

The Chisholm Trail News

JUNE 1, 2026

MEETINGS, 3RD SATURDAY, JANUARY – NOVEMBER, 9:00 A.M.

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



Compatriot Jacobs Donates Coins to SAR Museum

Compatriot Bob Jacobs has received an acknowledgement letter from the Chairman of the SAR Museum board acknowledging and thanking him for his generous donation of colonial coins.



The lower half of the photo shows the coins that Bob donated; the upper half includes coins from later, post-American production years.

The full photo represents Bob's collection of Jacobs men birth-year coins, spanning from his birth year in 1961 back to his earliest Jacobs ancestor, John Jacob, who came to America in 1660 and was born in 1628

Jacobs Colonial Coin Donation to the NSSAR Museum Collection

1783 Spanish 8 Reales	Minted in colonial Mexico, Charles III of Spain AKA "Pieces of Eight" Official \$ of Continental Congress 1776-1794 Legal US Currency through 1857 Value: 4 Shillings 9 Pence Currency: Pound sterling (1158-1970) Composition: Silver (.903) Weight: 27.1 g Diameter: 39mm
1783 Spanish 2 Reales	Value: 2 Reales Currency: Real (1535-1897) Composition: Silver (.917) Weight: 6.7668 g Diameter: 27 mm
1760 Dutch Republic 2 Stulvers (Patriot Samuel E. Jacobs' birthyear)	Value: 2 Stuivers Currency: Guiden (1581-1795) Composition: Silver (.583) Weight: 1.62 g Diameter: 19.6 mm
1760 Austrian Kreuzer (Patriot Samuel E. Jacobs' birthyear)	Composition: Copper Weight: 10.04 g Diameter: 25 mm
1760 Sweden 2 Ore Silvermynt (Patriot Samuel E. Jacobs' birthyear)	Value: 2 Ore Currency: Fourth riksdaler (1719-1798) Composition: Copper Weight: 28.3 g Diameter: 33.7 mm
1738 UK Half Penny (Patriot William Jacobs' birthyear)	Value: ½ Penny = 1/24 Shilling Currency: Pound Sterling (1158-1970) Composition: Copper
1738 Spanish 2 Reales (Patriot William Jacobs' birthyear)	Minted in Colonial Mexico (Shipwreck) Value: 2 Reales Currency: Real (1535-1897) Composition: Silver (.917) Weight: 6.7668 g Diameter: 27 mm
1707 French 20 Sols	King Louis XIV (163-1715) Ruled 72 Years Value: 20 Sols Currency: Livre tournois (1204-1795) Composition: Silver (.798) Weight: 6.118 g Diameter: 27 mm

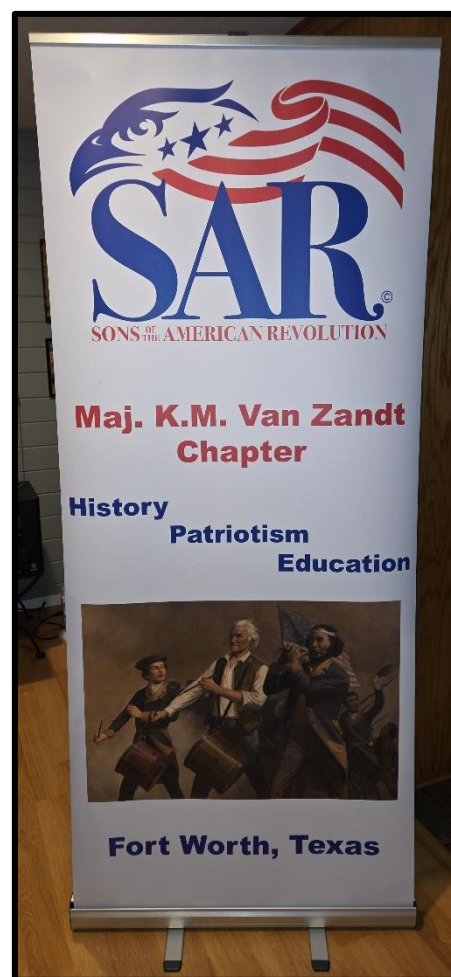
1707 English Silver Crown	Value: 1 Crown (1/4) Currency: Pound Sterling (1158-1970) Composition: Silver (.925) Weight: 30.1 g Diameter: 38.6 mm
1685 Spanish Netherlands copper Jeton	Spanish Netherlands, Belgium, Brabant Charles II of Spain (1685-1709)
1628 Saxon 1/24 Thaler	Value: 1/24 Taler = 1 Groschen (1/24) Currency: Thaler (1493-1805) Composition: Silver Weight: 2.10 g Diameter: 19-20 mm (<dime)
1628 French 15 Sols	Value: ¼ Silver Ecu Currency: Livre tournois (1204-1795) Composition: Silver (.917) Weight: 9.712 g Diameter: 31 mm

Chapter Banner

The Chapter has replaced its previous retractable banner with the new banner shown on the right. The old banner had broken and was unusable. The supplier could not provide replacement parts and had actually switched to a new vendor.

