Texas Society

Sons of the American Revolution

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



NEXT MEETING: March 21, 2020

TIME: 8:30 am

LOCATION: Woodhaven Country Club

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Greetings Compatriots,

March is going to be another busy month. There are a number of important SAR/DAR events, as well as the Texas Primary on March 3rd. I hope that each of you will exercise your right to vote.

I will attend the Annual Inspection of the Lone Star Squadron on March 1st, which is the Sea Cadet Squadron based at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth. This year, the squadron is



celebrating its 25th year and I again have the honor of presenting the SAR Good Citizenship Medal to a qualified Sea Cadet. The Annual Inspection will occur in the Fort Worth Stockyards, weather permitting.

Presentations to Tarrant County ROTC/JROTC cadets begin soon as well.

The North Texas Irish Festival is always a fun activity and I plan to attend again this year. No, I won't be wearing my kilt! This year's dates are March 6-8.

Several Chapter Color Guard members will join other SAR North Texas Color Guard members in posting the colors at the Texas Society of the DAR State Convention in the evening on March 12th at the DFW Hilton Hotel. Some of us who are HODARs will tour the Fort Worth Air Route Traffic Control Center and the DFW Air Traffic Control Tower West during the day. On Wednesday, I will escort my first lady to an Evening with George Washington while dressed in colonial attire. To round out the weekend, a couple of us will escort our DAR wives to their formal banquet on Saturday evening, March 14th.

Finally, to conclude the busy month, I will lead our chapter delegation to the 125th state convention of the Texas Society SAR at The Westin in The Woodlands beginning on March 26th and ending on March 29th. The weekend kicks off with a class on Carrying and Firing a Musket on Thursday which I will attend. Gerry Gieger and I will conclude the weekend by attending a breakfast and state meeting on Sunday of the General Society of the War of 1812, which always piggy-backs onto the Texas SAR convention since most of the members belong to the SAR as well.

Don't forget to advance your clocks one hour before going to bed on March 7th as Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 8th.

I hope you will plan to attend our chapter meeting in March. In brotherly affection,

Ron

VIRGINIA SOCIETY SAR ANNUAL MEETING

Two dual members of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter participated in the Virginia SAR Annual Meeting on the weekend of February 7-9. Doug Schwetke participated in the Color Guard, and Bill Schwetke was installed as the 100th president of the Virginia SAR. One of the highlights of the Annual Meeting was the visit to the state capitol for the Memorial Service and the Public Service Award Ceremony. Both were held in the Old House Chamber. The Virginia General Assembly, originally the House of Burgesses, is the oldest elected legislative body in North America, having been meeting for 401 years. For the past 222 years the legislature has met in this building designed by Thomas Jefferson. The NSSAR Congress in Richmond July 11-15 will offer a tour of the capitol.

239TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CROSSING OF THE DAN

On February 15th, 1781, General Greene successfully brought his army to safety across the rain swollen Dan River, and Virginians answered a call by Governor Patrick Henry by rushing to resupply and reinforce Greene's army. Just four days later, Greene's revitalized army again crossed the Dan, now seeking to confront Cornwallis. This would occur on March 16th at Guilford Courthouse, where Greene inflicted damage to Cornwallis' Army that set into motion the chain of events leading to victory at Yorktown.

At this year's 239th Anniversary Ceremony for this national NSSAR event, the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt wreath was presented by dual member Doug Schwetke and both Doug and his brother, Bill, participated in the Color Guard.



The Color Guard marches to the wreath presentation. Dual member Bill Schwetke carried the Virginia Flag and Doug Schwetke carried the Texas Flag.





On the left, Doug Schwetke, on the right, Bill Schwetke, in the rotunda of the Virginia State Capitol.



The Schwetkes at the Crossing of the Dan: Bill Schwetke, on left, with Doug Schwetke with the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter wreath at Crossing of the Dan national event.

