



Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Chisholm Trail News



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

NEXT MEETING: June 20, 2020 **TIME:** 8:30 am **LOCATION:** Woodhaven Country Club

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Greetings Compatriots,

As I write this, portions of our beloved country are in chaos. Let us pray that the lawlessness is eliminated and peace is restored.

Summer also begins today, June 1st. What are your plans for the summer? The First Lady and I will be doing some camping with our new RV each month. We downsized from our previous RV and upgraded to a 5th wheel. We have trips planned to Hickory Creek (Lake Lewisville), Freeport, and Caprock Canyons State Park. In September, we plan to camp at Brownwood and then to close off the season, a week in New Orleans on the shores of Lake Pontchartrain.

I will also attend the delayed Texas Society State Convention on July 30th for several days. Registration is open and I encourage you to plan to attend, especially if you are fairly new to the SAR and would like to experience the internal workings of our organization. You can find registration information on page 6.

June 14th is Flag Day. On this date each year, we commemorate the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. Plan to honor the meaning of the holiday by visiting a memorial or history museum to learn more about American history. You can also celebrate with your family by attending a Flag Day parade or hosting a dinner party for your friends and family. Just be sure to observe current Covid-19 guidelines for social distancing.

In closing, I'm hoping we can meet on June 20th at Woodhaven Country Club. It's time to get back to normal. I'll send an email once I know definitively about our June meeting.

In brotherly affection,

Ron



SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO TRUITT FAMILY

We offer our sincerest condolences to the Truitt family as they mourn the loss of Compatriot Robert Ralph Truitt, Jr., and Dorothy Lynn Butler Truitt.

Dorothy is the wife of Robert R. "Bob" Truitt, Sr. and mother of Robert R. Truitt, Jr. Bob Truitt, Sr. is a Life Member of SAR and served two terms as the President of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, Texas Society.

ROBERT RALPH TRUITT, JR.

January 21, 1948 - January 14, 2020

Robert was born January 21, 1948 near Roswell, New Mexico, to Robert Ralph (Bob) and Dorothy Lynn Truitt. Robert graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Midland in 1966 and earned undergraduate degrees in business and accounting at Southwestern University at Georgetown in 1970. Then he pursued a Doctor of Jurisprudence at the Law School of the University of Texas at Austin. Following graduation, he worked for the Cotton, Bledsoe & Tighe law firm. Eventually he opened his own practice specializing in civil law. He enjoyed coaching youth soccer teams for both his son, Patrick and daughter, Maureen. And, for several years he was a professional referee for UIL football games. Robert also worked extensively with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. A member of the Downtown Lions Club, he helped coordinate the creation of the fire department's museum housing antique fire engines. Robert also belonged to the First Christian Church of Midland. A 32nd degree Mason, he belonged to the Midland Masonic Historical Museum and the El Paso Scottish Rite Historical Library Lodge. Inheriting the genealogy bug from his mother and father, Robert did extensive research and wrote numerous papers on aspects of family and Texas history. Robert was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, a charter member of the Descendants of Austin's Old Three Hundred and a member of numerous other heritage societies. He enjoyed hunting and often went on trips with his father-Bob, uncle-George Truitt and brothers-Brent and Steve. In later years, one of his greatest pleasures was spending time with his beloved granddaughter, Chloe. Robert was preceded in death by his youngest brother, Steve. He is survived by his parents, Robert R. Truitt, Sr. and Dorothy; his son, Patrick Truitt; his daughter, Maureen Patterson; granddaughter, Chloe Patterson; sister, Cindy Truitt; brother, Brent

Truitt and his wife Janice; sister-in-law Debbie Truitt; nephews - Matthew Micajah Truitt and his wife Cathy, Luke Truitt and his wife Manali; great-nephews & niece - Leo and Milan Truitt, James and Amelia Truitt; uncle, Charles Butler and his wife Pauline; and aunt, Joann Truitt. Robert's ashes will be scattered in a private family service at the frontier cemetery on their ranch at Stephenville. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the charity of your choice.

In Memoriam

ROBERT RALPH TRUITT, JR.

