# **Texas Society**

# Sons of the American Revolution

# Chisholm Trail News

Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter Fort Worth, Texas **November 1, 2019** 



**NEXT MEETING:** November 16, 2019

**TIME: 8:30 am** 

**LOCATION:** Woodhaven Country Club

A monthly publication of Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, Ron Turner, Editor

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Greetings Compatriots,

November is here and time to dream of what you are giving your Lady for Christmas. Diamonds, or Perfume, a cruise down the Danube, or around the Cape of Good Hope?? Maybe more practical items like a new Vacuum or Steam Iron??

November is a Month of Remembrances. From births of such famous individuals as John Bunyan, Samuel Clemens, Robert Louis Stevenson, Winston Churchill, Daniel Boone, U.S. President Polk, astronomer Edwin Hubble, Indira Gandhi, Christian evangelist Billy Graham, Reformation founder Martin Luther, author C.S. Lewis, American conductor John Philip Sousa, and American humorist Will Rogers, to Veteran's Day(formerly Armistice Day), the opening of the Berlin Wall, the symbolic end to the Vietnam War, and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

November is also the month when Magellan sailed around the tip of South America, our Four Time Zones (Eastern, Central, Mountain, and Pacific) were established, President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address, The Articles of Confederation were adopted by the Continental Congress, and The Cold War came to an end.

Last, but not least, November is Thanksgiving Month. On November 26, 1789, the first American holiday occurred, proclaimed by President George Washington to be Thanksgiving Day, a day of prayer and public thanksgiving in gratitude for the successful establishment of the new American Republic – The United States of America. Let us Never Forget.

This is the month when we elect new Chapter Officers for the following two years. We will conduct the election by voice vote in our meeting on November 16. Also, we will be honoring all Veterans. Hope to see you then.

Gerry

# CHAPTER OFFICERS 2018-2019

President

Gerald A. "Gerry" Gieger

Vice-President

(vacant)

Secretary

Ronald J. "Ron" Turner

Treasurer

L. Vaughn Oliver

Registrar (Acting)

Ronald J. "Ron" Turner

Chaplain

Roger L. Tate

Sergeant-at-Arms/Color Guard Commander

Robert G. "Bobby" Gresham



# **Wreaths Across America**

# Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, Texas Society, NSSAR (TX0790P)

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.

REMEMBER the Fallen... HONOR those who Serve... TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

What does it mean to sponsor a wreath? It means you'll honor an American hero this year on Wreaths Across America Day. You can sponsor any number of wreaths to honor and remember all who have served, to honor a living veteran, spouse, first responder, or to remember a veteran, spouse, or first responder that has passed.

Each wreath you sponsor is only \$15.00. And, Wreaths Across America will return \$5.00 of each \$15.00 back to the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter. Our chapter goal is sponsorship of 100 wreaths. That will result in \$500.00 returned to the chapter—an easy way to raise funds!

The link to our sponsor site is https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/161399.

Share the above link with your family, friends, neighbors!

December 2nd is the deadline for 2019 sponsorship of wreaths.

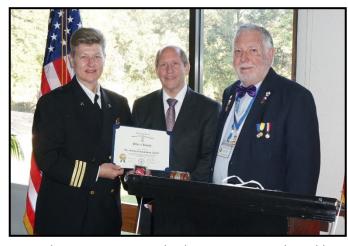




President Gerry Gieger and Acting Registrar Ron Turner inducted new members Edward Oran Standley and Joseph Paul DeWoody at the October Chapter meeting.

Compatriot Standley's Patriot Ancestor was John Jacob Fast who provided a substitute for the State of Virginia.

Compatriot DeWoody's Patriot Ancestor was William Thomas McGuire who served as a Lieutenant in the 1st Artillery Regiment in the Virginia Continental Army.



President Gerry Gieger and Color Guar Commander Bobby Gresham presented the SAR Fire Safety Commendation Medal and Certificate to Sherri Haught, Battalion Chief, Fort Worth Fire Department.

Chief Haught has the honor of being the first woman Battalion Chief in the department.