FORT WORTH VA OUTPATIENT CLINIC FEBRUARY 14, 2020

President Ron Turner joined the ladies and their husbands/friends of the Captain Nathaniel Mills Chapter NSDAR in preparing 350 lunches that were distributed to veterans and staff at the Fort Worth VA Outpatient Clinic on I-20 in southeast Fort Worth. The recipients had a choice of sandwiches and then picked up a bag containing potato chips, cookies, a chocolate kiss, and an orange. They then selected a beverage of their choice. All 350 lunches were gone in 90 minutes. The Nathaniel Mills Chapter has provided this service on Valentine's Day for several years.

President Turner also assisted Dr. Barbara Gallagher and Pat Staley at the Vietnam Veterans Commemoration table. All Vietnam Era Veterans were directed to the table where they interacted with Ron and the ladies. They were greeted warmly and if they had not yet received a Vietnam Era Commemorative lapel pin, Ron or one of the ladies would pin a lapel pin on them. They were then thanked for their service and told "Welcome home." That resulted in tears from several of the veterans. Veterans also could select from a number of badges and bumper stickers commemorating the Vietnam War.

All volunteers continuously thanked any and all veterans for their service to their country. According to President

Turner, it was a very rewarding and humbling experience; one that he plans to repeat next year.













CHAPTER MEETING FEBRUARY 15, 2020



President Ron Turner inducted new members, Anthony Walker and Andrew Walker, with Compatriot Bobby Gresham pinning the rosettes on their lapels. The father and son duo's patriot ancestor was Daniel Stark, born ante 1751 in Pennsylvania and died post 1810 in Clark County, Indiana. Daniel Stark served as a Private, then Sergeant, in the Washington County, Pennsylvania militia.

Both Anthony and Andrew are involved at the chapter, state, and national levels of the Children of the American Revolution. They will be absent from chapter meetings in March, April and June attending C.A.R. meetings and conventions.



The chapter had good attendance at the February chapter meeting with 36 members and guests in attendance.



Immediate Past President Gerry Gieger presented a Texas Chapter Service Certificate to Compatriot Bobby Gresham for his work with the Color Guard. Since this was Compatriot Gresham's second award for this medal, President Gieger presented Compatriot Gresham with an Oak Leaf Cluster to wear on the ribbon of his first medal.



President Ron Turner presented Compatriot Mitchell D. Meaders with a Certificate of Appreciation for his dedication to manning the Registration and Silent Auction Room at the Fall 2019 Board of Managers Meeting in Arlington. Mitchell also happened to be the winner of the Cowboys/Redskins tickets in the Raffle Drawing. Mitch said the game was awesome!





Compatriot Art Munford was the guest speaker and presented a program on the Boy Scouts of America. President Ron Turner and Vice President Bobby Gresham presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Compatriot Munford for his program.

Have you paid your SAR Dues for 2020?



Thank You!

The Wreaths Across America (WAA) sponsorship project in 2019 was a great success. We extend a huge Thank You to everyone who sponsored wreaths. WAA does not provide last names in their reports so the figures below indicate names just as WAA provides them. Many sponsors are identifiable but the editor is not choosing to make guesses. You know who you are. We plan to participate again in 2020. Details will be forthcoming in late summer.

O'such O.	(3)	William B.	(1)	Ja Ann A.	(2)
Arthur M.	(5)	Mike H.	(1)	Mary Kate M.	(4)
Larry M.	(2)	Sherri W.	(3)	Martha C.	(1)
Brian M.	(5)	Maj. K.M. Van Zandt	(6)	Jean D.	(1)
Ed S.	(2)	W. Scott M.	(1)	Kirby B.	(3)
Roger T.	(5)	Kenneth C.	(5)	James A.	(5)
Gerald G.	(8)	Larry M.	(1)	Lawrence C.	(2)
Phillip W.	(1)	Vann C.	(5)	Kevin S.	(1)
Kay H.	(5)	Laurie B.	(5)	Karen T.	(1)
Mark P.	(5)	Terri Vrabel V.	(5)	Ron T.	(5)

GEORGE WASHINGTON LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 22, 2020



Compatriots James Alderman, Ron Turner, Gerry Gieger, and Bobby Gresham served as the Color Guard for the Mary Isham Keith Chapter NSDAR's George Washington Luncheon at Ridglea Country Club in Fort Worth.

