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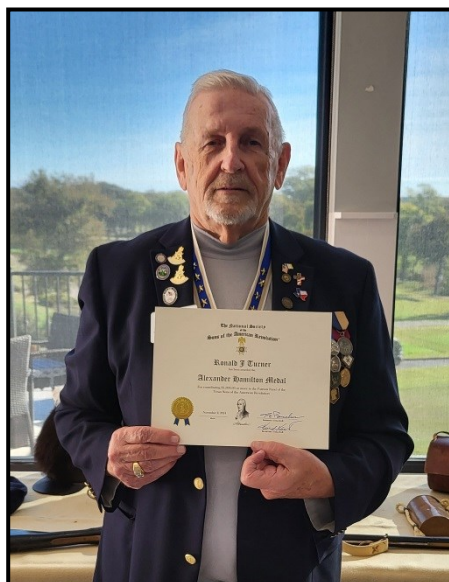
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AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS



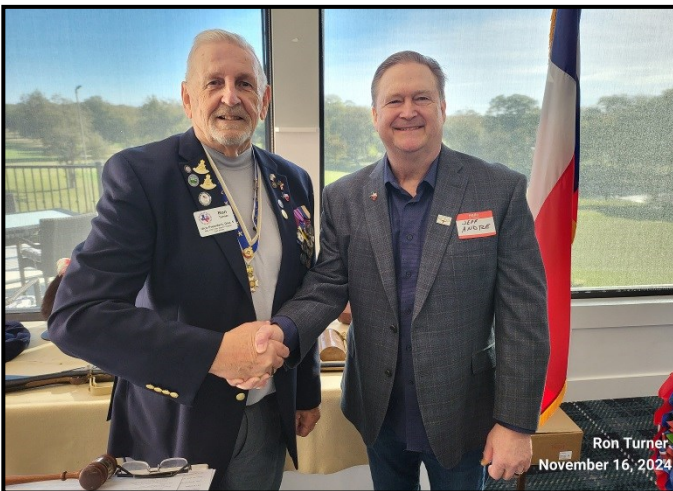
At the Board of Managers Meeting in Austin on Saturday, November 2nd, three members of the Chapter received the Liberty Medal. Bobby Gresham (right) received his first Liberty Medal. President Ron Turner (center) and Art Munford (left) each received an Oak Leaf Cluster for their Liberty Medals. The SAR awards the Liberty Medal to members who are the first line sponsor for ten new member applications that are approved



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for membership. The medal is only awarded the first time and for each additional ten new and approved member applications, the awardee receives an Oak Leaf Cluster.

President Ron Turner received the Alexander Hamilton Medal from Texas SAR. The Alexander Hamilton Medal honors the memory of the first Secretary of the Treasury of the United States. It is awarded to individuals who give \$1,000.00 to the Patriots Fund. Successive \$1,000.00 contributions earn a bronze oak leaf cluster, and five bronze oak leaf clusters can be exchanged for a silver oak leaf cluster. Proceeds from the Patriots Fund are used to fund the various Youth and Public Service programs of the Texas Society.



President Ron Turner, in his role as Vice President of Texas SAR District 5, recognized new member Jeff Andre for his recruitment efforts with the awarding of the Texas SAR Lapel Pin. Not only did Jeff submit his application but he also brought along his three sons, Jacob, Alex, and Ben, his brother Greg, and Greg's son Nic.

After not being available for some time, in June 2022 then Texas SAR President Jim Kuykendall brought back the Texas SAR Lapel Pin which was introduced years ago by Past Texas SAR President Bob Cohen. Each District Vice President received an allotment of pins to distribute to those members who recruits and helps get the paperwork submitted and approved for a new member. District VP Turner has a small number of these lapel pins to distribute until his supply is exhausted.



NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

On Saturday, November 16th, Compatriot Bill Covington of the Arlington Chapter was the guest speaker. Bill spoke on the topic "The Paul Revere of the South" - a Patriot by the name of John "Jack" Jouett, Jr. Bill also had a display of clothing and equipment carried by the typical Revolutionary War soldier. President Ron Turner, assisted by Vice President Steve Hole, presented Bill with a Certificate of Appreciation for his very informative presentation.

Read the story of Jack Jouett's ride on page 7.



CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS IN 1776

Christmas was an important religious holiday in George Washington's time, and he celebrated it along with Thomas Jefferson. However, Christmas was not officially recognized as a holiday by the time of the Revolutionary War.

Christmas celebrations in 1776 were similar to those in the years leading up to the Revolutionary War, which included:

Adult activities

Parties, hunts, feasts, balls, and church services

Decorations

Homes and churches were decorated with evergreen plants like holly, ivy, mountain laurel, and mistletoe

Food

Large feasts were prepared, with a main course of ham, roast, or turkey, followed by pie and other desserts

Carols

Religious carols were sung, including “The First Noel,” “God Rest You Merry Gentlemen,” and “The Holly and the Ivy”

Fireworks

Muskets and cannons were fired in celebration, especially in the southern colonies



So, what was Christmas like at Mount Vernon?

