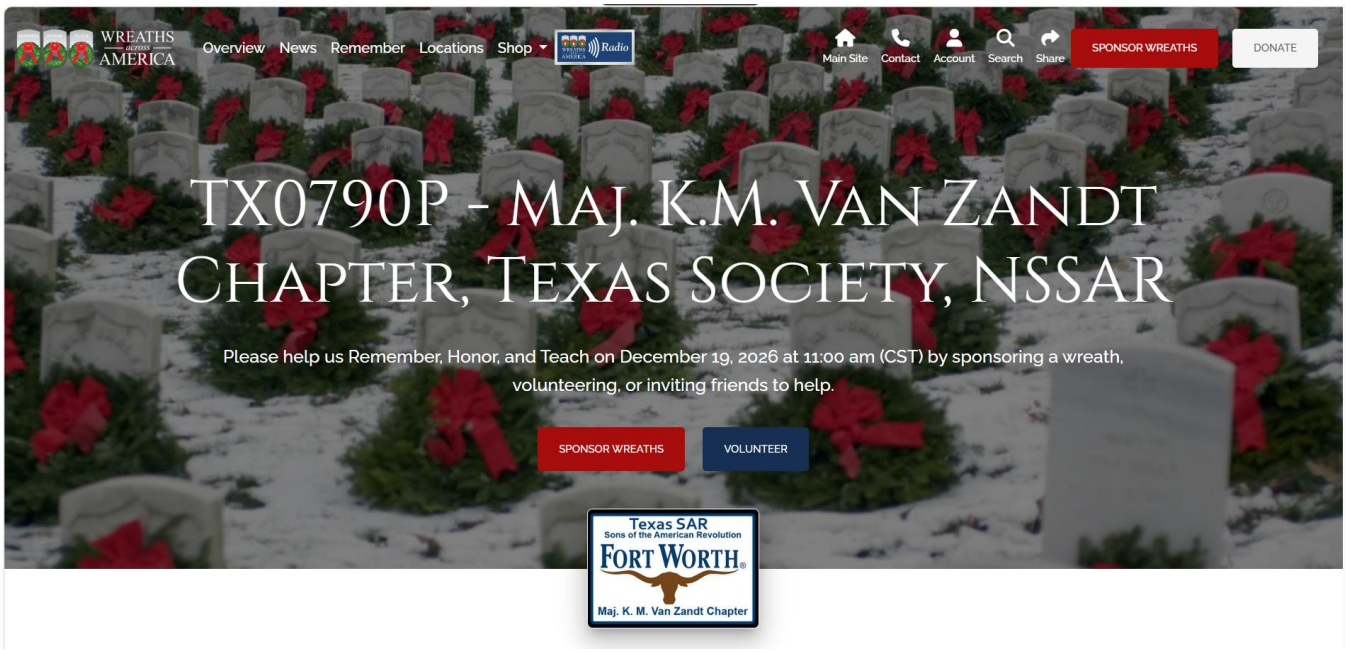
The Chisholm Trail News

November 1, 2026

Meetings, 3rd Saturday, January – November, 9:00 a.m.
Diamond Oaks Country Club
5821 Diamond Oaks Lane North
Fort Worth, Texas 76117

SAR
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter
Texas

Time is Running Out



On December 19th at 11:00 am, Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter will assist Oakwood Cemetery in North Fort Worth to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

We have yet to meet our 2026 goal. **We are 42 wreaths short of our goal.**

As of October 30th, Oakwood Cemetery still needs 400 wreaths to cover all veteran graves.

The deadline for sponsoring wreaths is midnight on November 27th!

Click Here to Sponsor Wreaths

Patriot Medal Selection

The Patriot Medal is the highest award presented to a Compatriot by a State Society and recognizes long, faithful, outstanding, and distinguished service at the state and/or chapter level. The Patriot Medal is awarded only by a State Society and may be presented only to an individual. Service at the national level is not considered in making the award. It is desirable that it be presented at the annual meeting of the State Society.

The medal has a silver finish and bears the portrait of Compatriot General of the Army Douglas MacArthur on the obverse within the inscription, "The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution." The reverse is inscribed "Awarded to _____ for Patriotic Service by the Society SAR, 20__. The medal is suspended from a chest ribbon of royal blue color. Compatriot MacArthur selected the design for the medal just prior to his death. He received the first medal, presented posthumously at his tomb in Norfolk, Virginia, on October 19, 1964, where it is on permanent display. The Patriot Medal is available in full and miniature sizes.

