

The Chisholm Trail News

OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

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



Chapter Parade Trailer Update

The parade trailer upgrade is progressing and will be completed in time for the Veterans Day Parade on November 11th. Secretary Bruce Morgan is managing the project. The fabrication work is completed. Bruce dropped the trailer off at paint on September 15th. The paint guys will sandblast the trailer and follow that with a new black paint job. Below are pictures prior to the painting job.

Bruce plans to debut our refurbished trailer at the October chapter meeting. Come see it!

Job well done, Bruce!



*The trailer has new rails around the entire perimeter.
Also, flag staff holders are on each corner.*



Notice the new folding steps at the rear of the trailer.





New steps with handrails will greatly assist with getting on and off the trailer.



This photo is the trailer prior to the current refurbishment.

Texas State Genealogical Society's Family History Conference

The chapter is registered as a sponsor for the Texas State Genealogical Society's Family History Conference on November 6th & 7th. The event is at The Riley Center, 4701 Stanley Ave., Fort Worth, on the campus of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. We will have a 10' table in the Vendor area, which offers an opportunity to promote SAR. Attendees are expected from throughout Texas and possibly from other states.

Plans include decorating our table with red tablecloth, our chapter's retractable banner, our SAR flag, a candy dish full of peppermint puffs, and the QR Code for SAR's new **Lead Generation Tool**. We have also printed business cards with the QR Code for interested parties.

The "set-up" for sponsors will begin at 7:00 am on Friday morning. Conference events begin at 9:00 am. The vendor area will shut down after 5:00 pm on Friday. Saturday's schedule begins at 8:00 am and closes at 3:00 pm. Registrar Ron Turner plans to staff the table both days but would like one or two additional members to staff the table as well. He will wear his Regimental Uniform both days. If you can attend, you can wear your Revolutionary War uniform or Militia uniform or an SAR Logo shirt if you do not have a uniform.

If you are willing to assist with staffing the table, please send your name along with the days and times you are available to Registrar Turner. **Please respond on or before Monday, October 5th.** He must provide all names shortly after so that the conference staff can print name tags for each compatriot. You may not attend workshops unless you register for them.

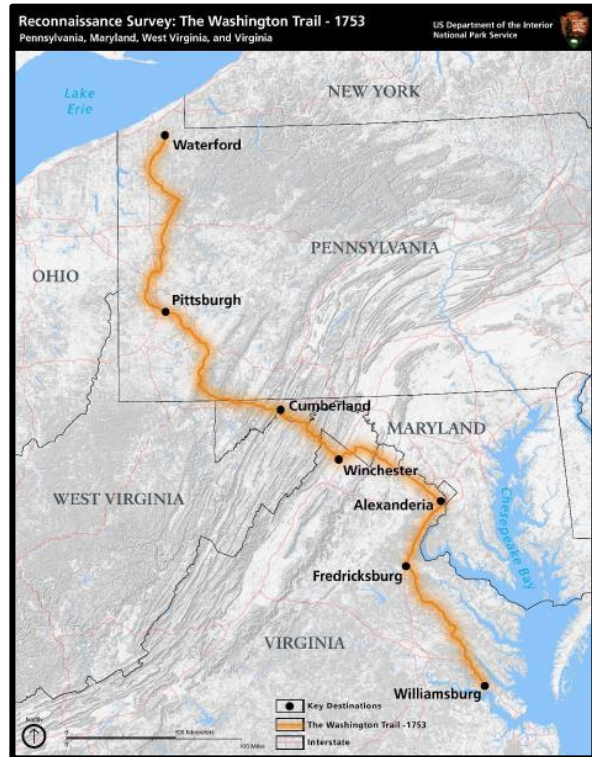
George Washington's 1753 Journey

In 1753, the imperial nations of France and Great Britain and the Native Americans all claimed control of the Ohio Country, the area encompassing present-day western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio.

Washington's Mission

Acting on orders from Virginia Governor Robert Dinwiddie, twenty-one-year-old George Washington embarked upon a dangerous expedition north from Williamsburg to deliver a diplomatic message to the French ordering them to evacuate the region. Already the French had erected three forts to reinforce their claim to the area: Fort Presque Isle (Erie, PA), Fort LeBoeuf (Waterford, PA) and Fort Machault (Franklin, PA).