Christmas and the winter holidays are popular times to come to Mount Vernon. While the estate is filled with a certain holiday flair, you won't find in the Mansion any Christmas trees, mountains of wrapped gifts, or stockings hung with care over the Vaughan Mantel. Those familiar holiday traditions would arrive later in the 19th and 20th centuries.

It was the Anglicans, Roman Catholics, and Lutherans who introduced Christmas celebrations to colonial America, but they were still much different than today's festivities. December 25th actually began a season of festivities that lasted until January 6— the “Twelve days of Christmas.” January

6 was called Twelfth Day, and colonists found it was the perfect occasion for balls, parties, and other festivals.

Colonial Christmas was a holiday for adults, not a magical day for children. Christmas celebrations originated in the southern colonies, and activities included parties, hunts, feasts, and church services, all of which were adult activities. We do get some of our traditions from colonial days. For instance, the main decorations were holly, laurel, and garland, because these were the only plants that looked good during the middle of winter. Mistletoe was hung prominently, and couples would find their way under it at the Christmas balls.



The plantation mansions festively donned their decorations, and large feasts were prepared. The foodstuffs of colonial Christmas celebrations were similar to today's Christmas dinner. A ham, roast, or turkey was usually the main course, followed, of course, by pie and other dessert treats. The wealth of the family determined the extent of feasting. Christmas trees were not a part of the colonial Christmas celebrations, for they did not make it to the states until the middle 1800s. Christmas carols were sung during the season and were religious in nature. “Joy to the World” gained popularity in Virginia, as noted in many journals and historical records of the time.

The tradition of gift giving did show up in colonial America, with an interesting twist. People gave gifts to their dependents, whether it be to servants, apprentices, or children. People did not return the gift giving to their superiors. And the gift giving was not the elaborate ordeal that it is today. Each recipient would most likely receive one special treasure. And the gifts were more treasured than they are today.

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As more and more immigrants migrated to the New World, the Christmas holiday became more wide spread and incorporated traditions from around the world. It is accepted among some historians that Hessian soldiers who fought alongside the British first introduced the Christmas tree to the colonies during the Revolutionary War. Others claim German immigrants who settled in Eastern Pennsylvania started the tradition. All agree that prior to the Revolutionary War, Christmas was not celebrated with much merriment and outward adornment, as this did not befit the proper Puritan of that day.



CHAPTER MEMORIAL WREATH

Thanks to the efforts of James Alderman, the chapter now has a memorial wreath to use for wreath-laying ceremonies. The inaugural use of the wreath will occur at the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Grapevine Cemetery (N. Dooley St at Wildwood Lane) on December 14th. The ceremony begins at 11:00 a.m.



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!!!



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 years.

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.

Judge Lynn administered the Oath of Allegiance to the new citizens.



SAR TRAINS DAR ON CLEANING TOMBSTONES

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.



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The nine ladies cleaned approximately 12 Veteran tombstones in a single hour.



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.



DAR RECRUITMENT RECOGNITION

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.

Accepting the award on Dr. Schellen's behalf was Madame Regent Georgianna Braden (white jacket). Dr. Schellen and Mrs. Williams worked together to get Mrs. Williams' three sons (Colton, Nathaniel, and Samuel) into the SAR.

Since it is customary to have a lady who has already been recognized with the medal(s) pin the medal on the new re-



2025 PATRIOT MEDAL CLASS

The Patriot Medal is awarded only by a state society. It is the highest award given for service at the state or chapter level. This medal is presented only to individuals and may be received ONLY once. It represents long, faithful and outstanding service at the state and/or chapter level.

The medal is sterling silver and bears the portrait of Compatriot General of the Army Douglas MacArthur on the obverse within the inscription, "The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution." The reverse is inscribed "Awarded to for Patriotic Service by the Society SAR, 20". The medal is suspended from a chest ribbon of royal blue color. The design for the medal was selected by Compatriot MacArthur. He received the first medal, presented posthumously at his tomb in Norfolk, Virginia, on October 19, 1964, where it is on permanent display.

The 2025 Class consists of:

Arthur C. Byrum	Freedom Chapter
William S. Covington, Jr.	Arlington Chapter
Carl Vonard Hill, Jr.	Alexander Hodge Chapter
Larry Leon Loop	San Antonio Chapter
Thomas Edward Milson	McKinney Chapter
William Byron Watts	Dallas Chapter

Texas SAR will recognize these worthy Compatriots at the Annual Convention in March 2025.