The Patriot Medal may be awarded annually by any state society. State societies with fewer than 500 members may present no more than one medal each calendar year. State societies with 500 to 1000 members may present two medals each calendar year. State societies with over 1000 members may present one medal for each 500 members. The cutoff date for determining the number of medals that a society may award in the following year is 31 December of the prior calendar year.

A Compatriot may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Any SAR member may nominate another member for the Patriot Medal. The nomination must be submitted on the Patriot Medal Nomination Form by September 1st each year.

At the recently concluded Board of Managers Meeting in Arlington, the Patriot Medal Selection Committee announced the newest Patriot Medal class for 2027. The Annual Convention in April will recognize and award medals to the following compatriots:

- Winston C. Avera, Jr., Cradle of Texas Chapter
- William P. Blackman, Hill Country Chapter
- Don E. Hayes, Freedom Chapter
- James P. Pinkerton, PineyWoods Chapter
- B. Paul Ridenour, East Fork Trinity Chapter
- Edwin Sellards, Freedom Chapter



Parade Trailer Refurbishment Completed

Chapter Secretary Bruce Morgan reports that the refurbishment of our parade trailer is complete. The trailer has a new black paint job and Bruce cleaned up the floorboards. The trailer is ready for its debut on November 11th for the Fort Worth Veteran's Day Parade.



Secretary Morgan brought the trailer to the October meeting.



Members had the opportunity to simulate riding on the trailer.
Front Row (l to r): John Anderson, Wayne Heide, Brad Shaw, Greg Riffel, Steve Christensen
Back Row: Vann Cunningham, Mike Connelley, Jeff Andre, C.B. Kloppe, Bryant Jarrell, Robert Gurley, Bob Templeton, President Steve Hole

October Chapter Meeting

Compatriot Vann Cunningham made an excellent presentation on Benjamin Franklin and his Mission to France in 1776.





Training Available to You

Did you know there is numerous training info available to you on the Texas SAR private website? Are you looking for sample chapter budgets? How about a new member orientation manual under NSSAR Member Resources? Perhaps you would like to take some courses offered through the SAR University? Or, perhaps you are looking for the Color Guard Manual?

You will find all the above, plus much more, on the **Texas SAR Member Training web page**. Only members can access this site using login and password. If you need the login credentials, please contact a chapter officer.

The information is listed by category.

General Member Resources

- NSSAR Member Resources
- Email System (DADA) Information
- How to Prepare an Application (Registrar Workshop 2022)
- Application Preparation Manual
- An Overview of the SAR's Patriot Research System
- NSSAR Youth Protection Training course
- Zoom Training Materials

State and Chapter Resources

- Chapter President's Manual
- Chapter Tool Kit
- Committee Chairman Training
  Duties of Committee Chairmen
- Officer Training Video
- DADA Bulk Mailer Management
- District Vice President Training
- Guide to Membership Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation
- Google G Suite Training Information
- Texas State Newsletter Instructions
- SAR University
- State By-Laws
- State Meetings Manual
- State Officer Training
- Texas Genealogy Tools
- Treasurer's Procedures Manual
- Web Page Responsibilities and Communications (State and Chapter officers)
- Sample Chapter Meeting Minutes
- Sample Chapter Budgets
- Sample Chapter 990N
- Sample Chapter Donation Letter
- Sample Email response to New Membership Queries

Public Relations/Social Media

- SAR Social Media Policy

Color Guard Resources

- Color Guard Manual
- How to Earn Color Guard Medals
- Flag Protocol Manual

And, don't forget to review the links at the bottom of the page.

Board of Managers Meeting

The Texas SAR Board of Managers Meeting in Arlington on October 23rd & 24th was highly successful. Sixty-four Compatriots and 21 wives attended. Attendees offered many complements to the hotel space, the food, and the overall management of the meeting.

