# **Texas Society**

# Sons of the American Revolution

# Chisholm Trail News

Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter Fort Worth, Texas January 1, 2020



**NEXT MEETING:** January 18, 2020

**TIME: 8:30 am** 

**LOCATION:** Woodhaven Country Club

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Greetings Compatriots,

With some sadness, I compose this last Greeting of my term as President of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, Texas Society, of the Sons of the American Revolution, but I know that I am leaving the office and Chapter in most capable



hands. Thank you for your confidence in electing me two years ago.

As I depart, I think it is good that we be reminded of some things which have been accomplished. In my first message, I noted that Recruitment of new members would be a top priority. This task was slightly hampered by the untimely death of our newly elected Registrar and inability to find a replacement. Not to accept defeat, we engaged the other Officers to help us continue our quest. Our Secretary, and newly incoming President, Compatriot Ronald Turner, volunteered to guide the task. This past year alone he has enlisted over 24 new members and filed several Supplemental Applications. We have lost some members to death, but there are more than 10 new ones in process, either at National or in State Registrar's hands. We have presented eight Martha Washington Medals to DAR ladies who assisted us in recruiting. We have also gained several who have transferred affiliation from other States or Chapters. Ron is to be commended.

In cooperation with the Arlington Chapter, we hosted the 2019 Fall Board-of-Managers meeting which was a huge success.

Our Color-guard has served and posted Colors at numerous DAR events as well as participating in various Parades and the Armed Forces Bowl. We have awarded three Life-Saving and six Heroism medals. We have presented 26 Flag Certificates, all under command of Compatriot Bobby Gresham, who is your incoming Vice-President. He will also remain as Color-guard Commander.

All in all, I think that together, we had a very successful tenure and I look forward to a great future.

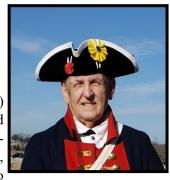
Happy New Year and hope to see you on 18 January 2020.

Gerry

# DISPATCH FROM YOUR PRESIDENT-ELECT

Compatriots,

As we enter a new (leap) year, we should stop and give thanks for the past successful year. Looking back, we presented 22 awards to



ROTC/JROTC/Sea Cadet youth, one cash award to a Knight Essay Contest winner and one to a C.A.R. Essay Contest winner, eight Public Service Awards, five Martha Washington awards to DAR ladies, and 26 Flag Certificates. We inducted 25 new members which probably was close to a record for the chapter in a single year and the Genealogist General approved four supplemental applications. Our chapter submitted six Patriot Biographies to the Patriot Records Committee.

We successfully planned and managed, in conjunction with the Arlington Chapter, a state meeting of the Board of Managers in Arlington. It was financially beneficial to both chapters. We heard only positive comments from attendees who came from all across our great state.

Numerous members participated in events such as the Massing of the Colors, two Veterans Day Parades, a state convention, Memorial Day Services, DAR chapter meetings, luncheons and teas, and two Wreaths Across America events. We met our goal of 100 wreath sponsorships.

Yes, it was a very successful year.

I'm sure that I have omitted some things or events from the past year. And, I do expect the coming year to be just as eventful and busy.

What are some of my goals for the chapter?

First, I hope to see an increase in member attendance at chapter meetings and events. Wouldn't it be nice to double or even triple our monthly attendance? You can help with this goal by making every effort to be in attendance at Woodhaven Country Club each third Saturday of the month. Why not add it to your personal calendars right now for the whole year?

Second, a major goal I have is the creation of a Speakers Bureau for the chapter. A Speakers Bureau is a state-sponsored effort that includes SAR members who have

developed topics and programs that are Historic, Patriotic, and/or Educational in nature. Check out the State website <a href="https://www.txssar.org/speakers.htm">https://www.txssar.org/speakers.htm</a> to view a list of existing topics. We have several members who can speak about a variety of subjects and several of you have spoken at chapter meetings on a number of topics. Why not put your knowledge to use by speaking at other chapters, organizations, and schools? My personal goal is to develop at least two topics that I feel comfortable with and hope others will join me in this effort.

