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NEXT MEETING: January 19, 2019 **TIME:** 9:00 am **LOCATION:** Woodhaven Country Club

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Greetings Compatriots,

I am trusting that we all have a Blessed and Prosperous New Year ahead.

As we enter 2019, let us be thankful for the Freedoms and Rights with which we have been blessed. Our nation is still the greatest on this Earth, or known to man. Yes, we have failures, but we can rise above them and do better the next time. We have many bright days ahead.

We experienced a fantastic time at the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl. It was a sellout and our booth with the DAR in the Veterans Village tailgating lot made many contacts. We awarded over 20 lapel pins which commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. We spoke with many veterans and their families. We were joined by fellow compatriots from Brazos Valley Chapter in passing out miniature US flags, and in all, it was a fun time.

As you may have suspected, Woodhaven Country Club management has proposed a change to our arrangements with them. Our Board of Managers has approved their proposal for the interim future. We will no longer have a buffet breakfast, but a sit-down, served breakfast of two scrambled eggs, two strips of bacon, biscuit, gravy, butter and jelly, coffee or tea, and water. The new cost will be \$13.00 per person, whether you eat or not. This covers the room rental and set-up.

We have processed a number of applications and expect to gain new compatriots as a result of our thrust for new members. We still have openings to fill, i.e. chairs of our education programs. If you are interested, please contact me or one of our other officers.

Hope to see you at our meeting on January 19th.

Gerry

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2018-2019

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Veterans Appreciation Luncheon

On Friday, December 7, 2018, Compatriots James Alderman and Ron Turner represented the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter SAR as volunteers helping to serve lunch at the Veterans Appreciation Luncheon sponsored by [Roll-Call.org](#). James and Ron joined ladies from the Captain Molly Corbin Chapter DAR (Hurst), Elizabeth Crockett Chapter DAR (Granbury), and Fort Worth Chapter DAR (Fort Worth), along with Brazos Valley Chapter SAR (Granbury).

The monthly luncheons provide a venue for fellowship, honor, and comradery for veterans and service members of all ages. The luncheon is generally held on the last Friday of each month, with no luncheon in July or November. The event is from 11:30am-1:30pm, always at the same location, and requires an RSVP. To be added to their roster and receive their monthly flyer/newsletter, please contact them and complete the New Attendee form. Veterans and military personnel eat free, and the cost for civilians is \$10.00.

The monthly Veterans Appreciation Luncheon is held at Birchman Baptist Church Family Activity Center, 9100 N. Normandale St., Fort Worth, TX 76116. RSVPs are due the Friday before the luncheon.

A program accompanies lunch, with a different theme each month. For example, one month may focus on Korean War veterans or Vietnam. In some instances, the theme of a luncheon may focus on a significant event or date in military history, such as the end of WWII or a specific battle or engagement.

Stories of attendees' heroism, courage, and sacrifices are highlighted. They may interview several veterans whose military service included participation in a battle or campaign; they may have special guests such as a senator or member of congress; they may provide singing entertainment. However, they always have a prayer, say the Pledge of Allegiance, sing the National Anthem, and make announcements. They often make their attendees aware of special events in the community that support, honor, or highlight veterans.

The luncheon is truly an amazing experience and to have so many veterans of all ages in one room together! It is something that cannot be adequately described with words, but only experienced.



On this particular day, a 3-generation Veteran family was introduced comprised of grandfather, son, and grandson (who had just completed Navy Boot Camp). The oldest veteran recognized was 105 years of age.

It was a full, packed house (estimate of 350 attendees).

The top picture is of the full house. The bottom picture is Compatriot James Alderman carrying a tray loaded with delicious meals.

If you are looking for a worthwhile volunteer activity, please consider the Veterans Appreciation Luncheon.

The chapter also gets credit on our end of year reports for your volunteerism at this event.





“Pearl Harbor Day”
DECEMBER 7, 2018
North Texas Color Guard
AT DFW NATIONAL CEMETERY FOR TWO WWII VETERANS' SERVICES

Come rain, sleet, or snow...

... the North Texas SAR Color Guard is always there. We proudly stood in the rain to honor these two heroes at DFW National Cemetery on Friday, December 7, 2018.

Albert Utley Kane passed away at the age of 26 on December 7, 1941, when the battleship USS Oklahoma was torpedoed and sunk during the attack on the U.S. Navy Base at Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaii.