21 Jan 1948 – 14 Jan 2020

NSSAR 119137

Texas SAR 4736



DOROTHY LYNN BUTLER TRUITT

October 31, 1928 - May 9, 2020

Dorothy Lynn Butler Truitt was born in Midland, Texas, Oct. 31, 1928, to Lynn Lyle Butler, a contractor and veteran of World War I, and Maureen Winborne Butler, a schoolteacher. Her early years were spent in Midland, and she graduated from Midland High in 1946. She soon met an Odessa boy, Robert Ralph "Bob" Truitt. They both enrolled in TCU. And in 1947, they married in Fort Stockton and began an amazing married life, which would last 73 years. Their journey took them from West Texas to New Mexico and North Dakota, before returning to Midland to raise their family of

DOROTHY LYNN BUTLER TRUITT

three boys and a girl. Dorothy was a member of the First Christian Church, active in Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, the PTA, a hospital volunteer, and a Demolay mom. In 1973, the focus shifted to Fort Worth when Bob's job with Texas Electric led to a transfer to Fort Worth. A talented and skillful artist, Dorothy often credited her love of painting to her grandmother, Mary Butler, a noted early Midland artist. Dorothy's needlepoint skills were also outstanding, winning several awards over the years at the Texas State Fair. Dorothy and Bob instilled in their children not only a love of family but also a love of history. One of Dorothy's favorite activities was genealogy, and she included her children in her research adventures. She was a charter member of the Descendants of Austin's Old Three Hundred and the Order of the Merovingian Dynasty. A member of the DAR, Dorothy was also a former regent of the Lt. William Brewer Chapter (Midland), a member of the Mary Isham Keith Chapter (Fort Worth), and a former state librarian. In addition, she was also a member or served as an officer of many other ancestral societies, including: Jamestown Society, National Society Americans of Royal Descent, The Guild of Saint Margaret of Scotland, Order of the Crown of Charlemagne, National Society Magna Carta Dames, Alamo Defenders Descendants Association, Colonial Dames of America, Colonial Order of the Crown, Dames of Colonial Cavaliers, DRT, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, First Families of Georgia, First Families of Ohio, First Families of Tennessee, Descendants of Early Quakers, Colonial Dames XVII Century, Colonial Daughters of the Seventeenth Century, Daughters of Colonial Wars, Daughters of the American Colonists, Colonial Dames of America, Dames of the Court of Honor, Sons & Daughters of the Pilgrims, United States Daughters of 1812, Guild of Colonial Artisans & Tradesmen, Order of the Founders & Patriots of America, Order of the Three Crusades, Order of Washington, Plantagenet Society, Southern Dames of America, Daughters of Indian Wars, Order of the First Families of Mississippi, Descendants of Knights of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Sons & Daughters of Antebellum Planters and Sons & Daughters of the Colonial & Antebellum Bench and Bar. Another interest of Dorothy's was her love for animals. In the late 1960s, she began raising and showing Yorkshire terriers. Dorothy was a member of the West Texas Kennel Club and a board

member in the Yorkshire Terrier Club of America. She finished numerous champions and judged various shows and specialties. Yet, first and foremost to Dorothy was her family. Dorothy was devoted to her love of 73 years, Bob. And she was always there with a smile, words of encouragement and unquestioningly love for her children. One of the family's fondest memories was Bob and Dorothy's 50th anniversary Caribbean cruise, which included all the children and their families. An amazing wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend she will be dearly remembered by all who knew her. Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents and sons, Robert and Steven. SURVIVORS: She is survived by her husband, Bob; daughter, Cindy Truitt; son, Brent Truitt and his wife, Janice; daughter-in-law, Debbie Truitt; grandchildren, Matthew Micajah Truitt and his wife, Cathy, Luke Truitt and his wife, Manali, Patrick Truitt, Maureen Patterson; great-grandchildren, Leo and Milan Truitt, James and Amelia Truitt, Chloe Patterson; her brother, Charles Butler and his wife, Pauline; sister-in-law, Joann Truitt; and several nephews, nieces, and cousins. INTERMENT: Fairview Cemetery in a private family service. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com. MEMORIALS: In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the charity of your choice.

