



Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter

Texas

Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution

Chisholm Trail News

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NEXT MEETING: July 19, 2025

TIME: 9:00 am

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

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Tarrant County Commissioners Court Issues Proclamation

A small group of chapter officers attended the June 3rd session of the Tarrant County Commissioners Court to receive a resolution issued by the court in commemoration of the 250th birthday of the United States Army. The group included President Ron Turner, Vice President Steve Hole, Chaplain Ralph Smith, Past President James Alderman, and Past President Mike Connelley. Compatriots Smith, Alderman, and Connelley are veterans of the Army and Compatriot Smith wore his dress blues for the occasion. President Turner is a veteran of the U.S. Navy. In addition, Mrs. Jan Smith was the official photographer for the occasion.

Chapter officers from the Six Flags Chapter, NSDAR, also attended and participated in the event. DAR ladies in attendance included Regent Judy Pastusek, Historian Susie Mackey, and Corresponding Secretary Elois Medlin.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Manny Ramirez sponsored and read the resolution into the minutes, and it was unanimously adopted. Then, Commissioner Ramirez introduced all representatives from the SAR and the DAR. He then descended to the floor for the official presentation and for photos. The delegation received a standing ovation from the audience.

President Ron Turner addressed the court, thanking them for the resolution and their support. Madame Regent Judy Pastusek also addressed the court.

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The text of the resolution follows:

Proclamation

Tarrant County

Honoring the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States Army

WHEREAS, on June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress established the Continental Army to defend the liberties of the American colonies and to unify their efforts against British forces, laying the foundation for what would become the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, June 14th is annually recognized as the official birthday of the United States Army, a day to honor its proud legacy and the bravery and service of soldiers—past and present—who have safeguarded the nation’s freedom; and

WHEREAS, the year 2025 marks the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States Army, a momentous occasion to reflect on the sacrifices of those who served and to honor the legacy of our nation’s first soldiers; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Sons of the American Revolution, organized in 1889 and federally chartered in 1906, is to promote patriotism, serve communities, and educate and inspire future generations about the founding principles of our Country; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of this anniversary, the Sons of the American Revolution have proclaimed the years 2024 to 2034 as the “Decade of the American Revolution.” And throughout the decade will be recognizing and honoring milestone events that occurred throughout the American Revolution; and

NOW THEREFORE:

The Tarrant County Commissioners Court recognizes June 14, 2025, as the semi quincentennial of the United States Army and encourages all Citizens to join with the Sons of the American Revolution and other patriotic, community, and Veterans organizations to commemorate this momentous birthday in the

history of our great country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 3rd day of June 2025.

[signed]
Tim O’Hare
County Judge

[signed]
Roderick Miles, Jr.
Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

[signed]
Alisa Simmons
Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

[signed]
Matt Krause
Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

[signed]
Manny Ramirez
Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

[Watch the presentation here.](#) It begins at the 35:30 minute mark.

(Left to right): James Alderman, Tom Belton (Tarrant County



(left to right): Commissioner Roderick Miles, Jr., Commissioner Alisa Simmons, County Judge Tim O’Hare, Commissioner Matt Krause, and Commissioner Manny Ramirez

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Veteran Services), Steve Hole, Manny Ramirez (Commissioner Precinct 4), Mike Connelley, Judy Patusek, Ron Turner, Elois Medlin, Susie Mackey, and Ralph Smith

Following is President Turner's remarks to the Tarrant County Commissioners Court.

On behalf of the Maj. K. M. Van Zandt Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, thank you your honor and commissioners of the court.

Since its official establishment on June 14, 1775—more than a year before the Declaration of Independence—the U.S. Army has played a vital role in the growth and development of the American nation. Drawing on both long-standing militia traditions and recently introduced professional standards, it won the new republic's independence in an arduous eight-year struggle against Great Britain. At times, the Army provided the lone symbol of nationhood around which patriots rallied.