Private First Class (PFC) Clarence E. Drumheiser was killed in action in World War II on December 22, 1943, during the third day of combat on the Pacific island of Betio, Tarawa Atoll, in the Gilbert Islands.

Members of the Color Guard are (left to right): T.L. Holden, Bobby Gresham, Walt Thomas, Gerry Gieger, Color Guard Commander Ted Wilson, Jerry Cope, Stephen Johnson, and Tom Whitelock.



From the Application Status Report:

Approved Applications for 2019 [approved and registered since the last newsletter]

Applications in the approval process

IN PROGRESS:

- [at state registrar] **Christopher Justin Goulet**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob George Klock, 1738-1814
- [at state registrar] **Joshua Christopher Goulet**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, JUNIOR/NEW, Jacob George Klock, 1738-1814
- [at state registrar] **Troy Jeffery Kennedy**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, William Johnson, 1753-1827
- [at state registrar] **William Lowell Meaders**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Boone, 1727-1803
- [at state registrar] **Brian William Meaders**, 0, 0, Keller, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Boone, 1727-1803
- [at state registrar] **Mitchell Dane Meaders**, 0, 0, Keller, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Boone, 1727-1803
- [at state registrar] **Tommie Rosnald Harvey**, 0, 0, Everman, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Thomas Jones, ca1762-1842



On December 11th, Compatriot Ron Turner presented a Flag Certificate to Alan Egerton, President, DFW Historic Bear Creek Cemetery Association in Euless, Texas.

Color Guard Commander Bobby Gresham (r) and Arlington chapter members Jerry Cope and his grandson, Marshall Cope, participated in Wreaths Across America at Emerald Hills Memorial Park in Kennedale, Texas, on Saturday, December 15th.



NOVEMBER MINUTES

Please review the minutes for our November chapter meeting prior to attending the next meeting in January.

<https://www.txssar.org/KMVanZandt/docs/minutes/minutes201811.pdf>

THIS MONTH DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR (1776-1780):

In January of 1776, Upon learning of an impending British expedition against the southern colonies, Congress requests that the provinces cooperate on defense and security. North and South Carolina and Georgia are instructed to occupy St. Augustine.

The Continental Congress passes a resolution calling on colonial committees to indoctrinate those "honest and well-meaning, but uninformed people" by expounding to them the "origin, nature and extent of the present controversy." The body also calls for confirmed Tories to be disarmed and confined, if necessary.

Washington promises Congress that he will attack Boston at his first opportunity.

New Hampshire establishes a colonial government in accordance with the recommendation of the Continental Congress.

The Council of Safety in South Carolina advises its counterpart in Georgia that British warships leaving the Charleston harbor are likely headed for Savannah. The South Carolina council asks Georgia to return their Governor, Lord Campbell, if he is apprehended.

In Philadelphia, Samuel Adams writes that the idea of a confederation among the colonies "is not dead, but sleepeth."

Thomas Paine's pamphlet *Common Sense* appears in today's session of the Continental Congress.

North Carolina Governor Martin, aboard the warship *Scorpion*, issues a proclamation calling on the King's loyal subjects to raise an armed force to combat the rebels, raise the royal standard, and restore the province to "its former glorious freedom."

The County Committee in Tryon County, New York, sends an urgent appeal to General Schuyler for men and arms to repress an impending attack by loyalists.

Congress allows the expense of two dollars per week for the board and lodging of officers taken prisoner, the total to be repaid by the officers before they are released from captivity.

British Admiral Shuldham reports to First Lord of the Admiralty Lord Sandwich that he will be "surprised to learn how fast the armed vessels of the rebels have multiplied lately, how many of our storeships and victuallers they have taken, and how successfully they have defeated all our force."

Washington writes from Cambridge that army enlistment problems continue: "Our total number upon paper amounts to about ten thousand five hundred; but as a large portion of these are returned not joined, I never expect to receive them . . ."

The New York Committee of Safety orders all ship pilots to avoid the entrance to the harbor at Sandy Hook; the committee also forbids pilots from boarding any enemy warship or troop transport.

Boston loyalist Peter Oliver reports that the old North Meeting House is pulled down for fuel for the loyalist Associates. The meeting house had been abandoned by the Reverend John Lathrop and his patriot congregation, most of whom had left Boston.

The Virginia Convention orders the jailing of all African Americans who carried arms in Dunmore's service. They are then to be appraised and sent to the West Indies or Bay of Honduras to be sold.

In Savannah, Georgia, Governor Wright is arrested and confined to his house.

