

# The Chisholm Trail News

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

MEETINGS, 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY, JANUARY – NOVEMBER, 9:00 A.M.

DIAMOND OAKS COUNTRY CLUB  
5821 DIAMOND OAKS LANE NORTH  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76117



## Upcoming Meetings You Do Not Want to Miss!

At our February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, **Texas SAR President Mel Oller** will be our special guest. It would be great to have an overflow crowd at the meeting. Fort Worth area DAR Regents are also being invited to attend.

**All Color Guardsmen should wear their colonial attire (Militia/Regimental) to the meeting.**

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

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## The Battle of the Rice Boats

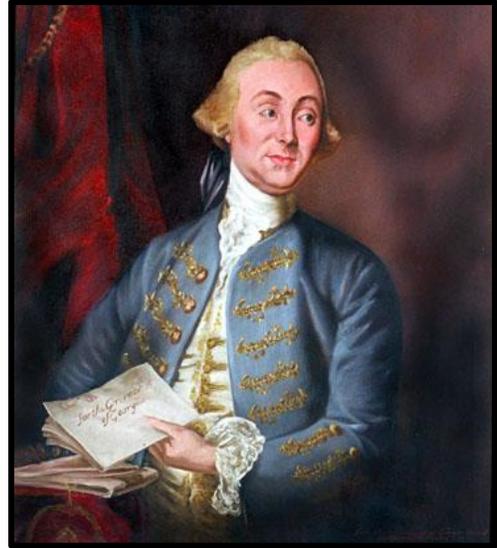
The **Battle of the Rice Boats**, also called the **Battle of Yamacraw Bluff**, was a land and naval battle of the American Revolutionary War that took place in and around the Savannah River on the border between the Province of Georgia and the Province of South Carolina on March 2 and 3, 1776. The battle pitted the Patriot militia from Georgia and South Carolina against a small fleet of the Royal Navy.

In December 1775, the British Army was besieged in Boston. In need of provisions, a Royal Navy fleet was sent to Georgia to purchase rice and other supplies. The arrival of this fleet prompted the colonial rebels who controlled the Georgia government to arrest the British Royal Governor, James Wright, and to resist the British seizure and removal of supply ships anchored at Savannah. Some of the supply ships were burned to prevent their seizure, some were recaptured, but most were successfully taken by the British.

Governor Wright escaped from his confinement and safely reached one of the fleet's ships. His departure marked the end of British control over Georgia, although it was briefly restored when Savannah was retaken by the British in 1778. Wright again ruled from 1779 to 1782, when British troops were finally withdrawn during the closing days of the war.

## Background

In April 1775, tensions over British colonial policies in the Thirteen Colonies boiled over into war with the Battles of Lexington and Concord. Following those events, Patriot colonists surrounded the city of Boston, placing it under siege, although the encirclement was incomplete: the city could be resupplied by sea. News of this action and the June Battle of Bunker Hill fanned the flames of independence throughout the colonies. Although the Province of Georgia had managed to remain relatively neutral before these events, radicals in the Georgia provincial congress came into power during the summer of 1775 and progressively stripped Georgia's Royal Governor, James Wright, of his powers. While Wright had requested a naval presence near Savannah, the colony's capital, Patriots in Charleston, South Carolina, had intercepted his request and substituted for it a dispatch indicating he did not need such support.



*Georgia's last Royal Governor, James Wright*

The dispute in Georgia reached a crisis point when British men-of-war began arriving at Tybee Island in January 1776. On January 12, three ships were seen at anchor off Tybee Island; by January 18 the fleet consisted of HMS *Cherokee*, HMS *Siren*, HMS *Raven*, HMS *Tamar*, and a number of smaller vessels. Wright's opinion, expressed to Joseph Clay and others, was that the fleet had been sent to punish the local rebels. In fact, these ships were the beginnings of a fleet assembled to acquire provisions in Savannah for the beleaguered British troops in Boston. In December 1775 General William Howe had ordered an expedition to purchase rice and other provisions in Georgia. By early February the entire fleet had assembled off Tybee Island. It was under the overall command of Captain Andrew Barclay (or *Barkley*) on HMS *Scarborough*, and included HMS *Hinchinbrook* and two transports, *Whitby* and *Symmetry*, carrying about 200 British army regulars from the 40th Foot under the command of Major James Grant.