The primary requirement for a male to join the Sons of the American Revolution is he must be able to trace his bloodline back to an individual who supported the American Revolution. For most of us, our patriot ancestors served either in a state militia or in a regiment of the Continental Army, or both.

As we approach the 250 th birthday celebration for the U.S. Army, we have also entered an 8-year celebration of the birth of the United States, beginning with the 250 th anniversary of Paul Revere's ride and the Battles of Lexington and Concord this past April 19th .

To the heroes in green, and to all Veterans, regardless of your branch of service—past, present, and future—your dedication keeps America strong and free.

Again, thank you for recognizing this important date in our nation's history.



Compatriot Gieger Presents Widow's Pin

Compatriot Gerry Gieger presented a Vietnam War Veteran Widow's Pin to Deanna Bryant Bell on June 7, 2025, at a meeting of E. M. Daggett Chapter of The Sons of the Republic of Texas. Mrs. Bell is the widow of Edward Neil Bell, Sgt, USAF, and was accompanied by her two sons, Christopher and Gregory.

Van Zandt Chapter Excels in Proclamation Project

Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter Vice President Steve Hole learned about the Proclamation Project while listening to a presentation at Texas SAR's annual conference in March 2025. A stated goal for the Proclamation Project, which is intended to enhance the image and mission of SAR, is "A successful outcome would be having 10% of the chapters having a proclamation issued by a city or county." VP Hole took on the task of ensuring that the chapter excelled at this project.

He contacted and solicited 13 local cities (representing the 13 original colonies), as well as Tarrant County, for proclamations recognizing 250th Anniversary events between the chapter's April meeting and the June meeting. VP Hole received a total of 11 proclamations. Proclamations covered the following events: the Battles of Lexington and Concord (April 19) (cities of Fort Worth, Grapevine, and Keller); the Battle of Fort Ticonderoga (May 10) (cities of White Settlement and Haltom City); the 250th Birthday of the United States Army (June 14) (cities of Roanoke, Southlake, and Watauga, and Tarrant County); the appointment of George Washington as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army (June 15) (city of Trophy Club); and the Battle of Bunker Hill (June 17) (cities of Burleson and Weatherford).



Alderman Assists with Grave Marking

Compatriot James Alderman participated with the Colonel Alexander Lillington Chapter, SAR, on Saturday, June 28th, in marking the grave of George Newton, one of his patriot ancestors, at Wells Baptist Church in Rocky Point, North Carolina. The Color Guard Commander was Bob Thornhill.

It was a great event with our 250th flag.

Proclamation



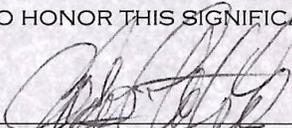
THE CITY OF BURLESON
Office of the Mayor

250th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill

- Whereas,* THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION WAS FOUNDED IN 1889 AND CHARTERED BY AN ACT OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS ON JUNE 9, 1906 WITH PATRIOTIC, HISTORIC, AND EDUCATIONAL GOALS; AND
- Whereas,* THE MAJOR K.M. VAN ZANDT CHAPTER #6 ORGANIZED AND CHARTERED IN THE CITY OF FORT WORTH IN 1932 IS RECOGNIZING SIGNIFICANT EVENTS THAT OCCURRED THROUGHOUT THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION; AND
- Whereas,* ON JUNE 17, 1775, BRAVE PATRIOTS STOOD FIRM ON THE HEIGHTS OF CHARLESTOWN IN THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL, FACING THE MOST FORMIDABLE ARMY OF ITS TIME IN DEFENSE OF LIBERTY AND SELF-GOVERNMENT; AND
- Whereas,* THOUGH THE GROUND WAS ULTIMATELY YIELDED, THE BATTLE PROVED THAT AMERICAN COURAGE, DETERMINATION, AND SACRIFICE COULD CHALLENGE EVEN THE GREATEST MILITARY POWER IN THE WORLD, INSPIRING A REVOLUTION THAT WOULD GIVE BIRTH TO A NEW NATION FOUNDED ON THE IDEALS OF FREEDOM, JUSTICE, AND DEMOCRACY; AND
- Whereas,* AS WE MARK THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THIS HISTORIC BATTLE, WE HONOR THE ENDURING LEGACY OF THOSE WHO FOUGHT WITH VALOR, REMEMBER THE PROFOUND COSTS OF FREEDOM, AND REDEDICATE OURSELVES TO THE PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH THEY STOOD.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR CHRIS FLETCHER, ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF BURLESON AND THE ENTIRE CITY COUNCIL, HEREBY PROCLAIM JUNE 17, 2025, AS THE "250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL," RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS EVENT IN THE HISTORY OF OUR NATION, AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS OF BURLESON TO ENGAGE IN EDUCATIONAL AND COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES TO HONOR THIS SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE.




