



Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter

Texas

Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution

Chisholm Trail News

October 1, 2024

NEXT MEETING: October 19, 2024

TIME: 9:00 am

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

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NEWEST MEMBER INDUCTED

At our September 28th Chapter Meeting, Vice President Steve Hole inducted Walter Scott Manning III into the SAR. President Ron Turner assisted by pinning the SAR Rosette to Scott's collar. Scott's father, Walter Scott Manning, Jr., was also in attendance. Scott entered the SAR on the patriotic service of his Ancestor, John Manning, who signed the Oath of Allegiance. Patriot Manning was born about 1745 in St. Mary's County, Maryland, and died before 22 June 1815 in Ste. Genevieve County, Missouri. He married Susan Wimsatt.

RSVP CANCELLATIONS

Please! Please! Please!

This is a reminder message. President Turner sends out the RSVP email on the Tuesday two weeks prior to the chapter meeting. The deadline to respond is always the Tuesday prior to the chapter meeting. He notifies the country club of our attendance headcount on that Tuesday. **If you fail to attend, did you know that we still owe the country club \$25 for you?**

President Turner now has an agreement with the country club that we can update our headcount number as late as EARLY FRIDAY morning (the day prior to the meeting). If you respond that you will attend and then determine that you can't, please, please, please either update your attendance for the RSVP list or send an email to President Turner.

Your compliance with this request will save the chapter money each month!



BATTLE OF TEARCOAT SWAMP

The Battle of Tearcoat Swamp was a battle during the American Revolutionary War between Lieutenant Colonel Francis Marion's Patriot militia, and a Loyalist Militia led by Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Tynes. The battle took place on 25 October 1780 in present-day Clarendon County, South Carolina.

BACKGROUND

After the Battle of Camden and the subsequent defeat, and departure of the Continental Army from South Carolina, Francis Marion already a lieutenant colonel commanding the Williamsburg Militia in the Pee Dee area used his militia force of 20 to 70 men to harass enemy forces and disrupt supply lines. Marion



General Francis Marion

and his militia operated primarily in South Carolina, between the Pee Dee and Santee Rivers throughout 1780. Unlike the regular army Marion's Militia used guerrilla warfare to engage and harass both the British Army and the Loyalist Militia's in the area. Marion's Militia was made of citizen's farmers and slaves from the surrounding countryside, due to the lack of war materials available these men provided their own armaments, mounts and food. In return they were allowed to join the militia and leave freely at any time at their own discretion. In early fall Marion received correspondence from General Horatio Gates who encouraged him to continue his offensive. His confidence bolstered, Marion moved into the area of Brittons Neck, South Carolina. At first the citizens of the surrounding area did not respond to Marion's call to arms, however after threatening departure to North Carolina Marion was able to gather 152 men.

DEPLOYMENTS

On October 24 Major General Nisbet Balfour ordered lieutenant colonel Samuel Tynes to lead and train a loyalist militia in the High Hills area between Salem, SC and Nelsons Ford. The loyalists procured armaments and supplies from Camden, and marched to the area near Tearcoat Swamp. Colonel Tynes intended to strengthen his numbers and train the men in warfare. Tynes bivouacked his men in the fork of Black River effectively placing Tearcoat Swamp at his back, believing that it would shield his men from the enemy. Unbeknownst to the British a group of Marion's scouts had observed and reported the position of the loyalists. Upon hearing of the enemy movement Marion expressed that this was an excellent opportunity "to break up the party, before its newly made converts should become confirmed in the principles they had unwillingly adopted". Marion secretly decided to attack the loyalists at Tearcoat before they could muster anymore men. Marion remained silent about his plan of attack, and even his own men were unaware of the intended action. To further cover his plan, before departing Marion spread rumors that he and his men would march on McCallum's Ferry. Marion gathered his men and, left his camp at Kingstree on the morning of October 25 and led his 152 men towards Salem.

BATTLE

After traveling all day, Marion arrived at Black River late at night and successfully forded his men through. Upon reach-

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ing the opposite bank, Marion sent (two?) young men to scout out the enemies position. The young men soon reported to Marion that only a few Loyalists were awake, playing cards. Overall the security of the Loyalist defenses were lax. Marion deferred his attack until midnight when he felt the enemy would be most vulnerable. Rousing his men shortly after midnight, Marion split them into three groups. He used the same tactics that had won him victory at the Battle



of Black Mingo: the attack would come in the form of a tri-ent with groups attacking from the left, right and center (which Marion commanded himself). After taking positions, Marion signaled the attack with the discharge of his pistol, and the groups charged in on horses yelling and firing their weapons. To Marion's satisfaction the attack succeeded exactly as planned, as the Loyalists were caught completely by surprise. The battle ended after the first attack. The Loyalists sustained 6 dead and 14 wounded while another 23 were captured. Marion's force lost only two horses.