### **CONTEST DEADLINES**

December 20th is the Deadline for the following contests:

- History Teacher Contest
- Knight Eagle Scout Scholarship
- Knight Essay Contest
- Rumbaugh Oration Contest
- C.A.R. Essay Contest

Bob Mearns, District 5 Vice President, Texas Society SAR, stopped by at the October Chapter meeting for a



### SUPPORT CHAPTER PROGRAMS—PURCHASE CHAPTER LAPEL PINS

Chapter Secretary Ron Turner is selling lapel/hat pins of the chapter logo to support chapter funds. Proceeds raised will be split evenly between the Goodman Youth Fund and the Pray TCU Fund. Ron is donating the pins for the campaign so 100% of the proceeds will go towards the two funds.

The hard enamel lapel/hat pins are made of raised black nickel metal with a white background and brown longhorn steer silhouette. They measure 1.25" wide by .75" high. **The cost is \$5 per pin.** Buy pins for yourself or to trade and give away to family and friends.

Ron will have pins available at chapter meetings or you can contact him at <a href="mailto:rjturner0815@gmail.com">rjturner0815@gmail.com</a> to arrange to purchase pins.



# BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING OCTOBER 4, 5, & 6, 2019 HILTON ARLINGTON

The Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter and the Arlington Chapter co-hosted an extremely successful Board of Manager's Meeting (BOM) in Arlington on the first weekend of October. Attendance exceeded all expectations. The planning committee was initially told we could expect about 45 compatriots. Actually, eighty-two compatriots from around the State of Texas pre-registered, along with 28 wives. We also had several local chapter members register at the meeting.

A presentation by Ms. Morgan Gieringer of the University of North Texas kicked off the weekend on Friday afternoon.

All attendees were on their own for dinner Friday night; however, those who wished to participate could join a group at Texas Live! at Lockhart's BBQ Restaurant.

Various committee meetings filled Saturday morning's agenda beginning at 7:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

The Ladies Tour at 9:00 a.m. was a very enjoyable trip by Arlington Trolley to Top O' Hill Terrace in Arlington. In the early 1920s the site along the Bankhead Highway was home to a tea room. By the late 1920s, the site was converted to a casino with an escape tunnel and secret room for hiding the gambling paraphernalia during raids. The popular spot attracted gamblers as well as visitors who were often unaware of the gaming activities. The restaurant, along with the tea garden that exists today, was a legitimate business, operating alongside a brothel as well as the casino, which benefited from the nearby Arlington Downs Racetrack. Today, Top O' Hill Terrace is on the grounds of Arlington Baptist University.

Approximately, 75 attendees enjoyed Herb Marinated Breast of Chicken for lunch in the hotel's main ballroom. Compatriot Bill Covington, a member of the Arlington chapter and a visitor to our Van Zandt chapter on many occasions, spoke to the group on "The Continental Soldier."

Committee meetings continued after lunch.

The first General Session began at 3:00 p.m. Most of the business included officer reports, committee reports, and the presentation of various awards. Texas Society President David Temple presented Mike Connelley, John Anderson, and Ron Turner with the Silver Roger Sherman Medal & Certificate for their service to the Texas Society in planning the BOM meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

A Cash Bar opened at 6:00 p.m. for the enjoyment of the attendees and the Dinner Banquet began at 7:00 p.m. Approximately 94 attendees enjoyed either a Braised Short Rib or Filet of Salmon dinner. The guest speaker was the UTA ROTC Battalion Commander Tanner Holman. President Temple continued distributing awards that were announced at the National Convention in July in California. Our chapter received a Partners in Patriotism Certificate in recognition of our participation in Wreaths Across America in 2018.

At the conclusion of dinner, Mike Connelley, John Anderson, and Ron Turner conducted drawings for the Raffle winner and for the 50-50 Cash Raffle. Congratulations to the following:

1st prize, Redskins/Cowboys tickets - Mitchell D. Meaders, Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, Fort Worth 2nd prize, TLC 55" Ultra HD flat-screen TV - Billy E. Thompson, Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, Fort Worth 3rd prize, Cabela 40-qt Polar Cap Equalizer Cooler - Floyd Miller, Paul Revere Chapter, Beaumont Winner of the 50-50 Cash Raffle - Ted Wilson, Edmund Terrell Chapter, Sherman

Sunday morning began with a brief Religious Service, followed by the second General Session which consisted of more reports and distribution of various awards.

As most of you are aware, we have a National SAR store where we can purchase a variety of items. State Secretaries Jim Clements and Jim Kuykendall announced the establishment of a Texas Society store which is hoped to be operational on the private Texas Society website around Thanksgiving. This will provide members the opportunity to purchase Texas SAR branded and chapter branded clothing to advertise our Texas Society and local chapter. Additional details will be forthcoming.

