



Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter

Texas

Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution

Chisholm Trail News

November 1, 2024

NEXT MEETING: November 16, 2024

TIME: 9:00 am

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

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DAR LADIES RECOGNIZED FOR SAR RECRUITMENT

The Sons of the American Revolution awards two medals to Ladies of the DAR at the Chapter level. These medals are the Martha Washington Medal and the Medal of Appreciation. One of the ways to qualify for these medals is through recruitment. DAR ladies can earn these medals by referring, recruiting, or assisting significantly in obtaining lineage documentation, and in the preparation of a SAR new member application. It takes just three new, approved SAR applications to earn the Martha Washington Medal. Another three new applications qualifies a lady for the Medal of Appreciation.

President Ron Turner attended the monthly meeting of the Capt. Molly Corbin Chapter DAR in Grapevine on Thursday, October, 10th. He presented the SAR Medal of Appreciation to Dr. Julie Schellen (in absentia) and the SAR Martha Washington Medal to Mrs. Teri Williams for their recruitment activities and support of the SAR.

This is the second SAR medal awarded to Dr. Schellen. She earned the Martha Washington Medal back in 2019 when she worked up the applications for a father and his two sons. In 2023, she again contacted President Turner that she was working on applications for three brothers. In both instances, the applications were approved without question. Dr. Schellen and Mrs. Williams worked together to get Mrs. Williams' three sons into the SAR.

President Turner told the audience that he also could not forget the mother of these three young men. He awarded her the Martha Washington Medal since without her, he would not be there that evening making the presentations.

Accepting the award on Dr. Schellen's behalf was Madame Regent Georgianna Braden (white jacket).



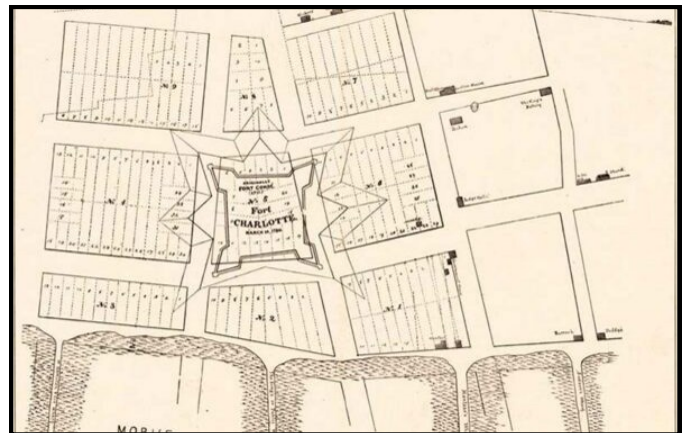
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Since it is customary to have a lady who has already been recognized with the medal(s) pin the medal on the new recipient, President Turner asked Mrs. Jan Turner to do the honors. Mrs. Turner is the Regent of the Capt. Nathaniel Mills Chapter DAR and is also an associate member of the Capt. Molly Corbin Chapter DAR.



BATTLE OF FORT CHARLOTTE

The **Battle of Fort Charlotte**, also known as the Siege of Fort Charlotte, was a two-week siege conducted by Spanish general Bernardo de Gálvez against the British fortifications guarding the port of Mobile, (which was then in the British province of West Florida, and now in Alabama) during the Anglo-Spanish War of 1779-1783. Fort Charlotte was the last remaining British frontier post capable of threatening New Orleans, Louisiana. Its fall drove the British from the western reaches of West Florida and reduced the British military presence in West Florida to its capital, Pensacola.



Fort Charlotte

Gálvez's army sailed from New Orleans aboard a small fleet of transports on January 28, 1780. On February 25, the Spaniards landed near Fort Charlotte. The outnumbered British garrison resisted stubbornly until Spanish bombardment breached the walls. The garrison commander, Captain Elias Durnford, had waited in vain for relief from Pensacola, but was forced to surrender. Their capitulation secured the western shore of Mobile Bay and opened the way for Spanish operations against Pensacola.

BACKGROUND

When Spain entered the American Revolutionary War in 1779, Bernardo de Gálvez, the energetic governor of Louisiana, immediately began offensive operations. In September 1779 he gained complete control over the lower Mississippi River by capturing Fort Bute and then shortly thereafter obtaining the surrender of the remaining British forces on the river following the Battle of Baton Rouge. Following

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Compatriot James Alderman and Texas Society DAR State Regent Susan Johnson at the Fort Worth DAR Constitution Luncheon in September

these successes, he began planning operations against Mobile and Pensacola, the remaining British presence in the province of West Florida.