CHRIS FLETCHER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

AMANDA CAMPOS, CITY SECRETARY

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Sons of the American Revolution was founded in 1889 and is headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky and chartered by an Act of the United States Congress on June 9, 1906 with patriotic, historic and educational goals; and

WHEREAS, the societies of the Sons of the American Revolution at National, State, and Chapter levels are celebrating 250th anniversaries of the founding of America, and have proclaimed 2024 to 2034 as the "Decade of the American Revolution"; and

WHEREAS, The Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter #6 organized and chartered in the City of Fort Worth in 1932 is recognizing significant events that occurred throughout the American Revolution; and

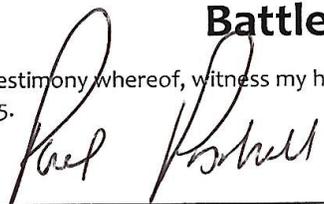
WHEREAS on June 17, 1775, at the Battle of Bunker Hill, brave patriots faced one of the world's strongest armies in defense of liberty; though the ground was lost, their courage proved that American resolve could stand against tyranny and inspired a Revolution that gave rise to a new nation founded on freedom and justice; and

WHEREAS as we mark the 250th Anniversary of this historic battle, we honor the enduring legacy of those who fought with valor, remember the profound costs of freedom, and rededicate ourselves to the principles for which they stood.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Paul Paschall, Mayor of the City of Weatherford, on behalf of the City Council and our citizens, do hereby recognize June 17, 2025, as a semiquincentennial milestone of the American Revolutionary War for Independence, and encourage all citizens to join the Sons of the American Revolution and fellow patriotic, community, and veterans organizations in commemorating this historic occasion.

250th Anniversary Battle of Bunker Hill - 1775

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and the seal of the City of Weatherford, this 19th day of May 2025.



 Paul Paschall, Mayor

Attest:

 Andrea McDonald, City Secretary



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Proclamation

United States Army 250th Birthday

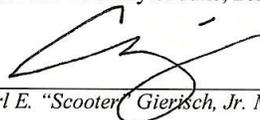
- WHEREAS,** the mission of the Sons of the American Revolution, organized in 1889 and federally chartered in 1906, is to promote patriotism, serve communities, and educate and inspire future generations about the founding principles of our Country; and
- WHEREAS,** the Sons of the American Revolution is celebrating the 250th anniversary of the founding of America and have proclaimed 2024 to 2034 as the “Decade of the American Revolution.”; and
- WHEREAS,** the Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter of Texas SAR, organized and chartered in Fort Worth in 1932, is recognizing and honoring milestone events that occurred throughout the American Revolution; and
- WHEREAS,** on June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress established the Continental Army to defend the liberties of the American colonies and to unify their efforts against British forces, laying the foundation for what would become the United States Army; and
- WHEREAS,** June 14th is annually recognized as the official birthday of the United States Army, a day to honor its proud legacy and the bravery and service of soldiers—past and present—who have safeguarded the nation’s freedom; and
- WHEREAS,** the year 2025 marks the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States Army, a momentous occasion to reflect on the sacrifices of those who served and to honor the legacy of our nation’s first soldiers;

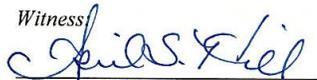
NOW, THEREFORE, I Carl E. Gierisch, Jr., Mayor of Roanoke, hereby recognize Saturday, June 14, 2025 as the semiquincentennial of the United States Army.