The State Color Guard was active at the meeting by posting the colors at the start of the first General Session on Saturday afternoon and retrieving the colors on Sunday morning. Van Zandt participants were: Color Guard Commander Bobby Gresham, President Gerry Gieger, Kevin Shellman, and Vann Cunningham.

Compatriot Mike Connelley received the Liberty Medal for being the 1st line sponsor of 10 new member applications.

Color Guard Commander Bobby Gresham received the Silver Bernardo de Galvez Color Guard Medal.

Van Zandt Chaplain Roger Tate was appointed Assistant Chaplain to the Texas Society.

The Silent Auction generated approximately \$1,500 which goes entirely to the Texas Society's Patriot Fund.

The BOM Planning Committee is pleased to announce that the meeting was very profitable and each chapter will have a nice "pay day" once all the expenses are paid and income received. More on this next month.

And, finally, a **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who participated either as an attendee, a volunteer, bought raffle tickets, or donated Silent Auction items. **YOU** are who made this state meeting so very successful!



Mike Connelley chairs the Council of Chapter Presidents committee meeting.





James & Ja Ann Alderman and Bobby & Dana Gresham conducted the wives on the Ladies Tour to Top O' Hill Terrace.



Saturday's Lunch.



Lorna Rankin, Senior State President for Texas Society Children of the American Revolution for 2018-2020 term, brought greetings from the C.A.R.











Texas Society Past President Tom Jackson & State Secretary
Jim Clements present Mike Connelley with the Liberty
Medal.





Bill Covington speaks to the Lunch attendees on "The Continental Soldier".



John Anderson and President David Temple thank Bill Covington for his presentation





Volunteers staff the Registration Desk and the Silent Auction room.



North Texas Color Guard Commander Ted Wilson and Past State Color Guard Commander Stu Hoyt chair the Color Guard Committee meeting.

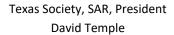


During the Ladies Auxiliary meeting, they toasted the 1,000,000th new member admitted to the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.



The state teas

The Texas State Color Guard















Texas Society President David Temple presented the Silver Roger Sherman Medal to Mike Connelley, John Anderson, and Ron Turner



Mike Connelley recognized the Hilton hotel staff during Saturday's Lunch.

A special recognition goes to Jenn Andes (above) who worked with the Planning Committee for the last year in planning the meeting and ensuring the hotel met all our needs.





Saturday evenings Banquet







Floyd Miller, Paul Revere Chapter, Beaumont was the winner of the Cabela 40-qt Polar Cap Equalizer Cooler in the Raffle drawing. Mike Connelley and Ron Turner congratulated Floyd on his win.



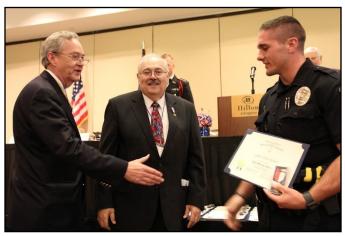
North Texas Color Guard Commander Ted Wilson displays his winnings for the 50-50 Cash Raffle. Ron Turner joined him.



State Secretary Jim Clements ensures that all of the awards to be distributed during the Banquet are in order.



Arlington Compatriot Gary Faletti presented Arlington Police Officer Harmon with the SAR Life Saving Medal.



Texas Society President David Temple congratulates Officer Harmon.



Arlington Chapter President Roger Wehr presented Arlington Police Corporal Brewer the SAR Medal of Heroism for outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger.





The Color Guard posts the colors during Saturday evening's Banquet.





Color Guard member Blair Rudy as the "Town Crier" announces the dinner menu for the Saturday Banquet.



Color Guard Commander Bobby Gresham



The keynote speaker at Saturday's Banquet was UTA ROTC Battalion Commander Tanner Holman.



Kevin Shellman.





Color Guard Commander Bobby Gresham



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# THIS MONTH DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR (1781-1783):

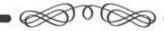
**In November of 1781**, a force of 300 Loyalists led by William "Bloody Bill" Cunningham assaults a group of 30 Patriots commanded by Captain George Turner, Captain James Butler Sr., and his son James Jr., at Cloud's Creek, South Carolina. The Patriots are slaughtered after an impetuous young Butler shoots a Loyalist during negotiations to surrender. All but 2 Patriots are killed in the ensuing massacre.