Bernardo de Gálvez

SPANISH FORCES

Gálvez assembled a mixed force of Spanish regulars and militia in New Orleans. While he had requested additional troops from Havana for operations against Mobile and Pensacola in 1779, his requests had been rejected. Before departing New Orleans, he dispatched one of his lieutenants to Havana to make one last request. On January 11, 1780, a fleet of twelve ships carrying 754 men set sail, reaching the mouth of the Mississippi on January 18. They were joined on January 20 by the Gálveztown (brig sloop), under the command of Captain William Pickles and with a crew of 58. On February 6, a storm scattered the fleet. In spite of this, all ships arrived outside Mobile Bay by February 9. The fleet encountered significant problems actually getting into the bay. Several ships ran aground on sand bars, and at least one, the *Volante*, was wrecked as a result. Gálvez salvaged guns from the wreck and set them up on Mobile Point to guard the bay entrance.

On February 20, reinforcements arrived from Havana, bringing the force to about 1,200 men. By February 25, the Spanish had landed their army on the shores of the Dog River, about 10 miles from Fort Charlotte. They were informed by a deserter that the fort was garrisoned by 300 men.

BRITISH DEFENSES

Fort Charlotte was built in 1717 by the French as Fort Condé when Mobile was part of the French province of Louisiana (New France). By 1763, when the British took over following the French and Indian War, the fort was in ruins. While it was repaired at that time, by the time hostilities with Spain neared in 1779, it was again in disrepair. The garrison's regulars were primarily from the 60th regiment, and were augmented by Loyalists from Maryland and Pennsylvania, as well as local volunteers, in total about 300 men. Ever since news of Gálvez' successes had reached Mobile, Durnford had been directing improvements to the fort's defenses.

Siege

On March 1, Gálvez sent Lt. Col. Francisco Boulogny to deliver a letter to Durnford offering to accept his surrender, which was politely rejected. Gálvez began setting up gun batteries around the fort the next day. Durnford wrote to General John Campbell at Pensacola requesting reinforcements. On March 5 and 6, most of the Pensacola garrison left on a march toward Mobile. Delayed by difficult river crossings, this force was unable to assist the Fort Charlotte garrison.

While the Spanish engaged in siege operations to move their guns nearer the fort, Gálvez and Durnford engaged in a courteous written dialogue. For example, Gálvez politely criticized Durnford for burning some houses in order to deny the cover they provided to the Spaniards. Durnford responded by pointing out that the other side of the fort (away from most of the town) offered a better vantage point for attack. All the while, the Spanish continued to dig trenches and bombard the fort. On March 13, the walls of Fort Charlotte were breached, and Durnford capitulated the next day, surrendering his garrison.

AFTERMATH

Gálvez did not immediately move against Pensacola after his victory at Fort Charlotte, although he wanted to take advantage of the British disorganization caused by the attempt to support Mobile. However, since he knew that Pensacola was strongly defended, and armed with powerful cannons, he again requested large-scale naval support from Havana. He learned in April that additional reinforcements, including British Royal Navy vessels, had arrived at Pensacola. Without

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reinforcements, he left a garrison in Mobile, and left for Havana to raise the troops and equipment needed for an attack on Pensacola.

Gálvez did not actually launch his successful attack on Pensacola until 1781, and then only after the garrison at Mobile fended off a counterattack by the British in January 1781.

Fort Charlotte was razed in the 19th century. In the late 20th century its foundations were rediscovered and a reduced size replica was constructed on its site. The fort is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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



Bastion of the reconstructed fort

The 2024 Fall Board of Managers Meeting is upon us. Men from around the Texas Society will gather in Austin at the Holiday Inn-Austin Town Lake from Friday, November 1, through Sunday, November 3. It is a time of conducting Texas Society business, greeting old friends, making new friends.

Registration opens at 1:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon, as well as the Silent Auction. The Candidate Forum at 3:30 p.m. affords the membership the opportunity to hear from any men who have announced their candidacy for NSSAR positions for the next Congress to be held in July 2025.

Texas SAR President Tracy Pounders will call the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon and the meeting will be in session until approximately 5:00 p.m. The gathers at 4:30 p.m. for a Special Reception and dinner is on our own for Friday evening.

Saturday is a real busy day for the meeting. The morning is full of various committee meetings for those who prefer to meet in person rather than via Zoom. A boxed lunch is served at 12:00 p.m. and committee meetings resume at 1:30 p.m.