President Ron Turner, assisted by Immediate Past President Gerry Gieger, presented the Martha Washington Medal & Certificate to Jane Austin Bruckner, a member of the Mary Isham Keith Chapter DAR. Mrs. Linda Johnson, a previous awardee, assisted with pinning the medal on Ms. Bruckner. She recruited chapter members Dr. Richard V. Wilson, his son Thomas V. Wilson, and his grandson Robert Wilson.

Lynn Forney Young, Honorary President General, NSDAR, presented an excellent and humorous program entitled *The Road to 250!* She presented interesting and funny facts on presidential inaugurations beginning with George Washington's and how they evolved into today's inaugurations.









BRAZOS VALLEY CHAPTER INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FEBRUARY 22, 2020

President Ron and First Lady Jan Turner, along with Compatriot James Alderman and his Lady, Ja Ann, were honored guests at the Installation of Officers Banquet for the Brazos Valley Chapter at the DeCordova Bend Country Club in Granbury.

The guest speaker was Colonel Gerald R. "Bob" Harkins, U.S. Army, Retired. Col. Harkins lives in Spring Branch, Texas, and is an active member of the Alexander Hamilton SAR Chapter. He was a young Lieutenant in Vietnam off and on from 1966 to 1969. He related his experiences leading an infantry platoon, especially during the Battle of Hamburger Hill in May 1969. The Brazos Valley Chapter presented Col. Harkins a prized wooden chest in which to store his Army memorabilia.

A highlight of the evening was honoring a Gold Star Family, Terry & Beth Burgess. Their son, SSgt. Bryan A. Burgess, a nine-year career soldier, of Cleburne, Texas, assigned to 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky, died March 29, 2011, at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained after enemy forces attacked his unit with small-arms fire in Kunar province. Mr. Burgess spoke about their foundation, Gold Star Parents Retreat, which gathers together Texas Gold Star Parents to share their stories and to honor their sons and daughters in a retreat environment. Their goal is to never forget their children's sacrifice.

Brazos Valley Chapter President Jim Hanlon also presented the SAR Heroism Medal & framed Certificate to Jack Wilson. Mr. Wilson is the head of security at West Freeway Church of Christ and was praised for his "heroic actions" after he shot and killed the gunman who opened fire inside the church on Sunday, December 30, 2019.

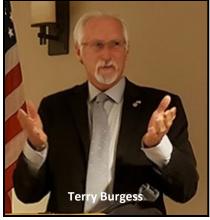
Col. Harkins installed the new slate of chapter officers: President Maury Rester, Vice President Charlie Gillespie, Secretary/Treasurer Steve Teel, Registrar Wiley Clarkson, and Chaplain Jerry Turner.



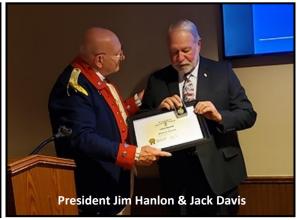












FLAG CERTIFICATES FEBRUARY 25, 2020



BBVA Compass Bank Burleson



Dairy Queen Burleson



McDonald's Burleson



Compatriot Gerry Gieger presented eleven flag certificates to various businesses in the Burleson and south Fort Worth areas on February 25th.



Mariposa
Apartment Homes
Burleson



South Park Baptist Church Burleson

Elk Creek Assisted Living & Memory Care Burleson

FLAG CERTIFICATES FEBRUARY 25, 2020

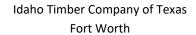


Apartment Furnishings Company
Fort Worth



High Point Academy South Fort Worth

Heritage Place Retirement Center





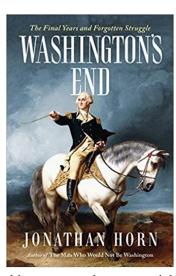
Laurel Land Cemetery
Fort Worth





Washington's End: The Final Years and Forgotten Struggle

By Jonathan Horn



Washington's End begins where most biographies of George Washington leave off, with the first president exiting office after eight years and entering what would become the most bewildering stage of his life. Embittered by partisan criticism and eager to return to his farm, Washington assumed a role for which there was no precedent at a time when the

kings across the ocean yielded their crowns only upon losing their heads. In a different sense, Washington would lose his head, too.