Washington and other patriot generals agree that troops cannot be spared for service in Canada and that Boston must be attacked before Howe received reinforcements.

The Virginia Convention declares that best method of opposing British oppression would be to open all ports to international trade from every country except England.

Washington directs each regiment to send out two officers to purchase weapons for their unit. Soldiers enlisting with their own firearms are promised one dollar for its use and reimbursement if the weapon is lost during the campaign.

THIS MONTH DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR (1776-1780): (CONTINUED)

The South Carolina Council of Safety resolves "that able-bodied negro men be taken into the public service, and enrolled and employed, without arms for the defence of the several batteries in Charles-Town, Fort Johnson and other batteries, at the rate of two to each gun, . . . That they be in constant pay at the rate of ten shillings per day, and the public to find them provisions. . . . suitable rewards shall be given to those slaves, who behave well in time of action."

Washington writes in a letter to Joseph Reed, "I have often thought how much happier I should have been if, instead of accepting of a command under such circumstances, I had taken my musket upon my shoulder, and entered the ranks . . ."

The Continental Congress approves a letter to the Canadians promising a renewal of efforts to expel the British and urging the Canadians to associate with the Americans by appointing delegates to the Congress.

The Continental Congress authorizes a memorial in honor of General Richard Montgomery who was killed at Quebec on December 31, 1775.

In an attempt to maintain the friendship and trust of Indian tribes, Congress votes to allow the import of £40,000 worth of their trade goods.

In Virginia, the Committee of Sussex County pledges to help the inhabitants of Norfolk find shelter and land to cultivate.

Congress agrees to Washington's request that regiments be raised in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Connecticut for service in Canada, the cost to be underwritten by the Continental Congress.

The Continental Congress directs that no apprentices be enlisted for military service without the written consent of their master or mistress. Persons under the age of 21 could secure a discharge from service within twenty-four hours of enlisting by refunding any money or supplies received from the recruiting officer.

In the absence of credentials from the Massachusetts Assembly, Congress decides to accept the current delegates from that body on the basis of newspaper accounts of their appointments.

In January of 1777, Hessian prisoners taken at Trenton marched through Philadelphia on this day.

Cornwallis, who had been about to leave for England, rode 50 miles from New York to take command at Princeton, NJ. The total troops camped there numbered 8,000; Washington at Trenton, commanded 5,000.

Benjamin Franklin was appointed Commissioner to Spain, in addition to his duties in France.

Cornwallis marched toward Trenton to attack Washington with 6,000 men. Washington's troops were in great danger, backed up against the Delaware River. Their saving grace was Cornwallis' decision to wait until the next day to finish the battle.

During the early morning hours of January 3rd, Washington and his troops attacked the British rear guard at Princeton. Forty patriots and 275 British soldiers were killed during the battle. The Battle of Princeton was vital to boosting Washington' prestige and American morale.

General Leopold von Heister writes to Lord George Germain describing the defeat at Trenton.

Washington moves into winter quarters at Morristown, NJ.

Royal Governor to East Florida, Patrick Tonyn, wrote to Lord Germain that the estates of Sir James Wright (Royal Governor of Georgia and South Carolina) and others had been seized in Georgia. A Battery was also being built at Tybee Island, GA.

British withdrew all forces from NJ except posts at W. Brunswick and Perth Amboy.

An American shore battery drove away the British ship, HMS Cerberus.

British raid Prudence Island, Rhode Island.

THIS MONTH DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR (1776-1780): (CONTINUED)

A convention in Westminster votes to ask Congress to recognize the new state of New Connecticut (present-day Vermont).

Patriot forces under General William Heath begin a movement toward a British post at Fort Independence, King's Bridge, New York.

Patriot and British forces skirmish at Somerset Courthouse (present-day Millstone), New Jersey.

British forces counterattack from besieged Fort Independence, scattering the Americans.

Congress adjourns to Baltimore, Maryland.

In England, General John Burgoyne submits a plan to the government designed to isolate New England from the other colonies.

Americans abandon their siege at King's Bridge, New York.

In January of 1778, no events of note.

In January of 1779, General Augustine Prevost assumes command of British forces in the South and proceeds to initiate offensive operations. A skirmish commences at Fort Morris (Sunbury), Georgia, on January 6, when a force of 2,000 British engages a much smaller force of 200 Continentals led by Major Joseph Lane. After Prevost positions his artillery Lane surrenders. Each side incurs only minor casualties.