The arrival of the first ships in January prompted the Georgia Committee of Safety to order the arrest of Wright and other provincial representatives of the Crown on January 18. Joseph Habersham, a major in the Georgia militia, placed Governor Wright under house arrest, and extracted a promise from the governor that he would not attempt to communicate with the British ships. Wright, who continued to be harassed in spite of his confinement, feared for his life, and escaped the mansion on the night of February 11. He made his way to the plantation of a Loyalist supporter and was taken from there to *Scarborough*. In the meantime, Georgia's provincial assembly had met, elected representatives to the Second Continental Congress, and begun the process of raising regiments for the Continental Army.

After Governor Wright arrived aboard *Scarborough* he wrote a letter to the remaining members of his council, in which he expressed frustration over getting assurances of safety and access to the desired supplies from the Patriot authorities. Georgia had, along with the other twelve colonies, in 1774 adopted the terms of the Continental Association created by the First Continental Congress banning trade with Great Britain. With negotiations effectively failed, Barclay ordered his fleet into action on February 29. His objective was a number of merchant vessels docked at Savannah,

whose owners were desirous of moving their goods, something that became possible on March 1 when the previous constraints expired.

## Battle

On March 1, *Scarborough*, *Tamar*, *Cherokee*, and *Hinchinbrook* sailed up the Savannah River to Five-Fathom Hole, accompanying transports carrying two to three hundred men under Grant's command. *Hinchinbrook* and one of the transports then sailed up the Back River. The transport anchored opposite the port area, while *Hinchinbrook*, in an attempt to take a position above the town, grounded on a sandbank in the river. Gunfire from Joseph Habersham's militia cleared *Hinchinbrook's* decks, but without suitable boats, Habersham was unable to attempt the taking of the vessel, which floated free on the next high tide. Late on the evening of March 2, Grant's men were landed on Hutchinson Island. They made their way across the island, and, at 4:00 am on March 3, took over a number of the rice boats anchored near the island. Due to their success at remaining quiet, and possibly with the collusion of the ship captains, the alarm was not raised in Savannah until 9:00 am. The arrival of the ships on March 1 prompted the Committee of Safety to issue calls for the defense of the town and the ships, which were forwarded along with a request for assistance to South Carolina's Committee of Safety the next day.



Colonel Lachlan McIntosh

When the alarm was raised, Colonel McIntosh took 300 militiamen and set up three 4-pound cannons on Yamacraw Bluff. He then sent Lieutenant Daniel Roberts and Major Raymond Demeré II under a parley flag to one of the occupied ships; they were promptly arrested. When a second, larger, parley arrived to discuss the release of the two captives and the ships, the situation turned nasty when Captain Rogers, leader of the party, was insulted. After he fired at someone on the occupied ship, the British responded in kind, wounding one and very nearly sinking the parley group's boat. Following that boat's retreat, McIntosh opened fire with the cannons on the bluff, beginning a gunbattle that lasted for four hours.

The Committee of Safety, when it met to discuss the situation, decided that the supply ships should be burned, and a company of militia was assembled to accomplish this task. One supply ship, *Inverness*, was torched and set adrift toward the occupied vessels, causing a scramble as the British hurried to abandon them in the face of the arriving fire ship. During the confusion, the American militia and battery were active, raking the British with musket fire and grape shot. Two of the occupied vessels managed to get away downstream, and two more escaped the flames by going upstream, but were forced to dock, and their crews were taken prisoner. Three ships succumbed to the flames, which burned well into the night. The action was assisted by the timely arrival of 500 South Carolina militia sent in response to the earlier appeal.

## Aftermath

Colonel McIntosh sent a parley to Captain Barclay the next day, offering a prisoner exchange. When Barclay refused the exchange, the Committee of Safety ordered the arrest of the remaining members of Wright's council. This move proved successful; the British-held prisoners were released in exchange for promises of protection of those councilors.