In this riveting read, bestselling author Jonathan Horn reveals that the quest to surrender power proved more difficult than Washington imagined and brought his life to an end he never expected. The statesman who had staked his legacy on withdrawing from public life would feud with his successors and find himself drawn back into military command. The patriarch who had dedicated his life to uniting his country would leave his name to a new capital city destined to become synonymous with political divisions.

A vivid story, immaculately researched and powerfully told through the eyes not only of Washington but also of his family members, friends, and foes, Washington's End fills a crucial gap in our nation's history and will forever change the way we view the name Washington.

The First Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill George Washington

By Brad Meltzer

Taking place during the most critical period of our nation's birth, The First Conspiracy tells a remarkable and previously untold piece of American history that not only reveals George Washington's character, but also illuminates the origins of America's counterintelligence move-



ment that led to the modern-day CIA.

In 1776, an elite group of soldiers were handpicked to serve as George Washington's bodyguards. Washington trusted them; relied on them. But unbeknownst to Washington, some of them were part of a treasonous plan. In the months leading up to the Revolutionary War, these traitorous soldiers, along with the governor of New York, William Tryon, and Mayor David Mathews, launched a deadly plot against the most important member of the military: George Washington himself.

This is the story of the secret plot and how it was revealed. It is a story of leaders, liars, counterfeiters, and jailhouse confessors. It also shows just how hard the battle was for George Washington and how close America was to losing the Revolutionary War.

In this historical masterpiece, New York Times best-selling author Brad Meltzer teams up with American history writer and documentary television producer Josh Mensch to unravel the shocking true story behind what has previously been a footnote in the pages of history. Drawing on extensive research, Meltzer and Mensch capture in riveting detail how George Washington not only defeated the most powerful military force in the world, but also uncovered the secret plot against him in the tumultuous days leading up to July 4, 1776.

FROM THE NATIONAL REGISTRAR'S APPLICATION STATUS REPORT:

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

Jan. 31, 2020, Andrew Kent Walker, 214462, 0, Flower Mound, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Daniel Stark, aft 1751-aft 1810 Jan. 31, 2020, Michael Anthony Walker, 214461, 0, Flower Mound, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Daniel Stark, aft 1751-aft 1810

CHAPTER REGISTRAR'S REPORT (as of Thursday, February 27th):

Applications in progress

(National-13, State-2, Chapter-1)

[under national review] Larry John Croucher, Jr., 0, 0, Roanoke, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob Young, 1765-1836 [under national review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, SUPPLEMENTAL #1, Maryan Shirley, 1762-1845 [under national review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, SUPPLEMENTAL #2, Michael Shirley, ca1740-aft1784 [under national review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, SUPPLEMENTAL #3, William Ditto, ca1713-aft1780 [under national review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, SUPPLEMENTAL #4, James Ditto, ca1743-aft1828 [under national review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, SUPPLEMENTAL #5, Thomas Arnold, 1729-1795 [under national review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, SUPPLEMENTAL #6, Samuel Arnold, ca1750-1831 [under national review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, SUPPLEMENTAL #7, John Wright II, ca1710-1792 [under national review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, SUPPLEMENTAL #8, John Wright III, 1728-1789 [under national review] Christopher Justin Goulet, 0, 0, Fort Worth, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob George Klock, 1738-1814 [under national review] Joshua Christopher Goulet, 0, 0, Fort Worth, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob George Klock, 1738-1814 [under national review] Mark David Parkison, 0, 0, Weatherford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Daniel Parkinson, 1754-1838 [under national review] Phillip Gerald Williams, 0, 0, North Richland Hills, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Lazarus Rine, 1750-1832 [under State Review] Richard Norman Nelson, 0, 0, Keller, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John DeVeny, ca1756-1825 [under State Review] Joe Francis Turner, 0, 0, Irving, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, George Roebuck, Jr., 1757-1847 [under Chapter Review] Matthew Lincoln Achorn, 0, 0, Keller, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Darius Stebbins, 1759-1819