In Memoriam

DOROTHY LYNN BUTLER
TRUITT

31 Oct 1928 – 9 May 2020



HOMETOWN BY HANDLEBAR

Compatriot Paul Valentine alerted your editor to a blog written by his friend, Mike Nichols. Mr. Nichols is a great Fort Worth historian according to Paul. Mr. Nichols mentions our chapter namesake, Khleber Miller Van Zandt, quite often in his blog posts about early Fort Worth.

On May 12th and 13th, Mr. Nichols published a two-part article titled *Van Zandt: Father and Son, State and City*. This very interesting story about Maj. Van Zandt and his father Isaac is well-worth reading.

Mr. Nichol's blog is aptly titled *Hometown by Handlebar: Cowtown as seen from a very narrow bicycle seat*.

Part 1 is found at:

<https://hometownbyhandlebar.com/?p=32004>

and Part 2 is found at:

<https://hometownbyhandlebar.com/?p=32005>.

Check it out!



DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION DONATE MORE THAN 2,000 FACEMASKS



Assistant Police Chief Charles Ramirez, second from left, accepts donated masks from Dede Samuelson, Lance McCune and Melissa Johnson

The Fort Worth Chapter DAR donated 300 cheerful and bright patterned fabric facemasks to the Fort Worth Police Department. They have also donated masks to Fort Worth hospital workers, nursing home staff, and hospice employees.

In addition, they have sown black masks for the U.S. Navy and the Westover Hills and River Oaks police departments.

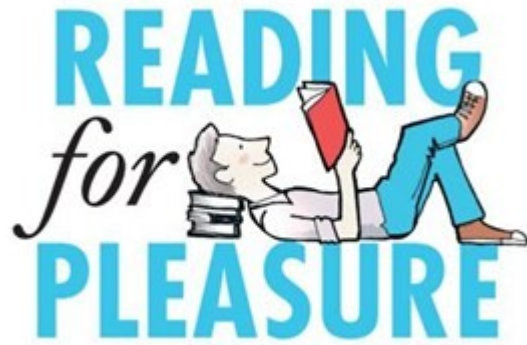
More than 80 members of the chapter have either spent their spare time donating fabric, cutting patterns, sewing, or delivering the masks. In total, the members have donated more than 2,000 handmade facemasks throughout the community.

The fabric masks are made from a pattern that allows a N95 mask to be inserted, which helps extend the life of the masks that medical personnel and first responders need.

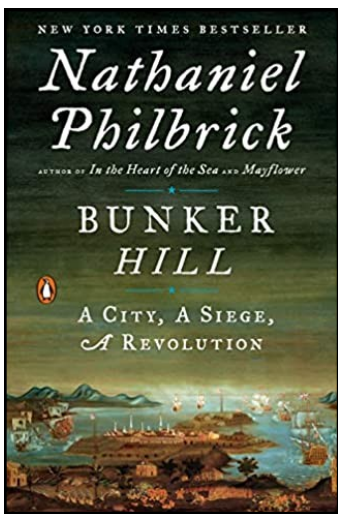
Job well-done, ladies!

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES SUMMER CAMP

Need 3-4 uniformed volunteers to present 5 minute talks to a group of kids at their summer camp. Ages of children are 5 and older and all children are sets of twins, triplets, etc. Event is planned for Monday, June 22, at 10:00 a.m. at the Waterside Promotional Shed (a small pavilion) located by the Whole Foods entrance, 3720 Vision Dr., Fort Worth. Photo opportunity with the kids exists following our presentations. Contact Ron Turner at rjturner0815@gmail.com if you can participate.