United States Army ~ 250th Birthday

And encourage all Citizens to join with the Sons of the American Revolution and other patriotic, community, and Veterans organizations to commemorate this momentous birthday in the history of our great country.

Dated this 10th day of June, 2025.


Carl E. “Scooter” Gierisch, Jr. Mayor

Witness:

April S. Hill, City Secretary



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From the office of the Mayor

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on June 14, 1775, the Continental Congress established the United States Army, marking the birth of what has become the world’s most respected and capable military force; and

WHEREAS, for 250 years, the United States Army has served with distinction, defending the Constitution and safeguarding the freedoms and liberties of our nation through dedication, sacrifice, and unwavering courage; and

WHEREAS, the Army has played a vital role in every major conflict in American history, from the Revolutionary War to present-day operations, continually demonstrating excellence in leadership, innovation, and commitment to mission; and

WHEREAS, the brave men and women of the United States Army, past and present, have answered the call to serve, protecting not only our homeland but also contributing to peace and security around the world; and

WHEREAS, we pause to honor the legacy, valor, and sacrifice of those who have worn the Army uniform, and we express our deep gratitude to soldiers, veterans, civilians, and Army families who support and strengthen the force;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the Mayor Arthur L. Miner of City of Watauga, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2025 as:

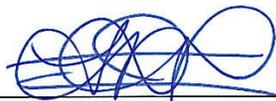
“United States Army 250th Birthday Celebration Day”

and encourage all citizens to join in honoring the proud heritage and continued service of the United States Army.

Dated this 9th day of June, 2025


Arthur L. Miner, Mayor

ATTEST


Linda A. Proskey, City Secretary



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Proclamation

City of Southlake

Whereas: *the mission of the Sons of the American Revolution, organized in 1889 and federally chartered in 1906, is to promote patriotism, serve communities, and educate and inspire future generations about the founding principles of our Country; and*

Whereas, the Sons of the American Revolution is celebrating the 250th anniversary of the founding of America and have proclaimed 2024 to 2034 as the "Decade of the American Revolution."; and

Whereas, the Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter of Texas SAR, organized and chartered in Fort Worth in 1932, is recognizing and honoring milestone events that occurred throughout the American Revolution; and

Whereas, on June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress established the Continental Army to defend the liberties of the American colonies and to unify their efforts against British forces, laying the foundation for what would become the United States Army; and

Whereas, June 14th is annually recognized as the official birthday of the United States Army, a day to honor its proud legacy and the bravery and service of soldiers—past and present—who have safeguarded the nation's freedom; and

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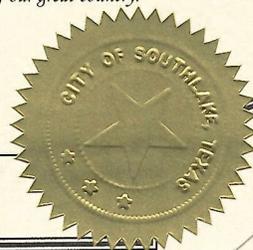
Now, therefore, I, Mayor Shawn McCaskill on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2025, as the

250th Birthday of the United States Army

and we encourage all citizens to join with the Sons of the American Revolution and other patriotic, community, and Veterans organizations to commemorate this momentous birthday in the history of our great country.

