



Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter

Texas

Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution

Chisholm Trail News

August 1, 2025

NEXT MEETING: August 16, 2025

TIME: 9:00 am

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

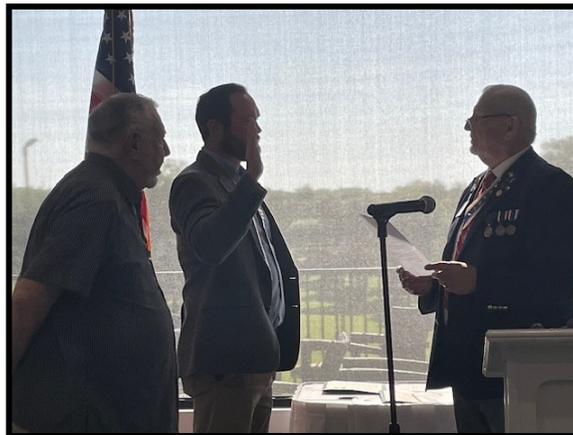
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Induction of Compatriot Clayton Smith

President Ron Turner, assisted by Past Registrar Gerry Gieger, inducted Clayton Smith into the SAR at the chapter meeting on Saturday, July 19, 2025. Clayton entered under Patriot John Hendrix/Hendricks, born in VA in 1756 and died in TN in 1845. Patriot Hendrix paid the supply tax in VA in 1783. Clayton’s application was registered on November 8, 2024.



PG Elston Appoints Aide-de-Camp

At a grave marking ceremony in Virginia on July 19, 2025, newly-elected President General Michael Elston appointed Compatriot Douglas L. Schwetke as his first Aide-de-Camp.

By definition, an aide-de-camp serves as a personal assistant to a high ranking official. The position can be seen as a prestigious appointment that includes a blend of administrative support and ceremonial duties.

Congratulations, Doug, on your appointment!



Veterans Honored at July Meeting

At the July 19th chapter meeting, all United States Military Veterans in attendance were honored for their service. From left to right: Art Munford (red shirt), Jamie Stanley, Scott Manning (seated), President Ron Turner, Zach Hughes (prospective member), Billy Thompson, Joe Wade, Mike Connelley, Kim Brimer, Scott Stoddard, Richard Vandever, and James Alderman (cut-off).

Veterans are holding the 14 resolutions the chapter received from area cities and from Tarrant County commemorating various events of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States.



Arlington DAR Chapter Recognizes Compatriots

Mrs. Meg Anderson, a Past Regent of the Lucretia Council Cochran Chapter DAR, attended the July 19th chapter meeting to recognize Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter Color Guardsmen who participated in the Arlington, Texas, July 4th Parade. She presented each with a Certificate of Appreciation. Pictured from left to right in the photo below are Color Guard Commander Vann Cunningham, Vice President Steve Hole, Mrs. Meg Anderson, Past President Bobby Gresham, and Historian John Anderson.

Mrs. Anderson also presented President Ron Turner with a donation to the chapter for the use of the chapter’s trailer in the Arlington July 4th Parade.

Arlington SAR Chapter Donation for Use of Trailer

Dual member with the Arlington SAR Chapter and Van Zandt Chapter Historian John Anderson also presented President Ron Turner with a donation to the chapter for the use of the chapter’s trailer in the Arlington July 4th Parade.



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.

NSSAR General Officers 2025-2026

At the 135th Annual Congress held recently in Uncasville, Connecticut, the Society elected the following compatriots as General Officers:

President General: Michael J. Elston, Esq. (Virginia SAR)

Secretary General: William A. Greenly (Georgia SAR)

Treasurer General: T. Brooks Lyles (North Carolina SAR)

Chancellor General: Peter M. Davenport (Virginia SAR)

Genealogist General: Gary O. Green (North Carolina SAR)

Registrar General: Keith A. Weissinger (Washington SAR)

Historian General: Jeffrey D. Thomas (Virginia SAR)

Librarian General: James Osbourn (Missouri SAR)

Surgeon General: Joe R. Hamill, MD (Oklahoma SAR)

Chaplain General: Christopher W. Grimes (North Carolina SAR)

South Central District Vice President General [Arkansa, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas]: Philip H. Hunt

You can find additional information, i.e. other DVPs, some biographical information, [here](#).