At 3:00 p.m., the BOM business session resumes until 5:00 p.m. at which it time it recesses until Sunday morning. The Banquet is held from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

A Prayer Service occurs on Sunday morning at 8:15 a.m. and the BOM business session resumes at 9:00 a.m. The meeting is in session until all business items are concluded.

So what kind of business is concluded?

Posting of the Colors, recitation of the various Pledges and Mission Statement, recognition of Past Presidents and Dignitaries, Approval of the last meetings' minutes, President's Remarks, Awards, Officer Reports, Committee Chairman Reports, NSSAR Officer Endorsements, old business items, new business items, announcements, closing remarks, retiring of the Colors, and adjournment. One of the highlights is the announcement of the next Patriot Medal class for the State of Texas.

Full details of all Texas SAR State Meetings are always found on the public website (<https://www.texassar.org>) and then under **Events**.

The meetings are always great fun and one learns so much about the inner workings of the Society at the state level.



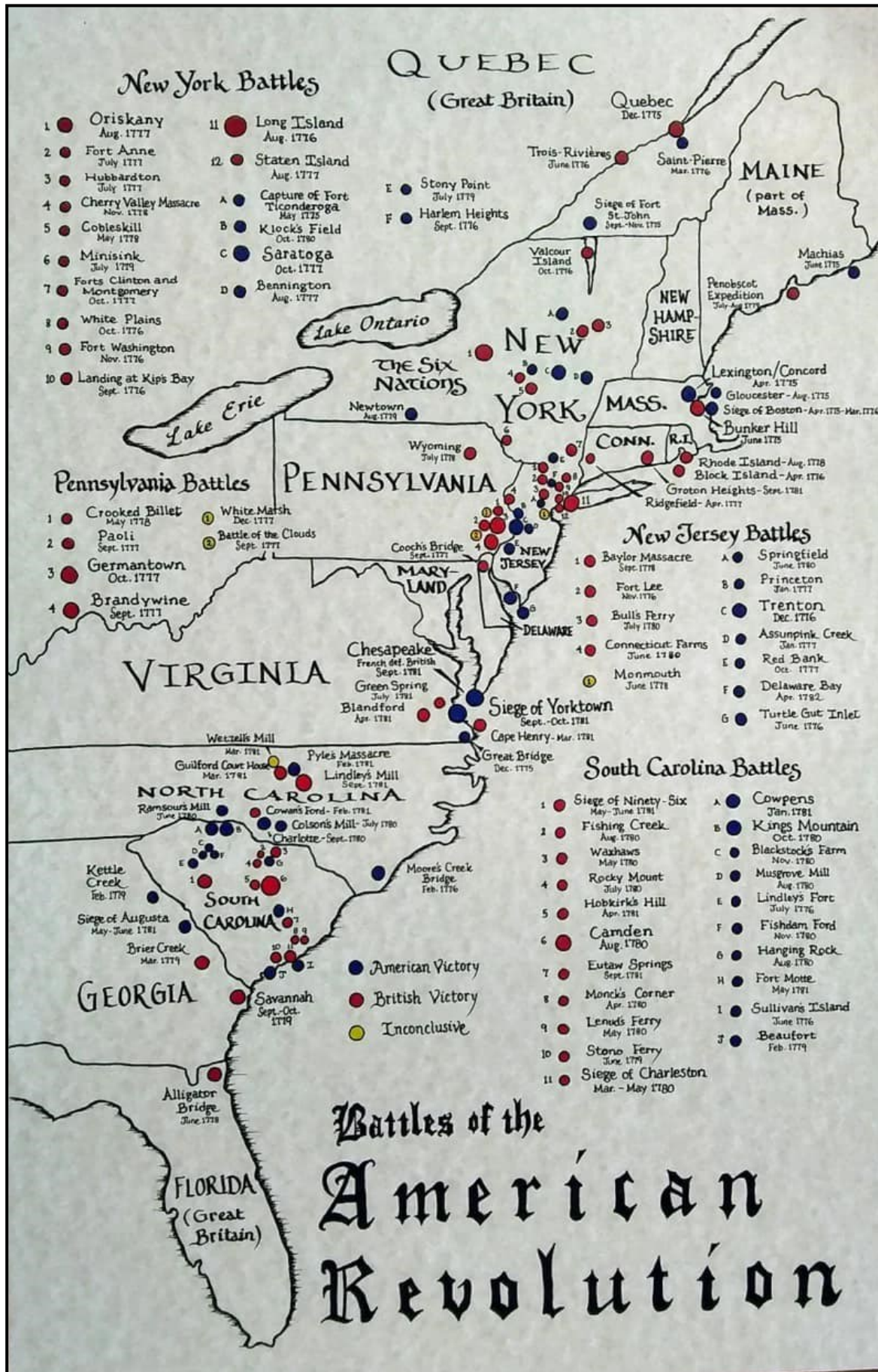
TEXAS SOCIETY

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
FALL BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING**