Bunker Hill: A City, A Siege, A Revolution



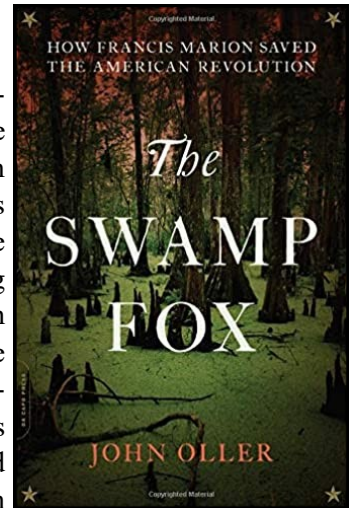
By Nathaniel Philbrick

In the opening volume of his acclaimed American Revolution series, Nathaniel Philbrick turns his keen eye to pre-Revolutionary Boston and the spark that ignited the American Revolution. In the aftermath of the Boston Tea Party and the violence at Lexington and Concord, the conflict escalated and skirmishes gave way to outright war in the Battle of Bunker Hill. It was the bloodiest conflict of the revolutionary war, and the point of no return for the rebellious colonists. Philbrick gives us a fresh view of the story and its dynamic personalities, including John Adams, Samuel Adams, John Hancock, Paul Revere, and George Washington. With passion and insight, he reconstructs the revolutionary landscape—geographic and ideological—in a mesmerizing narrative of the robust, messy, blisteringly real origins of America.

The Swamp Fox: How Francis Marion Saved the American Revolution

By John Oller

Like the Robin Hood of legend, Francis Marion--the "Swamp Fox"--and his men attacked from secret hideaways before melting back into the forest or swamp, confounding the British. Although Marion bore little resemblance to the fictionalized portrayals in television and film, his exploits were no less heroic, as he and his band of militia freedom fighters kept hopes alive for the patriot cause and helped win the American Revolution.



In *The Swamp Fox*, John Oller compiles striking evidence and brings together much recent learning to provide a fresh look both at Marion, the man, and how he helped save the American Revolution.



SIGNIFICANT DAYS AND OBSERVANCES FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

- June 6** **D-Day** commemorates the 76th anniversary of the Allied Invasion of Normandy, France, in 1944 by the largest armada ever assembled and resulted in the fall of the German's Atlantic Wall and a successful invasion of France.
- June 12** **Women Veterans Day** is a Texas state commemoration to recognize and honor women veterans throughout the state. Texas has the largest number of women veterans of any state.
- June 14** **U.S. Army Birthday**
- June 14** **U.S. Flag Day** commemorates the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.
- June 14-20** **National Flag Week** is an offshoot of Flag Day and each sitting President is responsible for making a proclamation declaring the week of June 14 as the official observance of the holiday. The President directs government official to display the flag in government offices and also request that U.S. citizens also participate by flying the Stars and Stripes at residences, local businesses, etc.
- June 21** **Father's Day** is widely celebrated as a special day to honor all fathers and fatherhood.
- June 22-27** **Veterans Golden Age Games** is a national multi-event sports competition designed to improve the health and quality of life of older veterans in the United States. Veterans can participate regardless of their ability level and are scheduled to be held in Madison, Wisconsin in 2020. The games also serve as a qualifying event for the 2021 National Senior Games.
- June 23** **Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday**
- June 27** **PTSD Awareness Day** is a yearly observation to help the nation understand the condition that many veterans and non-veterans alike suffer. PTSD can occur when someone experiences or witnesses a traumatic event.



125TH ANNUAL TEXAS SAR CONVENTION 2020

JULY 30- AUGUST 2, 2020

Hosted by the Freedom Chapter #38 & the PineyWoods Chapter #51

Registration is now open for the Texas SAR 125th Annual Convention. The form can be found on the Texas SAR Public website under the events tab https://www.txssar.org/reg_jul20.htm. You will also find a link to the hotel registration <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1585663577466&key=GRP&app=resvlink>. The hotel block is filling rapidly and will close on July 15, 2020. The nightly rate is \$149 at the Westin for SAR.

If you have any questions or problems with your room reservation, please contact Diana Nemeth, Westin at The Woodlands. diana.nemeth@westinwoodlands.com or 832-731-4708.

If you have not attended a meeting like this before, you should give it a try so you can see firsthand how Texas SAR accomplishes its mission. There will be the awarding of the Youth scholarships along with presentations of finalists in the Oration contest at lunch on Saturday. The Eagle Scout winner will receive the H. Ross Perot Eagle Scout trophy along with his \$2,500 scholarship.

On Saturday, we will ratify the election of state officers, and Saturday evening the installation of those officers and recognition of Patriot Medal award winners will occur at the black-tie banquet.

Sign up now!