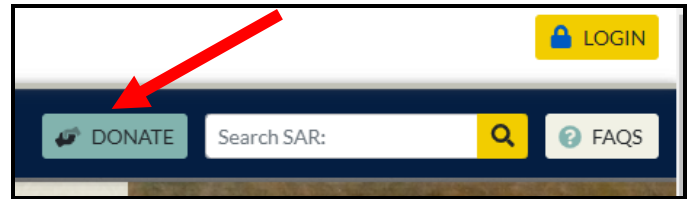


YEAR-END GIVING FOR TAX PURPOSES

If you are trying to determine what SAR programs to support during your end-of-year giving for tax purposes, please consider the **SAR Genealogy Committee Endowment Fund**.

This fund is specifically aimed at supporting Genealogy Staff training and recruitment at such meetings as RootsTech and the National Genealogical Society.

The fund is available under the DONATE button on the SAR website. On the dropdown menu, look for **Genealogy Committee Endowment Fund**.



Other worthy SAR programs you might consider include:

- SAR Education Center and Museum
- Friends of the Library
- George Washington Endowment Fund
- SAR 1776 Society Campaign



SAR YOUTH EDUCATION AWARD

The NSSAR Youth Education Medal was authorized in 2021 and recognizes sustained education of our youth by members of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The criteria effective January 1, 2024 states:

1. The Youth Education Medal will be awarded to a Compatriot after fifteen (15) educational presentations have been made.
2. The Compatriot must have completed and currently hold a NSSAR Youth Protection Training certificate.
3. For purpose of this award, a presentation will count if it satisfies the following criteria:
 - a. The presentations must be given to preschool or school age children.
 - b. The presentations may be given in both public and private schools. The presentations may be given in or out of the classroom.
 - c. Presentations made in different classes during the same day, in the same school, may be counted as separate presentations if specific data such as teacher or separate class periods is provided.
 - d. Presentation given as part of a 'school day' for living history events are acceptable.
 - e. Presentations may also be given to youth groups or organizations such as, but not limited

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to, the following: Children of the American Revolution, American Heritage Girls, Trail Life, Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4h, home school co-ops, church youth groups, etc.

- f. The presentations must be recorded in the Chapter and Societies' Americanism Report to be used towards the tracking and award of the President General's Education Outreach Streamer.

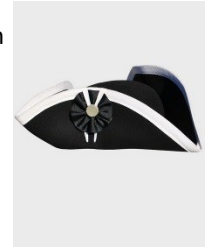
Presentations made after January 1, 2021, may be used to satisfy the above criteria. A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times. Oak Leaf Clusters will be awarded for each additional fifteen (15) presentations given. The presentation(s) must be approved by the State Society Education Program Chairman or equivalent state society committee.



after the Saturday evening banquet, if present. For someone who does not attend the convention, a sizing form will be sent to his residence for tailor's figures.



The 2nd place winner receives a Tricorn hat.



One ticket = \$10

Three tickets = \$25

Twelve tickets = \$100

Standard uniform colors were based on the colony as determined by General George Washington. Many color guardsmen base their uniform on where their Patriot served. Regiments in the colonies of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island & Connecticut wore deep blue coats with white facing and lining. New York and New Jersey regiments wore deep blue coats with buff facing and white lining. Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia wore deep blue coats with scarlet facing and white lining. North Carolina, South Carolina, and George wore deep blue coats with light blue facing and white lining.

Chapter President Ron Turner has raffle tickets available. Please contact him if you are interested in obtaining raffle tickets. All ticket sales must be turned in no later than March 20th. Additional raffle tickets will be for sale at the convention.

The drawing will occur at the conclusion of the Saturday evening banquet on March 29th.

If you are interested in joining the Color Guard, this is the perfect opportunity to take a chance on initiating that first step!

If your DAR wife wishes to purchase raffle tickets and is the Grand Prize winner, she can order a colonial attire for herself if she chooses not to turn the uniform award over to you or



130TH TEXAS SAR CONVENTION 2025 RAFFLE

Planning for the 130th Texas SAR Convention to be held at the Hilton Hotel in Richardson, Texas, on March 27-30, 2025 is well under way. And, that includes a new unique RAFFLE.

The top prize for the raffle is a tailor made (to fit) **UNIFORM** that includes a Regimental Coat, Waistcoat, and Breeches. The first place winner will have his measurements taken

another male relative. If she is the 2nd place winner, she can accept the Tricorn hat or request a Bonnet.



PAUL REVERE OF THE SOUTH

John Jouett, Jr., was born on December 7, 1754, in Albemarle County, Virginia. He was an American farmer and politician in Virginia and Kentucky and is best known for his 40-mile ride during the American Revolution. Sometimes called the “Paul Revere of the South,” Jouett rode to warn Thomas Jefferson, then the outgoing governor of Virginia (and the Virginia legislature who had fled the new state’s capitol before electing his successor) that British cavalry had been sent to capture them. After the war, Jouett moved across the Appalachian Mountains to what was then called Kentucky County. He thrice served in the Virginia House of Delegates, first representing Kentucky’s statehood (which occurred in 1792). Jouett also represented Mercer County at the Danville Separation Convention in 1788. He later served three terms in the Kentucky House of Representatives, first representing Mercer County, then adjoining Woodford County.