AFTERMATH

The battle was a morale booster for Marion's militia. With the success of the attack the Patriots were able to capture supplies totaling over 80 muskets, a number of bridled and saddled horses as well as foodstuffs. Many of the 23 Loyalists were astonished and impressed by Marion's troops as they had never been before resulting in a number of defections to the Patriot cause. To Marion's dismay Lieutenant Colonel Tynes was not among the captured as he and a few of the loyalists escaped into Tearcoat Swamp. Though the battle was a needed victory it was the second time that Marion had failed to capture a commanding officer within the Loyalists ranks, who he believed were the key to ending the Loyalist movement. Marion would later assign Captain William Clay Snipes to hunt down the loyalist leader which led to the eventual capture of Tynes. After the Battle of Tearcoat Swamp the Loyalist movement in the Salem area was nullified.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Tearcoat_Swamp



FIRST PRAYER AT CONTINENTAL CONGRESS

September 5th was the 250th Anniversary of the First Day of the First Continental Congress, which occurred on September 5, 1774, at Carpenters' Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.


The first prayer of the Continental Congress was offered on September 7, 1774, at 9:00am, by the Reverend Jacob Duché, Rector of Christ Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The motion regarding prayers in Congress was adopted on September 6 and Duché's appearance occurred the following day. Duché opened the session with a reading from the 35th Psalm, followed by an extemporaneous prayer. The prayer had a profound effect on the delegates, as recounted by John Adams to his wife.



O Lord our Heavenly Father, high and mighty King of kings, and Lord of lords, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers on earth and reignest with power supreme and uncontrolled over all the Kingdoms, Empires and Governments; look down in mercy, we beseech Thee, on these our American States, who have fled to Thee from the rod of the

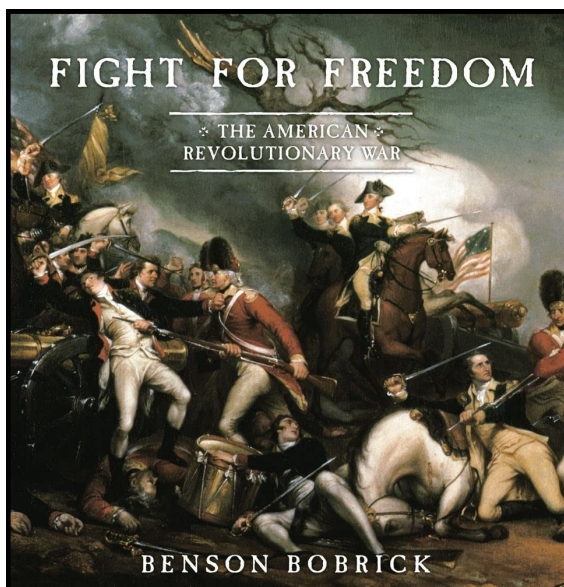
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READING for PLEASURE



Fight for Freedom: The American Revolutionary War

By Benson Bobrick



Renowned historian Benson Bobrick has written a moving chronicle of the American Revolution for young readers. From the first stirrings of unrest under British rule at the Boston Tea Party, to the treachery of Benedict Arnold at West Point, to George Washington's Christmas Eve surprise attack at the Battle of Trenton, to the British surrender at the Battle of Yorktown, *Fight for Freedom* explores the war that created one independent nation out of thirteen diverse colonies.

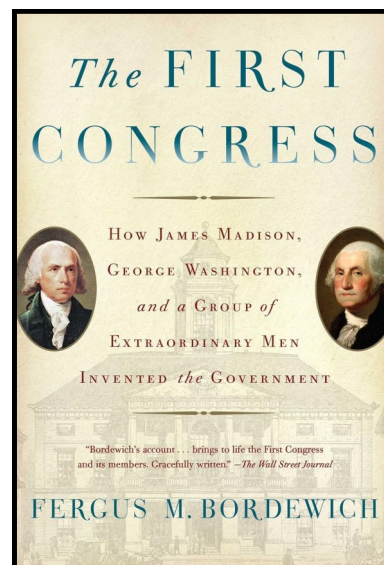
Fight for Freedom contains personal anecdotes from soldiers and civilians, as well as profiles of the many historical luminaries who were involved in America's fight for independence, such as George Washington, King George III, Abigail Adams, Benjamin Franklin, John Paul Jones,

Thomas Jefferson, and Lord Cornwallis. Bobrick also explores the origins of colonialism in the New World, the roles women and Native Americans played during the American Revolution, the intricacies of building a new government, and the fate of those who remained loyal to the British crown after the onset of war.