During his journey in the winter of 1753-1754, young Washington encountered many hazards. There were "excessive rains and vast quantity of snow." He was nearly shot by an Indian guide near Harmony, PA, and he nearly drowned in the icy waters of the Allegheny River near present-day Pittsburgh, PA. When Washington returned to Williamsburg in January 1754, he reported to the governor that the French intended to remain entrenched in the Ohio Country. This marked the beginning of the military struggle known as the French and Indian War.



The Trail

This trail is a historically rich and scenic driving route through western Pennsylvania. Traversing modern highways and back roads, the route commemorates young George Washington's first military and diplomatic venture in the fall and winter 1753-1754.

Today, the route primarily follows major roads. However, in some areas there are alternate historic or scenic routes suggested which may more closely align with Washington's travel in the fall of 1753, and these are likely to be back roads.

Historic markers are erected along Washington's route through the scenic western Pennsylvania countryside, and into Maryland. Pick up the trail in Pennsylvania at the Maryland border and follow it north. Relive Washington's first military expedition – retrace the steps of our first president. And don't forget to take advantage of the historic and natural attractions along the way.

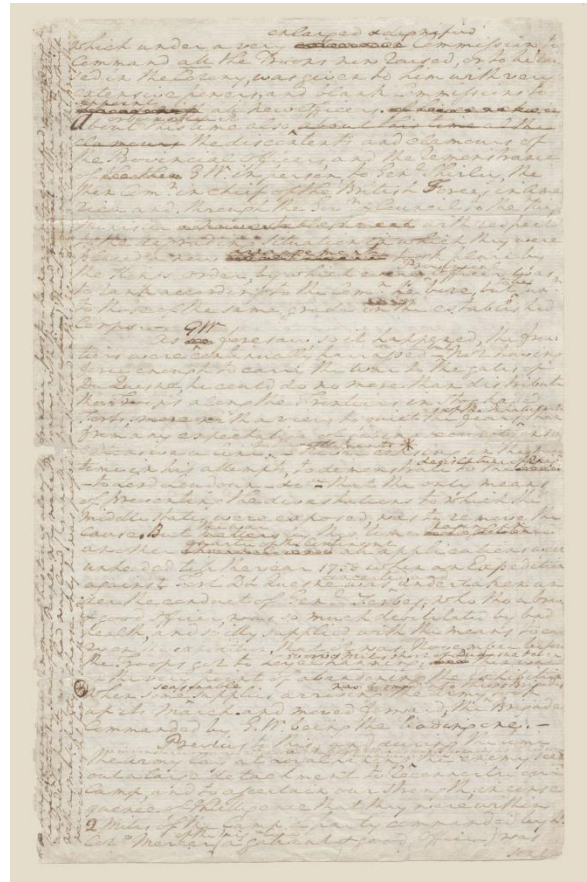
George Washington's Manuscript

An extraordinary 11-page manuscript written by Washington in 1786—now preserved by a coalition of French and Indian War sites in southwestern Pennsylvania—describes his early military experiences, including the disastrous Braddock expedition of 1755. This document enriches the historical interpretation along the trail

Historical Significance

Washington's 1753-1754 mission was far more than a youthful adventure. It:

- Triggered the French and Indian War, which became part of the global Seven Years' War.
- Introduced Washington to frontier diplomacy, Native alliances, and military leadership
- Positioned him for future roles in the Virginia Regiment, including his participation in Braddock's campaign and later leadership during the American Revolution.



Washington's Trail in Pennsylvania is more than a driving route—it is a living historical experience that brings to life the formative journey of a young officer whose actions helped shape the destiny of a continent. By following the trail, visitors can walk (or drive) in Washington's footsteps, experiencing the landscapes and challenges that defined his earliest military mission.



