

Fall 2003

**The Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter
Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution**

The Eagle Scout Scholarship contest is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached their nineteenth birthday during the year of application. (The application year is the calendar year January 1st to December 31st). The year that the Eagle was awarded is not restricted. College plans do not need to be completed in order to receive the cash scholarship. The applications are due December 15, 2003 and should be turned in to Dr. Scott Manning (scottman@flash.net or 817-295-2963). The Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter of the TXSSAR will award the chapter scholarship at our meeting on the third Saturday in February 2004. The scout will be expected to attend in full uniform and read his essay to the Chapter. The scout's parents are invited to attend this 9 a.m. breakfast meeting.

LOCAL AWARD

The Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter contest award is \$200.00. The local winner will receive a check (\$200.00), a medal, a certificate, and a patch. Non-winning participants will receive a certificate and a patch. The local winner's scholarship packet will be forwarded to the state contest. The application may be downloaded at www.sar.org/youth/eagle.htm. There are three parts of the contest. The **first** part, the Eagle Scout Scholarship Application, and the **second**, a Four Generation Ancestor Chart, can be downloaded from the site listed above. The **third** item is the 500-word essay on the **American Revolution**. Neatness counts and the application should be typed or filled in on the computer after downloading, if at all possible. It is imperative that three merit badges, law, genealogy, and American Heritage, be earned to reach this level. Also, six to twelve or more different references should be noted in the 500-word essay.

STATE AWARD

Local chapters usually submit state contestants. I repeat, it is imperative that three merit badges, law, genealogy, and American Heritage, be earned to reach this level. Palms and numerous leadership positions add extra points. Also, six to twelve or more different references should be noted in the 500-word essay. The winner of the state scholarship contest will receive a \$1000.00 scholarship, which will be sent to the college/ university of their choice. In addition, the winner will receive an honorarium up to \$550.00 for the scout and his parents to attend the SAR state meeting in March of 2004 to receive his scholarship and recognition. This is usually the second weekend on Saturday. The state meeting is supposed to be in Dallas.

NATIONAL AWARD

Three cash scholarship awards are given: The National winner receives \$8,000.00; first runner-up \$4000.00; and second runner-up \$2,000.00. You may apply more than one year if you meet the age requirements but no more than \$8,000.00 total may be granted to any one Eagle Scout. The winner will also receive a stipend to travel with his parents to the national meeting to receive his national scholarship in June 2004.