President General

Michael J. Elston, Esq. (Virginia SAR)

The President General is the chief executive officer of the SAR. He guides the policies, oversees SAR Headquarters' operations, and appoints the members of all the committees. He presides over meetings of the Executive Committee, the trustees, and the annual Congress. He (or his designated representative) represents the SAR at the meetings of or in negotiations with other organizations.

Compatriot Elston is a member of the George Washington Chapter of the Virginia SAR. Prior to his election as Secretary General, he served as Treasurer General from 2023 to 2024, Chancellor General from 2021 to 2023, Vice President General for the International District from 2015 to 2016, and as a director of the SAR Foundation from 2015 to 2021. He has also served as chairman of the 2021 Special Congress, Bylaws, King's College London Partnership, Knight Essay and Young Members Committees. He has served the Virginia Society as Chancellor, Vice President, President, Alternate Trustee, and Trustee.

Compatriot Elston's children have been active members of the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.). He has served as Virginia Senior State President and as Senior National Treasurer for the C.A.R.



2025 South Central District Annual Conference

The SCD Conference being hosted by the Oklahoma Society and held in Owasso, Ok, is scheduled for August 22nd & 23rd.

Registration forms, hotel information and save the date flyer are posted on the SCD website (<https://www.texassar.org/SCD/>). The cut-off date for reserving a room is August 4th. The cut-off date for registrations received is August 10th (we must have received your registration by that date).

I encourage you all to fill out the registration forms and send them to Hal Pennington before August 10th. We need an official count for the venue & caterer. We look forward to seeing you all in Owasso! Also, all Color Guard members from the District are encouraged to attend as well as participate in the Color Guard activities during the event.

Dress Code: Business Casual, colonial/color guard uniform. Business Meeting attire is business please.

Draft Agenda: (some things are still in the works)

Friday, August 22

- 3:00pm - 5:00pm Registration, District Social Time
- 5:00pm – 6:00 National Officer Q&A Forum
- 6:00pm – 8:00pm Dinner (Cash Bar) – CAVU Room

Saturday, August 23

- 8:00am – Breakfast, CAVU Room
- 9:00am – Raising of the Colors & Musket Salute
 - Flag Certificate Presentation
 - Liberty Tree & 250th Anniversary Bench Dedication
- 10:00am – Ladies Program – Innovation Studio, 2nd Floor
 - Speaker & Tour of Folds of Honor Facility – Dianne Campbell
 - C.A.R President Kristen Meilahn – State Project
- 10:00am – SCD Business Meeting
 - Presentation of Colors
 - Invocation – Chaplain Tom Rupert
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - SAR Pledge
 - SAR Mission Statement

Thanks and have a great weekend!

In Patriotism,

Phil Hunt

Vice President General, South Central District

Sons of the American Revolution

FYI: Five State Societies comprise the South Central District: Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, & Texas, affording the acronym "MOKAT". SCD meetings are hosted by sponsoring state societies in the following order: Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas.