George Washington's Travels

1753	October 31	Washington departs from Williamsburg, Virginia
	November 15	The expedition enters the forests of southwestern Pennsylvania
	November 22	Washington writes in his journal – “the excessive rains and vast quantity of snow that had fallen, prevented our reaching Mr. Frazier’s, an Indian Trader, at the Mouth of Turtle Rock, on Monongahela.”
	November 23	Washington arrives at the Forks of the Ohio (now the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), and surveys the site for a future British fort
	November 26	Washington meets in Council at Logstown with leaders from the Six Nations of the Iroquois
	December 4	The party arrives at Mr. Frazier’s other cabin near what later becomes Fort Machault (now Franklin, Pennsylvania)
	December 11	Washington arrives at Fort sur la Rivière aux Boeufs and delivers the British Crown’s message to the French commander
	December 16	Washington departs from Fort sur la Rivière aux Boeufs on his return journey
	December 17	Near present-day Harmony, Pennsylvania, an American Indian guide shoots at Washington
	December 29	Washington nearly drowns crossing the Allegheny River
1754	January 16	Washington reports to Governor Dinwiddie in Williamsburg

18th Century Chip Log

In the 18th century sailors used Chip Logs, like this one, to determine the speed of their ships. The wedged shaped piece of wood, or the “chip” had a lead weight attached to the back. As the ship sailed through the water, a sailor tossed the chip from the rear of the boat. Attached to the ship by a rope, the chip floated and dragged behind the boat with knots tied in intermittent spaces. As the rope pulled from the boat, another sailor started a sand timer. After the timer ran out, the sailors counted how many knots were behind the boat to determine the ships’ speed, thus giving birth to the nautical term “knots.”

This is a new acquisition for the SAR Museum and was donated by Jim & Terri Lindley, Washington Society.



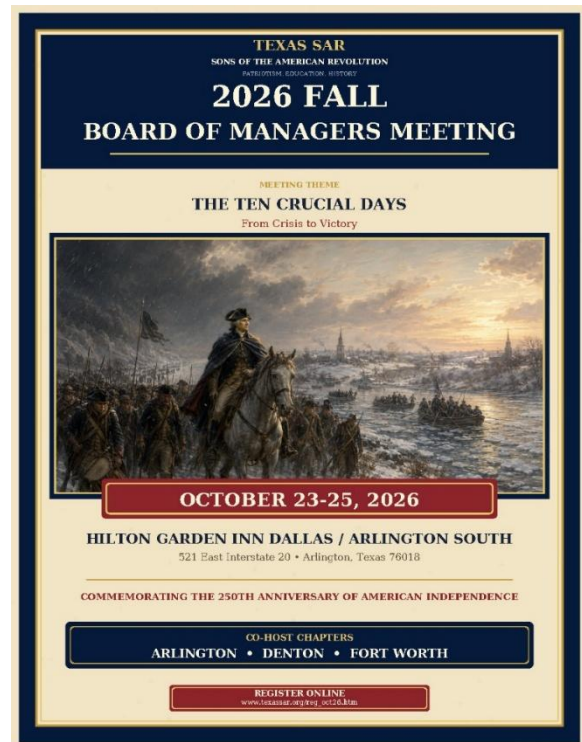
Silent Auction Items Needed for BOM

Our Chapter is one of the sponsoring chapters for the October 2026 Board of Managers (BOM) meeting in Arlington, Texas. We are collecting / gathering items to be included in the Silent Auction at the event with proceeds to go to Texas SAR's Patriot Fund. Items for the Silent Auction can be:

- History books on the American Revolution, WWI, WWII, etc.
- Collectibles such as autographed footballs, baseballs, etc.
- Debit cards from Walmart, Academy, etc., in \$50 to \$100 denominations
- Bottles of wine, spirits, etc.

If you have a donation / item for the Silent Auction, bring it to our October Chapter Meeting. A member of the organizing committee will take all donated items to the Texas SAR BOM meeting on October 23rd-25th and ensure they are in the Silent Auction.

**Deadline to
Register Online is
October 9th**



https://texassar.org/reg_oct26.htm

Get involved:

- To volunteer to help at the Fall BOM, [click here](#).
- To sign up for Ladies Auxiliary activities, [click here](#).

George Washington Endowment Fund

What is the George Washington Endowment Fund?

A major funding source for patriotic projects initiated by local SAR Chapters, State societies, and National Committees.

