



Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution Chisholm Trail News



Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter
Fort Worth, Texas
August 1, 2021

NEXT MEETING: August 21, 2021

TIME: 8:30 am

LOCATION: Bacon's Bistro & Café, Hurst

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Greetings Compatriots,

It seems the summer doldrums are upon us. There was not much activity last month and August seems to be on track to match it. Perhaps it is due to the heat we experience here in Texas during the long, dry summer months. Perhaps it is due to everyone taking time to rest and recuperate by taking annual vacations. Whatever the case might be, it will be good to get back to a schedule full of SAR activities.

There are two events of importance happening in August.

First, the Texas Society will hold a Board of Managers (BOM) meeting via ZOOM on Saturday, August 7th. This meeting is open to all Texas SAR members and I encourage you to participate. State meetings are always interesting and offers you the opportunity to see the organization at work behind the scenes. For many of us, this past week and this next week are filled with lots of committee meetings. Committee meetings are also open to all Texas Society members. If you have not received the meeting schedule but would like to attend committee meetings, let me know. The BOM is a state meeting (10 points) for Color Guard members.

Second, is the South Central District (SCD) Annual Meeting in Richardson on August 27th & 28th at the Hyatt Regency Richardson. The South Central District is comprised of the state societies of Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. Again, this meeting provides you the opportunity to see behind the scenes work at the national level. The SCD is a national meeting (20 points) for Color Guard members.

Both meetings require registration:

Texas BOM: https://txssar.org/reg_aug21.htm

South Central District: https://txssar.org/reg_SCD_aug21.htm

Finally, I hope to see you at our August chapter meeting on the 21st at Bacon's Grill & Café in Hurst. Be safe! Stay cool! Enjoy the last month of summer!

In brotherly affection,

Ron



In Memoriam

JERALD MARSHALL COPE

“JERRY”

29 Jan 1944 – 18 Jul 2021

NSSAR 198675

Texas SAR 12371

Arlington Chapter #7



Jerald Marshall Cope, 77, a retired employee of Southwestern Bell, passed away peacefully on early Sunday morning, July 18, 2021 at his home in Arlington.

The family will receive friends from 2 until 3:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, 2021 at Guerrero -Dean Funeral Home, 500 E Main Street, Grand Prairie, TX, 75050. A private committal will follow at a later date.

Jerald Marshall Cope was born on January 29, 1944, the oldest of 2 children born to the late Laurel V. Cope and the late Viola Louis Penny Cope in Dallas, Texas. He was raised in Arlington, graduating from Arlington High School. Shortly after graduation, he would join the Texas Air National Guard where he worked on the flight line.

Jerald was an avid outdoorsman and especially enjoyed deer hunting. He was a skilled wood-worker and enjoyed building bird-houses. You would often find him outside, gardening or taking care of chickens.

He is survived by his spouse of fifty-four years, Gloria Lynn Carr Cope; children, Amye Lawson, Brady Cope; grandson, Brady Marshall Cope II and a sister, Carolyn Coker.

Jerry was an avid member of the Arlington Chapter #7 and a gung-ho member of the SAR Color Guard. On May 18th, he celebrated five years as a member of the SAR. Jerry had proved four patriots: Pvt. John McKinney Jr., Pvt. Obadiah Hammond, Pvt. John McKinney, Sr., and Pvt. John Garland. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, camping, vegetable gardening & canning, Genealogy & History.

Although a member of the Arlington Chapter, Jerry was a great friend of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter #6. He will be very much missed in the SAR.

God speed our friend until we meet again!



Memorial Service for Jerry Cope



Bill Covington, Dennis Vierling, Dan Hamilton, Bob Johns, John Greer, Tom Van Fossen, Bill Watts, TL Holden, Ron Turner, David Kinsey, Bobby Gresham and Tom Whitelock

Dan Hamilton, Color Guard Commander, Arlington Chapter organized a Color Guard Detail comprised of the following individuals: Bobby Gresham (Maj. K.M. Van Zandt), Ron Turner (Maj. K.M. Van Zandt), Bill Watts (Dallas), Tom Van Fossen (Dallas), David Kinsey (McKinney), Bob Johns (Plano), T.L. Holden (Edmund Terrill), Bill Covington (Arlington), Dennis Vierling (East Fork Trinity), John Greer (Edmund Terrill), and Tom Whitelock (Dallas).

Additionally, a good number of non-uniformed SAR members attended, including Drake Peddie, Texas Society President. There was good representation from all over the North Texas area to remember and honor a great compatriot.