Jack Jouett became a captain in the 16th Regiment of the Virginia Militia during the American Revolutionary War, during which all three of his brothers also served. A physically imposing, as well as muscular and handsome man, Jack stood 6 ft 4 in tall and weighed 220 lb. His father, John Jouett, Sr., was also very active in the revolutionary cause in Albemarle County, Virginia, and supplied the militia with meat for its ration, as well as supporting his sons service. Both Jouett and his father, John Sr., were among the 202 Albemarle citizens who signed the Albemarle Declaration, a document renouncing King George III. One of his brothers was killed at the Battle Brandywine.



The only known depiction of Jack Jouett made while he was living, a silhouette by his son, Mathew

On June 1, 1781, British General Cornwallis, moving his troops from Petersburg to Goochland learned from a cap-

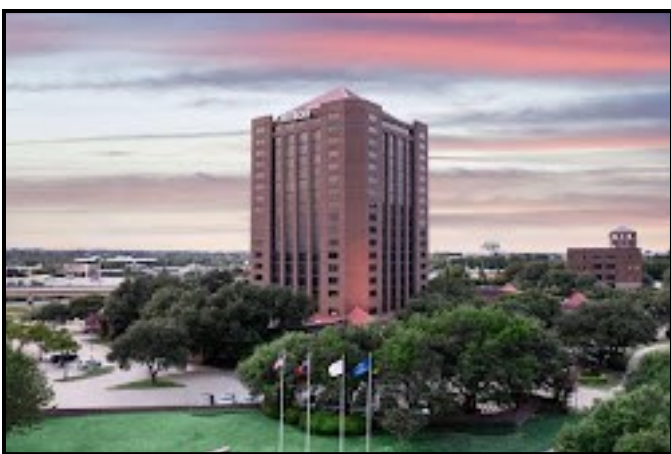


PLAN NOW!

Now is the perfect time to plan to attend the 130th Annual Texas SAR Convention in 2025. The convention is scheduled for the weekend of March 27-30, 2025, at the Hilton Richardson Dallas, 701 E. Campbell Rd., Richardson, TX 75081.

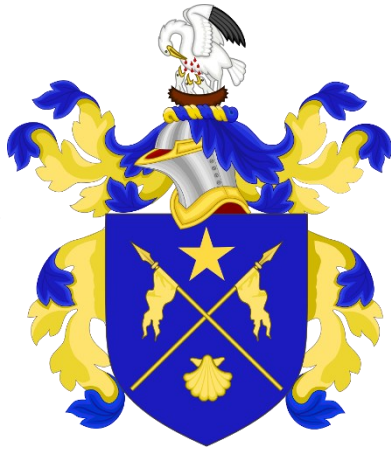
Add it to your calendar now! Never been? It’s a great opportunity to attend since it is local. It’s a weekend chock full of meetings that allows you to participate in the inner workings of the society at the state level. It affords you the opportunity to explore and get involved in the work of the multitude of state committees. It’s an opportunity to make SAR friends from across the width and breadth of Texas. The best experience is to stay at the hotel; however, if you don’t wish to do that, you can register for the convention only and travel daily to and from your own home.

DON’T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!



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tured dispatch that Governor Thomas Jefferson and Virginia's legislature had fled from Richmond to Charlottesville, Virginia, to the location of Jefferson's home, Monticello. Members of Virginia's government had escaped to Charlottesville after Benedict Arnold, who had defected to the British, attacked Virginia's capital, Richmond. Cornwallis also learned the rebel colonists had stockpiled military supplies at the Old Albemarle Courthouse in Scott's Landing, then a settlement featuring a ferry across the James River. Cornwallis ordered Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton to ride to Charlottesville and capture Governor Jefferson and the members of the legislature, and Colonel John Graves Simcoe to destroy the colonists' military supplies at Point of Fork and Scott's Landing. Legislators targeted for capture included Patrick Henry, Richard Henry Lee, Thomas Nelson, Jr., and Benjamin Harrison V.



Coat of Arms of the Jouett Family

On June 3, Tarleton left Cornwallis's camp on the North Anna River with 180 cavalymen and 70 mounted infantry of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Tarleton marched his force covertly and planned to cover the last 70 miles to Charlottesville in 24 hours, a fast maneuver intended to catch the politicians completely unaware. His orders from Cornwallis, however, were to first destroy the military supplies at Scott's Landing before General Lafayette and his men, marching from Baltimore, Maryland, could interfere.

Jouett, twenty-seven years old, lay asleep on the lawn of the Cuckoo Tavern in Louisa County, Virginia, on the night of June 3, 1781. During the night, he heard the sound of approaching cavalry and spotted the "White Coats," Col. Tarleton's British cavalry.