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, 14285, Flower Mound, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Daniel Stark, aft 1751-aft 1810
 Jan. 31, 2020, **Michael Anthony Walker**, 214461, 14284, Flower Mound, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Daniel Stark, aft 1751-aft 1810
 Mar. 13, 2020, **Mark David Parkison**, 214948, 0, Weatherford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Daniel Parkinson, 1754-1838
 Mar. 13, 2020, **Phillip Gerald Williams**, 214947, 0, North Richland Hills, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Lazarus Rine, 1750-1832
 Apr. 7, 2020, **Larry John Croucher, Jr.**, 215015, 0, Roanoke, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob Young, 1765-1836
 Apr. 7, 2020, **Christopher Justin Goulet**, 215016, 0, Fort Worth, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob George Klock, 1738-1814
 Apr. 7, 2020, **Joshua Christopher Goulet**, 215017, 0, Fort Worth, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob George Klock, 1738-1814

CHAPTER REGISTRAR'S REPORT (as of Thursday, May 28):

Applications in progress

(National—8, State—3, Chapter—5)

[[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 State Review](#)] **Matthew Lincoln Achorn**, 0, 0, Keller, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Darius Stebbins, 1759-1819
 [[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](#)] **Stephen William Bridgeman**, 0, 0, Roanoke, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Samuel Doak, 1740-1830
 [[under Chapter Review](#)] **Rodney Everett Buttermore, Jr.**, 0, 0, Westworth Village, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Johannes Jacob Bottomer, 1758-1818
 [[under Chapter Review](#)] **Kirby Lee Boyd**, 205305, 13322, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL #1, John Boyd, 1740-1815
 [[under Chapter Review](#)] **David Nicholas Boyd**, 201234, 12587, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL #2, John Boyd, 1740-1815
 [[under Chapter Review](#)] **Charles Lewis Boyd**, 203790, 12787, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL #2, John Boyd, 1740-1815



Jun 4	Damon Dion Harvey Ralph Edward Smith
Jun 7	Robert Leslie Goode III Robert Grady Gresham
Jun 10	David John Smith Jimmy Dwight Tom
Jun 13	William Lowell Meaders Donald Gordon Woodworth
Jun 17	David Alan Barkley
Jun 18	Nicholas Kenneth Mandich
Jun 23	Lloyd Stephen Barnes
Jun 28	Jeffrey Warren Sparks

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2020

June 20	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth
June 22	Mothers of Multiples, Fort Worth
July 9-15	130th Annual SAR Congress, Richmond, Virginia
July 18	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth
July 30-August 2	121st Annual Texas Society SAR State Convention, The Westin at the Woodlands
August 15	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth
August 29-30	South Central District Meeting, Richardson, Texas
September 17	Mary Garland Chapter DAR Constitution Luncheon, Brownwood (President Ron & First Lady Jan Turner representing their respective SAR/DAR chapters)
September 19	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth
September 27-20	Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky
October 2-4	Fall Board of Managers meeting, McKinney, Texas
October 17	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth
November 8	MOWW Massing of the Colors
November 11	Veterans Day Parade, Fort Worth
November 21	Chapter Meeting, Woodhaven Country Club, Fort Worth

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

*Have you paid your SAR Dues for
2020?*

FLY YOUR FLAG

Any day you wish, but especially

George Washington's Birthday
 Patriots' Day (Battle of Lexington & Concord, MA) (Third Monday in April)
 Armed Forces Day (3rd Saturday in May)
 Memorial Day (last Monday in May and half staff until noon)
 Flag Day, 6/14
 Independence Day, 7/4
 Labor Day
 Patriot Day (Terrorists' Attack 2001), 9/11
 Constitution Day, 9/17
 Columbus Day (2nd Monday in October)
 Veterans Day, 11/11

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



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 May 28, 2020, are:

Active / Current Member	108
NSSAR Life.....	9
TXSSAR Perpetual	10
Active / New Member	7
Active / Reinstated	0
Deceased	1
Dual w/Other Primary State.....	3
Emeritus (50+ years)	0
Junior Member / Reinstated	0
Junior SAR Member.....	4
Non-Paid Junior Member	0
Not Paid (Current Year)	17
Not Paid Dual State	0
Reinstated / Transferred In	0
Transferred In.....	0
Memorial.....	0

Our membership currently is **122**.



SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!!!

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

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

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

Visit and Like/Follow the Texas Society Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/txssar>.