Due to low ceilings in the funeral home, last minute changes resulted in the colors already in flag stands at the start of the service. The Color Guard marched in, turned to the flags, honored the national colors with a hat tip, and then marched out. Not quite what was originally planned but we must adapt when necessary.

Dan Hamilton presented the folded American flag to Mrs. Cope.

As Bob Kubin, North Texas Color Guard Commander, so eloquently put it: "On behalf of the Cope family and Dan Hamilton Color Guard Commander Arlington Chapter, thank you for answering the call of duty. Jerry was one of us. No greater honor can we do then this."



Compatriot Bill Taylor (r) presented a SAR Flag Certificate to his friend and neighbor Stephen Gory (l) on July 4th. Stephen has a lit flagpole in his front yard from which he flies our national colors 24/7.

FOLLOW TEXAS SAR ON TWITTER

Compatriots,

I am pleased to report in our push to embrace options that increase our visibility across the spectrum, the Texas Society now has a Twitter account ([@TXSSAR](#)) that you can follow if you currently use that medium or want to try it out. It is a very reliable and fast means to get information out to any of our members who choose to follow us. It is not going to replace any of our current methods of contact, but only add another option to attract new members and stay in contact with them. Thanks so much to Communications Secretary Sam Massey for getting this set up for our Society.

Texas SAR ([@txssar](#)) / Twitter

Regards,

Drake Peddie

State President - TexasSAR.org

AUGUST CHAPTER MEETING

AUGUST 21, 2021

We will meet at

BACON'S BISTRO & CAFÉ
714 GRAPEVINE HWY A
HURST, TX 76054

[Website](#)

[Map](#)

Please mark your calendars accordingly!
 Breakfast at 8:30 am - Business Meeting at 9:00 am

Your officers are actively searching for a suitable and permanent location. If you have recommendations, please contact one of the chapter officers.

2021 MEDAL OF HONOR PARADE

September 25, 2021
Gainesville, Texas

Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Color Guard Members
 Take Note!

Our trailer will be one of two trailers in the parade under the SAR North Texas Color Guard banner.

Plan now to participate!

NEWS FLASH !!!

After several years of committee work and efforts from David Kinsey, Bob Kubin, and Vice President General Larry Stevens, the SAR National Office has approved the Medal of Honor Parada as a


NATIONAL COLOR GUARD PARADE

This parade honors many living Medal of Honor recipients. As a National Color Guard event, Color Guard members can now earn 20 points for participating in this parade, plus mileage points!

If you've been thinking of joining the Color Guard, this will be the perfect opportunity!

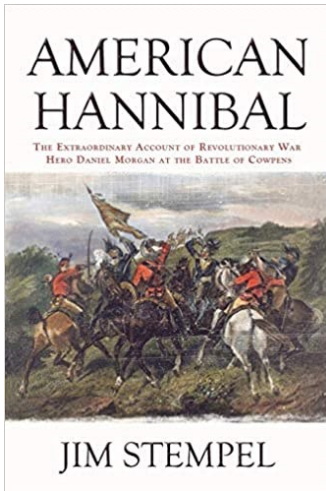
Plans are in progress for a post-parade Color Guard rally Huzzah meal or something similar.

READING for PLEASURE



AMERICAN HANNIBAL

By Jim Stempel



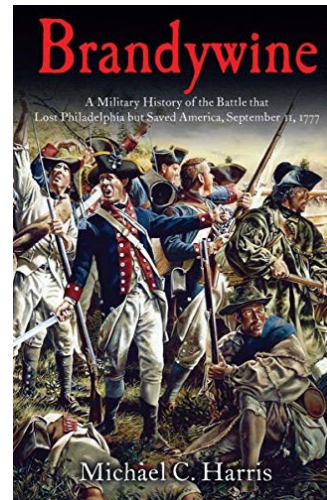
On January 17, 1781, a remarkable battle took place in the backwoods of South Carolina. British Lt. Colonel Banastre Tarleton, hand-picked by General Charles Cornwallis for command due to his dash and record of accomplishment, was opposed by Brigadier General Daniel Morgan, a rough-and-tumble son of the American frontier. Morgan employed a

scheme so brilliantly conceived and masterfully executed that within an hour, the British found themselves overwhelmed, enveloped, and routed from the field. In response to this stunning American victory, Cornwallis embarked on a reckless, desperate trek north in pursuit of Morgan--a strategy that ultimately led to his own defeat at Yorktown.

In his compelling account of the Battle of Cowpens, Jim Stempel makes the case that Morgan's victory closely mirrors Hannibal's extraordinary triumph at Cannae, regarded by many as one of the greatest military accomplishments of all time. With a narrative style that plunges readers into the center of the events, *American Hannibal* will enthrall students of American history and newcomers to the subject alike.