Third, let's work together to return our youth programs to a state of viability. We don't need to have youth entries in each and every category initially. However, we do need to focus on a few and once those are established again, we can add others. We need a few good men to step forward and assume responsibility for a program of your choosing. Please think about this. Pray about it. Contact me if you feel that you want and can take on the sponsorship for one of our youth contests.

Finally, thank you. Thank you for placing your trust in my ability to lead the chapter for the next two years. I will endeavor to not disappointment you.

So, to close, I hope you will join me each month as we move forward in our chapter goals and endeavors and in closing out the second decade of the 21st century.

In brotherly affection,

Ron



#### PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

Remember that David J. Temple, President, Texas Society, SAR, will attend our chapter meeting on January 18th. He will install officers and speak to the chapter.

In addition, we expect to welcome a large number of invited guests that possibly will include as many as eight DAR Regents and Chief Ed Kraus of the Fort Worth Police Department. All members are encouraged to attend.



# CHAPTER REPRESENTATION AT THE BATTLE OF GREAT BRIDGE, VIRGINIA

The Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter was represented in two events in Virginia on the weekend of December 7-8, 2019. The first was the NSSAR national event celebrating the 1775 victory of patriots over the British in the Battle of Great Bridge, which led directly to patriot control of Virginia for most of the war - imagine the war without Virginia. Doug Schwetke presented the chapter wreath and marched with his brother, Bill, in the Color Guard.



left to right: Bill Schwetke, Doug Schwetke, with the chapter wreath. The green hunting shirts were similar to those of the Culpeper Minutemen who made up a significant portion of the patriot forces at Great Bridge.



Color Guard at the Honor and Remember Banquet. Bill Schwetke is third from the left and Doug is fourth from the left.





#### ADDITIONAL FLAG CERTIFICATE PRESENTATIONS

During the month of December, President Gerry Gieger presented additional Certificates of Commendation in recognition of Exemplary Patriotism in the display of the Flag of the United States of America a number of recipients. Gerry presented a total of 24 certificates over the months of November and December. Those receiving Flag Certificates in December were:

- ★ Mrs. Baird's—BBU, 7301 South Freeway, Fort Worth 76134
- ★ The Home Depot, FW, 7950 South Freeway, Fort Worth 76134
- ★ The Home Depot, Burleson, 300 NW John Jones Dr, Burleson 76028
- ★ Red Lobster, Burleson, 1175 N Burleson Blvd, Burleson 76028
- ★ Hogan Truck Leasing Inc, 9440 South Freeway, Fort Worth 76140
- ★ Sherwin William Paints #7598, 1224 SW Wilshire Blvd, Burleson 76028
- ★ Tiger Mart #18, 210 SW Wilshire Blvd, Burleson 76028
- ★ Tiger Mart, 1141 SW Wilshire Blvd, Burleson 76028
- ★ WestRock Co FW, 6701 South Freeway, Fort Worth 76134
- ★ Doug Martin, 704 Snapper, Burleson 76028
- ★ Castle Hill Homeowners Association, PO Box 1474, Burleson 76097
- ★ Park West Apartments, 7521 Crowley Road, Fort Worth 76134
- ★ First United Methodist Church, 590 NE McAlister Road, Burleson 76028
- ★ Harbison-Fisher, 901 N Crowley Road, Crowley 76036

















#### 2020 George Washington Laredo Parade

The SAR Color Guard will not participate in the George Washington Laredo Parade in February 2020. The SAR was unable to secure enough, and at a reasonable rate, hotel rooms for the SAR Color Guard at the February 21, 2020 event. The decision was made to pass on the 2020 event and rally around the 2021 event.

