



Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter

Texas

Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution

Chisholm Trail News

September 1, 2025

NEXT MEETING: September 20, 2025

TIME: 9:00 am

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

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Two Minutemen of 1775 Two Sides of the Family

Compatriot Jeff Andre presented an interesting program at the August Chapter Meeting. Jeff discussed his and his Compatriot brother Greg’s, attendance at the April 2025 reenactment of the Battles of Lexington and Concord. Jeff reported that excessive crowds were at the celebration on April 19th and he and his brother went back the next day and there were hardly any crowds. It was a much more enjoyable day.

Jeff talked about two sides of his ancestral family that lived in the area and participated the establishment of the United States.

Captain Artemus Howe was from Bolton, Massachusetts. He participated in the French and Indian Wars prior to being called upon to fight during the Lexington Alarm. He lost his father at age 14 and was living with his uncle in Bilareca, Massachusetts. Artemus went with another uncle, Captain John Reed of Boston, to the Battle of Lake George. Artemus returned to Bolton and led a company as a captain with the John Whitcomb Regiment. He was at the Concord North Bridge and participated in the retreat. He lived out his life in Vermont.

Sergeant Joseph Griggs lived in Woodstock, Connecticut. He enlisted with Captain Roger Enos of the Roxbury, Massachusetts Regiment. Joseph took part in the siege of Boston, Battle of Bunker Hill, and Benedict Arnolds. Quebec Expedition. Joseph moved to Vermont and was made a Lt. Colonel in the Vermont Militia.





American Revolution Experience Traveling Exhibit

September 12-14, 2025

Friday 4-8, Saturday 10-6, Sunday 1-5

**Gordon House at the Langdon Center
308 East Pearl St, Granbury, Texas**

Experience the lives of the people of the 1770s and the choices they were forced to make. Loyalists and patriots, men and women, ordinary people who gave their fortune and their lives for our Liberty.

Meet the Patriots

Patriots Presenters, Games *More

George Washington, John & Abigail Adams, Ben Franklin. Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and more.

Spies like Anna Strong, Elizabeth Burgin, and Benjamin Tallmadge.

Revolutionary Women: Mercy Otis Warren, Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton, & more.

**1770s Toys & Games
Inspirational Speeches**



ELIZABETH CROCKETT
CHAPTER



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Award-Winning Vandervere Brothers String Band offers unquestionable fun and an unforgettable musical experience.



Morningside
Songs for the soul, stories for the road.. A band rooted in timeless hymns, front porch folk, and down-home country traditions. Sound steeped in harmony, faith, and the music that makes you feel at home.



Donna Petersen
presents an Inspiring reading of the Declarations of Independence.



The Judge and the Jury
The Harmony of Freedom, songs of America and pop tunes. Judge & the Jury are long time community favorites.



Joyful Sound
Singing gospel, seasonal favorites, patriotic songs or lighthearted melodies of yesteryears, they find joy in sharing harmony.



Judy Forshee (Bayless)
Sergeant First Class U.S. Army retired has performed around the world as a member of the USA Army Band.



The Acton Methodist Choir
A favorite choir Presenting selections from "Freedom Song!".

Texas SAR Fall 2025 BOM

Registration NOW OPEN

Dear Texas Compatriots,

On behalf of the Alexander Hodge and Paul Carrington Chapters of the Texas Sons of the American Revolution, we invite you all to the **Texas 2025 Fall Board of Managers Meeting** to be held in Sugar Land, Texas, on **October 17-19, 2025** at the **Hilton Garden Inn Houston/Sugar Land**.

Event registration is live on the texassar.org website. Go to Events > Fall BOM.

Make your room reservations **NOW !** at the **Hilton Garden Inn Houston/Sugar Land** by calling **1-866-577-1278** or call the hotel directly at **281-491-7777**. When calling, it is important that you identify yourself as a part of the **Texas SAR group** to receive the group rate and ensure that the group is credited for the room nights.

Or...you can [click here to book your room online](#).

Hotel Rate **\$119.00** USD/Night plus tax. Rates are offered 3 days pre/post event.