An endowment fund whose core funds are never touched. 80% of yearly financial proceeds are used to fund projects. Remaining 20% goes back into the endowment to enhance yearly growth.

Largest Funding source available and critical to the Mission of SAR!

Benefits of the George Washington Endowment Fund

Provides a **reliable** source of dollars every year to enhance execution of our Patriotic mission.

George Washington Fellows are recognized in perpetuity.

Year over year growth strengthens SAR and our impact!

How to Become a GWEF Fellow

One-time, tax-deductible contribution of \$1,000.

Multiple payments over time can be made (You become a GWEF Fellow upon receipt of your first payment)

Online payments are also available at:

<http://bit.ly/2seARGS> or
<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/GWEF>

For more information:

<https://www.sarfoundation.org/ways-to-tive/george-washington-endowment-fund/>

GWEF Project Examples



September Chapter Meeting

At the September 19th Chapter Meeting, President Steve Hole made several recognitions.



President Steve Hole presents Rodney Buttermore with his 5-year Certificate.



President Steve Hole presented the Bronze SAR 250th Anniversary Certificate to Jan Smith.



President Steve Hole presents David Fleming with his 5-year Certificate.

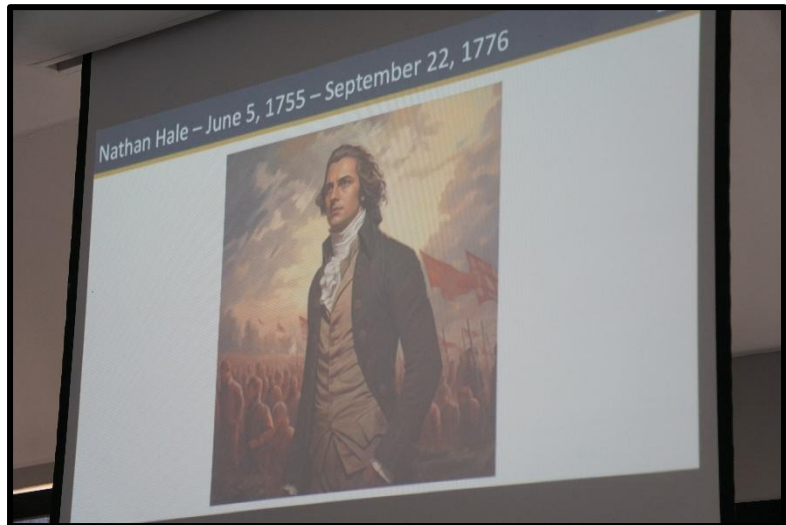


Registrar Ron Turner, assisted by President Hole, presented Kim Brimer with a Supplemental Certificate for his Patriot ancestor John Roe.

Vice President Jeff Sparks presented an excellent program on **Nathan Hale**.

Nathan Hale was an American Patriot, soldier, and spy during the Revolutionary War, remembered as one of the earliest martyrs for U.S. independence. A Yale College graduate and schoolteacher, he joined the Continental Army in 1775 and volunteered for an undercover mission behind British lines in 1776. Disguised as a schoolmaster, he was captured near Long Island, found with intelligence notes, and hanged at age 21 without trial. Though his famed last words are debated, his composure cemented his legacy as a symbol of courage and sacrifice. Monuments, schools, and the U.S. Army Intelligence Corps honor him as America's first spy.

Born: Jun 6, 1755 (Coventry, Connecticut)
Died: Sep 22, 1776 (New York City)



Registrar & Immediate Past President Ron Turner [Photographer], Brice Van Meter, Dean Chesney, John Cook, James Avery, & Satoro Avery.



Vice President Jeff Sparks, President Steve Hole, Past President Mike Connelley, Rodney Buttermore, Treasurer Greg Riffle, & David Perkins.

Past President Gerry Gieger, Kim Brimer, DVP5 Art Munford, Vann Cunningham, Past President James Alderman, & Secretary Bruce Morgan.





Mark Smith, Past President Bobby Gresham, Joe Wade, Bob Jacobs, David Fleming, & CB Kloppe III



Bob Gurney, Doug Schwetke, Jan Smith, Chaplain Ralph Smith, Billy Thompson, and John Anderson.