In spite of the action, the British successfully sailed most of the merchant ships down the Back River, although some of the ships needed to dump a portion of their cargo in order to make it down the shallow channel. Once they reached Tybee Island, the desired provisions, amounting to 1,600 barrels of rice, were loaded onto the two British transport ships.

The fleet remained anchored off Tybee Island while negotiations went on over the exchange of prisoners. During this time the fleet detained several arriving vessels, which were later disposed of as prizes. On March 25, a band of militia from Savannah burned all the houses on the island to deny their use to Wright and the ships' officers. Barclay weighed anchor on March 30 and sailed north, leading the convoy of merchant ships and transports. As the British had abandoned Boston earlier in March, he first put into Newport, Rhode Island, where the local Patriots denied him any assistance and fired at his ships using field artillery. He eventually rejoined the British forces at Halifax, Nova Scotia, in May.

The battle and Wright's departure marked the end of British control over Georgia until Savannah was recaptured by British forces in December 1778. Governor Wright returned, and Savannah then remained in British hands until 1782.

~ [Wikipedia](#)

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## Chaplain Smith Available for Pastoral Care

Chapter Chaplain Ralph Smith wants to encourage compatriots to contact him with any concerns for which they would like prayer.

Chaplain Smith writes, "Doesn't matter if the issue is personal or for any family member. I'm available by text or call, 817-808-1420. Texts are better when [you] are not in my contacts. Or by email at [rsmithj74@gmail.com](mailto:rsmithj74@gmail.com).

I'll be happy to pray for and/or with [you]. If [you] would like a personal visit, I will do my best to comply. I want to be more connected and available to serve [you] personally and confidentially."

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## 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 and to the National Office in Louisville.

# Chapter Registrar's Report

Updated 30 Jan 2026

<b>Compatriot</b>	<b>Patriot</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>2026 Approvals</b>			
<b>Current National Review</b>			
Steven J. Hole	Thomas Bishop	Supp	Received 21 Jul 2025
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	Benjamin Brimer	Supp	Received 20 Oct 2025
<b>Pending State Review</b>			
Clarence B. Kloppe III	Robert Lemon		NEW Regular
Kyle T. Kloppe	Robert Lemon		NEW Regular
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	Robert R. Coleman, Sr.		Supplemental
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	John Roe		Supplemental
Ian R. Billington	John Bradley		NEW Regular
Robert S. Morris	William Morris		NEW Regular
<b>Ready for Signature</b>			
Daniel D. Mesch	Samuel Dean		NEW Junior
Andrew F. Mesch	Samuel Dean		NEW Junior
Ted W. Merritt	John Hoggatt		NEW Regular
<b>In Active Development</b>			
Elijah Varela	William Edgemon		NEW Junior
C. Brent Cheatham	John Slaughter		Supplemental
Allen R. Reich	Solomon Stotts		Supplemental
<b>Pended Application by National Genealogist</b>			
Joseph P. DeWoody	James Alexander	Supp	Pended 09 Sep 2023
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	Joseph Benton	Supp	Pended 17 Jul 2023
G. Thomas Bransford	William Bransford	NEW	Pended 22 Jan 2024
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	John King	Supp	Pended 06 May 2024
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	Thomas Connelley	Supp	Pended 16 May 2024
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	James Wooten	Supp	Pended 12 Nov 2024
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	John Childress	Supp	Pended 12 Nov 2024
Steven J. Hole	Winifred Wiggins	Supp	Pended 03 Sep 2025

# January Chapter Meeting

The January Chapter Meeting was well attended with 22 members and 1 prospective member in attendance. The meeting began with President Ron Turner



*President Ron Turner presented Color Guard Commander Vann Cunningham (l) and Treasurer Anthony Walker (r) with a Certificate of Commendation for their service to the chapter during 2024 & 2025.*

*President Ron Turner presented Past President Mike Connelley with the Chapter Service Medal for his work last year on the Nominating Committee.*



*President Ron Turner presented Jeff Andre with his Bronze 250th Anniversary Medal and Certificate.*

*President Ron Turner presented James Alderman with his Gold 250th Anniversary Medal and Certificate.*