Laredo Chapter President Rick Ramirez will assume the role of event point of contact. Blair Rudy, Southern Color

Guard Commander, will work with Rick on the 2021 parade. Blair has begun a good relationship with the Marriott Courtyard on the parade route. The Marriott Courtyard will open reservations in May 2020 for the 2021 event. He will request a block of rooms this spring depending on event interest at our State Conference in The Woodlands. Should you not have plans to attend the State Conference and wish to make 2021 plans for the Laredo parade, more than likely on Saturday, February 20, 2021, please contact Blair Rudy so he may build a list of potential attendees. Blair's email address is blairrudy@me.com.

The George Washington Laredo Parade applies ass a national SAR event for earning Color Guard medals.



# VAN ZANDT DUAL MEMBER SERVES AS COLORADO SOCIETY PRESIDENT

Richard Alan Neeley is a dual member of the Texas Society and the Colorado Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. He is also a Life Member of the SAR.

Richard has been president of the Colorado Society of the SAR since January of 2019. He has been nominated to serve another year as president for the 2020 term, which will begin in February of 2020. The Colorado Society has five Chapters and over 450 members.

Prior to becoming president of the Colorado Society, Rick served a year as the Colorado Society Vice President, and a year as the Colorado Society Recording Secretary. He also served two years as the Mount Evans Chapter Registrar, which has over 140 members.

He is originally from Tacoma, Washington but spent over 25 years in Texas. His father's family settled in Alvarado, Johnson County, just after the Civil War. They farmed and married into several families around Johnson County. Like they say, he wasn't born in Texas but he got there as soon as he could.

Rick spent two years at North Texas State University studying music and playing Jazz guitar in their music and Lab Band program, but after an eight year career in music, he returned to school and graduated with a BS in Geology from the University of Texas - Arlington. He spent his career in the Oil and Gas industry. Rick has lived in Colorado the past 14 years and currently lives in Sedalia, Colorado.

Maintaining and increasing SAR membership is a key goal of his and one of the best ways to do this is through the visibility and exposure they get with our Color Guard and Patriot Chest activities. They also include DAR members to give presentations with them. Over the past two years, the Colorado Society has performed Patriot Chest presentations to nearly 3800 kids and adults in schools and youth camps.

Rick says that it's been a pleasure for him to serve and do what he can for the SAR and he hopes to continue doing so for many years to come.

Rick visits the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter whenever he is in Texas.













# "Hands On History" Presentations for your class or organization!

SONS of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION
Patriotic ★ Historical ★ Educational

Sponsored by the Colorado Society, Sons of the American Revolution at no cost to schools or organizations. Request a Patriot Chest Presentation on your schedule!

Presentations use many reproduction artifacts for students to handle that make the American Colonial period and Revolutionary War real.

Designed to fit within a single class period, the topics are Life in Colonial Times, Run Up to War (events that led to America's separation from Great Britain), and You're In the Army Now.

Contact Rob Hampton, 303-931-0071 / hamptonrc@gmail.com

The chapter's parade trailer was prominently shown in the Texas Society of the DAR's *District II Dialogue* newsletter sent out to all DAR members in District II.

Twenty-six DAR chapters comprise the district in Bosque, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Hill, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Tarrant, Wichita, Wise, and Young counties.



Jan Turner, the chapter's First Lady and a member of the Captain Nathaniel Mills Chapter DAR, drove the tow vehicle for the parade trailer and is pictured standing in front of the trailer banner prior to the start of the parade.

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#### DISTRICT II DIALOGUE



#### HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED Veterans Day 2019

President Trump issued a proclamation declaring all of November as a month to honor veterans and military families in an effort to extend Veterans Day celebrations. In his message, the President requested that communities "honor the service, sacrifices, and contributions of veterans and military families for what they have done and for what they do every day to support our great nation."

On Veterans Day and throughout the month of November, District II Daughters and chapters were actively engaged in commemorating the Veterans Day observance and in demonstrating their respect and appreciation for all those who are serving or have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. DAR members participated in parades, hosted special meetings, luncheons and ceremonies, attended Stand Down events for homeless veterans, mailed care packages to active duty service members, signed cards and letters, visited veterans in hospitals and nursing homes, and supported our nation's veterans and military families with a number of other heartfelt and fitting tributes held across the District throughout the month. Pictured are just some of the many events, celebrations and projects of District II Daughters and chapters.