During the process, the banner was updated to include the SAR's three main tenets, a photo reflecting our connection to the Revolution, and the fact the chapter is based in Fort Worth, Texas.

You will see the banner at all chapter meetings and it can also be used at other chapter sponsored events.



Memorial Day at Mt. Gilead

SAR Members participated in Memorial Day Services at Mt. Gilead Cemetery in Keller, Texas. Uniforms represented the American Revolution, the Civil War (Union & Confederate), the War of 1812, the Texas Fight for Independence, World War I and II, and Vietnam. The squad fired three volleys in honor of all those who have died keeping this great nation free. Participants included James Alderman, Brent Murray, Steve Hole, Dan Hamilton, Paul Porter, Jake Behringer, Joe Wade, Bobby Gresham, Drake Peddie, and Gerry Gieger.





May Chapter Meeting



President Hole presented Vice President Jeff Sparks a Certificate of Appreciation for tactfully handling the Haltom City Fire & Rescue team expecting awards at the April meeting



Arlington Compatriot Joe Sogan gave a C.A.R. Presentation which included his involvement with the organization, the C.A.R 2026 Fundraiser Star, Stripes and Spaceflight as well as possible interaction with our chapter.



President Hole gave a brief overview of the upcoming Fall Board of Managers Meeting in October 2026.



How to Find Your Ancestors

Genealogical information can be found in many sources. The beginner should organize the research to maximize his or her results. The following outline should help.

Start with yourself and work back. Document your children and grandchildren. Then work backwards, generation by generation. Obtain copies of as many records about each ancestor as possible. Look for old records in your home and the homes of family members, such as military records, old deeds, newspaper clippings, old photos, diplomas & certificates. Interview family members. Your siblings may have an entirely different slant on what you remember.

Be organized. Either use a computerized genealogical software program or establish three-ring notebooks for your family research. Utilize specialized Family Group Sheets and Pedigree Charts. Maintain organized files for the materials found on each family member. This filing system should be expandable as your research continues. **ALWAYS CITE YOUR SOURCES!!**

Keep notes of what books, microfilms, microfiche, and other records you have examined, with the results. Keep a record of negative results, to avoid reviewing that source again. As your visit to the library nears, prepare a "To Do List" of research for each ancestor you intend to work on.

Be aware that there are five categories of evidence about the facts pertaining to your ancestor's vital information, such as date of birth, marriage, death, and place of burial. They are:

Direct Evidence-	Such as official documents (which can be incorrect)
Indirect Evidence	Only circumstantial; must be backed up by other evidence
Clear and Convincing Evidence	All available records must be examined and must all point in the same direction. None alone proves the point, but taken together, are compelling. A collection of indirect evidence.
Hearsay	This is where an individual is repeating what h heard from another source. Often, family genealogies are based upon "Family Tradition," without evidence to back up the story. Many family histories are inadequately documented with the source of the information.
Junk Genealogy	What many people publish through their computerized data base. Often their data is obtained from online family trees or commercial sources with no references. Usable only as a clue for further investigation.

When examining the bare records available, examine them with the eye of a newspaper reporter or detective, one who asks the questions: "who, what, when, where, why, how, and how much?"

Who	Who were their relatives? Did any of them live nearby? Or migrate with them? Who were their neighbors? Children most likely married neighbors. Who were their friends; who acted as witnesses to deeds, wills and baptisms?
What	What did they do for a living? What elected offices did they hold? What crops were grown by farmers/ What farm animals did they own? What was their educational level? Could they sign their name to legal documents?

What was their involvement in the community? Church? Militia? Jury Duty?
What were their surroundings: city, town, or farm?
What church did they attend?
What was their ethnic background? Social status?
What property did they bring with them?
What has already been written about them?

When When were they born, christened, married and when did they die?
When did they live? During the French & Indian, Revolutionary or Civil War?
When did they migrate to America, and with whom?
When did they move?