AUSTIN, TEXAS

NOVEMBER 1-3, 2024

THE HOLIDAY INN-AUSTIN TOWN LAKE



GRAVE CLEANING TRAINING

Compatriots James Alderman and Ron Turner conducted a tombstone cleaning session for members of the Capt. Molly Corbin Chapter DAR on Sunday, October 13, 2024, at Bourland Cemetery in Keller, Texas, as part of their Day of Service. Compatriot Alderman provided a detailed step-by-step training session on the proper use of D2 and the cleaning of old tombstones. The nine ladies cleaned approximately 12 Veteran tombstones in a single hour.



OCTOBER CHAPTER MEETING

At the October Chapter Meeting on Saturday, October 19, President Ron Turner recognized Compatriot Doug Schwetke for his 10-year anniversary with the SAR. Compatriot Schwetke achieved this recognition on August 7th but this was the first opportunity for the chapter to recognize him.



Our special guest was Bret Watson, one of the owners of Major Perk, a coffee shop in Parker County. Bret is a Veteran and spoke about his and his family members' Veteran experiences, how his family came to open a coffee shop, and how they give back to current service members and Veterans.

Bret also talked about his experience of roasting coffee beans and the various coffee beans from various countries that they sell.

Bret also switched hats and put on his American Legion hat and provided an overview of his membership in the Legion and what his future plans are.

President Ron Turner presented Bret with a SAR Certificate of Appreciation and a Chapter Challenge Coin and thanked him for his presentation and especially what he does to support our Veterans.

When you are in Hudson Oaks, stop by and support Major Perk.



UPDATED FEES AND ANNUAL DUES CHART

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

	NSSAR	Texas SAR	Maj. KM Van Zandt	TOTAL
New Membership Application	\$200.00	\$47.00	\$20.00	\$267.00
New Junior Membership Application—New Line	\$155.00	\$32.00	\$6.00	\$193.00
New Junior Membership Application—Established Line	\$80.00	\$32.00	\$6.00	\$118.00
Junior Membership from C.A.R. Membership Conversion	\$5.00	\$44.00	\$6.00	\$55.00
New Family Membership Application (First Family Member)	\$200.00	\$47.00	\$20.00	\$267.00
New Family Membership Application (Subsequent Member age < 18 years, submitted at the same time and the same Patriot)	\$80.00	\$44.00	\$20.00	\$147.00
New Family Membership Application (Subsequent Member age ≥ 18 years, submitted at the same time and the same Patriot)	\$125.00	\$47.00	\$20.00	\$192.00
New Membership for Son, Grandson, Brother, Nephew, or Grandnephew of Active SAR, DAR, or SR and age < 25 years	\$125.00	\$47.00	\$20.00	\$192.00
Membership transfer from C.A.R. (between 18 and 22 years of age)	\$50.00	\$47.00	\$20.00	\$117.00
Reinstatement of inactive former member of Texas Society	\$50.00	\$15.50	\$13.50	\$79.00
Memorial Applications	\$200.00	\$6.00	\$6.50	\$212.50
Reinstatement and Transfer from another state of an inactive former member	\$50.00	\$15.50	\$13.50	\$79.00
Dual Membership with a membership in another state society		\$15.50	\$13.50	\$29.00
Active member of another state society to transfer to Texas SAR		\$15.50	\$13.50	\$29.00
Supplemental Applications	\$150.00	\$32.00	\$6.00	\$188.00
Supplemental Family Plan (First Family Member)	\$150.00	\$32.00	\$6.00	\$188.00
Supplemental Family Plan (Submitted at same time and on same Patriot)	\$75.00	\$32.00	\$6.00	\$113.00
Current Dues for Members	\$50.00	\$15.50	\$13.50	\$79.00

Perpetual Membership

The cost of a Texas SAR Perpetual Membership is based upon the age of the member and is the total of the National Life Membership rate and the Texas Perpetual membership rate (automatically calculated for you on the [Fee Calculator](#) page if you enter your age). A Perpetual Membership may be purchased in two installments, one installment at the National rate and the other installment at the Texas rate. To learn about Texas SAR Perpetual and NSSAR Life Membership, see the [Perpetual Membership Information page](#).