MARTHA WASHINGTON MEDAL

On February 20th, Bill Meaders presented a Martha Washington Medal & Certificate to his mother Nancy Jane Graham Meaders on behalf of President Ron Turner and the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter at her residence in Graham, Texas. Mrs. Meaders is a member of the Ralph Ripley Chapter NSDAR in Mineral Wells. She sponsored the SAR applications for her son William L. Meaders, her grandson Brian W. Meaders, and her great-grandson Mitchell D. Meaders, which earned her the Martha Washington Medal.



March 2	James J. Davis	
	Robert Wilson	
March 3	Walter Scott Manning Jr.	
March 8	Mark Frederick Pratt	
March 12	Paul Arthur Valentine	
March 16	William Wallace Gunn III	
March 20	Roger Lynn Tate	
March 26	Bruce Anthony Morris	
March 30	Joseph Paul DeWoody	
March 31	Paul Ernest Ming	
	Allan V. Gillmore	
	Charles Patrick Fogerson	

SIGNIFICANT DAYS AND OBSERVANCES FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

March 3 Navy Reserve Birthday

March 4 Hug a GI Day
March 5 SeaBee Birthday
March 13 K-9 Veterans Day

March 15 American Legion Birthday

March 25 Medal of Honor Day is celebrated every year on this date and is dedicated to Medal of

Honor recipients.

March 29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day is observed every year on this day and is a way

to thank and honor our nation's Vietnam veterans and their families for their service

and sacrifice.



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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2020

March 1 Lone Star Squadron Annual Inspection (& Sea Cadet Award), Fort Worth Stockyards,

12:00n, President Turner presents Sea Cadet award

March 8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME starts
March 11-14 Texas DAR State Convention, DFW Hyatt

March 12 Texas DAR State Convention Color Guard, DFW Hyatt, 5:00p (CG-S)

March 21 Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth

March 26 Texas Color Guard Class on Carrying & Firing of Muskets, The Woodlands, 12n-3p

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

March 29 General Society of the War of 1812 Breakfast & Meeting, The Woodlands, 7:00a

April 1 88th Anniversary of Chapter Charter (1932)

April 18 Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth

Emergency Medical Services Commendation Award Presentation

Medal of Honor Parade, 10:00a, Gainesville (CG-S)

May 4 North Texas Assembly of God Camp Meeting for Senior Adults w/Col. Allen West,

Maypearl, 5:00p (CG-C)

May 16 Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth

May 30 Lone Star Squadron Military Ball (25th Commissioning Anniversary), President & First

Lady Turner representing chapter

July 9-15130th Annual SAR Congress, Richmond, VirginiaJune 20Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort WorthJuly 18Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort WorthAugust 15Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort WorthSeptember 19Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth

September 27-20 Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky

October 17 Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth November 21 Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth

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



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Parking: Metered street parking is available as well as nearby paid lots such as the Frazier History Museum, Kentucky Science Center, and 8th Street Garage.

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 February 9, 2020, are:

Active / Current Member105
NSSAR Life9
TXSSAR Perpetual10
Active / New Member1
Active / Reinstated0
Deceased0
Dual w/Other Primary State3
Emeritus (50+ years)0
Junior Member / Reinstated
Junior SAR Member4
Non-Paid Junior Member0
Not Paid (Current Year)20
Not Paid Dual State0
Reinstated / Transferred In0
Transferred In0
Memorial0

Our membership currently is 113.



SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!!

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Visit and Like/Follow our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/vanzandtsar/.

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