After the British capture Savannah, they offer immunity from prosecution to those who will affirm their loyalty to the Crown. Some patriots meet at the the Burke County Jail, Georgia, to determine how to counteract any possible defections from the patriot cause. There is an attempt to apprehend some Loyalists in the area. This skirmish, fought on the banks of the McIntosh Creek, is indecisive.

In December of 1780, On New Year's Day, 100 soldiers from Massachusetts mutiny at West Point, New York, and attempt to return home at the expiration of their enlistment, or in some cases, shortly prior. Some are punished although the majority is pardoned.

British Admiral George Rodney, with 21 ships of the line, engages an inferior Spanish squadron of 11 ships that departs Cadiz in "The Moonlight Battle" (The First Battle of Trafalgar). Rodney, on his way to the Americas, gleans information about the Spanish squadron from a captured merchantman and reverses his course. The Spanish, being outnumbered, try to flee back to port. Only one Spanish ship manages to return to the safety of the port of Cadiz. Although the victory has no major strategic significance, Rodney's order of "general chase" and fighting by moonlight make this a legendary engagement.

FLY YOUR FLAG

Any day you wish, but especially

George Washington's Birthday, 2/22/2019 (observed 2/18/2019)

Patriots' Day (Battle of Lexington & Concord, MA) (Third Monday in April), Monday, 4/15/2019

Armed Forces Day (3rd Saturday in May), 5/18/2019

Memorial Day (last Monday in May and half staff until noon) 5/27/2019

Flag Day, 6/14

Independence Day, 7/4

Labor Day, 9/2/2019

Patriot Day (Terrorists' Attack 2001), 9/11

Constitution Day, 9/17

Columbus Day (2nd Monday in October), 10/14/2019

Veterans Day, 11/11

and such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States





Armed Forces Bowl

On Saturday, December 22nd, President Gerry Gieger and Secretary Ron Turner worked a four-hour shift at the joint DAR and SAR booth in Veterans Village at the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl at TCU's Amon Carter Stadium. Participating were members of Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter SAR, Brazos Valley Chapter SAR, Captain Nathaniel Mills Chapter DAR, Fort Worth Chapter DAR, and Elizabeth Crockett Chapter DAR. Together, the SAR/DAR participants passed out almost 2,500 American flags. President Gieger also distributed approximately 20 Vietnam Commemorative Pins. The weather was fantastic. The crowds were enthusiastic. The SAR and DAR members were bombarded with questions and photo requests.



SIGNIFICANT DAYS AND OBSERVANCES FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

January 1 - New Year's Day

January 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2019

January 19	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth
February 16	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth
March 6	General Granbury Parade, Granbury (CG-C)
March 16	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth
March 21-24	Texas DAR 120th Annual Conference, Houston (CG-S)
April 3-7	Texas SAR 124th Annual Conference, Austin (CG-S)
April 7	Texas SAR Spring BOM, Austin
April 13	Texas SAR participation in the Medal of Honor Parade, Gainesville (CG-S)
April 20	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth
May 12	Mother's Day
May 18	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth
May 27	Memorial Day
June 15	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth
June 16	Father's Day
July 4	Independence Day
July 5-10	NSSAR Congress
July 20	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth

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



January 5	Raymond Lee Leftwich David Alan Rankin
January 6	Kenneth Gerard Rigoulot II
January 11	Brian Kelly Faherty
January 12	William Edward Hawkins
January 15	Bobby Wayne Bonham
January 18	Floyd Marvin Cox
January 19	Lance Stewart Jones
January 20	Jeremy Michael Petosa
January 21	Robert Ralph Truitt Jr.
January 25	Billy Eugene Thompson Thomas Erik Thompson

The Color Guard is always recruiting

Several times a year the Chapter is asked to present the colors or provide a color guard or honor guard for various civic functions. We are always looking for new members. Please contact the chapter color guard commander, Compatriot Bobby Gresham, at email address: gresham817@att.net.



MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Our chapter membership levels as of December 15, 2018, are:

Active / Current Member	93
NSSAR Life.....	7
TXSSAR Perpetual	13
Active / New Member	11
Active / Reinstated	5
Deceased	6
Dual w/Other Primary State.....	1
Emeritus (50+ years)	1
Inactive by Member Request ...	2
Junior Member / Reinstated	1
Junior Member	4
Not Paid (Current Year)	14
Not Paid (Dual State)	2
Reinstated / Transferred In	1
Transferred In.....	1
Memorial.....	0

Our membership currently is **118**.



SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!!

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