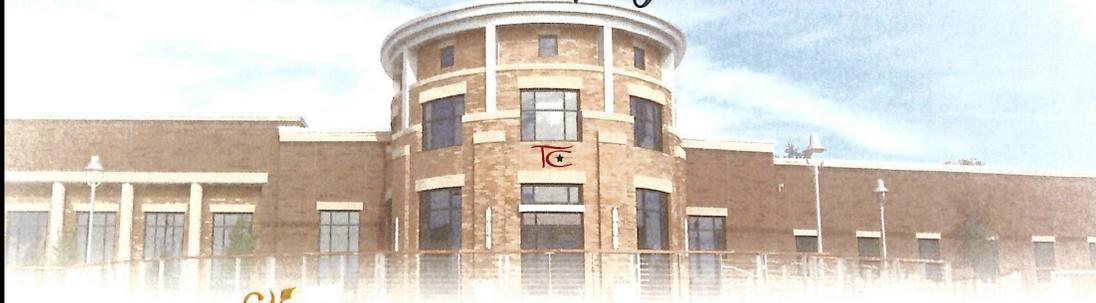
Shawn McCaskill

Mayor



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Town of Trophy Club



Office of the Mayor Proclamation

WHEREAS, the mission of the Sons of the American Revolution, organized in 1889 and federally chartered in 1906, is to promote patriotism, serve communities, and educate and inspire future generations about the founding principles of our Country; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of the American Revolution is celebrating the 250th anniversary of the founding of America and have proclaimed 2024 to 2034 as the “Decade of the American Revolution.”; and

WHEREAS, the Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter of Texas SAR, organized and chartered in Fort Worth in 1932, is recognizing and honoring milestone events that occurred throughout the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 1775, the Second Continental Congress unanimously appointed George Washington as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army, entrusting him with the leadership of the colonial forces in the fight for American independence; and

WHEREAS, George Washington’s appointment marked a pivotal moment in the formation of the United States, uniting the colonies under a common leader of great integrity, resolve, and military experience; and

WHEREAS, the year 2025 marks the 250th anniversary of this historic appointment, offering an opportunity for all Americans to reflect upon and honor the enduring legacy of George Washington, whose service and sacrifice laid the foundation for the United States of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeannette Tiffany, Mayor of the Town of Trophy Club, Texas, and on behalf of the Trophy Club Town Council recognize June 15, 2025, as the

**“250th ANNIVERSARY
of George Washington’s appointment as
Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army”**

and encourage all Citizens to join with the Sons of the American Revolution and other patriotic, community, and Veterans organizations to commemorate this momentous event in the history of our great country.

PROCLAIMED AND SIGNED on this the 9th day of June 2025.




Jeannette Tiffany, MAYOR

June 14th Flag Day Ceremony

Members of the Chapter Color Guard participated in a Flag Day Ceremony conducted by the Six Flags Chapter NSDAR on the grounds of the 1895 Tarrant County Courthouse in Fort Worth. Judy Pastusek, Regent, Six Flags Chapter, presided over the ceremony.

Color Guard Commander Vann Cunningham provided his remarks on the history of the American Flag during the Revolutionary War (the text is found on page 12). Then, Chapter Chaplain Ralph Smith, wearing his Air Force dress blue uniform, read the text of the resolution on the Army's 250th Anniversary issued by the Tarrant County Commissioners Court (the text is found on page 2).

Chapter Color Guardsmen presenting the colors included Color Guard Commander Vann Cunningham, President Ron Turner, Vice President Steve Hole, and Past President James Alderman. The Guardsmen also displayed the SAR's 250th Anniversary Flag.



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The History of the American Flag During the Revolutionary War

Good morning everyone,

Today, I want to take you back to a time of great change—the American Revolution, when the colonists were fighting not just for independence, but for identity. One of the strongest symbols of that fight was the flag.

At the beginning of the revolution, there was no single American flag. Instead, different militias and regiments carried their own banners. One of the earliest and most recognizable was the Grand Union Flag, also known as the "Continental Colors." This flag had thirteen alternating red and white stripes, but in the top left corner, instead of stars, it still bore the British Union Jack. This design sent a powerful message—the colonies were demanding their rights while still acknowledging their British ties. The Grand Union Flag flew over General George Washington's headquarters as a sign of unity among the colonies.