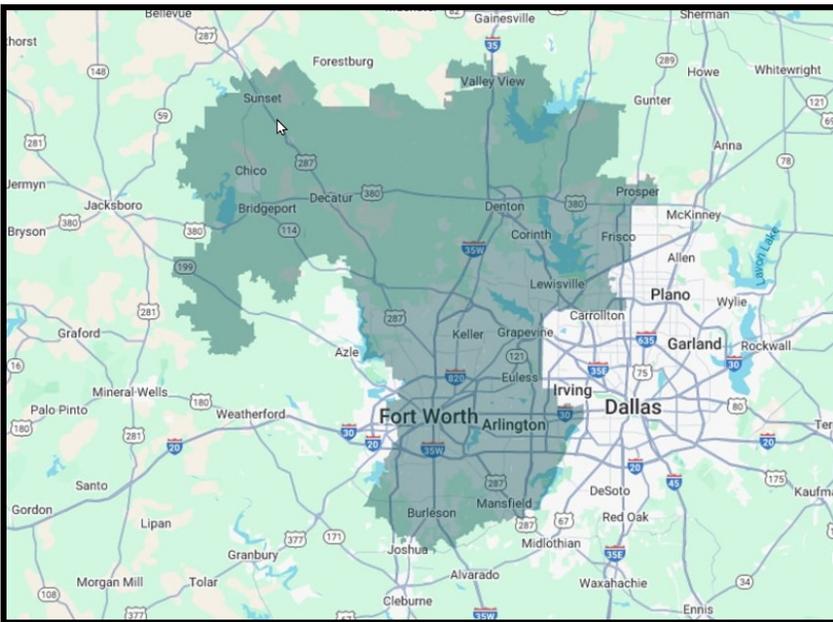


ameriCare Fort Worth Provides Veteran Care

Compatriot Clayton Smith, CPA, CDP, Chief Financial Officer of ameriCARE Fort Worth, presented a program at the July chapter meeting on how caregiver services can help veterans stay independent longer in their own home.

Their personalized in-home CARE in Fort Worth emphasizes helping clients stay independent and in the comfort of their own homes. Whether facing new challenges while aging, recovering from surgery, or managing chronic illness or pain, their CARE-givers and CARE plans help their clients maintain their dignity and self-respect while providing peace of mind, companionship, safety, and supervision as needed.

They are a family-owned and operated in-home CARE agency located in the heart of Fort Worth. With personal experience of their own, they have made it their goal to connect with the most skilled, dedicated CARE providers in the area to help better serve their clients in their time of need.



ameriCare Fort Worth serves a large portion of North Central Texas as shown in the map on the left.

Types of care available includes: Alzheimers, Lifestyle Assistance and Companion, Personal, Post-Operative, Respite, Dementia, Stroke Recovery, and Veteran Care.

Full details are available on [their website](#).



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

Change

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



RESULTS

2025 SO FAR

26 Wreaths Sponsored

17.3% to Goal

124 To Go!

REMEMBER the Fallen... HONOR those who Serve... TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

Welcome to the TX0790P - Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, Texas Society, NSSAR's Wreaths Across America Page.

On December 13, 2025 at 11:00 am, TX0790P - Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, Texas Society, NSSAR will be helping Oakwood Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

Please help us honor and remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring remembrance wreaths, volunteering on Wreaths Day, or inviting your family and friends to attend with you.

The deadline for sponsoring wreaths for 2024 is midnight on November 27th.

Thank you so much for supporting the TX0790P - Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, Texas Society, NSSAR and Wreaths Across America!



SPONSOR WREATHS

Click "Sponsor Wreaths" to sponsor a wreath and help us reach our goal of honoring every veteran at the cemetery.

SPONSOR WREATHS



VOLUNTEER

Click here if you would like to participate in the wreath laying ceremony on Wreaths Day at the cemetery.

VOLUNTEER



INVITE

Click here to spread the word encourage your friends to sponsor, volunteer or keep up with our news.

INVITE

Raid on Lighthouse Island Shifts Balance of Power in Boston Harbor

On the night of July 30, 1775, as the shadows deepened over Boston Harbor and the moon cast a silvery glow upon the water, American forces meticulously prepared for a bold operation to undermine British authority in the region.

At the forefront of their sights was the Boston Light, strategically positioned at the mouth of the harbor on Lighthouse Island—now known as Little Brewster Island. This lighthouse served as a vital navigational aid. It stood as an essential stronghold for the Royal Navy, which relied upon it to facilitate the supply lines and defend the beleaguered city of Boston against the increasingly audacious insurgents. Earlier that month, in a daring show of defiance, American patriots had successfully landed on the island and set fire to the structure, marking a significant act of rebellion. However, in swift response, the British had regrouped, reinforcing their military presence with a garrison tasked with securing the lighthouse and repairing the damage inflicted by the patriots' incendiary assault.