Bobrick's dynamic narrative is highlighted with many period oil paintings, political cartoons, and key campaign and battlefield maps, making *Fight for Freedom* the ultimate book on the American Revolution for kids.

The First Congress: How James Madison, George Washington, and a Group of Extraordinary Men Invented the Government

By Bordewich, Fergus M.



others less well known today) labored to create a functioning government.

In *The First Congress*, award-winning author Fergus Bordewich brings to life the achievements of the First Congress: it debated and passed the first ten amendments to the Constitution, which we know as the Bill of Rights; admitted North Carolina and Rhode Island to the union when they belatedly ratified the Constitution, then admitted two new

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states, Kentucky and Vermont, establishing the procedure for admitting new states on equal terms with the original thirteen; chose the site of the national capital, a new city to be built on the Potomac; created a national bank to handle the infant republic's finances; created the first cabinet positions and the federal court system; and many other achievements. But it avoided the subject of slavery, which was too contentious to resolve.

The *First Congress* takes us back to the days when the future of our country was by no means assured and makes “an intricate story clear and fascinating” (*The Washington Post*).



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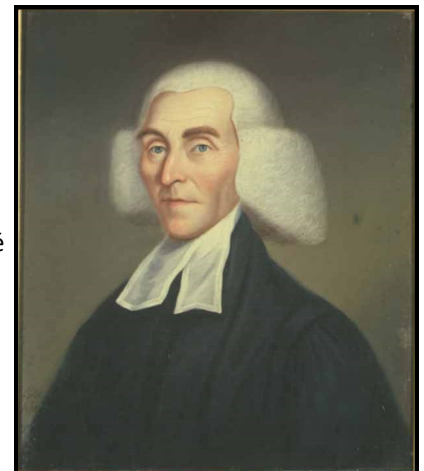
oppressor and thrown themselves on Thy gracious protection, desiring to be henceforth dependent only on Thee. To Thee have they appealed for the righteousness of their cause; to Thee do they now look up for that countenance and support, which Thou alone canst give. Take them, therefore, Heavenly Father, under Thy nurturing care; give them wisdom in Council and valor in the field; defeat the malicious designs of our cruel adversaries; convince them of the unrighteousness of their Cause and if they persist in their sanguinary purposes, of own unerring justice, sounding in their hearts, constrain them to drop the weapons of war from their unnerved hands in the day of battle! Be Thou present, O God of wisdom, and direct the councils of this honorable assembly; enable them to settle things on the best and surest foundation. That the scene of blood may be speedily closed; that order, harmony and peace may be effectually restored, and truth and justice, religion and piety, prevail and flourish amongst the people. Preserve the health of their bodies and vigor of their minds; shower down on them and the millions they here represent, such temporal blessings as Thou seest expedient for them in this world and crown them with everlasting glory in the world to come. All this we ask in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Savior. Amen.

John Adams recounted the prayer in a letter to his wife dated 16 September 1774:

“When the Congress first met, Mr. Cushing made a Motion

that it should be opened with Prayer. It was opposed by Mr. Jay of New York and Mr. Rutledge of South Carolina, because we were so divided in religious sentiments, some Episcopalians, some Quakers, some Anabaptists, some Presbyterians and some Congregationalists, so that we could not join in the same Act of Worship.—Mr. Samuel Adams arose and said he could hear a Prayer from a Gentleman of Piety and Virtue, who was at the same Time a Friend to his Country. He was a Stranger in Philadelphia, but had heard that Mr. Duchè (Dushay they pronounce it) deserved that Character, and therefore he moved that Mr. Duchè, an episcopal Clergyman, might be desired, to read Prayers to the Congress, tomorrow morning. The Motion was seconded and passed in the Affirmative. Mr. Randolph our President, waited on Mr. Duchè, and received for Answer that if his Health would permit, he certainly would. Accordingly next morning he appeared with his clerk and read several prayers, in the established Form; and then read the psalter for the seventh day of September, which was the Thirty Fifth Psalm. You must remember this was the next morning after we heard the horrible rumour of the Cannonade of Boston. I never saw a greater effect upon an audience. It seemed as if Heaven had ordained that Psalm to be read on that morning.