As the war intensified, the need for a distinct American flag became undeniable. The colonies were no longer simply fighting for fair treatment under British rule—they were fighting to form their own independent nation.

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed the Flag Resolution, stating: "The flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

This was a defining moment in American history—the first official national flag. The thirteen stars represented the unity of the colonies, and the idea of a "new constellation" symbolized the emergence of a new nation among the established world powers.

Throughout the Revolutionary War, variations of this flag were used. Some flags displayed stars in a circular pattern, while others had different arrangements. No matter the style, the symbolism—the stars for unity, the stripes for independence—remained constant.

By the time the war ended in 1783, the flag had firmly established itself as a national emblem. It inspired soldiers, unified the people, and carried a message that resonated beyond the battlefield—a message of freedom, courage, and determination.

Today, the American flag continues to evolve, adapting to reflect the growth of the nation. But the original spirit that emerged during the revolution—the belief in liberty and the resolve to fight for it—remains at its core.

Thank you. Let's take a moment to reflect on how this flag, born in a time of uncertainty and war, has become one of the most powerful symbols of freedom in history.



The SAR Mission Statement

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.

Member Contact Information

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Please complete and submit [this form](#) to report changes to your contact information. When submitted, this information is sent to the Texas SAR Secretary

Bernardo de Gálvez, Spanish Louisiana, British West Florida and the American Revolutionary War

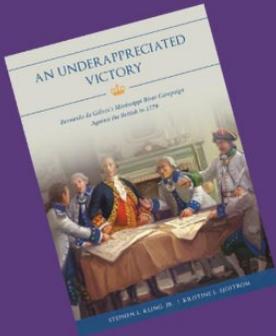
NEW BOOK. *An Underappreciated Victory: Bernardo de Gálvez's Mississippi River Campaign against the British in 1779* will be published early next year. This book, with Kristine L. Sjoström from Sevilla and Stephen L. Kling, Jr. as co-authors, will be a massive and unprecedented look at this campaign in a 400+ page, hardbound, color and fully illustrated format with many new maps and newly commissioned pieces of artwork. The book will draw almost exclusively from Spanish, British and Waldeck (German) source material and will provide a great many new facts, perspectives and insights. Besides the march, the defense of New Orleans and the Junta de Guerra, the battles, sieges and the war on the lakes and rivers, the surrender of Natchez, many details and names of the participants, the surrender negotiations, the victory parade, Spanish regulars and militia, weapons, and full details of all of the British plans to capture New Orleans which could have resulted in an earlier Battle of New Orleans, are also covered in depth. An extensive appendix will be included with transcriptions and translations of over two dozen key documents plus many local militia lists and other rosters.

BERNARDO DE GÁLVEZ and the AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR





Which will be based on the forthcoming:
AN UNDERAPPRECIATED VICTORY



A comprehensive study of Gálvez's Mississippi River campaign in 1779
by
Stephen L. Kling, Jr.
from the United States
&
Kristine L. Sjoström
from Spain

Opens March 2026 at the Cabildo in New Orleans. More details to come including additional sponsors and supporters.