On that fateful night, Major Benjamin Tupper, a seasoned and resolute officer, commandeered a force of 300 motivated men. They employed whaleboats—sleek, swift vessels ideal for stealth—to execute their surprise attack. Under the cloak of darkness and guided by the waves lapping against the hulls, they rowed with silent determination across the undulating waters, their mission clear: to thwart the ongoing repairs and either capture or eliminate the British detachment stationed at the lighthouse.

Upon arriving at the island, Tupper's men disembarked with precision, executing a calculated surprise assault that caught the British defenders utterly unprepared. The confrontation was brief but intensely fierce; Major Tupper's forces overwhelmed the unsuspecting garrison, consisting of thirty-two Royal Marines, a subaltern officer, and ten carpenters engaged in repair work. The Americans' attack was characterized by their discipline and ferocity, resulting in the capture or death of the entire British contingent. Amidst the chaos of a rapidly evolving battle, Tupper exhibited exemplary leadership, organizing a disciplined retreat while ensuring that all wounded prisoners were evacuated and that his men suffered only two casualties during this audacious skirmish.



This second raid on Lighthouse Island proved to be more than merely a tactical victory; it emerged as a pivotal moment that resoundingly signaled to the British that even the vital sea lanes—once thought secure—were now contested territory. Furthermore, the successful operation significantly bolstered American morale, injecting much-needed vigor into the beleaguered patriots as the prolonged siege of Boston continued to test their resolve.

On that fateful night, the narrative of power in Boston Harbor shifted irrevocably in favor of the Americans, marking a turning point in their struggle for independence and resilience against British control.

~ Everything American Revolutionary War



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!

August 4	David C. Fleming
August 6	Andrew M. Cox
	Gary W. Munford
August 8	Charles L. Boyd
	M. Anthony Walker
August 13	Jerry D. Minton
August 15	Ronald J. Turner
August 17	William L. Bannister III
August 22	Wayne A. Heide



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2025

August 2	Summer Board of Managers Meeting, ZOOM (CG-S)
August 16	Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth Battle of Medina, Leming (CG-S)
August 22-23	2025 South Central District Annual Conference, Owasso, Ok (CG-N)
September 20	Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
September 26-27	Battle of Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge (CG-N)
October 2-4	Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY (CG-N)
October 18	Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
October 17-19	Fall Board of Managers Meeting, Sugarland (CG-S)
November 9	Massing of the Colors, 1:30 pm, Fort Worth (CG-N)
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)
December 13	Wreaths Across America, 11:00 am, Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth (CG-N)

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

CHAPTER REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Updated 17 Jul 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
Steven Hole	Thomas Bishop	Supp	Received	7/21/25

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Pending State Review

Kim Brimer	Benjamin Brimer	Supp		
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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>

As of 31 Jul 2025:

Date of oldest New Application awaiting approval:

21 Apr 2025 (14 weeks)

Date of oldest Supplemental awaiting approval:

06 Jun 2024 (60 weeks)



Status Totals

Received: 2382

Pended: 302

Approved: 2625

Withdrawn: 27



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>

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Our chapter membership levels as of July 31, 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**.

WANT ONE OF THESE?



Past 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!

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.*

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/>

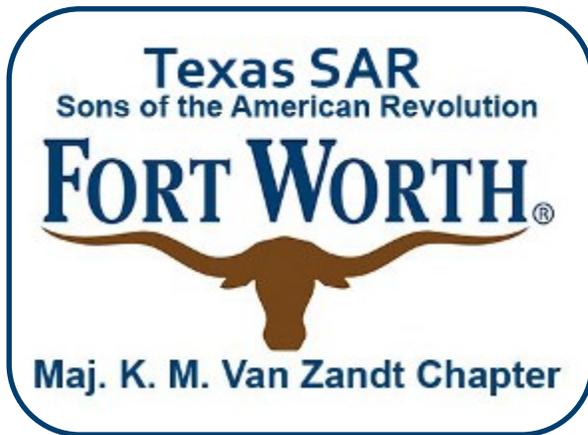
Visit and Like/Follow our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/vanzandtsar/>.

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>.

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.



CHAPTER OFFICERS

2024-2025

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COLOR GUARD COMMANDER

[J. Vann CUNNINGHAM](#)

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

God Bless America