The planning committee consisted of:

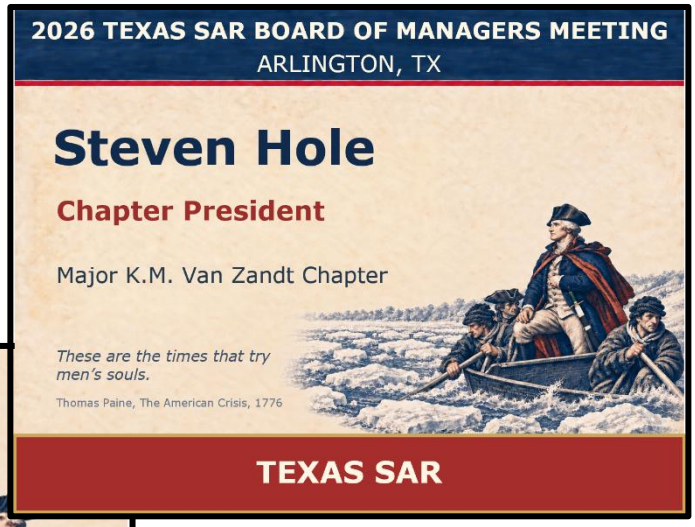
- Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter: President Steve Hole, Vice President Jeff Sparks, and Registrar Ron Turner
- Denton Chapter: President Ronnie Rencher and Mike Connelley
- Arlington Chapter: John Anderson

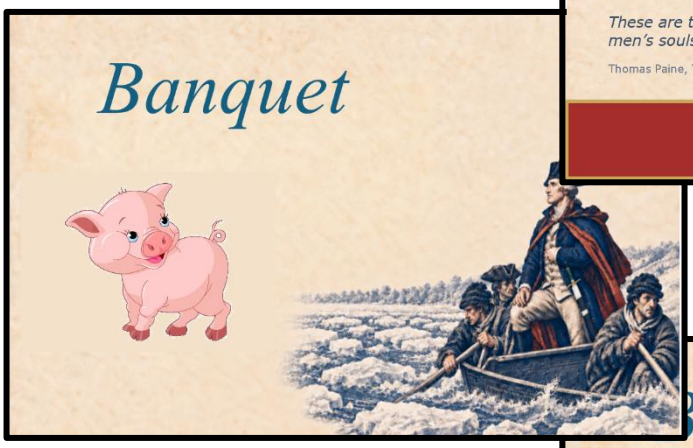


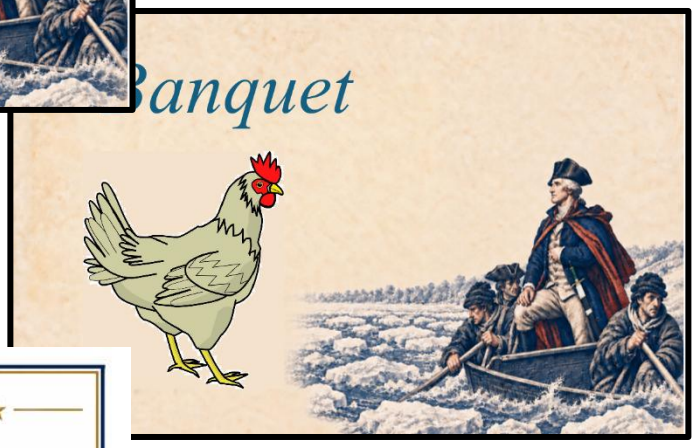
Texas SAR President Dustin Whittenberg presented the planning committee with the Texas Silver Service Medal.
(l to r): President Whittenberg, Ron Turner, John Anderson, Steve Hole, Ronnie Rencher (not pictured: Jeff Sparks, Mike Connelley)

The planning committee made a special effort in designing unique name badges and signage. President Steve Hole designed attendee name badges while Registrar Ron Turner adapted the design for meal tickets. John Anderson printed the name badges and managed designing and ordering "goody bags" for each attendee. The Arlington Chapter was responsible for stuffing the attendee "goody bags."

Dinner options at the Saturday night banquet were pork loin or chicken marsala.







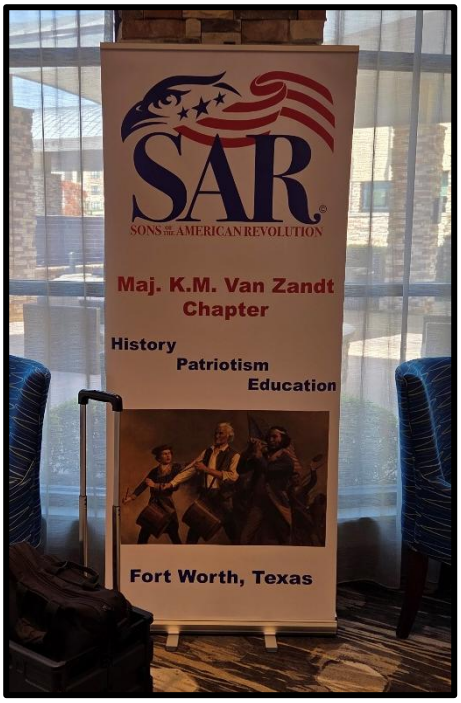
Registrar Ron Turner managed the assembly of the registration packet that included name badges, meal tickets, and raffle tickets.