<p>Exhibition</p>  <p>THE CABILDO A LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM</p> <p>Anise Fiello afiello@crt.la.gov</p>	<p>Exhibition Sponsor</p>  <p>LOUISIANA MUSEUM FOUNDATION</p>	<p>Book</p>  <p>THGC PUBLISHING</p> <p>Stephen L. Kling, Jr. skling@thgcpublishing.com</p>
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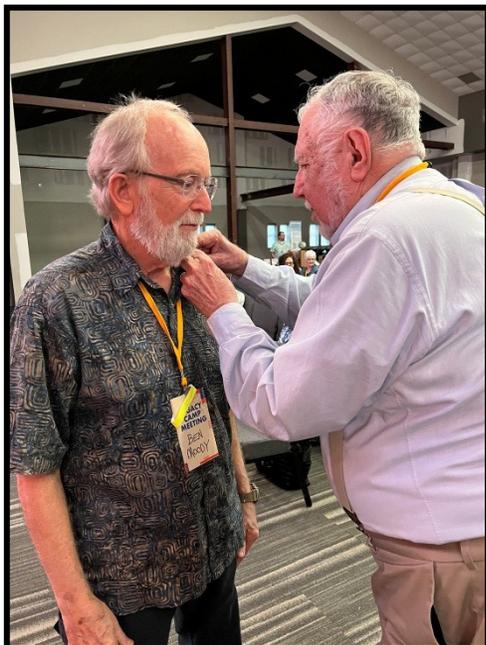
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NEW MUSEUM EXHIBITION. The Louisiana State Museums (at the Cabildo in New Orleans) will open an extensive museum exhibition covering Bernardo de Gálvez and the American Revolutionary War in March of 2026. This exhibition will be primarily based on *An Underappreciated Victory* and other aspects of the American Revolution in Louisiana. Stephen Kling will assist as guest curator. Period artifacts and weapons, beautiful uniforms and costumes, new artwork, original documents, paintings from the Cabildo and on loan from other institutions, and much more. The Louisiana State Museums is sure to make this an amazing exhibition and a unique showcase of Spanish Louisiana's extensive participation in the American Revolutionary War. Some exciting events will be scheduled by the museum during the run of the exhibition. The museum is looking for additional sponsors and supporters. Feel free to contact Anise Fiello at the museum (afiello@crt.la.gov) if you are interested in sponsoring and being part of this great exhibition.



Gieger Presents Vietnam Era Lapel Pin

At Lake View Camp in Maypearl, Texas, on May5, 2025, Past President Gerry Gieger presented a Vietnam Era Lapel Pin to A6 Fighter Pilot Ben Moody, Lt. Col., USMC (Retired).



Com Patriot Society Anniversaries

July

Allan Vance Gillmore	52 yrs
James Jefferson Davis	47 yrs
Raymond Lee Leftwich	27 yrs
Eddie Elmer Scott	12 yrs
Charles Keith Webster	12 yrs
Christopher Kirkpatrick Hull	10 yrs
Charles Lewis Boyd	8 yrs
Billy Eugene Thompson	8 yrs
Richard Vance Wilson	7 yrs
Robert Leslie Goode, Jr.	6 yrs
Wayne Alma Heide	6 yrs
Matthew Lincoln Achorn	5 yrs
Richard Brian Mitchell	5 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



Chapter 250th Anniversary

Challenge Coin

\$10 per coin

New Coin available at JUNE Chapter Meeting

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!

July 3	Matthew Micajah Truitt
July 5	<i>John Clay Reid</i>
July 8	Robert James Devine
July 9	Kenneth Roston Cox
July 11	James Edward Alderman
July 12	Mikel James Lokensgard
July 21	Zachary Vann Cunningham
July 24	John David Peet
July 26	John David Anderson, Jr.
	Scotte Linn Clark
	Colton Lawrence Williams
July 28	Jeffrey Howe Andre
July 29	Thomas Paul Wilkinson
July 31	Tommie Rosnald Harvey
	John William Via III



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2025

July 12-18	135th NSSAR Congress, Uncasville, CT (CG-N)
July 19	Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
August 2	Summer Board of Managers Meeting, ZOOM (CG-S)
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 2-4	Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY (CG-N)
October 18	Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
October 24-26	Fall Board of Managers Meeting, Sugarland (CG-S)
November 11	Veterans Day Parade, 10:00 am, Fort Worth (CG-N)
November 15	Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth ELECTION OF 2026-2027 OFFICERS
December 6	Dickens on the Strand, 11:00 am, Galveston (CG-S)

(CG) = Color Guard event, **(C)** = Chapter, **(S)** = State, **(N)** = National

CHAPTER REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Updated 30 May 2025