BRANDYWINE

By Michael C. Harris



Long overshadowed by the stunning American victory at Saratoga, the complex British campaign that defeated George Washington's colonial army and led to the capture of the capital city of Philadelphia was one of the most important military events of the war. Michael C. Harris's impressive *Brandywine* is the first full-length study of this pivotal engagement in many years.

Though the bitter fighting around Brandywine Creek drove the Americans from the field, their heroic defensive stand saved Washington's army from destruction and proved that the nascent Continental foot soldiers could stand toe-to-toe with their foe. Although more combat would follow, Philadelphia fell to Gen. Sir William Howe's British legions on September 26, 1777.

Harris's *Brandywine* is the first complete study to merge the strategic, political, and tactical history of this complex operation and important set-piece battle into a single compelling account. More than a decade in the making, his sweeping prose relies almost exclusively upon original archival research and his personal knowledge of the terrain. Enhanced with original maps, illustrations, and modern photos, and told largely through the words of those who fought there, *Brandywine* will take its place as one of the most important military studies of the



NATIONAL APPLICATION FEE INCREASE

The National Society voted to increase application fees at the 131st Congress, see detailed fee changes below.

These increases are effective July 15, 2021. Applications signed on or before July 15, 2021 by the applicant will be grandfathered.

The Texas Society (TS) and Maj. K.M. Van Zandt (VZ) chapter fees have not changed.

Regular New Member increased from \$80 to \$100 (plus dues NS \$35, TS \$44, VZ \$20 = **total \$199**)

Junior Member increased from \$80 to \$100 (plus dues NS \$5, TS \$32, VZ \$6 = total \$143)

Memorial Member increased from \$80 to \$100 (plus dues NS \$35, TS \$6, VZ \$6.50 = total \$147.50)

Supplemental Applications increased from \$60 to \$100 (plus TS \$32, VZ \$6 = **total \$138**)

New Member Regular – Aged 18 to Under 25 w/ Established Lineage increased from \$30 to \$40

New Member Regular – Family Plan increased from \$30 to \$40

Junior Member – Age Newborn to Under 18 increased from \$30 to \$40

Supplemental Application – Family Plan increased from \$30 to \$40

If you have any questions, contact your Chapter Registrar or check out the updated Texas SAR Fee Calculator at <https://txssar.org/fees.htm>.



August 6	Andrew Michael Cox Gary W. Munford
August 8	Charles Lewis Boyd Michael Anthony Walker Jameson Garrett Wright
August 9	<i>Tanner Allan Smith (PM)</i>
August 11	Mark Hampton Holt
August 13	Jerry Davis Minton
August 14	Coulter Aaron Tallent
August 15	Ronald Joe Turner
August 17	William Lawrence Bannister III
August 19	Jack Christopher Blair
August 22	Wayne Alma Heide
August 24	Raymond Ross Hartsfield
August 28	Sean M. Kirkpatrick
August 30	Michael Edward Fussell

THE BATTLE OF MEDINA 'THE GETTYSBURG OF TEXAS'

On August 18th, in the year 1813, in a matter of just a few hours, Texas lost over one-half of its adult male population and about one-third of its total population in the disastrous Battle of Medina, a veritable “Gettysburg of Texas.”

The fateful Battle of Medina was a Texas counterpart of the Mexican Revolution against Spain, which started with “El Grito de Dolores” by Padre Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla on September 16, 1810, and quietly ended on August 24, 1821.



Fought on August 18, 1813, somewhere in a sandy oak forest region of southern Bexar County and northern Atascosa County, the Battle of Medina was the deadliest, bloodiest battle ever fought on Texas soil.

Occurring during a very confused and turbulent period of world history, the disastrous Battle of Medina affected the destinies of five nations of the world: Spain, Mexico, the United States of America, France, and England. Mexico and much of Latin America were in revolt against Spain, whose king from 1807 till 1814 was Joseph Bonaparte, the brother of Napoleon, who was on a rampage in Europe, and the United States of America was at war with England, later to be called the War of 1812.