The Dinner Banquet
(l to r) Sarah Connelley, Ja Ann Alderman, Mike Connelley, James Alderman, Jeff Sparks, Ron Carter (Arlington), Ron Turner, and Greg Riffel



Our chapter retractable banner on display opposite the Registration Desk.



Registrar Ron Turner and Vice President Jeff Sparks staffed the Registration Desk

The Texas Silver Service Medal and Certificate.





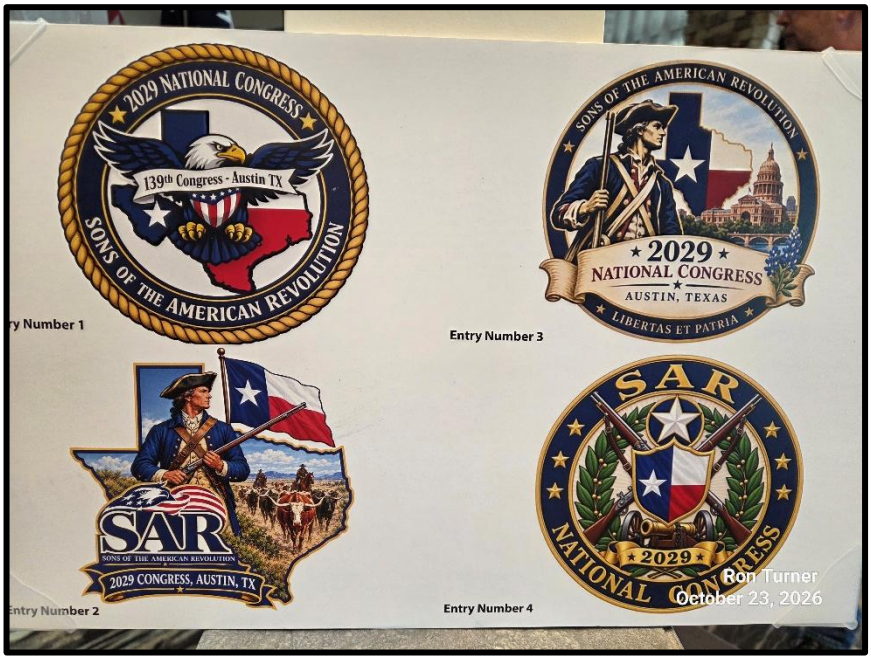
Registrar Ron Turner and Vice President Jeff Sparks greet the Hon. Judge Ed Butler, a past SAR President General and a member of the San Antonio Chapter.



Vice President Jeff Sparks examines Revolutionary War Era swords displayed by Compatriot Jeff Andre.



Texas SAR Color Guard presented and posted the Colors at the opening of the general session.



Texas SAR is the host Society for the 2029 National Congress in Austin, Texas.
Attendees at the recent Board of Managers Meeting had the opportunity to vote on four designs for the logo. President Dustin Whittenberg announced the winning design at the Banquet. The Hon. Judge Ed Butler submitted the winning design – Entry Number 2.
Second place went to Entry Number 3.

Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar

The State Meetings Committee has announced a schedule for upcoming state meetings.

2027 Spring 132nd Annual Convention: Conroe
Hyatt Regency Conroe
April 8-11, 2027
Host Chapter: Freedom #38

2027 Fall Board of Managers Meeting: Tyler
Holiday Inn Tyler Conference Center
Dates TBD: October 1-3, 2027 / October 15-17, 2027 / September 24-26, 2027
Host Chapters: Capt. William Barron #25, Athens #10

2028 Spring 133rd Annual Convention: San Marcos
Embassy Suites by Hilton San Marcos Hotel Conference Center
April 19-23, 2008
Host Chapter: San Antonio #4

2028 Fall Board of Managers Meeting: Clear Lake
Hotel TBD
Dates TBD
Host Chapter: Bernardo de Galvez #1

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

Nov 3	13 yrs	Robert G. Gresham
	9 yrs	Kirby L. Boyd
Nov 8	2 yrs	Benjamin H. Andre
	2 yrs	Gregory G. Andre
	2 yrs	Jacob N. Andre
	2 yrs	Jeffrey H. Andre
Nov 18	4 yrs	E. Bruce Morgan
Nov 23	16 yrs	K. Kim Brimer, Jr.