2025 Approvals

<i>Compatriot</i>	<i>Patriot</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>As Of</i>
Matthew Vincent Parrot	Henry Shackelford Jr	New	Approved	12/31/24
Timothy William Ulrich	Ezra Pratt	New	Approved	1/24/25
William Anton Ulrich	Ezra Pratt	New	Approved	1/24/25
Jonathan Gardner Gift	Abraham Knepper	New	Approved	2/14/25
Scott Manning Jr	Moses Manning	Supp	Approved	5/2/25

Current National Review

<i>Compatriot</i>	<i>Patriot</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>As Of</i>
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
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
Anthony James Eldridge	Stephen Caudill	New	Received	4/30/25
James Stanley Reid	Edward Carter	New	Received	4/30/25
John Clay Reid	Edward Carter	New	Received	4/30/25
Dr. Bobby Quentin Lanier	Lewis Lanier	New	Received	4/30/25
Steven Stewart Fuller Sr	Thaddeus Fuller	New	Received	5/5/25
Austin Stewart Fuller	Thaddeus Fuller	New	Received	5/5/25
Steven Stewart Fuller Jr	Thaddeus Fuller	New	Received	5/5/25

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Pending State Review

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Pended Applications by National Genealogist

Compatriot	Patriot	Type	Status	As Of
<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>



**William Byron “Bill” Watts
1949-2025**

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of our friend and Compatriot Bill Watts on June 5, 2025. Bill passed peacefully at his home in Rockwall after battling leukemia. As a man of strong faith, he had told many that he was ready to go home and be with his beloved Laura. A more devoted and active member of the SAR one could not find. His passing leaves a hole in our hearts and in the SAR. A celebration of Bill’s remarkable life is scheduled for Saturday, July 26th, in Rockwall. More details will follow.

Bill was a highly active member of the Color Guard, a past chapter president, and most recently the Texas SAR Coastal Registrar. Texas SAR recognized Bill’s accomplishments last March by awarding him the Patriot Medal, the highest award a state society can bestow upon a member. Bill was a member of the Dallas Chapter.

A Memorial Service for Bill is scheduled for Saturday, July

26th, at 2:00 p.m. at Rest Haven Funeral Home, 2500 State Hwy 66 East, Rockwall, TX 75087. Interment will be at 3:00 p.m. at Rest Haven Memorial Park in the Memories Urn Garden.

[Read Bill’s obituary here.](#)



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MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Our chapter membership levels as of May 15, 2025, are:

Active / Current Member.....	102
NSSAR Life.....	11
TXSSAR Perpetual.....	11
Active/New Member	3
Active/Reinstated (current yr)	11
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).....	13
Not Paid Dual State.....	1
Reinstated/Transferred In.....	0
Transferred In.....	2
Dual Members (other chapters).....	3

Our active membership currently is **125**.

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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.



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 pluri-bus unum” that was created from the people of many nations—one nation and one people.*

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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/>

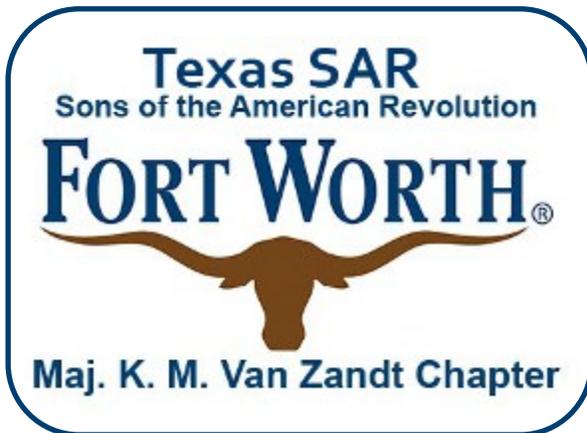
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Visit and Like/Follow the Texas Society Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/txssar>.

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

God Bless America