DISTRICT II DIALOGUE

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#### TRANSFERS & REINSTATEMENTS

We welcome the following Compatriots who have completed transferring their SAR memberships to the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter:

Arthur G. Munford (Victoria Chapter) Gary W. Munford (Victoria Chapter) Jacob A. Munford (Victoria Chapter) Jason S. Munford (Victoria Chapter) The following transfers in are in progress:

Bobby W. Rushing (Texas Tech Chapter) Shawn P. Hinman (Tennessee Society)

The following reinstatements are in progress:

Coulter A. Tallent (Virginia Society)
Dale Allen Joseph Brock (Missouri Society)
Roger D. Cox (Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter)

# WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA UPDATE

Our Wreaths Across America (WAA) campaign was a great success in 2019. Our coordinator signed us up to sponsor 100 wreaths and by December 14th, we had reached that goal exactly. We extend a very special THANKS to those of you who sponsored wreaths or took time to attend a WAA event, and a very special thank you to the ladies of the Captain Molly Corbin Chapter DAR who joined us in our sponsorship campaign.

Saturday, December 14th, was a beautiful, sunny day with mild temperatures—perfect day for laying wreaths on graves in various cemeteries. President-elect Ron Turner and Secretary-elect Kevin Shellman attended the ceremony in Revolutionary War uniforms at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. A rather large crowd showed up and attended the opening ceremony and then had all 48,000 graves covered within 30 minutes. Yes, for the first time ever, WAA had enough fresh

green wreaths to cover all 48,000 graves. There were many, many requests for photos.

Color Guard Commander Bobby Gresham and Compatriot James Alderman were joined by Compatriot Jerry Cope of the Arlington Chapter at Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth.

We hope that more of the chapter will make an effort to participate in this worthwhile effort to honor our fallen veterans in 2020.



#### RESULTS

2019 SO FAR

100 Wreaths Sponsored 100.0 % to Goal 0 To Go! 853 Views













# PATRIOTIC POETRY:

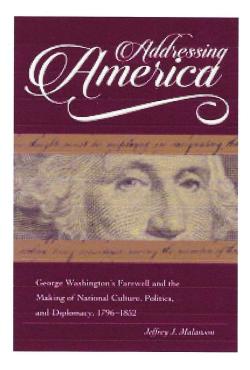
69 GREAT AMERICAN POEMS THAT INSPIRED FREEDOM By Christopher Cole, Narrated by Charles Hield



Each of the poems in this audio book are fragments that reveal a part of the American story. After many of the monumental events that occurred during the Revolutionary and Civil War there were persons that were so inspired by what had just happened they sat down and wrote their impressions in poetry. Many of their words are by famous poets that you may recognize and others are by folks just dedicated to describing what they had recently experienced.

You are encouraged to listen to this collection of poetry as a way to remember who we are and why we're here.

To listen to a short sample of "Patriotic Poetry" go to this site: https://tinyurl.com/sle5e3 or go to Audible.com and type in "Charles Hield".



Audio book narration by Charles Hield

In his presidential Farewell Address of 1796, George Washington presented a series of maxims to guide the construction of a wise foreign policy. He believed, as did generations of his adherents, that if the United States stayed true to the principles he discussed, the country would eventually attain national greatness and international respectability. These principles quickly became engrained in the DNA of what it meant to be an American in the first half of the nineteenth century, shaping the formation of U.S. foreign policy, politics, and political culture. The Declaration of Independence affirmed American ideals, the Constitution established American government, and the Farewell Address enabled Americans to understand their country and its place in the world. While the Declaration and Constitution have persisted as foundational documents, our appreciation for the Farewell Address has faded with time. By focusing on the enduring influence of the Farewell Address on nineteenth-century Americans, and on their abiding devotion to Washington, author Jeffrey Malanson brings the Address back into the spotlight for twenty-first-century readers. When citizens gathered in town halls, city commons, and local churches to commemorate Washington, engagement with the Farewell Address was a cornerstone of their celebrations. This annual rededication to Washingtons principles made the Farewell Address both a framework for the attainment of national happiness and prosperity and a blueprint for national security, and it resulted in its position as the central text through which citizens of the early republic came to understand the connections between the nations domestic and foreign ambitions. Through its focus on the diplomatic, political, and cultural impacts of Washingtons Farewell Address, Addressing America reasserts the fundamental importance of this critical document to the development of the United States in the first half of the nineteenth century.