*District 5 Vice President Art Munford installed Chapter officers for 2026 & 2027. From left to right: President Steve Hole, Vice President Jeff Sparks, Secretary Bruce Morgan, DVP5 Art Munford, Treasurer Greg Riffel, Chaplain Ralph Smith, Registrar Ron Truner and Color Guard Commander Vann Cunningham.*



*Immediate Past President Ron Turner presented President Steve Hole with his badge of office - the President's Neck Ribbon with Insignia.*

*President Steve Hole presented a program on Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Paine, author of "Common Sense."*





*The membership toasted Benjamin Franklin on the anniversary of his 70th birthday. Pictured (l) to (r): Scott Stoddard, Gerry Gieger, Kevin Shellman, Art Munford, Ralph Smith, Greg Riffel, Steve Hole, Jeff Sparks, Bob Jacobs, Bruce Morgan, Bobby Gresham, Anthony Walker, Vann Cunningham, Billy Thompson, Mike Connelley, Jeff Andre, Wayne Heide, John Anderson, David Fleming, Joe Wade, and prospective member Robert Morris. Not pictured are James Alderman and Ron Turner (photographer).*



*President Steve Hole presented Immediate Past President Ron Turner with his second Past President's Pin and Certificate.*



*Figure 1 President Steve Hole presented Immediate Past President Ron Turner with the Chapter Bonze Meritorious Service Medal and Certificate.*

## NSSAR Medals Collection

The entire [Sons of the American Revolution Medal Archives Collection](#) is now available online! Members, researchers, and history enthusiasts can explore the collection and conduct their own research anytime, anywhere.



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## SAR/DAR Social

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!**

The Arlington Chapter is planning a Social Gathering/Banquet for area SAR and DAR chapters for June 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet other SAR/DAR members and enjoy a time of fellowship, good food, and a speaker yet to be determined. Bring your spouse! Full details (location and cost information) will be forthcoming.

**Larry Vaughn Mick, Sr.**  
**December 23, 1935 – March 8, 2024**  
**213361 / 14200**

Larry Vaughn Mick, Sr passed away peacefully on March 8, 2024. Larry was born on December 23, 1935, in Mt. Vernon, IL. Larry lived 88 years and enjoyed a very wonderful life filled with a lot of loving family and friends. After graduation from Arlington Heights High School in Fort Worth, TX, Larry joined the US Air Force and served for 4 years. Following his service in the Air Force, Larry enjoyed a 25-year career as an Air Traffic Controller and retired from DFW Airport Tower. After retiring from DFW Airport as an Air Traffic Controller, Larry was employed by the City of North Richland Hills. He used his amazing organizational skills to help in the Records Dept. Larry retired for good after 10 years of service with the city.



Larry also volunteered in a lot of organizations including his church, coaching softball when his girls were younger and the Boy Scouts with many of his grandsons and nephews. Larry met Margaret Jane Vastine during his time at TCU. Larry and "Peggy" eventually married and had 4 children. As newlyweds, Larry and Peggy served as youth leaders at a local church. Larry and Peggy were charter members of William C. Martin United Methodist Church in Bedford, TX. Larry and Peggy enjoyed 42 years together raising their 3 children, seeing them all marry and have their own children. Peggy passed away in 2002. Larry met Joyce Jackson in 2003 and they married the following year. Larry and Joyce enjoyed travelling together and spending time with their family. They were married for 12 years until Joyce's death in 2017.

Larry was a wonderful son, loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend to so many. Known as the "King of Com", Larry enjoyed intentionally mispronouncing names, flirting with waitresses and nurses and encouraging others to expand their vocabulary with the "look it up in the dictionary" phrase.

Larry is preceded in death by his mother, Olive Florence Henley, Baby Boy Mick, Father, William Lawrence Mick, Step-Mother, Marguerite Mick, wife, Peggy Vastine Mick and wife Joyce Jackson Mick.

Larry is survived by his children: Sheryl Mick Sills and husband Steve, Larry Vaughn Mick, Jr and wife Teressa Walters Mick, Cyndi Mick Worsham and husband Billy. Randy Cotten and wife Marianne Cotten, Roxane Dougherty and husband Tim, and Rhonda Rountree. Also, 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

**Ronald M. Vandiver**  
**April 8, 1942 – October 10, 2025**  
**167901 / 9866**

Ronnie Vandiver, age 83, of Matador, passed away, October 10, 2025. Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, October 18, 2025, at the First Baptist Church in Matador. Interment will follow at Eastmound Cemetery in Matador. Family visitation will be 5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m., Friday, October 17, 2025, at the First Baptist Church in Matador. Arrangements are under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home of Floydada.