Compatriot Society Anniversaries

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

Oct 8	5 yrs	Steven J. Hole
Oct 13	38 yrs	Walter F. Bowie
Oct 17	18 yrs	L. Michael Connelley
Oct 18	2 yrs	Charles B. Cheatham
Oct 19	8 yrs	Andrew M. Cox
Oct 20	3 yrs	Gregory A. Riffel
Oct 26	21 yrs	Arthur M. Thomas III
Oct 29	5 yrs	David C. Fussell

Congratulations

2027 Online Dues Payment is now available

Dues Invoices have been posted to the texassar.org private website (check Members > Dues Invoices) and are available to pay 2027 dues. For those of you who have a deliverable mailing address, your 2027 Dues Notices should be arriving in your home mailbox within the next few weeks. These are sent as bulk mail to your address of record as of September 1st. If you do not receive one by Thanksgiving, please check your invoice online and help us update your address.

Keep in mind that your dues are considered late January 1, 2027. If they are still unpaid 30 days later, NSSAR will drop you from the rolls, and you will start to show a gap in your service and not get your magazine. So... please pay for them online or by mail as soon as you can to help your Chapter and avoid a lapse in your SAR Service! As in previous years, you have 3 options for paying your dues.

Online/Paypal (option 1) - We encourage everyone to use this option and pay your dues by credit card through Paypal. [Click here for the online dues payment page](#) and enter your National SAR # and Name as it appears on your Membership Certificate. Then **select your primary chapter and any others you maintain dual membership with** and follow the checkout procedures. This is operational on the TexasSAR.org website NOW. PayPal fees have been removed for 2027 Dues payments.

As mentioned, this online Paypal form also allows for secondary (dual) chapters to be added for those wishing to pay as a dual member.

US Mail (option 2) - You simply take the bottom section of the dues invoice you receive in the mail and send a check for the amount indicated with the pre-addressed envelope, stamp it, and return it to us by US mail. This is for your PRIMARY Chapter Dues Statements - it only includes dues for your Primary Chapter, State Dues, and National Dues where applicable.

US Mail (option 3) - Use this option if you want to pay by check but did NOT get a dues notice in the mail or you want to pay NOW for whatever reason. [Click here for the online dues invoice page](#) on the private site, grab your dues notice online, print it out, and mail it back in with a check. This option is available NOW on the TexasSAR.org website.

If you need the universal login name and password for the Texas SAR private website, [please contact Ron Turner](#).

Donations - As many of you are aware, our society has many beneficial funds that you can donate to for great purposes. Each year when you renew your membership is a great time to donate to one of several great options. All Donation Dollars will be allocated as you indicate on the form. Please review the items listed in the donations section of the online dues payment page and support these worthwhile programs. Thank you for your continued support of our programs!

In Patriotism,

Michael Goode
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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 19, 2026 at 11:00 am (CST), 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 2026 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!

RESULTS

2026 To Date
108 Wreaths Sponsored
72% to Goal
42 To Go!

[Click to Sponsor Wreaths](#)



Join Us in New Orleans for the 2027 SAR Congress!

The Southern District Congress Committee is excited to invite members of the **National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution** to beautiful **New Orleans, Louisiana**, for the **2027 SAR Annual Congress**, taking place **July 9–15, 2027**.

Whether you're riding the historic **St. Charles streetcars**, enjoying world-famous **Cajun cuisine**, listening to legendary **jazz music**, cruising the **Mississippi River**, savoring fresh **beignets**, exploring renowned museums, or participating in the business of the Society, New Orleans offers an unforgettable experience for every attendee.

Learn More

An informational article about the 2027 Congress is below. You can also begin planning your trip by visiting the official Congress website.