British Prison Ships During the American Revolution

Floating Prisons of the British Empire

During the American Revolution (1775-1783), thousands of American soldiers, sailors, privateers, and suspected patriots faced a fate often considered worse than death on the battlefield. Captured by British forces and imprisoned aboard overcrowded prison ships anchored in American waters, these men endured disease, starvation, abuse, and neglect under appalling conditions. The suffering experienced on these vessels became one of the most controversial aspects of the Revolutionary War and left a lasting impression on American memory.

British prison ships were not originally designed to serve as detention centers. Most were older naval or merchant vessels that had become unsuitable for active service. The British government and military converted these aging ships into floating prisons to house the increasing number of American prisoners captured during the conflict. The most notorious of these vessels was the HMS Jersey, anchored in Wallabout Bay near present-day Brooklyn, New York.



The prison ships represented a practical solution for British authorities facing overcrowded jails and limited facilities on land. However, what began as a logistical measure soon developed into a humanitarian disaster. By the end of the war, more Americans had died aboard prison ships than in many major battles combined.

Origins and Purpose of the Prison Ship System

As the war intensified, both the British and Americans captured large numbers of enemy personnel. At first, prisoners were often exchanged, paroled, or held in existing prisons. However, the collapse of regular prisoner exchanges and the growing number of captives created significant challenges for British authorities.

New York City became the principal British military base in North America after its capture in 1776. With thousands of prisoners arriving from military campaigns and naval operations, the city's prisons quickly exceeded their capacity. British officials therefore turned to decommissioned ships as an alternative means of confinement.

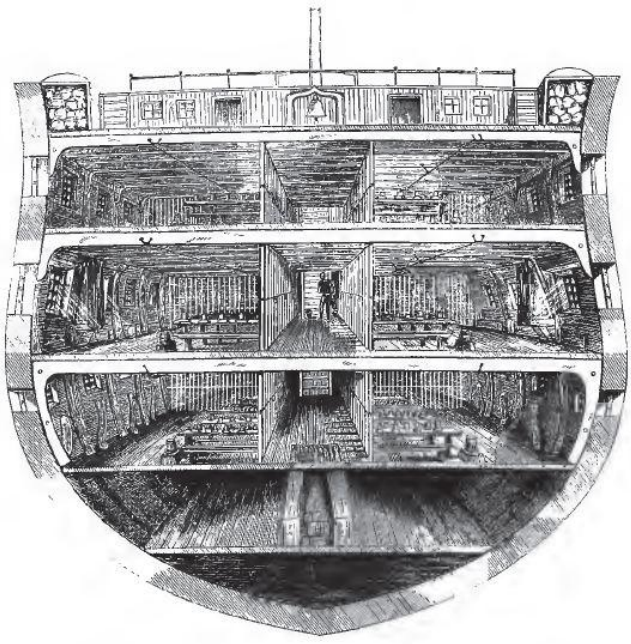
These vessels offered several advantages from the British perspective. Ships anchored in harbors prevented escapes, required fewer guards, and utilized vessels that otherwise had little military value. Consequently, dozens of prison ships were stationed in New York Harbor and other locations throughout the war.

The prisoners confined aboard these ships came from diverse backgrounds. Some were Continental Army soldiers captured during military engagements. Others were sailors serving in the Continental Navy or on privateering vessels authorized by the revolutionary government to attack British shipping. Many civilians accused of aiding the Patriot cause also found themselves imprisoned.

Because Britain did not initially recognize the United States as an independent nation, many captured Americans were viewed as rebels rather than legitimate prisoners of war. This distinction often influenced how they were treated and contributed to the harsh conditions that developed aboard the ships.

Life Aboard the Prison Ships

Conditions aboard British prison ships were notoriously dreadful. Most vessels were overcrowded far beyond their intended capacity. Men were packed tightly into dark, airless holds with little room to move, sleep, or maintain basic hygiene.



SECTIONAL VIEW OF THE INTERIOR OF THE "DEFENCE" HULK.