UPCOMING COLOR GUARD EVENTS

November and December are busy months for the Chapter each year, and this year is no exception. This is especially true for our members who serve in the Color Guard.

November 2nd is the Capt. Molly Corbin Chapter DAR Veterans Luncheon at the Delta Hotel, 257 E. State Hwy 114, Southlake, TX. Muster time for the Color Guard is 11:00 a.m. Participants are Bobby Gresham, Steve Hole, James Alderman, and Vann Cunningham.

November 10th is the Massing of the Colors at Birchman Baptist Church in Fort Worth. Details are on the opposite page. This is open to all SAR members. If you have never attended, you should consider it. The service is very moving and what a sight to see all of the American flags in procession by the various organizations!

November 11th is the Tarrant County Veterans Council Fort Worth Veterans Day Parade. Our Chapter trailer is registered and all members are invited to ride. Uniforms are requested but not required.

December 14th is Wreaths Across America. This year, we are participating at two cemeteries.

The Chapter will again participate in distributing wreaths at Oakwood Cemetery, 701 Grand Ave., Fort Worth, 76164. The ceremony begins at 11:00 a.m. and distribution of wreaths will follow at the conclusion of the ceremony.

A Color Guard Squad will assist the Capt. Molly Corbin Chapter DAR with posting the colors and presenting a Chapter Wreath at Grapevine Cemetery, 908 Spring Creek Dr, Grapevine, 76051. The detail consists of James Alderman, Steven Hole, Ron Turner, and Vann Cunningham. The Color Guard will muster at 10:30 a.m. and the ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m.

ARE YOU COLOR GUARD MATERIAL?

We are actively looking to recruit more Color Guardsmen. The Color Guard is in higher demand each year. You don't need to spend a fortune on a regimental uniform. Since we are not reenactors, the requirements are not stringent.

Begin with a tricorne hat. Buy a pair of white jeans (Amazon). Purchase a colonial shirt and a waistcoat. Or, buy a frontier hunter's shirt. Special shoes are not required—just black and preferably leather.

If you are interested, please contact Vann Cunningham via text, email, or phone. He can direct you to places to obtain uniform items. We especially need more people with flexible schedules.

The Color Guard is the visible face of the SAR. Please consider joining us!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where can I get a uniform or other colonial attire?

There are dozens of "sutlers" around the country that sell many types of colonial attire that is either custom-made or "off-the-rack." A great place to look is on the Texas SAR public website or check with another guardsman.

Try <https://www.texassar/suppliers.htm> or <https://texassar.org/KMVanZandt/vendors.htm> and look at the sutler information. Other guardsmen in our chapter will have favored vendors, so check with them. And, there are plenty of new and used items for purchase on eBay regularly (just Dry Clean them when you get them).

What type of uniform material should I get?

Most uniforms can be found made of wool (light or heavy), polyester, or linen. Whatever type is your preference, tastes, monetary value, and weather conditions you'll wear it in. One mandatory requirement is that if you purchase a polyester uniform, you **CANNOT** participate in a musket volley of any kind, a flag retirement ceremony, or any activity where there is a potential for sparks or open flames. This is for your own safety. Use common sense.

What style of uniform should I get?

There are dozens of uniform styles (regimental, militia, etc.) and as such, you can get what you prefer. Some members purchase uniforms based on what their ancestors possibly wore. Others choose to dress alike to appear as one unit. There is no set rule. We recommend you check with our Color Guard Commander and see what he recommends.

I may not have all the period clothing at first, is that OK?

ABSOLUTELY OK! Start building your attire with a hat and vest! Add white jeans! And move up from there!



**Fort Worth Chapter Military Order of the World Wars
&
Fort Worth ISD JROTC
Presents
44th Annual Massing of the Colors**



Sunday, November 10, 2024, 2:30 PM

**Birchman Baptist Church Sanctuary
9100 N. Normandale St, Ft Worth TX 76116**

Featuring

**Patriotic Music - The Frontier Brigade Band
Speaker – LtG John H. Campbell, USAF, Retired**

**A Patriotic Ceremony Rededicating Our Faith In The Flag of our Nation.
Honoring the Colors of the United States of America, and the men and
women of our uniformed services who have served and are continuing to
serve our country.**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

From Gary Green, Genealogist General, comes the following request:

The SAR is spreading the Good News about our organization. We are hosting the NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (NGS) in Louisville and attending ROOTSTECH in Salt Lake City in 2025. We need volunteers who have genealogy knowledge and are aware of the capabilities of the Patriot Research System (PRS).