After this Mr. Duchè, unexpected to everybody, struck out into an extemporary prayer, which filled the bosom of every man present. I must confess I never heard a better prayer or one, so well pronounced. Episcopalian as he is, Dr. Cooper himself (Minister of Brattle Street Church in Boston) never prayed with such fervour, such ardor, such earnestness and pathos, and in language so elegant and sublime—for America, for the Congress, for The Province of Massachusetts Bay, and especially the Town of Boston. It has had an excellent effect upon everybody here.”



Jacob Duché

CHAPTER REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Updated 31 July 2024

2024 Approvals

<i>Compatriot</i>	<i>Patriot</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>As Of</i>
Scott Manning III	John Manning	New	Approved	4/24/24

Current National Review

<i>Compatriot</i>	<i>Patriot</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>As Of</i>
Kim Brimer	Benjamin Gate	Supp	Received	9/5/23
Kim Brimer	John Childress	Supp	Received	9/5/23
Kim Brimer	Lawrence Holcomb	Supp	Received	9/5/23
Kim Brimer	James Wooten	Supp	Received	9/5/23
Vann Cunningham	Joel Perkerson	Supp	Received	9/25/23
Scott Manning Jr	John Manning	Supp	Received	2/14/24
Charles Brent Cheatham	Jacob Albright	New	Received	7/9/24
Jeffrey Howe Andre	Joseph Griggs	New	Received	7/25/24
Alexander Brence Andre	Joseph Griggs	New	Received	7/25/24
Jacob Nathaniel Andre	Joseph Griggs	New	Received	7/25/24
Benjamin Howe Andre	Joseph Griggs	New	Received	7/25/24
Gregory Greenman Andre	Joseph Griggs	New	Received	7/25/24
Nicolas Scott Andre	Joseph Griggs	New	Received	7/25/24
Clayton Craig Smith	John Hendricks	New	Received	7/25/24
Kim Brimer	Robert Coleman	Supp	Received	8/2/24
Kim Brimer	Also Collier	Supp	Received	8/2/24
Kim Brimer	Thomas Hill	Supp	Received	8/2/24
Tanner Smith	Wilkins C. Smith	Supp	Enroute	8/2/24
Ronald J. Turner	Rowland Cornelius	Supp	Received	8/22/24
Matthew Vincent Parrot	Henry Shackelford Jr	New	Received	8/29/24
Steven Hole	Joseph Barclift	Supp	Received	8/29/24
Steven Hole	Joshua Skinner	Supp	Received	8/29/24

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<i>Compatriot</i>	<i>Patriot</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>As Of</i>
Steven Hole	Winifred Huggins	Supp	Received	8/29/24
Steven Hole	Richard Hoskins/Haskins	Supp	Received	8/29/24
Steven Hole	Charles Blount	Supp	Received	8/29/24
Timothy Ulrich	Ezra Pratt	New	Received	9/4/24
Will Ulrich	Ezra Pratt	New	Received	9/4/24

Pending State Review

Kim Brimer	Michael Dickerson	Supp	Received	
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Pending Chapter Review

<i>Compatriot</i>	<i>Patriot</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>As Of</i>
James Stanley Reid	Edward Carter	New	Signature Needed	8/1/24
John Clay Reid	Edward Carter	New	Signature Needed	8/1/24
Jonathan Gardner Gift	Abraham Knepper	New	Signature Needed	9/30/24

Pended Applications by National Genealogist

<i>Compatriot</i>	<i>Patriot</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>As Of</i>
<i>Joseph DeWoody</i>	<i>James Alexander</i>	<i>Supp</i>	<i>Pended</i>	<i>2/9/23</i>
<i>Ron Turner</i>	<i>Miles Abernathy</i>	<i>Supp</i>	<i>Pended</i>	<i>3/23/23</i>
<i>Ron Turner</i>	<i>John Calvin McElwee</i>	<i>Supp</i>	<i>Pended</i>	<i>3/23/23</i>
<i>Kim Brimer</i>	<i>Joseph Benton</i>	<i>Supp</i>	<i>Pended</i>	<i>7/17/23</i>
Tom Bransford	<i>William Bransford</i>	New	Pended	1/22/24
<i>Kim Brimer</i>	<i>Thomas Connelley</i>	<i>Supp</i>	<i>Pended</i>	<i>5/16/24</i>
<i>Kim Brimer</i>	<i>John King</i>	<i>Supp</i>	<i>Pended</i>	<i>5/06/24</i>

Prospective Member Activity

Prospective Members (PMs) in Active Communication: 33

Active PM Applications in Process: 25

PM Applications Preparing for Submission to State: 0

Status Totals

Received: 2762

Pended: 353

Approved: 1806

Withdrawn: 83

As of 30 Sep 2024:

Date of oldest New Application awaiting approval: **07 May-2024** (16 weeks)

Date of oldest Supplemental awaiting approval: **01-Aug-2023** (60 weeks)

**2024 FALL BOARD OF MANAGERS
TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION**



SAVE THE DATE!