Ronald M. (Ronnie) Vandiver started his journey in Amarillo, Texas on April 8, 1942, born to John M. Vandiver and Bonnie Marie (Salmon) Vandiver. He was raised in Masterson, Texas until the age of 14 when the family moved to Shiprock, New Mexico. At the age of 16, the family moved back to Masterson, Texas where Ronnie attended Dumas High School until he was 17, when the family moved to Amarillo where Ronnie graduated from Palo Duro High School. Ronnie originally aspired to be a professional baseball player and played two seasons at Amarillo Jr. College, after which he worked as a brakeman for Rock Island Railroad. In 1966, Ronnie followed his true passion and attended Game Warden school. After graduating, and two weeks after his son, Wade Vandiver, was born, Ronnie and his family moved to Matador, Texas to begin his Game Warden career.

Ronnie retired as a Game Warden in the same place he started, Matador, Texas, on August 31, 1995. And because he could, he went back to work for 6 more months. After his retirement, Ronnie followed his other passion of being in the mountains to enjoy cooler temperatures and worked as Security at Philmont High Adventure Base in Cimarron, New Mexico. And even though he would not eat fish, he could be found most days fly fishing. Ronnie also taught fly fishing and was a hunting guide and chief cook for numerous elk hunts. Ronnie also started the first hunting lease program for the Matador Land and Cattle Company.

Ronnie also believed it was important to serve his local community, and as a former Eagle Scout himself, Ronnie became the Scoutmaster for Troop 360 in Matador, Texas for many years. He also was the Head Scoutmaster for the South Plains Council National Jamboree Troop in 1991, taking 80 Scouts from the South Plains to Fort A.P. Hill Virginia. Ronnie was awarded the Silver Beaver Award by the Boy Scouts of America for his many contributions to Scouting.

Locally, Ronnie was Lions Club President, served on the Hospital District Board, Motley County Tax Appraisal Board, Market Matador Board, was President of the Senior Center, President of the Friend's of the Library, was a Red Cross Lifesaving Instructor, and often worked the Chain Crew For Motley County football games. Additionally, Ronnie assisted with numerous disasters, including the 1984 Matador tornado, and the 1979 Wichita Falls tornado. Ronnie also cooked for various organizations and fundraisers, including the Sr. Center. As a man of deep faith, Ronnie also served as a Deacon for the Matador First Baptist Church. As long as he was able, he served others.

Ronnie continued his service to the State of Texas until his passing by serving as Texas Peace Officer for 60 years, including serving as Vice President of the Caprock Peace Officers' Association for 20 years and on the Board of Directors.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his father and mother, John and Bonnie Vandiver, and his brother, Mickey Vandiver.

Ronnie is survived by his son, Wade Vandiver, and Wade's wife, Lorye Brown Vandiver; and Ronnie's daughter, April Perkins, her husband, Ralph Perkins, and his grandson, Kellan Perkins.

If you knew him, you knew that Ronnie disliked several things: the Texas heat, wind turbines, and the taste of seafood, but he really could not stand to be a passenger in a vehicle. But you also knew that he deeply loved his family, his friends, his community, iced tea, and green chiles. Ronnie asks that his friends and family use this time to celebrate the life that he was fortunate to have and the lifting of his soul to his final home in Heaven.

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## **Texas SAR Call for Support: Medal of Honor Parade – April 18, 2026**

Compatriots and Friends,

The Medal of Honor Parade, a National Color Guard event, will take place in Gainesville on April 18, 2026. This event coincides with our Annual Convention weekend and occurs on the same day as the dedication of our new monument in Austin.

We have been supporting the Medal of Honor Parade for many years and worked diligently to have it recognized as a National Event. While the Texas Color Guard will be focusing its efforts on the monument dedication, it remains essential that we maintain a strong and visible presence at the parade in Gainesville.