Jouett suspected that the cavalry was marching to Charlottesville to capture the members of Virginia's government. Jouett knew that the legislature was completely undefended. Very little fighting had taken place on Virginia soil from 1776 to 1780, so most of Virginia's forces were deployed elsewhere. The British had only recently begun significant campaigns in Virginia, so few forces were in the state except local militia. Jefferson and the legislators needed advance

warning to escape. Jouett quickly mounted his horse and, at about 10 pm, began the 40-mile ride from Louisa to Charlottesville. With the British cavalry on the main highway, Jouett had to take the rough backwoods trails to the overgrown Old Mountain Road, likely traveling only with the light of the full moon. He needed to ride fast enough to outrun the British.



Portrait of Banastre Tarleton by Sir Joshua Reynolds, 1782

At 11:30 pm, Tarleton paused for a three-hour rest at Louisa Courthouse. He began his march again at about 2 am. He soon encountered a train of 13 supply wagons at Boswell's Tavern bound for South Carolina where General Nathanael Greene led the main branch of the Continental Army in the South. Tarleton burned the wagons and continued onward.

Around dawn, Tarleton reached the plantations of Castle Hill, Doctor Thomas Walker's home, and a splinter group of British arrived at Belvoir, the home of his son, Continental Congress member John Walker. Tarleton captured or paroled various important figures at the two plantations. Supposedly, Dr. Walker prepared an elaborate breakfast (including alcohol), for Tarleton in order to allow more time for Jefferson and the legislature to get warning of the cavalry. Tarleton's account says he did pause at Castle Hill for a half-hour rest, but the story of Walker's ploy is probably apocryphal.

Jouett's backwoods route took him through a ford of the Rivanna River at the town of Milton. At about 4:30 am, he crossed the ford and ascended the mountain on which Jefferson's Monticello sits. At Monticello, Jouett awoke Jefferson and his guests, several Virginia legislators. Descendants of Jefferson's gardener, Anthony Giannini, noted early riser Jefferson was in the gardens at Monticello with their ancestor when Jouett arrived. Jefferson rewarded

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Jouett with some fine Madeira. Jouett then remounted to ride 2 miles further to warn the town of Charlottesville.

Jefferson did not rush, although he sent his wife and daughters to Enniscorthy, his friend John Coles' plantation about 14 miles away. He had breakfast with the legislators before making arrangements to leave, including spending two hours gathering his paper together. When Captain Christopher Hudson rode to Monticello to warn of the imminent British arrival, Jefferson continued his preparations, but sent a horse outside his estate for a quick escape. He continually checked the Charlottesville path up the mountain with his telescope for signs of the British. By the time he finally saw them, the British cavalry had reached Monticello's lawn. Mounting his horse quickly, Jefferson successfully eluded the British in the woods. One enslaved Monticello family's oral history claims Jefferson spent two weeks at the home of Thomas Farrar, and some time in a cliff-cave near Scott's Landing about a mile downstream from his brother Randolph's plantation, "Snowden," while Tarleton commandeered Jefferson's "Elk Hill" plantation in Goochland County.

Captain Kenneth McLeod led the British detachment sent to Monticello. They arrived to find Jefferson's slaves hurriedly hiding his valuables.

After leaving Monticello, Jouett rode to the Swan Tavern (owned by Jouett's father) where most of the legislators were staying. The legislators decided to flee and reconvene in Staunton, 35 miles west, in three days, on June 7. Jouett's warning allowed most legislators to escape; however, seven were captured.

Jouett also helped General Edward Stevens escape. The general was recovering at the Swan Tavern from wounds he received at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. Jouett rode with General Stevens as he made his escape, but the wounded Stevens could not ride quickly enough to keep the British from catching up. Jouett was wearing an ornate military costume with a scarlet coat and a plumed hat, and Stevens was dressed in shoddy clothing. British cavalry assumed that Jouett must be a high military officer, so they ignored the shabby general, and pursued Jouett, who successfully eluded them.

In Staunton, the legislature elected Thomas Nelson as the next governor. Jefferson's term had expired on June 2.

Recognizing its debt to Jouett, the legislature passed a resolution on June 15 to honor him. The legislature resolved to

give Jouett a pair of pistols and a sword in gratitude. Jouett received the pistols in 1783, but the sword was re-ordered in 1804, and no documentation indicates Jouett actually received it.

In 1782, Jouett moved across the Appalachian Mountains to Kentucky County, where veterans received land claims for their service. A family story claims that, on his journey to Kentucky, Jouett hears a woman's screams coming from a house. He burst into the house and found a wife being abused by her husband. He attempted to help by knocking down the husband, only to have the wife hit him over the head with a pot. The pot's bottom gave out, and the pot became stuck around Jouett's neck. Jouett fled the scene and traveled 35 miles before he found a blacksmith to remove the pot.

