-Pierre)

Arnold describing the difficult conditions in the siege camp and an amnesty for people who had previously supported the Americans but were now willing to assist the British. Beaujeu, who had previously been asked to raise militia in support of the British, set about raising a force to make an attack on the unfinished battery at Pointe-Lévis. By March 23, he had assembled over 100 men at Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière. When this force reached Saint-Thomas on the night of March 24, it was joined there by an additional 70 men. An advance guard from this force, numbering 46, was sent to Saint-Pierre under the command of Couillard and Gaspé, where they established a base at the house of Michel Blais, a Loyalist and former commander of the local militia.

AMERICANS WARNED

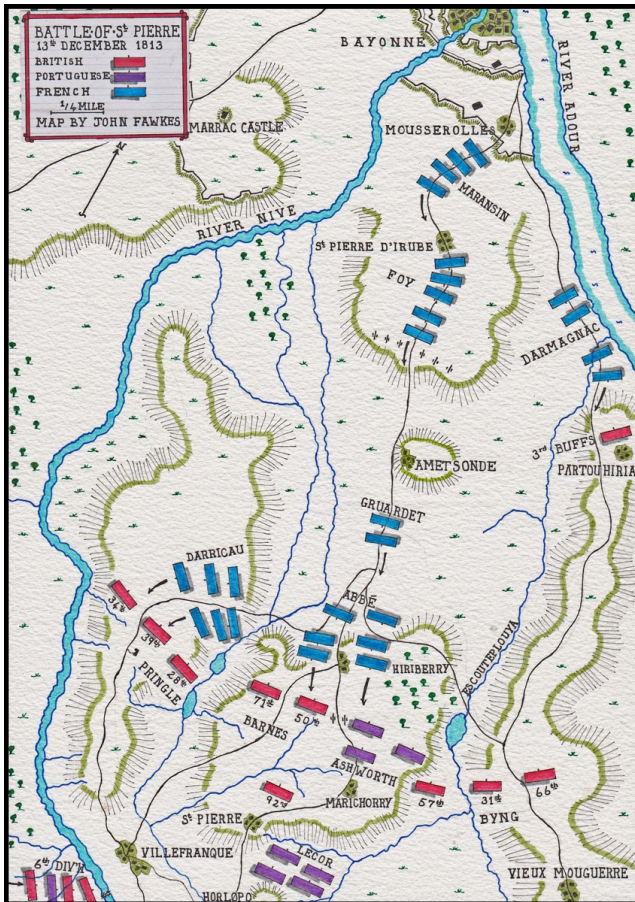
Habitants from Beaumont friendly to the Americans notified the commander at Pointe-Lévis of the recruiting activity. In response, General Arnold, sent a detachment of 80 Americans under John Dubois to deal with the situation. Pierre Ayotte and Clément Gosselin, recruiters working for Moses Hazen, the commander of the 2nd Canadian Regiment, raised about 150 men who joined the Americans. These forces headed up the southern shore to investigate the reports. Some of these recruits were from the same villages from which Beaujeu had recruited men. A small band of militia from Beaumont went to Saint-Michel and arrested Chasson, who was planning to return to the city.

CONFLICT

The Loyalist advance guard was surprised by the arrival of the Patriot forces at Saint-Pierre, and barricaded themselves in the house, where they were attacked by Dubois' men with musket and cannon. While a few escaped, the majority sur-

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rendered, and three were killed. Their priest, Charles-François Bailly de Messein, was wounded in this battle. It is said that, because both sides recruited in the same areas to build their militias, that there were some families whose members fought against each other in this battle.



AFTERMATH

Beaujeu, his plans uncovered, disbanded the militia and went into hiding on Île-aux-Grues. After Dubois established that the action had been sanctioned by the British, some of the prisoners were released after promising not to take up arms again. The remaining 21 prisoners were sent to the American camp outside Quebec.

The skirmish itself had no notable effect on relations between the people and the occupying Americans, which were already deteriorating as the siege dragged on. This was due in part to the fact that the Americans, rather than paying for their supplies in coin, paid with Continental paper currency or promissory notes, deemed to be of little worth by the locals.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Saint-Pierre

- March 2 James Jefferson Davis
- March 3 Kenneth Kimberlin Brimer, Jr.
Walter Scott Manning, Jr.
- March 8 John Wayne Wheat
- March 13 Dale Allen Brock
- March 16 William Wallace Gunn, III
- March 20 Roger Lynn Tate
- March 22 Shawn Patrick Hinman
- March 26 Preston Stokes Davis
Bruce Anthony Morris
- March 29 Nathaniel David Williams
- March 30 Joseph Paul DeWoody
- March 31 Charles Patrick Fogerson
Allan Vance Gillmore