# WHY BELONG TO THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION?

Dr. Azalia Smith Moore

Letter to the Editor published in Mississippi Compatriot, August 19, 2019

There are many adult men in Mississippi and other states who are eligible to become members of the Sons of the American Revolution. Those who are members and who are descendants of other members find many great benefits from their membership in this worthy historic organization. This writer not long ago responded to the question, "Why should I join the SAR?" As a part of the response to this question, the author was challenged to document the value of membership in both the SAR and in other similar historic societies. The response can be divided into seven basic categories: fraternity, family, fellowship, fidelity, friendship, fun, and faith.

Basic to the needs of most human beings is the need for fraternity. One psychologist identified the need to belong to a group as one of the basic needs of most human beings. Not only does the SAR offer fraternity with other men in the organization, but the sense of belonging to history and to the sacrifices of the men and women who paved the foundation of freedom and democracy enables each applicant to better comprehend his link to other people with similar backgrounds. In many instances, the member first becomes aware of the history of his ancestors.

As noted, there is much value in the knowledge of the history of one's family. While physical characteristics are readily discernible to the applicant, often there are attributes and talents that one discovers as he researches the military service and/or contributions of each generation in his history. There are both delightful and challenging factors in the history of most individuals. This writer has had many applicants say, "I don't want to know about the horse thieves." However, knowledge about the preachers, the teachers, the skilled craftsmen, and the sacrifices made in military and public service create pride and affiliation. Doing the necessary research for an SAR application affords the applicant with documents that convey skills, talents, crafts, beliefs, and challenges met and conquered by ancestors of the SAR applicant.

The SAR meetings provide valuable opportunities for fellowship with a group of individuals who enjoy the programs related to the history of this country. SAR chapters include both the members and their spouses in the meetings. Programs are usually related to the history of the Revolutionary War Era. For example, one meeting included a display of the canteens carried by soldiers from the Revolutionary War period. The presenter encouraged each attendee to actually hold canteens that were more than 200 years ago. Another program contained music that could have been sung around the camp fires of the soldiers and staff during the war. While a third program focused on historic markers along the highways in Mississippi allowing those who attended to better appreciate the powerful role of this state in history.

Friendship is also a benefit of being a member of the SAR. As monthly gatherings occur, many long term friendships evolve. Projects such as cleaning historic cemeteries and helping high school students comprehend history through essay contests and other competitions supported by the members of the SAR who work cooperatively on the projects. One Mississippi SAR group recently cleaned an old cemetery in Monroe County and the SAR members were joined by individuals of all ages who shared the desire to honor those who had been early inhabitants of their county. There is much "sweat equity" available to cement friendship among SAR members.

Faith is another benefit of being a member of the SAR. Each chapter has a Chaplain, an opening ritual that includes the pledge to the US Flag, salutes to the state flag, and prayer. While no sectarian position is held or postulated, the nature of the founding of the United States and the desire for the freedom from government dictated religious worship have long been identified as a factor in the Revolutionary War.

In conclusion, the question, "Why belong to the SAR?" can be answered with an affirmation of the seven basic values regularly enjoyed by those who are members. While one member might answer with different terms, others share the seven benefits once each month as they gather together in local chapters with others who are dedicated to honoring their Revolutionary Patriots and supporters. History becomes reality.