Jouett was among the ten men founding the town of New Market at the confluence of the Dick's and Kentucky Rivers. Shortly after Jouett moved to Kentucky, the large county was divided into Lincoln, Jefferson, and Mercer counties. Lincoln County voters elected Jouett as their representative in the Virginia House of Delegates (alongside Benjamin Logan). Jouett served one term from Lincoln County (October 16, 1786-January 11, 1787) before Mercer County's creation, then one term from Mercer County (alongside William McDowell from October 15, 1787-January 8, 1788) before local voters replaced both by Samuel Taylor and Alexander Robinson. Jouett again won election to the Virginia House of Delegates from Mercer County in 1790, this time serving alongside Anthony Crockett from October 18-December 29, before voters replaced both delegates with Samuel Taylor and Jacob Fromm.

Jouett favored Kentucky's statehood at the Separation Convention held in Danville, Kentucky in 1788, in which he and Thomas Allen were Mercer County's two delegates. After statehood, Jouett served in the Kentucky House of Representatives, first representing Mercer County, then Woodford County. His friends reportedly included both Democrat Andrew Jackson and his Whig rival Henry Clay.

Politics being a part-time occupation, Jouett also farmed using enslaved labor. In 1820, he owned 23 slaves. In addition to grain, Jouett raised and bred livestock, including importing some from England. As discussed below, he married into a locally prominent family in 1784. A few years later,

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Jouett moved his family to Woodford County. He built a house there in 1798 (which still exists), but would later return to Mercer County in the same general region. This house was built in the style of the traditional hall and parlor plan, and was erected during the mid-Federal period, five years after Kentucky statehood, and features five rooms—three downstairs and two half-story-bedrooms upstairs. When they left Woodford County is not recorded; Jouett later moved to Bath County to live with his daughter and her family.

Jouett married Sallie Robards in Mercer County, Kentucky in 1784. Together they had 12 children.

Jack Jouett died March 1, 1822, at his daughter's house near Owingsville in Bath County, Kentucky. His buried in Bath County at the "Peeled Oak" farm in an unmarked grave. The site of the grave was lost until the twentieth century. Jack Jouett's farm he called "Woodford Farm" and was located on the Peeled Oak Pike. It was located on a knoll above the confluence of the Big & Little Slate Creeks, just off the Pike.

John Jouett, Jr., served in the 16th Virginia Militia during the years of 1775 to 1780 and achieved the rank of Major.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jack_Jouett#:~:text=John%20Jouett%20Jr.&text=Sometimes%20called%20the%20%22Paul%20Revere,been%20sent%20to%20capture%20them.



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 visi-

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MERRY
Christmas
& Happy
New Year

tors, 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 GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Tales & Trails

2025 FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

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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.



MASSING OF THE COLORS

Texas SAR Compatriots participated in Fort Worth's Annual Massing of the Colors on Sunday afternoon, November 9th, at Birchman Baptist Church.

Compatriots participating are (left to right):

Steve Hole (Maj. Van Zandt), Mike Goode (East Fork Trinity), Kevin Shellman (Maj. Van Zandt), Dan Hamilton (Arlington), Tom Van Fossen (Dallas), Bill Watts (Dallas), Bobby Gresham (Maj. Van Zandt), and Joe Wade (Maj. Van Zandt).

Also participating was Mike Connelley, a member of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW), who had a role on stage.



TEXAS SAR OUTSTANDING JROTC CADET COMPETITION

The National SAR ROTC/JROTC Committee has oversight of the Chapter, State, and National SAR ROTC programs. Each level of the SAR Enhanced JROTC Program (here after referred as the SAR Outstanding Cadet Competition, or SAR OCC) serves as a progressive series of tasks to ultimately select the SAR Outstanding JROC Cadet in the Nation. As part of that program, the Texas SAR supports over 400 JROTC units in our State. During this past competition, Texas only had three Chapters submit entries.

With the amount of Scholarship money available (over \$9,000), it becomes very obvious that some change is needed in the program. This is not just a Texas problem...other States have reported the same lack of participation. Note that I said lack of participation, not lack of interest. After extensive research and interviews of Texas Senior Military Instructors (SMIs), cadets, and SAR JROTC Liaisons, we truly do not know how much the cadets are interested in entering the competition. Most of the interviews disclosed a lack of knowledge and a high rating of general apathy in how the program works.

We have asked for and received permission from the National SAR ROTC/JROTC Committee to develop an alternative program to replace the existing competition. The Texas JROTC/ROTC Committee has developed a Pilot Program to test this alternative competition. The process and procedure documentation was reviewed by delegates to the Texas November Board of Managers, meeting in committee and the execution of the proposed Pilot Program was approved for execution.

Please implement the program for the current JROTC Competition that begins December 1, 2024. The results of this competition will be evaluated and if successful, the Pilot Program will be presented to the National Committee for implementation next year.