In this cauldron of world events, Bernardo Gutiérrez de Lara, a visionary rancher and merchant of Revilla, Nuevo Santander and Augustus Magee, a former West Point graduate, aided and abetted by the United States, organized an expedition to wrest the Province of Texas from Spain. Flying the Green Flag, their Republican Army of the North crossed from the Neutral Ground in Louisiana into Texas on Aug. 7, 1812, and soon captured Nacogdoches and Trinidad de Salcedo before heading toward and capturing Presidio La Bahía, where during the winter of 1812-1813, Spanish Royalist forces under Texas Governor Manuel de Salcedo and Nuevo León Governor Simón de Herrera besieged the Republicans for nearly four months, one of the longest sieges—if not the longest—in American military history. Royalists lifted the siege, and the Republicans marched toward San Antonio and defeated the Spanish Royalists on March 29, 1813, in the Battle of Rosillo. The Republicans took control of San Antonio on April 1, 1813, and on April 4, 1813, two Spanish governors, Manuel de Salcedo and Simón de Herrera, were brutally executed. On April 6 a Declaration of Independence established the first republican government of the State of Texas, with a President-Protector, a Junta (council) and a Constitution. After the victorious Battle of Alazán on the outskirts of Bexar on June 20, 1813, the Republicans reigned supreme in Texas.

With one bold stroke, however, Spain struck back. On Aug. 18, 1813, the 1,830-member Spanish Royalist Army under General Joaquín de Arredondo decimated the 1,400-member Republican Army of the North under the command of General José Álvarez de Toledo in “la batalla del

encinal de Medina.” Less than 100 of the Republicans are known to have escaped.

The Republican Army of the North was composed of about 200-300 Norteamericanos, 800-900 Tejanos, 100-200 Native Americans, and one Black named “Thomas.”

More lives were lost in the Battle of Medina than were lost in the battles at the Alamo, Goliad and San Jacinto combined some 23 years later in the Second Texas Revolution of 1835-1836.

Times in Texas during August 1813 and the weeks and months and years thereafter were indescribably cataclysmic. The total population of Texas in the year 1809, counting men, women and children was reported to be 3,122. A mathematical analysis reveals that about one-third of the total population of Texas and over one-half of the adult male population of Texas was lost in the fateful Battle of Medina and its vengeful aftermath.

So far, six of the Republicans are known to have been veterans of the American Revolution, some were sons of American Revolutionaries, some were later participants in the War of 1812 and some were participants of the Second Texas Revolution of 1835- 1836. The bones of about 800 Republicans killed in the Battle of Medina were left to bleach on the sand for nine years before they were gathered in 1822 and buried under an oak tree somewhere in the “encinal.”

Once found and archaeologically confirmed, the Medina battle site, the oak tree burial site of some 800 Republican warriors, and the burial site of 55 Royalist soldiers killed in the battle would be worthy of designation as National Historical Sites.

About the Author

Robert H, Thonhoff, who lived in Atascosa County from 1953 to 1988 and now lives in San Antonio, Texas, is an author, historian, emcee, speaker, community leader, retired educator, retired Karnes County Judge, and former President of the Texas State Historical Association.

By Pleasanton Express Staff | on August 12, 2020



FROM THE NATIONAL REGISTRAR'S APPLICATION STATUS REPORT:

Applications Approved in 2021 [approved and registered since the last newsletter]

Feb 05, **Michael Ty Hobbs**, 218182, 14620, North Richland Hills, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Jesse Glasscock, 1748-aft1810
 Mar 05, **Robert Anthony Jacobs**, 218481, 14644, Azle, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Samuel Jacobs, 1760-1840
 Mar 05, **William Stanley Taylor**, Col. (ret.), 218483, 14646, Colleyville, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Charles Hamilton, 1750-1818
 Mar 12, **Michael Edward Fussell**, 218579, 14658, Burleson, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Charles Moale Croxall, 1756-1831
 Mar 19, **Conrad James Kimble**, 218649, 14664, Weatherford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Isaac Booth, 1755-1841
 Mar 19, **Clay Tolbert Robinson**, 218648, 14663, Mansfield, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Isaac Booth, 1755-1841
 Mar 19, **Cullen Bradshaw Robinson**, 218647, 14662, Mansfield, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Isaac Booth, 1755-1841
 Mar 19, **Patrick James Robinson**, 218650, 14665, Mansfield, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Isaac Booth, 1755-1841
 Apr 02, **Daryl Allan Johnson**, 218779, 14699, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob Brumbaugh, 1734-ca1816
 Jun 04, **Raymond Ross Hartsfield**, 219397, 14727, North Richland Hills, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Christian Fast, 1762-1841
 Jun 11, **Robert Perry Bartholow, Jr.**, 219472, 14732, Burleson, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Boaz Fleming, 1758-1830

CHAPTER REGISTRAR'S REPORT (as of July 30th):

Applications in progress (National—5, State—7, Chapter—9)