ROOTSTECH CONFERENCE

RootsTech is in Salt Lake City, Utah, on March 6-8, 2025. We will host a booth at the world's largest genealogy conference.

SAR needs volunteers—those who can be in Salt Lake City to help with the physical booth, and those who live globally to help with the virtual booth! You can volunteer Onsite or Online for any of the available dates or for the entire conference. Job opportunities include booth set-up, greeting visitors, answering questions, etc., Color Guard duties onsite.

If interested, please complete [this form](#) to signify your availability and volunteer duty preferences. Compatriot Green will reach out with training sessions as we get closer to the conference.

NATIONAL GENEALOGY SOCIETY CONFERENCE

NGS is in Louisville, Kentucky, on May 23-26, 2025. SAR will serve as the official Local Host Society. Which means: We need volunteers! Lots of them! As planning gets underway, there will be many opportunities to serve in various capacities before and during the conference, such as: pre-conference material preparation, conference guides, registration attendants, classroom monitors, Color Guard participants, SAR booth helpers, SAR library research helpers, and event/Headquarters docents.

Please note: This is a “boots on the ground” opportunity. You will need to be physically in Louisville for a portion of the available dates in order to volunteer.

You can volunteer for the entire conference or you can pick and choose which dates you wish to volunteer.

Pre-conference help includes stuffing bags, setting up booth, registration clerical duties as needed. Helping out at the SAR booth includes greeting visitors, answering questions, etc.

Being a general conference guide includes fielding questions, point out locations, bathrooms, classrooms, etc. Helping at the conference registration desk involves check-in, badges, schedule, etc. Being a classroom monitor includes directing attendees, requesting IT help, giving time warnings to presenters, etc. Event docents/SAR ambassadors will be stationed at evening and/or luncheon events. Color Guard duties will involve various conference events in uniform. And, helping researchers in the SAR library is just that.

If interested, please complete [this form](#) to signify your availability and volunteer duty preferences. Compatriot Green will reach out with training sessions as we get closer to the conference.

If you can support either or both of these conferences, please volunteer. It's an excellent way to learn about the operation of the SAR on a national level.



U.S. NATURALIZATION SERVICE

On Wednesday, October 23rd, members of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Color Guard provided support for the U.S. Customs and Immigration Service's Naturalization ceremony sponsored by the Capt. Molly Corbin Chapter DAR in Grapevine, Texas. Held in the Grapevine Botanical Gardens, the Color Guard has supported this event for several year.

Judge Barbara M.G. Lynn, a senior United States district judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, presided over the ceremony that welcomed 35 of America's newest citizens.



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Participating Color Guardsmen were Commander Vann Cunningham, Bobby Gresham, James Alderman, and Steve Hole. As always, the Color Guard was a big hit with the new citizens.

DAR Ladies presented each new citizen with a DAR folder filled with patriotic material, a DAR pen, a small U.S. flag, and a welcome note from the DAR Chapter.



DUE NOW! 2025 DUES

Your 2025 Texas SAR Dues Invoice should be arriving shortly at your registered address with Texas SAR. If you would like to get a jump on paying your dues, you can access and print your dues invoice from the Texas SAR private website.

Go to texassar.org/!TXS!SAR!/invoice.htm.

You will be asked to input the private website login credentials. On the Dues Invoices screen, enter your National Number and then press **Click** for your invoice. Do not press the **Enter** key as this will result in an error message. You must press the **Click** button. Print your invoice.

If paying by check, mail your payment to the address on the invoice.

If paying by credit card or Paypal, return to the Dues Invoice page and select **click here** towards the bottom of the text and complete the necessary blanks. When done, press **Continue** and complete the payment information and submit the form.

Please note all of the additional donations you can make using the online payment form, including DUAL Chapter memberships. Any considerations of donating to unrestricted funds or specific award programs will be greatly appreciated.

If your application was approved on or after September 1st, 2024, you have already paid your 2025 dues so no action is required on your part.

ALL 2025 DUES MUST BE PAID NO LATER THAN 31 DEC 2024.

DO IT NOW SO YOU DON'T FORGET!!!