If you are not attending the Annual Convention in Austin, your participation in the Medal of Honor Parade is needed. Dust off your continental attire or gear up and participate in this salute to America's finest. One time participation in this parade qualifies all for the Texas SAR Bronze Bernardo de Gálvez Medal.

The City of Gainesville has planned a multi-day celebration surrounding the event. Additional details can be found at: <https://medalofhonorhostcity.com/>

If you are able to walk in the parade, please contact me at: [firstsgtusmcret@yahoo.com](mailto:firstsgtusmcret@yahoo.com).

In Patriotism,

Bill Sekel  
Northern Color Guard Commander  
[firstsgtusmcret@yahoo.com](mailto:firstsgtusmcret@yahoo.com)



Shop now: <https://store.sar.org/storefront.aspx>

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## Texas SAR 250 Monument Dedication Ceremony

The Texas SAR 250 Monument Dedication Ceremony is to take place at **10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** at the Texas State Cemetery in conjunction with the Texas SAR Annual State Convention to be held in Austin.

Transportation to and from the convention hotel and the LBJ Library (parking is limited around the Texas State Cemetery) will be available.

The ceremony is estimated to take less than an hour. Many more details will be forthcoming.

# Veterans Survey

## Veterans Subcommittee Survey for Texas America 250 Texas Legislative Commission Task Group

### Introduction

The Veterans Subcommittee for the America 250 Texas Legislative Commission has created an important survey. This survey is intended to be completed by as many veterans as possible. The responses will be included in a traveling exhibit that commemorates America's Semiquincentennial, a celebration of 250 years since the founding of our nation.

### Purpose of the Survey

The main objective of this survey is to inspire America's veterans to reflect on their lasting legacy of freedom. Participants are encouraged to share not only their personal journeys but also to recognize the sacrifices and patriotism of their ancestors who defended American liberty throughout history.

### Reflecting on Family Contributions

While completing the survey, veterans are asked to consider the service and influence of their fathers, grandfathers, and other family members. These reflections help illustrate the ongoing journey of our nation from its beginnings in 1776 to the present, highlighting the vital role of military service in shaping America's story.

### Additional Survey Information (also available on the next page)

For those unable to utilize the QR Code, or are having difficulty reaching the link, please click on the link below. For additional questions, please contact Texas SAR State Secretary Kevin Kanter at [KevinKanter@icloud.com](mailto:KevinKanter@icloud.com).

## Veterans Survey – Celebrating America 250



## Wreaths Across America (Grapevine)

Steve Hole (l) and Vann Cunningham (r) provided Color Guard duties for the Capt. Molly Corbin Chapter DAR Wreaths Across America ceremony on December 13, 2025, at Grapevine Cemetery. Chapter Regent Georgianna Braden joined them for a photo.



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## Political Cartoons of the American Revolution

SAR Revolutionary War Rarities Podcast has released an episode hosted by Benjamin Franklin. This episode focuses on the political cartoons of the American Revolution.

[Watch the episode here.](#)



## Connelley Speaks at NSSDP Luncheon

Compatriot Mike Connelley was the guest speaker at the quarterly luncheon and business meeting of the National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims (NSSDP), Texas Branch, on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, at Lakewood Country Club in Dallas. Mike presented an excellent program on “The FBI: Then and Now”.



(left) James Alderman, Governor of the Texas Branch, presented Mike Connelley with a Certificate of Appreciation.



(Above) Compatriot Ron Turner chats with Mike Connelley, Sarah Connelley, and Ja Ann Alderman.



(left) Mike Connelley tells the audience that this picture of a young Herbert Hoover hangs in the office of Ebby Halliday, well-known Dallas realtor who was married to an FBI agent.



Feb 7	Joshua C. Goulet
Feb 12	Douglas L. Schwetke
Feb 14	Arthur G. Munford
Feb 17	Gregory Andre
Feb 18	Harold V. Johnson III
Feb 19	Jason S. Munford
Feb 23	Robert A. Jacobs
Feb 24	Nicolas S. Andre
Feb 27	Rodney E. Buttermore, Jr.