Ventilation was poor, particularly during the hot summer months. Below deck, prisoners faced suffocating heat and foul odors generated by human waste, rotting food, and sickness. The ships' interiors became breeding grounds for disease. Smallpox, dysentery, typhus, and other illnesses spread rapidly through the confined populations.

Food supplies were generally inadequate in both quality and quantity. Prisoners commonly received stale bread, spoiled

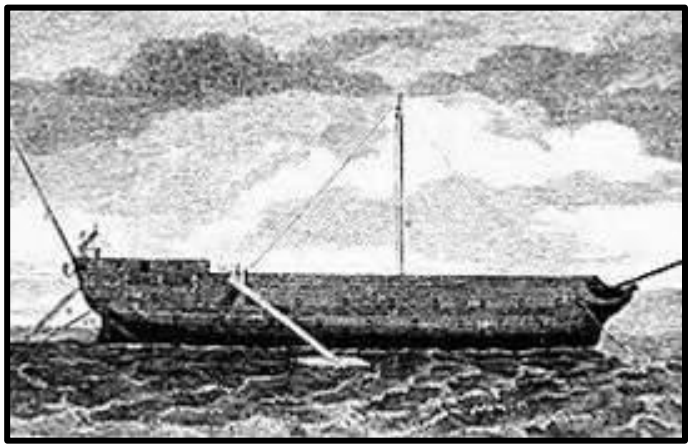
meat, moldy biscuits, or thin soups insufficient to meet their nutritional needs. Clean drinking water was frequently scarce or contaminated. Malnutrition weakened prisoners'+ immune systems, making them even more vulnerable to disease.

Medical care was limited at best. Sick prisoners were often left among healthy inmates, accelerating the spread of infection. Many died without receiving meaningful treatment. Contemporary accounts describe scenes of suffering in which dying men lay alongside the living in cramped quarters.

Prisoners also suffered from inadequate clothing and exposure to harsh weather. During winter, freezing temperatures penetrated the poorly maintained vessels. In summer, extreme heat and humidity created unbearable conditions below deck. The lack of proper sanitation further compounded these hardships.

Survivors later recounted stories of vermin infestations, constant hunger, and severe physical and psychological distress. These personal accounts provide some of the most vivid evidence of life aboard the prison ships and have shaped historical understanding of the period.

The Infamous *HMS Jersey*



Among all British prison ships, none achieved greater notoriety than the *HMS Jersey*. Originally a sixty-gun warship of the Royal Navy, the vessel was eventually converted into a prison ship and anchored in Wallabout Bay.

The *Jersey* became a symbol of suffering for American prisoners. At various times, more than one thousand men were confined aboard the ship. The vessel's overcrowded conditions led many prisoners to refer to it as "Hell."

Numerous firsthand accounts describe horrific scenes aboard the *Jersey*. Prisoners reportedly endured severe food shortages, rampant disease, and inadequate shelter. Every morning, bodies of those who had died overnight were removed from the ship. Death became a routine and ever-present reality.

One survivor, Ebenezer Fox, later described the ship's atmosphere in graphic detail. He recalled unbearable odors, widespread illness, and emaciated prisoners struggling to survive. Such testimonies have become important historical sources for understanding the experience of captivity during the Revolutionary War.

The remains of many prisoners who died aboard the *Jersey* were buried in shallow graves along the shoreline. Decades later, efforts were made to honor these victims. In 1908, the Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument was dedicated in Brooklyn's Fort Greene Park to commemorate those who perished on the prison ships.

Today, the *Jersey* remains one of the most infamous symbols of British wartime imprisonment policies in North America.

Death Toll and Historical Impact

Estimating the exact number of deaths aboard British prison ships remains difficult because wartime records were often incomplete or inaccurate. Historians generally agree, however, that the mortality rate was extraordinarily high.

Many scholars estimate that approximately 11,000 American prisoners died on British prison ships during the Revolutionary War. This figure exceeds the number of American combat deaths suffered in many military engagements of the conflict. The concentration of death aboard these vessels made them one of the deadliest environments of the entire war.

The prison ship experience also had significant political consequences. Reports of mistreatment spread throughout the colonies and fueled anti-British sentiment. Newspapers published accounts from escaped or released prisoners, helping to strengthen public support for the revolutionary cause. Stories of suffering aboard the ships became powerful propaganda tools for Patriot leaders.

Following the war, former prisoners helped preserve the memory of these experiences through memoirs, testimonies, and public commemorations. Their accounts influenced generations of Americans and contributed to a broader narrative of sacrifice during the struggle for independence.