Major James H. Craig, commanding between 400 and 450 British regulars, who captured Wilmington, North Carolina, on February 1, is forced to abandon the town in order to avoid capture by Continental forces moving to reinforce Nathanael Greene after the surrender of Yorktown. Craig takes with him any Loyalists who wish to leave the town.

In November of 1782, in one of the last actions of the war, Captain William Wilmot of the 2nd Maryland Continentals leads a successful assault against a British foraging party at John's Ferry, South Carolina, but is killed in the process. Authorities differ on the exact date and location of this action, but it seems certain that was the affair in which Wilmot died

In November of 1783, the Continental Army disbands on November 3rd.

On November 25th, the British army evacuates from New York City, their last military position in the United States during the war.



#### NOVEMBER COLOR GUARD OPPORTUNITIES

#### **November 9th**

#### Santa & Soldiers Veterans Day Parade

Ride the float with or without a uniform!

Assemble by 8:00 a.m. in the Target parking lot.

Parade kicks off at 8:30 a.m.

# November 10th MOWW Massing of the Colors

2:00 p.m., Trimble Tech High School Fort Worth

# November 11th Fort Worth Veterans Day Parade

Ride the float with or without a uniform!

Assemble by 9:30 a.m. in Panther Island Pavilion parking lot

Parade kicks off at 11:00 a.m.







### **UPCOMING MONTHLY PRESENTATIONS**

Your chapter officers have worked diligently to develop interesting presentations for chapter meetings for the remainder of 2019 and into 2020. You can look forward to the following programs:

November Election of Officers for 2020-2021

Veterans Recognition (TBD)

January 2020 Presidential Visit to Chapter David Temple, Texas SAR President

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal presentation Mike Connelley

Installation of Officers for 2020-2021 David Temple, Texas SAR President

February 2020 Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal presentation Ron Turner



November 1 John Kevin Faherty
Brett Hamilton Jones

November 5 Todd Erik Samuelson

November 10 Billy Joe Harger, II

November 13 Richard Vance Wilson

November 17 Thomas Edgar Bachner, III

November 19 Russell Warren Leavens

November 30 John Mitchell Bell, Jr.

### 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

# SIGNIFICANT DAYS AND OBSERVANCES FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

November 10 Marine Corps Birthday

November 11 Veterans Day – is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice treaty, which ended World

War I and is also a day to thank military Veterans for their service.



### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### 2019

November 10 MOWW Massing of the Colors, Trimble Tech High School, Fort Worth (CG-N)

November 11 Fort Worth Veterans Day Parade (CG-N)

November 16 Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth

Election of Chapter Officers for 2020-2021

2020

January 18 Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth

SAR Texas Society Presidential Visit, David Temple

Installation of Officers for 2020-2021

Law Enforcement Commendation Award Presentation

February 15 Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth

**Emergency Medical Services Commendation Award Presentation** 

March 21 Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth

March 26-29 125th Texas SAR Annual Convention, The Woodlands (CG-N)

April 18 Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth May 16 Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth June 20 Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth July 18 Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth

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

# FROM THE NATIONAL REGISTRAR'S APPLICATION STATUS REPORT:

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

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Dec 14, 2018, Scotte Linn Clark, 209892, 13790, Olney, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Stephen Bell Bassford, 1755-1814
Feb 15, 2019, Troy Jeffery Kennedy, 210695, 13902, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, William Johnson, 1753-1827
Feb 15, 2019, William Lowell Meaders, 210705, 13912, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Boone, 1727-1803
Feb 15, 2019, Brian William Meaders, 210706, 13913, Keller, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Boone, 1727-1803
Feb 15, 2019, Mitchell Dane Meaders, 210707, 13914, Keller, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Boone, 1727-1803
Jun 14, 2019, Thomas James Avers, 211909, 14011, Grapevine, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Hughes, 1747-1830
Jun 14, 2019, William Lawrence Bannister III, 211911, 14013, Benbrook, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, James Brown, 1738-1788
Jun 14, 2019, Lloyd Stephen Barnes, 211910, 14012, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, James Hunt, 1765-1851
Jun 21, 2019, Damon Dion Harvey, 211976, 14018, Everman, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Thomas Jones, ca1762-1842
Jun 21, 2019, Tommie Rosnald Harvey, 211975, 14017, Everman, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Thomas Jones, ca1762-1842
Jul 12, 2019, Wayne Alma Heide, 212237, 14050, Fort Worth, TX ACTIVE/NEW, Thomas Miles, 1745-1806
Jul 19, 2019, Robert Leslie Goode, Jr., 212312, 14063, North Richland Hills, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob Minor, 1761-1836
Jul 19, 2019, Robert Leslie Goode, III, 212313, 14064, Azle, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob Minor, 1761-1836
Jul 19, 2019, Daniel Patrick Goode, 212314, 14065, New York, NY, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob Minor, 1761-1836
Aug. 22, 2019, Donald Gordon Woodworth, 212824, 14117, Benbrook, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Daniel Kellogg, 1758-1830
Aug. 22, 2019, Kedron Jacob Woodworth, 212825, 14118, Benbrook, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Daniel Kellogg, 1758-1830
Aug. 30, 2019, Robert Dale Arthur, 212831, 14124, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Arthur, 1756-1848
Aug. 30, 2019, Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, William McGuire, 1748-1834
Aug. 30, 2019, Edward Oran Standley, 212832, 14125, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Jacob Fast, 1758-1827
Oct. 04, 2019 Dylan Edward Sanders, 213287, 0, Goldthwaite, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Miller, 1750-1808
Oct. 04, 2019 Gavin Michael Sanders, 213288, 0, Goldthwaite, TX, JUNIOR/NEW, John Miller, 1750-1808
Oct. 04, 2019 Jameson Garrett Wright, 213286, 0, Highland Village, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Miller, 1750-1808
Oct. 04, 2019 Terry Wayne Wright, 213285, 0, Highland Village, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Miller, 1750-1808
Oct. 11, 2019 Joe Mallory Clark, 213358, 0, Mineola, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Stephen Bell Bassford, 1765-1814
Oct. 11, 2019 Larry Vaughn Mick, 213361, 0, North Richland Hills, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Mary Boone Bryan, 1736-1819
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### CHAPTER REGISTRAR'S REPORT (as of Thursday, September 1st):

# Applications in progress

(National-6, State-1, Chapter-2, In Development-42)

[under national review] Darrel Ray Dunlop, 156783, 8893, Euless, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL #13, John Gardner, ca1753-1838 [under national review] Ronald Joe Turner, 198382, 12354, Euless, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL #6, William McElwee (Jr), 1761-aft 1846 [under national review] Ronald Joe Turner, 198382, 12354, Euless, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL #8, Levin Savage, 1750-1837 [under national review] Ronald Joe Turner, 198382, 12354, Euless, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL #10, Sampson Bobo, 1737-1804 [under national review] Andrew Kent Walker, 0, 0, Flower Mound, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Shadrach Hubbell, 1740-1796 [under national review] Michael Anthony Walker, 0, 0, Flower Mound, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Shadrach Hubbell, 1740-1796 [under State Review] Robert Wilson, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Thomas King, 1754-1847 [under Chapter Review] Mark Parkison, 0, 0, Weatherford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Daniel Parkinson, 1754-1838 [under Chapter Review] Phillip Gerald Williams, 0, 0, North Richland Hills, TX, ACTIVE/NEW,

### 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 September 31, 2019, are:

Active / Current Member95
NSSAR Life4
TXSSAR Perpetual10
Active / New Member24
Active / Reinstated3
Deceased4
Dual w/Other Primary State3
Emeritus (50+ years)0
Junior Member / Reinstated 1
Junior SAR Member1
Non-Paid Junior Member3
Not Paid (Current Year)12
Reinstated / Transferred In2
Transferred In0
Memorial0

Our membership currently is 130.



### SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!!

Visit and bookmark our chapter website at <a href="http://www.txssar.org/KMVanZandt/index.htm">http://www.txssar.org/KMVanZandt/index.htm</a>.

Visit and Like/Follow our Facebook page at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/vanzandtsar/">https://www.facebook.com/vanzandtsar/</a>.

Join our Google Group for emails at <a href="https://groups.google.com/forum/?hl=en#!forum/sar-km-van-zandt">https://groups.google.com/forum/?hl=en#!forum/sar-km-van-zandt</a>.

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