## 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.

## 2026 Calendar of Events

February 21	Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth <b>Texas SAR President Mel Oller special guest (CG-S)</b>
March 5-7	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting, Galt House Hotel, Louisville, KY
March 10	DAR U.S. Naturalization Ceremony, 10:00 am, DFW Hyatt, <b>(CG-C)</b>
March 11-14	Texas DAR State Convention, Dallas
March 21	Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
April 16-19	Texas SAR State Convention, Austin <b>(CG-S)</b>
April 18	Medal of Honor Parade, Gainesville <b>(CG-S)</b>
April 18	Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
May 16	Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
May 25	Memorial Day <b>(CG-N)</b>
June 7	SAR/DAR Social, 1:30 pm, (Location TBD)
June 20	Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
July 10-16	136 <sup>th</sup> SAR Annual Congress, Greensboro, NC <b>(CG-N)</b>
July 18	Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
August 15	Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
August 21-22	Southeast Central District Conference, Dallas <b>(CG-N)</b>
September 19	Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
October 1-3	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Galt House Hotel, Louisville, KY
October 17	Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
November 21	Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth

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

# Compatriot Society Anniversaries in January

Thank you for your continued service to our Society and your dedication to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and promoting education to future generations

Feb 19	22 yrs	Dr. John W. Via III
Feb 23	19 yrs	Scott A. Davis
Feb 5	18 yrs	Jeremy M. Petosa
Feb 2	16 yrs	William A. Knight
Feb 26	13 yrs	Billy J. Harger II
Feb 17	9 yrs	Brian K. Faherty
Feb 2	8 yrs	David A. Rankin
Feb 15	7 yrs	T. Jeffrey Kennedy
Feb 15	7 yrs	William L. Meaders
Feb 25	4 yrs	Charles L. Vanover



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## 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.

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## The American’s Creed

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States, a perfect union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

*William Tyler Page, 1917, accepted by the U.S. House of Representatives on April 3, 1918.*




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## Membership Status

Our chapter membership levels as of January 19, 2026, are:

Active / Current Member.....	110
<b>NSSAR Life.....</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>TXSSAR Perpetual.....</b>	<b>11</b>
Active/New Member .....	10
Active/Reinstated (current yr) .....	2
Active/Reinstated (Over 1 yr) .....	0
<b>Deceased (current yr) .....</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Deceased Perpetual (current yr) .....</b>	<b>0</b>
Dual w/Other Primary State .....	2
Emeritus (50+ years) .....	0
Junior Member/Reinstated.....	0
Junior SAR Member.....	2
<b>Non-Paid Junior Member .....</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Not Paid (Current Year).....</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Not Paid Dual State .....</b>	<b>1</b>
Reinstated/Transferred In .....	0
Transferred In .....	3
<b>Dual Members (other chapters).....</b>	<b>2</b>

**Our active membership currently is 129.**

## 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>.

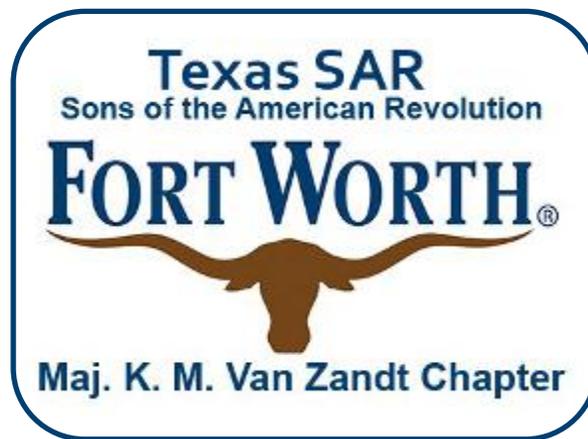
Visit and Like/Follow the Texas Society Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/txssar>.

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## Chapter Officers

### 2026 & 2027

President	Steven J. HOLE
Vice-President	Jeffrey W. SPARKS
Secretary	E. Bruce MORGAN
Treasurer	Gregory A. RIFFEL
Acting Registrar	Ronald J. TURNER
Assistant Registrars	Arthur G. MUNFORD
Chaplain	Ralph E. SMITH
Sergeant-at-Arms	J. Vann CUNNINGHAM
Color Guard Commander	J. Vann CUNNINGHAM



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