Where Where were they born, christened, married and where did they die?
Where did they live? Determine District, Parish, Township, City, County, and State.
Obtain the legal description of their land. Are there any landmarks?
Get the name of the watercourse flowing through their property.

Why Why did they immigrate? Religious persecution? Threat of imprisonment?
Why did they settle where they first settled? Were other family members there?
Why might historical events have precipitated their move? Revolution or War?
Why did they keep moving? Did the land go bad?

How How did they immigrate? What was their route to America?
How did they move from one location to another? Boat, train, or wagon?

How Much How much property did they bring with them?
How much land did they buy?
How much did they sell their crops for?
How much was their estate worth at death?

~ Judge Edward F. Butler, Sr.
Governor General
International Genealogical and Historical College

TCU Scholarship Award

President Steve Hole (L) and Vice President Jeff Sparks (R) attended the annual TCU History Department Awards ceremony on April 29th. They presented this year's recipient of the Pray TCU History Award to Josefine Mar (C)





- June 2 David C. Fussell
E. Bruce Morgan
- June 4 Ralph E. Smith
- June 7 Robert G. Gresham
- June 10 Alexander B. Andre
Jimmy D. Tom
- June 13 William L. Meaders
Donald G. Woodworth
- June 17 David A. Barkley
- June 20 C. Matthew Sparks
- June 26 Jacob N. Andre
- June 28 Jeffrey W. Sparks

Jeff Andre Participates in Recognizing Ancestor's Grave

Compatriot Jeff Andre was in Boston in mid-May and participated with the Western Mass Pomeroy Chapter to mark his Patriot ancestor Joseph Grigg's grave in Brimfield Cemetery in Brimfield, Hamden County, Massachusetts. There happened to be an elementary class on a sightseeing tour of the graveyard, so they participated as well. William Eaton is also buried there, who was also in the Revolution and from Woodstock, Connecticut, like Joseph. Jeff is sure they knew each other well. Eaton led the attack on the Barbary Coast after Adams and Jefferson failed to get the pirates to stop taking Americans and Europeans into slavery. It's where the line "... From the shores of Tripoli" comes from.



Joseph Griggs served as a Non-Commissioned Officer in Connecticut. He was born on 12 Mar 1751 in Pomfret, Windham County, Connecticut, and died on 28 Aug 1840 in Brimfield. The DAR states he was a Private and an Orderly Sergeant for a number of Captains and Colonels. He participated in the Battle of Saratoga.

Lone Star Squadron Sea Cadet Presentation

On May 17th, Past President James Alderman attended the Annual Awards Banquet for the Lone Star Squadron based at the Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth. He presented the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to PO1 Jayden Burris.

The Lone Star Squadron is the local chapter of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet program. It provides youth aged 10 to 18 with valuable training and leadership opportunities in a disciplined environment and is supported by the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard. It has been recognized as the nation's No. 1 combined Sea Cadets unit multiple times, reflecting its commitment to excellence in youth training and development.



PO1 Burris and Past President James Alderman

Scott Voight, the Sea Cadet Program Commander for the Lone Star Squadron, presents PO1 Burris with a Squadron award.



Color Guard Activities

MIK Marker Installation

Chapter Color Guard posted the Colors at a Mary Isham Keith Chapter DAR Marker Installation on May 13th. Participating members were Bobby Gresham, James Alderman, Vann Cunningham, and Steve Hole.



Mary Isham Keith Chapter DAR America 250 Patriots Marker Dedication

Chapter Color Guard posted the Colors at a Mary Isham Keith Chapter DAR America 250 Patriots Marker Dedication

in Oakwood Cemetery. Participating members were Bobby Gresham, James Alderman, Vann



Cunningham, and Steve Hole.