[Download the Informational Article](#)

Chapter Registrar's Report

Updated 01 October 2026

Compatriot	Patriot	Type	Action
2026 Approvals			
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
Steven J. Hole	Thomas Bishop	Supplemental	06 Feb 2026
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	John King	Supplemental	15 May 2026
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	Thomas Connelley	Supplemental	15 May 2026
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	John Childress	Supplemental	15 May 2026
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	Benjamin Brimer	Supplemental	04 Jul 2026
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	John Roe	Supplemental	28 Aug 2026
Pending Review and Approval by Staff Genealogist (National)			
T. Matthew Kennedy	William Johnson	NEW Regular	Received 27 Jul 2026
Gavin W. Kennedy	William Johnson	NEW Regular	Received 27 Jul 2026
Logan R. Kennedy	William Johnson	NEW Regular	Received 27 Jul 2026
Monte D. Fite	Peter Fite, Sr.	NEW Regular	Received 27 Jul 2026
Colin M. Fite	Peter Fite, Sr.	NEW Regular	Received 27 Jul 2026
Gavin J. Fite	Peter Fite, Sr.	NEW Regular	Received 27 Jul 2026
Bradford L. Shaw	Timothy Meeker, Sr.	NEW Regular	Received 27 Jul 2026
Steven Y. Christensen	Uriah Carpenter	NEW Regular	Received 27 Jul 2026
Ricky C. Wyly	John Sevier	NEW Regular	Received 27 Jul 2026
Clarence B. Kloppe IV	James Lemon	NEW Regular	Received 03 Aug 2026
James L. Avery	Nicholas Day	NEW Regular	Received 03 Aug 2026
Dean G. Chesney	Turner Christian	NEW Regular	Received 03 Aug 2026
John G. Wissinger	John Faust	NEW Regular	Received 03 Aug 2026
Robert D. Templeton	Joseph Dixon	NEW Regular	Received 11 Aug 2026
Daniel D. Mesch	Samuel Dean	NEW Junior	Received 27 Aug 2026
Andrew F. Mesch	Samuel Dean	NEW Junior	Received 27 Aug 2026
William M. Ray	Asa Douglas Sr	NEW Regular	Received 27 Aug 2026
Steven J. Hole	John Eddy	Supplemental	Received 28 Jan 2026
Steven J. Hole	Joseph Eddy	Supplemental	Received 28 Jan 2026
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	John Holcomb	Supplemental	Received 03 Apr 2026
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	William Armstrong	Supplemental	Received 27 Jul 2026
T. Jeffery Kennedy	John Tillman	Supplemental	Received 27 Jul 2026
Robert A. Jacobs	Benjamin Stanley	Supplemental	Received 03 Aug 2026
Kenneth K. Brimer, Jr.	John Childers/Childress	Supplemental	Received 03 Aug 2026
Jacob A. Wilson	Elisha Clayton	Supplemental	Received 11 Aug 2026

Pending Review by Inland Registrar (State)

Compatriot	Patriot	Type	Action
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Completed and Awaiting Applicant Signature

Azariah A. Goldstein	Valentine Keyser	NEW Regular	
Charles A. Richard	Pierre Richard	NEW Regular	
Robert L. Melton III	Lettice White Melton	NEW Regular	

In Work

Judson D. Clark	David Verner/Varner	NEW Regular	
Jimmy K. Jackson	Stephen Jackson	NEW Regular	
Stephen J. Soss	William Powell	NEW Regular	
Andrew T. Bush	Abraham Cooper	NEW Regular	
Dusty C. Traylor	William Traylor Sr.	NEW Regular	
Robert D. Gurney	Asa Gurney	NEW Regular	
Thomas W. Leake	Josiah Leake	NEW Regular	
Kelly E. Seis	John Dunagan	NEW Regular	
David R. Perkins	David Cook	NEW Regular	
Blake T. Martin	William Cornett	NEW Regular	
Jacob A. Wilson	Peter Bartrug	Supplemental	
Jacob A. Wilson	Levin Okey	Supplemental	
Jacob A. Wilson	Ludwick Minsker	Supplemental	
Jacob A. Wilson	James Jack	Supplemental	
Jacob A. Wilson	Joseph Jackson	Supplemental	
Jacob A. Wilson	Benjamin Strickler	Supplemental	
Jacob A. Wilson	Frederick Ice	Supplemental	
Colton L. Williams	Ann Hurst Floyd	Supplemental	
Nathaniel D. Williams	Ann Hurst Floyd	Supplemental	
Samuel C. Williams	Ann Hurst Floyd	Supplemental	
Colton L. Williams	John Hurst	Supplemental	
Nathaniel D. Williams	John Hurst	Supplemental	
Samuel C. Williams	John Hurst	Supplemental	

Pended Application by National Genealogist

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.	Robert R. Coleman	Supplemental	Pended 28 Aug 2026
Steven J. Hole	Winifred Wiggins	Supplemental	Pended 03 Sep 2025

As of September 30th, the Registrar has received a total of 54 inquiries for membership in 2026.