The primary points of remedial change determined by our investigation are as follow:

- Reduction of excessive work requirements for the SMIs;
- Surmount the lack of education and exposure required to generate interest by the Cadets;

- Clarify and supplement the documentation of the existing program; and
- Bolster involvement by Texas SAR Members in supporting more than the minimum requirements of the program.

We have updated the documentation, reduced the work requirements put on the SMIs, and developed processes to stimulate Cadet interest.

It is up to you, the Chapter Presidents to help your members to adopt the new program to identify and reward the "Best of the Best" JROTC Cadet in Texas.

John C. (Jack) Haughton, FVPG
Chairman, Texas JROTC/ROTC Committee
jrotc@texassar.org

Details on the ROTC/JROTC Recognition Program are found at <https://www.texassar.org/jrotc.htm>.

View or download the Outstanding Cadet Competition entry package at: <https://www.texassar.org/pdf/JROTCPackage.pdf>.



THANK YOU!

The Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, Texas SAR, extends its THANKS to the following individuals or organizations who sponsored wreaths for our 2024 Wreaths Across America program.

Due to your generosity, we exceeded our goal of 150 wreaths this year by 32% - or 48 wreaths for a total of 198 wreaths.

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| Mark Nash | Cody Sheppard |
| Ron Turner | James Alderman |
| Art Munford | Richard Vandever |
| Bob Jacobs | Ken Cox |
| John Anderson | Vann Cunningham |
| Kirby Boyd | Gerry Gieger |
| Arthur Thomas III | Jeff Andre |
| Scott Manning, Jr. | |

Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution
Ephraim Merrill Daggett Chapter, Sons of the Republic of Texas

VETERANS DAY PARADE

Chapter members participated in the Veterans Day Parade in Fort Worth. The 2024 parade theme was "Saluting Cowtown - From Frontier Soldiers to Space Frontiers & More" and hosted by the Tarrant County Veterans Council.

Fort Worth's annual Veterans Day celebration began 105 years ago as an armistice procession through downtown in 1919 to honor those who had fought in World War I.

Ladies from the Fort Worth Chapter NSDAR joined us for this year's parade.

President Ron Turner drove the tow vehicle while Compatriots Doug Schwetke, John Anderson, and Vann Cunningham rode on the trailer.



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.

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>.

Visit and Like/Follow the Texas Society Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/txssar>.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Our chapter membership levels as of November 30, 2024, are:

Active / Current Member	111
NSSAR Life.....	9
TXSSAR Perpetual	11
Active/New Member.....	9
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 **130**.

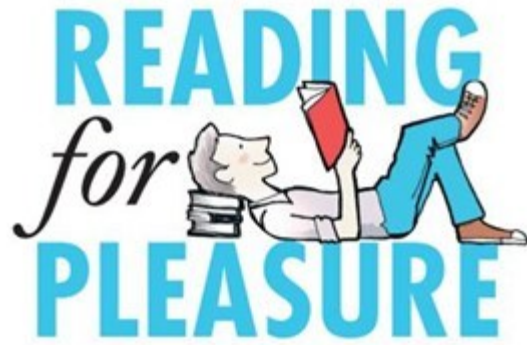
Tempatriot Society Anniversaries December

Kenneth Roston Cox	49 yrs
Walter Scott Manning Jr.	37 yrs
Ralph Edward Smith	26 yrs
Gary Wayne Munford	21 yrs
Jason Scott Munford	21 yrs
Dale Allen Brock	19 yrs
Brett Hamilton Jones	14 yrs
Thomas Erik Samuelson	10 yrs
John David Peet	7 yrs
Scotte Linn Clark	6 yrs
Cody Alton Sheppard	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

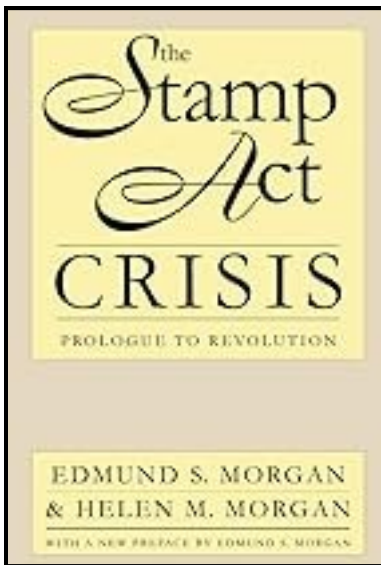


December 3	David Nicholas Boyd
December 7	James Reagan Herman III
December 8	Charles Wendell McHenry
December 9	Cable Gregory Johnson
December 10	Andrew Kent Walker
December 23	Larry Vaughn Mick



The Stamp Act Crisis

By Edmund S. Morgan & Helen M. Morgan



‘Impressive! . . . The authors have given us a searching account of the crisis and provided some memorable portraits of officials in America impaled on the dilemma of having to enforce a measure which they themselves opposed.’--New York Times