Chapter Registrar's Report

Updated 01 Jun 2026

Compatriot	Patriot	Type	Action
2026 Approvals			
Steven J. Hole	Thomas Bishop	Supplemental	06 Feb 2026
Clarence B. Kloppe III	Robert Lemon	NEW Regular	10 Apr 2026
Kyle T. Kloppe	Robert Lemon	NEW Regular	10 Apr 2026
Ian R. Billington	John Bradley	NEW Regular	08 May 2026
Robert S. Morris	William Morris	NEW Regular	08 May 2026
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	John King	Supplemental	15 May 2026
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	Thomas Connelley	Supplemental	15 May 2026
Pending Review and Approval by Staff Genealogist (National)			
Steven J. Hole	Winifred Wiggins	Supplemental	Pended 03 Sep 2025
Steven J. Hole	John Eddy	Supplemental	Received 28 Jan 2026
Steven J. Hole	Joseph Eddy	Supplemental	Received 28 Jan 2026
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	Robert R. Coleman	Supplemental	Received 28 Jan 2026
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	John Roe	Supplemental	Received 28 Jan 2026
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	John Holcomb	Supplemental	Received 03 Apr 2026
Pending Review by Inland Registrar (State)			
Daniel D. Mesch	Samuel Dean	NEW Junior	
Andrew F. Mesch	Samuel Dean	NEW Junior	
William M. Ray	Asa Douglas Sr	NEW Regular	
Clarence B. Kloppe	James Lemon	Supplemental	
Pended Application by National Genealogist			
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	Joseph Benton	Supplemental	Pended 17 Jul 2023
G. Thomas Bransford	William Bransford	NEW	Pended 22 Jan 2024
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	James Wooten	Supplemental	Pended 12 Nov 2024
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	John Childress	Supplemental	Pended 12 Nov 2024
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	Benjamin Brimer	Supplemental	Pended 10 Apr 2026

As of June 1st, the Registrar has received a total of 26 inquiries for membership in 2026.

From the Patriot Research System (PRS) Report:

Date of oldest New Application awaiting approval: 02 Apr 2026 (9 weeks)

Date of oldest Supplemental awaiting approval: 10 Nov 2025 (29 weeks)

2026 Calendar of Events

- June 7 America 250 Celebration, 1:30 pm, Texas Rangers Golf Club, Arlington **(CG-N)**
- June 20 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
- June 20 Audie Murphy Parade, 9:30 am, Farmersville **(CG-S)**
- July 4 Yankee Doodle Parade, 9:00 am, Denton **(CG-N)**
- July 4 Independence Day Parade, 9:00 am, Arlington **(CG-N)**
- July 10-16 136th SAR Annual Congress, Greensboro, NC **(CG-N)**
- 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 TBD Battle of Medina, San Antonio **(CG-S)**
- August 21-22 Southeast Central District Conference, Dallas **(CG-N)**
- 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
- October 18 NHRA Fall 2026 Nationals, 12:00 pm, Ennis **(CG-C)**
- October TBD Texas SAR Fall BOM, North Texas, **(CG-S)**
- November 9 MOWW Massing of the Colors, 2:00 pm Trimble Tech HS, Fort Worth **(CG-N)**
- November 11 Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade, Fort Worth, **(CG-N)**
- November 21 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
- December 19 Wreaths Across America, 11:00 am, Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth **(CG-N)**

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

Compatriot Society Anniversaries in June

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

May 23	32 yrs	Roger D. Cox
May 15	18 yrs	Jeffrey W. Sparks
May 20	16 yrs	John D. Anderson, Jr.
May 21	12 yrs	Kevin J. Shellman
May 18	10 yrs	Charles W. McHenry
May 12	8 yrs	J. Wayne Wheat
May 26	3 yrs	Joe V. Wade



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.



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.

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.

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>.

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	Steven J. HOLE
Color Guard Commander	(vacant)

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.

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.

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."

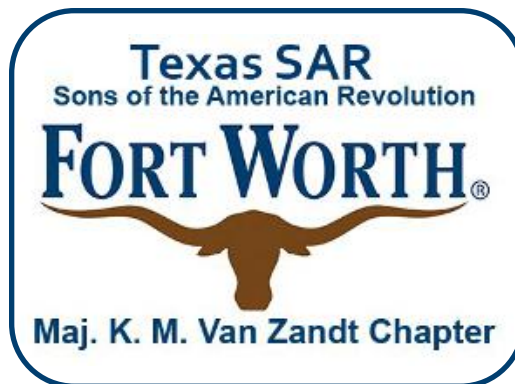
Next Chapter Meeting - June 20th

Membership Status

Our chapter membership levels as of June 1, 2026, are:

Active / Current Member	90
NSSAR Life	11
TXSSAR Perpetual.....	10
Active/New Member	4
Active/Reinstated (current yr)	20
Active/Reinstated (Over 1 yr)	0
Deceased (current yr)	2
Dual w/Other Primary State	2
Emeritus (50+ years)	0
Junior SAR Member.....	2
Junior Member/Reinstated	0
Not Paid (Current Year).....	15
Not-Paid Junior Member	0
Not Paid Dual State	1
Reinstated/Transferred In	0
Transferred In	2
Transferred Out (Current Year)	0
Dual Members (other chapters).....	2

Our active membership currently is 120.



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