From the Patriot Research System (PRS) Report:

Date of oldest New Application awaiting approval: 20 Jul 2026 (10 weeks)

Date of oldest Supplemental awaiting approval: 02 Mar 2026 (30 weeks)

Oct 3 Austin S. Fuller
 Oct 4 Kirby L. Boyd
 Kyle T. Kloppe
 Oct 5 Kevin J. Shellman
Andrew F. Mesch
 Oct 10 Ian R. Billington
 Oct 11 Bryant M. Jarrell
 Bobby Q. Lanier
 Oct 17 *Gavin J. Fite*
 J. Vann Cunningham
 Oct 24 Nathaniel J. Davis
 Oct 28 Roger D. Cox
 Oct 31 Eddie E. Scott



Calendar of Events

2026

October 1-3 NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Galt House Hotel, Louisville, KY (CG-N)
 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 23-25 Texas SAR Fall BOM, North Texas, (CG-S)
 November 6-7 TxSGS Family History Conference Expo, The Riley Center, Fort Worth
 November 9 MOWW Massing of the Colors, 2:00 pm Trimble Tech HS, Fort Worth (CG-N)
 November 11 Tarrant County Veterans Day Parade, 10:00 am 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)

2027

Jan 16 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
 Feb 20 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
 Mar 20 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
 Spring Texas SAR Annual Convention – Conroe Hyatt Regency, Conroe
 Apr 17 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
 May 15 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
 Jun 19 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
 Jul 17 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
 Jul 9-15 137th SAR Congress, New Orleans

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

Purchase your Chapter Name Badge with the SAR logo from our local vendor.

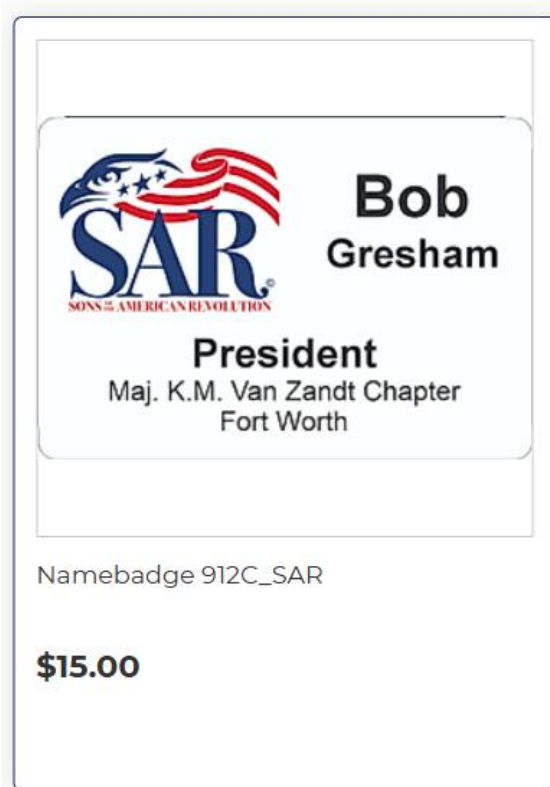
[SAR Shop](#)



Sons of the American Revolution 2025

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://sarnamebadge.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card



Registrar Ron Turner will pick up all purchases and deliver them to you at a chapter meeting.

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 - October 17th

Membership Status

Our chapter membership levels as of October 30, 2026, are:

Active / Current Member	92
NSSAR Life	11
TXSSAR Perpetual.....	10
Active/New Member	4
Active/Reinstated (current yr)	22
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).....	14
Not-Paid Junior Member	0
Not Paid Dual State	1
Reinstated/Transferred In	0
Transferred In	0
Transferred Out (Current Year)	0
Dual Members (other chapters).....	2

Our active membership currently is 122.



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