Cutoff date for booking the blocked rooms is **October 7, 2025** at 5pm CST.

Cancellation must be done 24 hours before date of arrival to avoid charges.

If you have any issues booking a room, contact *Dennis Brunson @ 979-324-8552* or e-mail dpbrunson@gmail.com.

We encourage you to arrive early Friday afternoon: check in at the **SAR** registration table to receive your attendee package and latest information.

If you need additional information or assistance, please feel free to contact the following:

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|-------------------------|-------------|--|
| Alexander Hodge Chapter | Carl Hill | e-mail: easygoal1@hotmail.com |
| Paul Carrington Chapter | David Peavy | e-mail: davidpv@comcast.net |
| | Kurt Brown | e-mail: kurt-brown@sbcglobal.net |

Dennis Brunson
Chairman, State Meetings Committee
dpbrunson@gmail.com



New Coastal Registrar for Texas SAR

Gary Neal, San Antonio #4, has agreed to take over this position. Gary has extensive experience as a Registrar, having been awarded the Gold Liberty Medal (over 200 applications). Gary has previously been State Registrar for the Maryland Society. Join me in welcoming Gary to this position, and also thanking Jerry Pinkerton for his tremendous help in keeping the Registrar position working after the loss of Bill Watts. Jerry will complete the review of those applications previously sent to him that are awaiting additional information in order to complete them.

Mel Oller
Texas SAR President

SAVE THE DATE

Texas SAR 2026 State Convention

Dear Texas Compatriots,

On behalf of the Patrick Henry Chapter of the Texas Sons of the American Revolution, we invite you all to the **Texas 2026 State Convention** to be held in Austin, Texas, on **April 15-19, 2026** at the **Austin Southpark Hotel**.

Event registration will soon be live on the texassar.org website. Go to Events>>.

Make your room reservations **NOW !** at the **Austin Southpark Hotel** by calling the hotel directly at **512-448-2222**. When calling, it is important that you identify yourself as a part of the **Texas SAR group**, to receive the group rate and ensure that the group is credited for the room nights.

Or CTRL + CLICK the following booking link: <https://group.hilton.com/3u6rt1>

NOTE: The default date range on the booking link is April 12th – 21st. You must change the dates to your desired booking dates and CLICK "UPDATE" for the system to accept your desired date!!

Hotel Rate \$ **149.00** USD/Night plus tax. Rates are offered 3 days pre/post event.

Cutoff date for booking the blocked rooms is **Wednesday, April 1, 2026**.

Cancellation must be done 24 hours before date of arrival to avoid charges.

If you have any issues booking a room, contact Dennis Brunson @ 979-324-8552 or e-mail dpbrunson@gmail.com

If you need additional information or assistance, please feel free to contact the following:

- [Mark Ellison](#)
- [Shiidon Hawley](#)
- [Joseph Burton](#)

Austin SouthPark Hotel
[4140 Governors Row, Austin Texas 78744](#)
P: 512-448-2222



Replay the

Texas SAR August 2025 Zoom Meeting

[Watch the August 2, 2025, Texas SAR Summer Zoom Meeting.](#)



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!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2025

- 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)**

2026

- January 17 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
INSTALLATION OF 2026-2027 OFFICERS

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



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](#)

SAR Youth Video Contest

Chapter Historian John Anderson made a presentation on the new SAR Joseph Plumb Martin Video Contest. He showed the 1st and 2nd place videos from this year’s contest. Both were unique in their own special way and it was interesting how youths approached the contest differently.

You can watch them at:

1st Place: [Threads of Freedom](#) by Maddox Lewis

2nd Place: [News in the Colonies](#)

Honorable Mention: [Sybil Ludington](#)

John also discussed the contest rules, which are found at [NSSAR](#) and [Texas SAR](#).

He emphasized that this is a new contest and needs to be promoted to youth in public and private schools.