# FROM THE NATIONAL REGISTRAR'S APPLICATION STATUS REPORT:

# Applications Approved in 2020 [approved and registered since the last newsletter]

Dec. 20, 2019, Darrel Ray Dunlop, 156783, 8893, Euless, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL #13, John Gardner, ca1753-1838 Dec. 20, 2019, Ronald Joe Turner, 198382, 12354, Euless, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL #10, Sampson Bobo, 1737-1804 Dec. 20, 2019, Robert Wilson, 214126, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Thomas King, 1754-1847

#### CHAPTER REGISTRAR'S REPORT (as of Thursday, December 26th):

# Applications in progress

(National-2, State-10, Chapter-1)

[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] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, SUPPLEMENTAL #1, Maryan Shirley, 1762-1845 [under State Review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, SUPPLEMENTAL #2, Michael Shirley, ca1740-aft1784 [under State Review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, SUPPLEMENTAL #3, William Ditto, ca1713-aft1780 [under State Review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, SUPPLEMENTAL #4, James Ditto, ca1743-aft1828 [under State Review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, SUPPLEMENTAL #5, Thomas Arnold, 1729-1795 [under State Review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, SUPPLEMENTAL #6, Samuel Arnold, ca1750-1831 [under State Review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, SUPPLEMENTAL #7, John Wright II, ca1710-1792 [under State Review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, SUPPLEMENTAL #8, John Wright III, 1728-1789 [under State Review] Christopher Justin Goulet, 0, 0, Fort Worth, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob George Klock, 1738-1814 [under State Review] Joshua Christopher Goulet, 0, 0, Fort Worth, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob George Klock, 1738-1814 [under State Review] Mark David Parkison, 0, 0, Weatherford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Daniel Parkinson, 1754-1838 [under State Review] Phillip Gerald Williams, 0, 0, North Richland Hills, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Lazarus Rine, 1750-1832 [under Chapter Review] Larry John Croucher, Jr., 0, 0, Roanoke, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob Young, 1765-1836





President Gerry Gieger presented the Martha Washington Medal to Dr. Julie K. Schellen on December 12th at the Captain Molly Corbin Chapter NSDAR meeting in Grapevine. In the picture on the right, Laurie Behn, TXDAR State Curator, pinned the medal on Dr. Schellen.







January 3	Daniel Patrick Goode
	Phillip Gerald Williams
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 13	Robert Leslie Goode, Jr.
January 15	Bobby Wayne Bonham
January 18	Floyd Marvin Cox
January 20	Jeremy Michael Petosa
January 21	Robert Ralph Truitt, Jr.
January 25	Billy Eugene Thompson
	Thomas Erik Samuelson

## **UPCOMING MONTHLY PRESENTATIONS**

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

January 18 Presidential Visit to Chapter

Installation of Officers for 2020-2021

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal presentation

David Temple, Texas SAR President David Temple, Texas SAR President

Mike Connelley

February 15

March 21

April 18 Chapter's 88th Birthday Celebration

#### 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

January 1 New Year's Day

January 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a day set aside to celebrate the life and achievements of Martin

Luther King Jr., an influential American civil rights leader.



# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### 2020

January 4 Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl, TCU Amon Carter Bowl, 10:30 a.m.

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 March 21 Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth

Eagle Scout Award Presentation

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

April 1 88th Anniversary of Chapter Charter

April 18 Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth

Emergency Medical Services Commendation Award Presentation

Medal of Honor Parade, Gainesville (CG-S)

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

# HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR 125TH STATE CONVENTION

The website for The Westin at The Woodlands is now open and accepting reservations for the 125th State Convention of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution. The convention meets from Thursday, March 26th, through Sunday, March 29th. All members are encouraged to attend. Please make your hotel reservations at your earliest convenience as room availability is limited for our SAR convention rate.

https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1576619575816&key=GRP&app=resvlink

# 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 19, 2019, are:

Active / Current Member99	
NSSAR Life10	
TXSSAR Perpetual10	
Active / New Member25	
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 In1	
Memorial0	

Our membership currently is 134.



## 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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