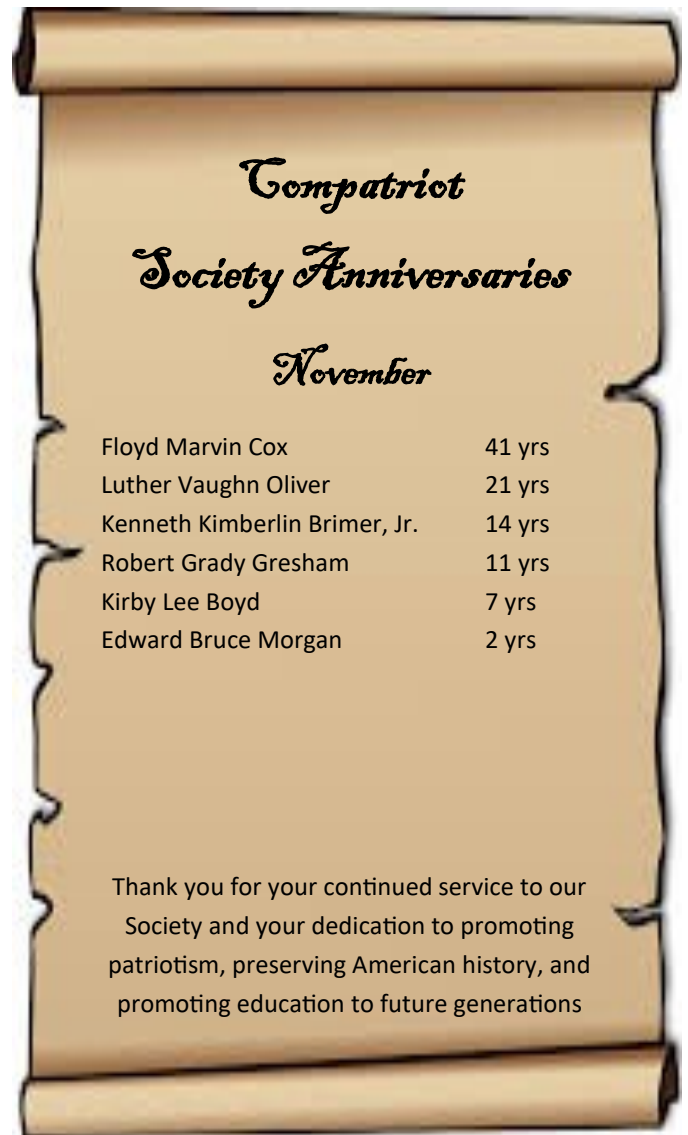
Above, Judge Lynn administers the Oath of Allegiance to the new citizens.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Our chapter membership levels as of October 18, 2024, are:

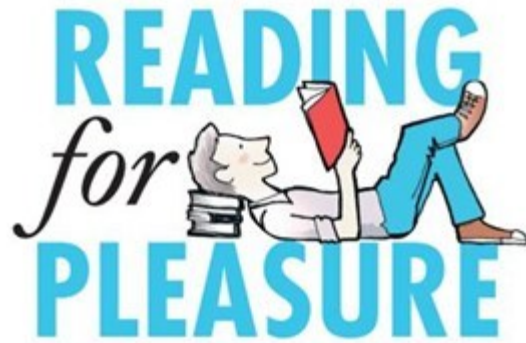
Active / Current Member	104
NSSAR Life.....	9
TXSSAR Perpetual	11
Active/New Member.....	2
Active/Reinstated (current yr)	9
Active/Reinstated (Over 1 yr).....	0
Deceased (current yr).....	0
Deceased Perpetual (current yr)	0
Dual w/Other Primary State.....	2
Emeritus (50+ years)	0
Junior Member/Reinstated.....	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 **123**.



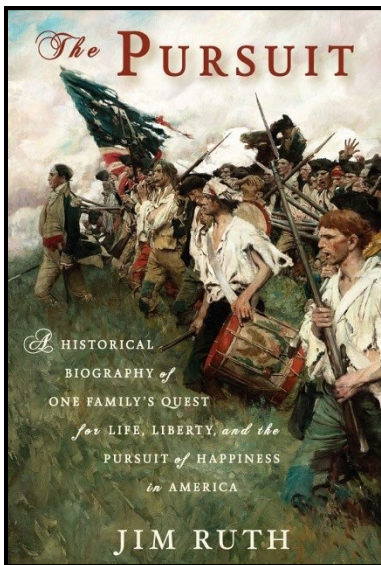
November 1	John Kevin Faherty Brett Hamilton Jones
November 5	Todd Erik Samuelson
November 10	Billy Joe Harger II
November 13	Richard Vance Wilson
November 15	Jacob Arthur Munford
November 19	Daryl Allan Johnson
November 28	Cody Alton Sheppard
November 29	William Stanley Taylor, Jr.