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 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

CHAPTER REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Updated 29 Aug 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 |
| Anthony James Eldridge | Stephen Caudill | New | Approved | 8/22/25 |
| James Stanley Reid | Edward Carter | New | Approved | 8/22/25 |
| John Clay Reid | Edward Carter | New | Approved | 8/22/25 |
| Kim Brimer | Robert Coleman | Supp | Approved | 8/29/25 |
| Kim Brimer | Also Collier | Supp | Approved | 8/29/25 |
| Kim Brimer | Thomas Hill | Supp | Approved | 8/29/25 |
| Ronald J. Turner | Rowland Cornelius | Supp | Received | 8/29/25 |

Current National Review

| <i>Compatriot</i> | <i>Patriot</i> | <i>Type</i> | <i>Status</i> | <i>As Of</i> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| 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 |
| 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

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|------------|-----------------|------|----------|---------|
| Kim Brimer | Benjamin Brimer | Supp | Received | 8/28/25 |
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Pended Applications by National Genealogist

| Compatriot | Patriot | Type | Status | As Of |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------|---------------|----------------|
| Joseph DeWoody | James Alexander | Supp | Pended | 2/9/23 |
| Ron Turner | Miles Abernathy | Supp | Pended | 3/23/23 |
| Ron Turner | John Calvin McElwee | Supp | Pended | 3/23/23 |
| Kim Brimer | Joseph Benton | Supp | Pended | 7/17/23 |
| Tanner Smith | Wilkins C. Smith | Supp | Pended | 8/3/23 |
| Tom Bransford | William Bransford | New | Pended | 1/22/24 |
| Kim Brimer | John King | Supp | Pended | 5/06/24 |
| Kim Brimer | Thomas Connelley | Supp | Pended | 5/16/24 |
| Kim Brimer | James Wooten | Supp | Pended | 11/12/24 |
| Kim Brimer | John Childress | Supp | Pended | 11/12/24 |

As of 29 Aug 2025:

Date of oldest New Application awaiting approval:

28 Apr 2025 (17 weeks)

Date of oldest Supplemental awaiting approval:

23 Aug 2024 (53 weeks)



Status Totals

Received: 1932

Pended: 283

Approved: 3162

Withdrawn: 31



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 August 31, 2025, are:

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|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Active / Current Member | 102 |
| NSSAR Life | 11 |
| TXSSAR Perpetual | 11 |
| Active/New Member..... | 6 |
| 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 **128**.

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!



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| September 2 | Charles L. Fogerson |
| September 11 | C. Brent Cheatham |
| September 12 | Matthew L. Achorn |
| September 13 | Scott A. Davis Mark D. Parkison |
| September 15 | Scott G. Stoddard Warren C. Russell |
| September 20 | Warren C. Manning III |
| September 21 | L. Michael Connelley James L. Stanley |
| September 23 | Anthony J. Eldridge |
| September 25 | Charles K. Webster Steven J. Hole |
| September 27 | L. Vaughn Oliver |
| September 28 | Jonathan G. Gift William A. Ulrich Allen R. Reich |
| September 29 | Arthur M. Thomas III |
| September 30 | Gerry A. Gieger |

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/>

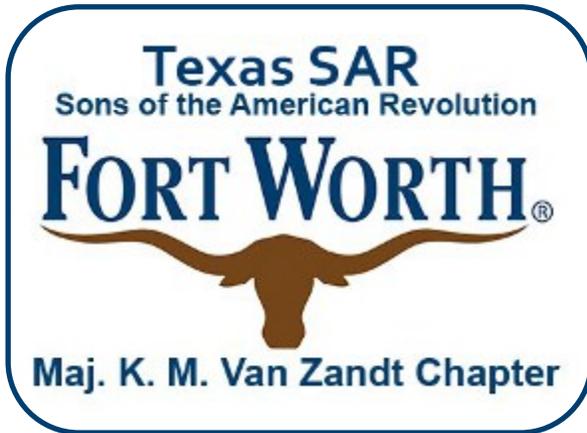
Visit and Like/Follow our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/vanzandtsar/>.

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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[J. Vann CUNNINGHAM](#)

COLOR GUARD COMMANDER

[J. Vann CUNNINGHAM](#)

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

God Bless America