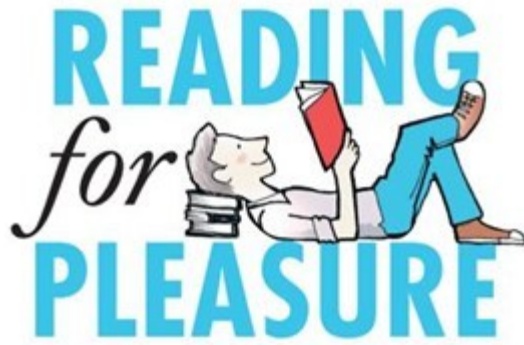
MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Our chapter membership levels as of February 11, 2024, are:

Active / Current Member	109
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).....	3

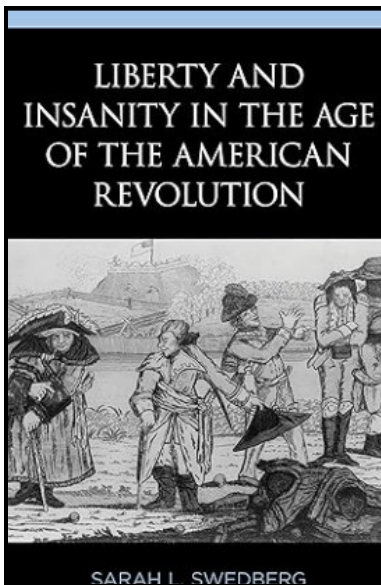
Our active membership currently is **114**.





Liberty and Insanity in the Age of the American Revolution

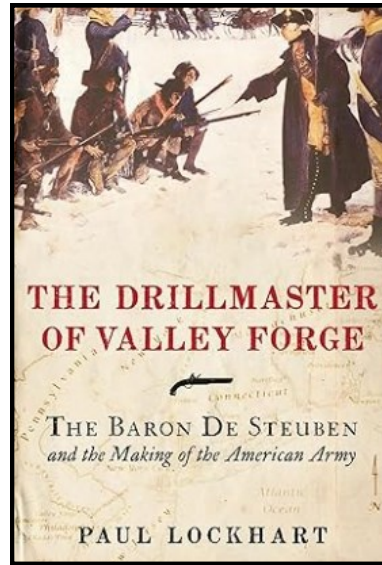
By Sarah L. Swedberg



In *Liberty and Insanity in the Age of the American Revolution*, Sarah L. Swedberg examines how conceptions of mental illness intersected with American society, law, and politics during the early American Republic. Swedberg illustrates how concerns about insanity raised difficult questions about the nature of governance. Revolutionaries built the American government based on rational principles, but could not protect it from irrational actors that they feared could cause the body politic to grow mentally or physically ill. This book is recommended for students and scholars of history, political science, legal studies, sociology, literature, psychology, and public health.

The Drillmaster of Valley Forge

By Paul Lockhart



“A terrific biography. . . . The dramatic story of how the American army that beat the British was forged has never been better told.” —Doris Kearns Goodwin, New York Times–bestselling author of *Team of Rivals*

Frustrated with a stalled career in midlife, the Baron de Steuben uprooted himself from his native Europe to seek one last chance at glory and fame

in the New World. Steeped in the traditions of the Prussian army of Frederick the Great—the most ruthlessly effective in Europe—he taught the ragged, demoralized soldiers of the Continental Army how to fight like Europeans. His guiding hand shaped the fighting force that triumphed over the British at Monmouth, Stony Point, and Yorktown. But his influence did not end with the Revolution. Steuben was instrumental in creating West Point and in writing the first official regulations of the American army, and his principles have guided the American armed forces to this day.

“Reveal[s] the deeds and character of a man whose life was full of surprises and frustrating failures but ultimately crowned with success . . . sheds light on the career of an important but relatively obscure figure.” —*Booklist*

“The author generally treats [Steuben] with balance, understanding and great good humor.” —*The Wall Street Journal*

“An archetypal American story: an immigrant, ambitious, blustering, insecure, who gives his talents and his passion to his new-found home.” —Richard Brookhiser, author of *George Washington on Leadership*.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024

- 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-N)**
- April 20 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
- April 27 Medal of Honor Parade, Gainesville **(CG-N)**
- April 27 DAR Patriot Daughter Grave Marking, 11:00 am Lewisville **(CG-C)**
- May 18 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
Drawing for Rifle Raffle
- May 27 Memorial Day Ceremony, Mt. Gilead Cemetery, Keller **(CG-N)**
- 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!

Want one of these?

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!



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>

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.

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/>

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>.

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.