Modern historians continue to debate the extent to which British officials were deliberately cruel versus overwhelmed by wartime circumstances and logistical challenges. Nevertheless, there is little disagreement that conditions aboard the ships were catastrophic and caused immense human suffering.

Legacy of the Prison Ships

The history of British prison ships occupies a unique place in the story of the American Revolution. While famous battles such as Lexington, Saratoga, and Yorktown often dominate public attention, the experiences of prisoners reveal another side of the conflict. The war was not fought solely on battlefields; it was also endured in prisons, hospitals, and civilian communities.

The prison ships stand as reminders of the human cost of war and the vulnerability of those held in captivity. For many Americans, the suffering endured aboard vessels like the *Jersey* became part of the nation’s founding narrative, symbolizing perseverance in the face of adversity.

Memorials, historical studies, and preserved firsthand accounts continue to ensure that the victims are not forgotten. Their stories provide valuable insight into the realities of eighteenth-century warfare and the challenges of maintaining humane treatment during periods of intense conflict.

In the final assessment, British prison ships during the American Revolution were more than temporary detention facilities. They became symbols of hardship, endurance, and sacrifice. The thousands who suffered and died aboard them occupy an important, though often overlooked, chapter in the history of the American struggle for independence.

2027 Online Dues Payment is now available

Dues Invoices have been posted to the **Texas SAR 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 on 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,

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The Sons of the American Revolution Medals
Order of Precedence 2024
SAR Membership Badge Ranked #1
Minuteman Medal Ranked #2
Gold Good Citizenship Medal Ranked #3
War Service Medal Ranked #4
Military Service Medal Ranked #4
National Medal of Distinguished Service Ranked #5
National Meritorious Service Medal Ranked #6
Gold Roger Sherman Medal Ranked #7
Gold Henry Knox Achievement Medal Ranked #8
Florence Kendall Medal Ranked #9
Gold Color Guard Medal Ranked #10
Gold Samuel Adams Congress Medal Ranked #11
General William C. Moreland Medal Ranked #12
Gold Outstanding Young Member Medal Ranked #13
Von Steuben Medal Ranked #14
Liberty Medal Ranked #15
Silver Samuel Adams Congress Medal Ranked #16
Silver Color Guard Medal Ranked #17
Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal Ranked #18
Patriot Grave Marking Medal Ranked #19
Compatriot Grave Marking Medal Ranked #20
Bronze Samuel Adams Congress Medal Ranked #21
Gold Council of State Presidents Medal Ranked #22
Silver Council of State Presidents Medal Ranked #23
Gold 250th Anniversary Medal Ranked #24
Silver District Meritoriuos Service Medal Ranked #25
Silver District Roger Sherman Medal Ranked #26
Silver District Henry Knox Medal Ranked #27
Patriot Medal Ranked #28
State Medal of Distinguished Service Ranked #29
Silver Meritoriuos Service Medal Ranked #30
Silver Roger Sherman Medal Ranked #31
Silver Henry Knox Achievement Medal Ranked #32
Silver Good Citizenship Medal Ranked #33
Silver Outstanding Young Member Medal Ranked #34
Service To Veterans Medal Ranked #35
Bronze Color Guard Medal Ranked #36
Youth Education Medal Ranked #37
Silver 250th Anniversary Medal Ranked #38
Bronze Medal of Distinguished Service Ranked #39
Bronze Meritoriuos Service Medal Ranked #40
Bronze Roger Sherman Medal Ranked #41
Bronze Henry Knox Achievement Medal Ranked #42
Bronze Good Citizenship Medal Ranked #43
Bronze Outstanding Young Member Medal Ranked #44
Bronze 250th Anniversary Medal Ranked #45
Heroism Medal Ranked #46
Life Saving Medal Ranked #47
Law Enforcement Commendation Medal Ranked #48a
Fire Safety Commendation Medal Ranked #48b
EMS Commendation Medal Ranked #48c
Silver ROTC Medal Ranked #49
Bronze ROTC Medal Ranked #50
Gold CAR-SAR Medal Of Appreciation Ranked #51
Robert E. Burt BSA Volunteer Medal Ranked #52
Silver CAR-SAR Medal Of Appreciation Ranked #53
Bronze CAR-SAR Medal Of Appreciation Ranked #54
Silver Eagle Scout Medal Ranked #55
Bronze Eagle Scout Medal Ranked #56
Youth Color Guard Medal Ranked # 57
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Chapter Registrar's Report