**NOVEMBER 1 – NOVEMBER 3
2024**

IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

HOLIDAY INN TOWN LAKE

20 N-IH 35, Austin, Texas, 78701

REGISTRATION INFO, HOTEL INFO AND AGENDA TO FOLLOW

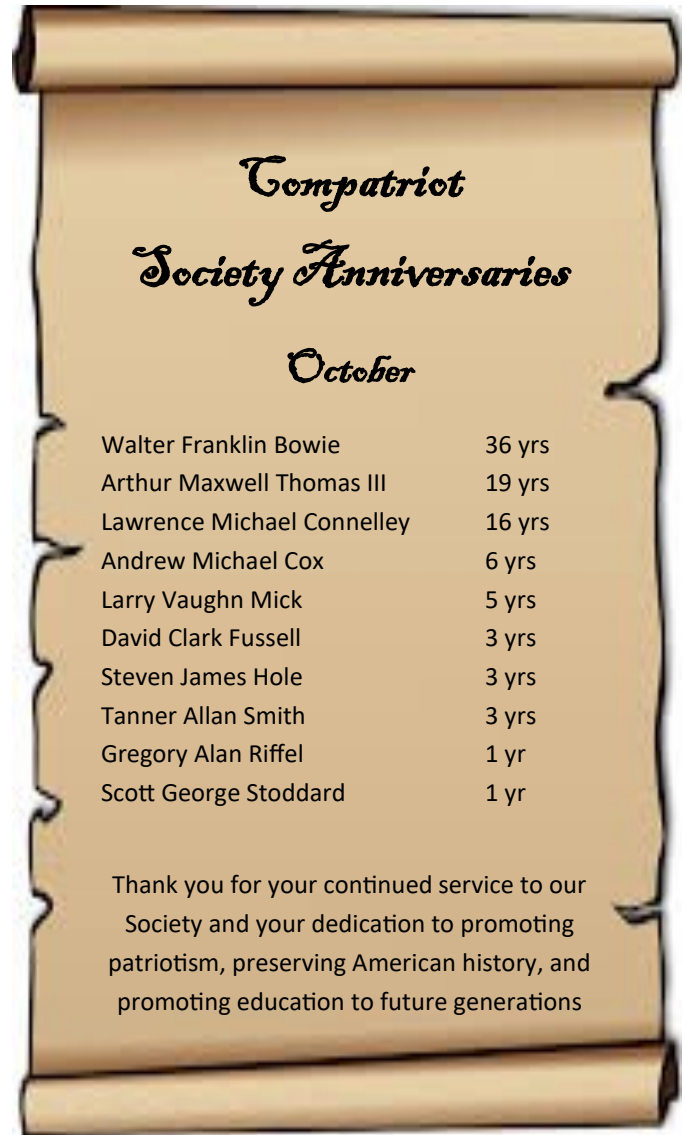
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MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Our chapter membership levels as of September 28, 2024, are:

Active / Current Member	104
NSSAR Life	9
TXSSAR Perpetual.....	11
Active/New Member	0
Active/Reinstated (current yr).....	9
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	2
Non-Paid Junior Member	0
Not Paid (Current Year)	14
Not Paid Dual State	1
Reinstated/Transferred In	0
Transferred In.....	1
Dual Members (other chapters).....	3

Our active membership currently is **121**.



October 4	Kirby Lee Boyd
October 5	Kevin Jon Shellman
October 11	Bryant McLean Jarrell
October 17	James Vann Cunningham
October 24	Nathaniel James Davis
October 28	Roger Dale Cox

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024

September 27-October 20	SAR Table, Continental DAR House, State Fair of Texas
October 19	Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
October 23	Capt. Molly Corbin/U.S. Naturalization Ceremony, 10am, Grapevine Botanical Garden (CG-C)
November 1-3	Texas SAR Fall BOM, Austin (CG-S)
November 10	Massing of the Colors, 2:00 pm, Birchman Baptist Church, Fort Worth (CG-N)
November 11	Veterans Day Parade, Fort Worth (CG-N)
November 16	Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
December 14	Wreaths Across America, 11:00 am, Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth (CG-N)
December 14	Wreaths Across America, 11:00 am, Grapevine Cemetery, Fort Worth (CG-N)

2025

TBD	130th Annual Texas SAR State Convention, 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>

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!



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.texassar.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.