‘A brilliant contribution to the colonial field. Combining great industry,

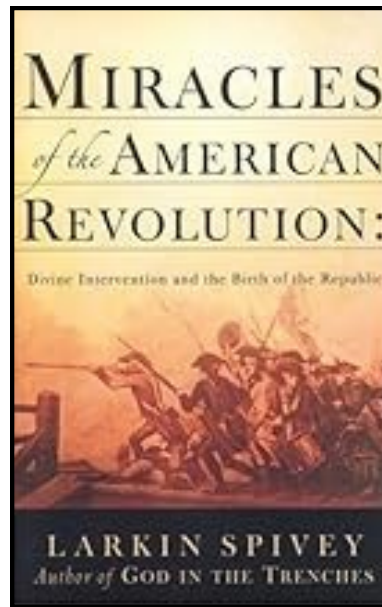
astute scholarship, and a vivid style, the authors have sought ‘to recreate two years of American history.’ They have succeeded admirably.’--William and Mary Quarterly

‘Required reading for anyone interested in those eventful years preceding the American Revolution.’--Political Science Quarterly

The Stamp Act, the first direct tax on the American colonies, provoked an immediate and violent response. *The Stamp Act Crisis*, originally published by UNC Press in 1953, identifies the issues that caused the confrontation and explores the ways in which the conflict was a prelude to the American Revolution.

Miracles of the American Revolution

By Larkin Spivey



Was the birth of the Republic an accident of history or part of a divine plan?

Is God on America’s side?

Is it possible a providential hand intervened at critical junctures during the American Revolution?

Larkin Spivey, a decorated Marine Corps officer and respected military professor, believes so.

This provocative account of the American Revolution offers historical evidence that the hand of God was at work during the pivotal era of America’s founding. Author Larkin Spivey, a respected military historian, shows how a series of remarkable and miraculous occurrences laid the foundations for the Republic. With compelling facts and interpretations, this portrait of early America is both amazing and uplifting.

Whether you agree with his conclusions about how God’s providence ties in with American history, Larkin hopes that you will continue reading to learn about the “magnificently complex men and events that contributed to the founding of America, and why I might consider them miraculous.”

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 REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Updated 15 Nov 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
Jeffrey Howe Andre	Joseph Griggs	New	Approved	11/6/24
Alexander Brence Andre	Joseph Griggs	New	Approved	11/6/24
Jacob Nathaniel Andre	Joseph Griggs	New	Approved	11/6/24
Benjamin Howe Andre	Joseph Griggs	New	Approved	11/6/24
Gregory Greenman Andre	Joseph Griggs	New	Approved	11/6/24
Nicolas Scott Andre	Joseph Griggs	New	Approved	11/6/24
Clayton Craig Smith	John Hendricks	New	Approved	11/6/24
Kim Brimer	Lawrence Holcomb	Supp	Approved	11/15/24
Kim Brimer	Benjamin Cate	Supp	Approved	11/15/24

Current National Review

<i>Compatriot</i>	<i>Patriot</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>As Of</i>
Vann Cunningham	Joel Perkerson	Supp	Received	9/25/23
Scott Manning Jr	John Manning	Supp	Received	2/14/24
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
Steven Hole	Richard Hoskins/Haskins	Supp	Received	8/29/24
Steven Hole	Charles Blount	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>
Timothy William Ulrich	Ezra Pratt	New	Received	9/4/24
William Anton 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	
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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>Pended</i>	<i>8/3/23</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>
<i>Kim Brimer</i>	<i>James Wooten</i>	<i>Supp</i>	<i>Pended</i>	<i>11/12/24</i>
<i>Kim Brimer</i>	<i>John Childress</i>	<i>Supp</i>	<i>Pended</i>	<i>11/12/24</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

As of 30 Nov 2024:

Date of oldest New Application awaiting approval: **05-Aug-2024** (14 weeks)

Date of oldest Supplemental awaiting approval: **11-Sep-2023** (61 weeks)



Status Totals

Received: 2333

Pended: 345

Approved: 2018

Withdrawn: 108

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024

- December 14 Wreaths Across America, 11:00 am, Old Pioneer’s Rest Cemetery, Fort Worth (CG-N)
- 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

- January 18 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
- February 15 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
- February 27-March 1 Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY
- March 6-8 RootsTech Conference, Salt Lake City, UT
- March 13-17 Texas DAR Convention, Houston
- March 15 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
- March 27-30 130th Annual Texas SAR State Convention, TX (CG-S)
- March 27-30 C.A.R. State Convention, Richardson
- April 19 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
- May 17 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
- May 23-26 National Genealogical Society Conference, Louisville, KY
- June 21 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
- July 12-18 135th NSSAR Congress, Uncasville, CT (CG-N)
- July 19 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
- August 16 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
- September 20 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
- October 18 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
- November 15 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth

(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

\$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>

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 address: b155549@gmail.com.



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2024-2025

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

God Bless America