Updated 01 November 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 Y. Christensen	Uriah Carpenter	NEW Regular	16 Oct 2026
Bradford L. Shaw	Timothy Meeker, Sr.	NEW Regular	16 Oct 2026
T. Matthew Kennedy	William Johnson	NEW Regular	16 Oct 2026
Gavin W. Kennedy	William Johnson	NEW Regular	16 Oct 2026
Logan R. Kennedy	William Johnson	NEW Regular	16 Oct 2026
Ricky C. Wyly	John Sevier	NEW Regular	16 Oct 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)			
Clarence B. Kloppe IV	James Lemon	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
James L. Avery	Nicholas Day	NEW Regular	Received 03 Aug 2026
Robert D. Templeton	Joseph Dixon	NEW Regular	Received 11 Aug 2026
William M. Ray	Asa Douglas Sr	NEW Regular	Received 27 Aug 2026
Daniel D. Mesch	Samuel Dean	NEW Junior	Received 27 Aug 2026
Andrew F. Mesch	Samuel Dean	NEW Junior	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)			
Robert D. Gurney	Thomas Gurney	NEW Regular	

Compatriot	Patriot	Type	Action
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	
Blake T. Martin	William Cornett	NEW Regular	
Thomas K. Martin	William Cornett	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	
Thomas W. Leake	Josiah Leake	NEW Regular	
Kelly E. Seis	John Dunagan	NEW Regular	
David R. Perkins	David Cook	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
Monte D. Fite	Peter Fite, Sr.	NEW Regular	Pended 15 Oct 2026
Colin M. Fite	Peter Fite, Sr.	NEW Regular	Pended 15 Oct 2026
Gavin J. Fite	Peter Fite, Sr.	NEW Regular	Pended 15 Oct 2026

As of October 16th, the Registrar has received a total of 60 inquiries for membership in 2026.

From the Patriot Research System (PRS) Report:
Date of oldest New Application awaiting approval: 28 Jul 2026 (13 weeks)
Date of oldest Supplemental awaiting approval: 12 Mar 2026 (33 weeks)

Nov 1	J. Kevin Flaherty
	Brett H. Jones
Nov 4	*Robert D. Gurney*
Nov 5	Todd E. Samuelson
Nov 6	Timothy W. Ulrich
Nov 10	Billy J. Harger II
Nov 13	Richard V. Wilson
Nov 15	Jacob A. Munford
Nov 18	*Ricky C. Wyly*
Nov 20	Steven S. Fuller, Sr.
Nov 26	*Bradford L. Shaw*
Nov 29	William S. Taylor, Jr.



Calendar of Events

2026

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)
December 19 Wreaths Across America, 11:00 am, Grapevine Cemetery, Grapevine (CG-N)

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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
Apr 8-11	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
Jun19	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

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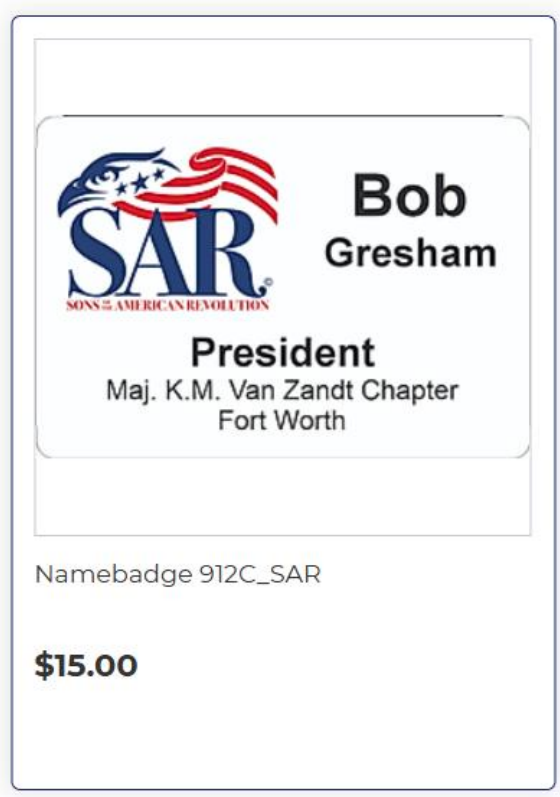
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The American's Creed

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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.
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2026 & 2027

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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 - November 21st

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	10
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 132.

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