READING for PLEASURE



The Pursuit

By Jim Ruth



The Pursuit is a sweeping historical biography of one family's quest for "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" over nearly 300 years in America. The Ruth family's story is American History 101—told through first-hand accounts by those who were there. Stitched together like a hand-crafted quilt, each chapter recounts dramatic

tales of courage, loss, and achievement.

After braving a harrowing voyage across the Atlantic Ocean in 1733, the Ruths transformed Pennsylvania forests into farmland and endured Indian attacks during the French and Indian War. Their children and grandchildren shed their blood fighting for America's independence in the Revolution. In the Civil War, the family again made sacrificial offerings to save the Union and free enslaved people.

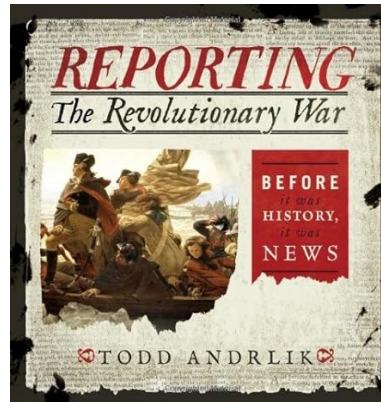
Beyond the battlefield, pioneering Ruths helped settle America's heartland, pushing the country's boundaries farther west toward the Pacific. On a global stage, one ancestor won the Nobel Peace Prize, while other family patriots died fighting on foreign soil in both World Wars.

The Pursuit chronicles how the Ruths journeyed great distances and overcame daunting obstacles. It reveals the

sorrows they suffered, the joys they celebrated, and the occupations they pursued. This intimate portrait of one family's story is a must-read for anyone who wants an eyewitness view of authentic American history.

Reporting the Revolutionary War: Before It Was History, It Was News

By Jim Ruth.



For the colonists of the new world, the years of the American Revolution were a time of upheaval and rebellion. History boils it down to a few key events and has embodied it with a handful of legendary personalities. But the reality of the time was that everyday people witnessed

thousands of little moments blaze into an epic conflict for more than twenty years. Now, for the first time, experience the sparks of revolution the way the colonists did—in their very own town newspapers and broadsheets. *Reporting the Revolutionary War* is a stunning collection of primary sources, sprinkled with modern analysis from 37 historians. Featuring Patriot and Loyalist eyewitness accounts from newspapers printed on both sides of the Atlantic, readers will experience the revolution as it happened with the same immediacy and uncertainty of the colonists.

The American newspapers of the eighteenth century fanned the flames of rebellion, igniting the ideas of patriotism and liberty among average citizens who had never before been so strongly united. Within the papers, you'll also read the private correspondence and battlefield letters of the rebels and patriots who grabbed the attention of each and every colonist and pushed them to fight for freedom and change. From one of America's leading Revolutionary War newspaper archivists, Todd Andrlik, and guided by scores of historians and experts, *Reporting the Revolutionary War* brings you into the homes of Americans and lets you see through their eyes the tinderbox of war as it explodes.

CHAPTER REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Updated 31 October 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
Charles Brent Cheatham	Jacob Albright	New	Approved	10/18/24

Current National Review

<i>Compatriot</i>	<i>Patriot</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>As Of</i>
Kim Brimer	Benjamin Cate	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
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
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
Steven Hole	Winifred Wiggins	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	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
Jonathan Gardner Gift	Abraham Knepper	New	Received	10/25/24

Pending State Review

Kim Brimer	Michael Dickerson	Supp	Received	

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>
<i>Tanner Smith</i>	<i>Wilkins C. Smith</i>	<i>Supp</i>	<i>Enroute</i>	<i>8/2/24</i>
Tom Bransford	<i>William Bransford</i>	New	Pended	1/22/24
<i>Kim Brimer</i>	<i>John King</i>	<i>Supp</i>	<i>Pended</i>	<i>5/06/24</i>
<i>Kim Brimer</i>	<i>Thomas Connelley</i>	<i>Supp</i>	<i>Pended</i>	<i>5/16/24</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: 2525

Pended: 354

Approved: 1863

Withdrawn: 106

As of 30 Sep 2024:

Date of oldest New Application awaiting approval: **28 Jun-2024** (16 weeks)

Date of oldest Supplemental awaiting approval: **17-Aug-2023** (61 weeks)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024

- 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, 11:00 a.m. kickoff (CG-N)
- November 16 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
- December 14 Wreaths Across America, 11:00 am, Old Pioneer’s Rest Cemetery, 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.*

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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.

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