[under National Review] **Kirby Lee Boyd**, 205305, 13322, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, John Boyd, 1740-1815
[under National Review] **Rodney Everett Buttermore, Jr.**, 0, 0, Westworth Village, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Jacob Bottomer, abt 1758-1820
[under National Review] **Robert Donald Cochrane**, 0, 0, Bedford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Thomas King, 1754-1847
[under National Review] **David Charles Fleming**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, William Snodgrass, 1760-1849
[under National Review] **Steven James Hole**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Daniel Hole, 1757-1839
[under State Review] **David Clark Fussell**, 0, 0, Burleson, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Charles Moale Croxall, 1756-1831
[under State Review] **Allan Lee Smith**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Thomas Smith, bef 1743-1790
[under State Review] **Marcus "Mike" Lynn Smith**, 0, 0, Bedford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Isaac Thomas, 1735-1818
[under State Review] **Tanner Allan Smith**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Thomas Smith, bef 1743-1790
[under State Review] **Charles William Thomas**, 0, 0, Weatherford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, William Thomas Sr, 1741-1800
[under State Review] **Ronald Joe Turner**, 198382, 12354, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, John Blackford, 1713-bef 1786
[under State Review] **Ronald Joe Turner**, 198382, 12354, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, William McElwee, abt 1718-1807
[under Chapter Review] **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, James Alexander,
[under Chapter Review] **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, James Black,
[under Chapter Review] **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, Alexander Oliver,
[under Chapter Review] **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, Adam Lackey,
[under Chapter Review] **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, Micajah Stone,
[under Chapter Review] **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, Moses Hurt,
[under Chapter Review] **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, James Turner, 1710-bef 1793
[under Chapter Review] **Evan Vaughan Reid**, 0, 0, Bedford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, William Brooks, 1745-1844
[under Chapter Review] **Lawrence Wayne Reid**, 0, 0, Bedford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, William Brooks, 1745-1844

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2021

August 7	Summer BOM (CG-S) (ZOOM meeting)
August 18	Battle of Medina (CG-S)
August 21	Chapter Meeting, Bacon's Grill & Café, Hurst
August 26-27	South Central District Meeting, Richardson (CG-N)
September 18	Chapter Meeting, Bacon's Grill & Café, Hurst
September 23-25	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky (CG-N)
September 25	Medal of Honor Parade, Gainesville, muster at 9:30 a.m. (CG-N)
October 7-10	Fall Board of Managers meeting, NASA Hilton, Clear Lake City, Texas (CG-S)
October 16	Chapter Meeting, Bacon's Grill & Café, Hurst
November TBD	Massing of the Colors, MOWW (CG-N)
November 11	Veterans Day Parade, Fort Worth (CG-N)
November 13	Audie Murphy Parade, Farmersville (CG-S)
November 20	Chapter Meeting, Bacon's Grill & Café, Hurst Election of Officers for 2022-2023
December 4	Dickens on the Strand, Galveston (CG-S)
December 18	Wreaths Across America, Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth (CG-N)

2022

January 15	Chapter Meeting, Location to be determined Installation of Officers for 2022-2023
February 19	Chapter Meeting, Location to be determined
March 19	Chapter Meeting, Location to be determined
April 16	Chapter Meeting, Location to be determined

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

FLY YOUR FLAG

Any day you wish, but especially

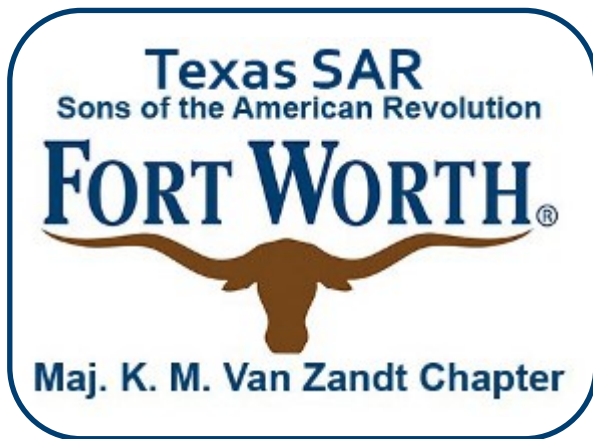
George Washington's Birthday
 Patriots' Day (Battle of Lexington & Concord, MA) (Third Monday in April)
 Armed Forces Day (3rd Saturday in May)
 Memorial Day (last Monday in May and half staff until noon)
 Flag Day, 6/14
 Independence Day, 7/4
 Labor Day
 Patriot Day (Terrorists' Attack 2001), 9/11
 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 July 5, 2021, are:

Active / Current Member.....	114
NSSAR Life.....	9
TXSSAR Perpetual	10
Active/New Member.....	10
Active/Reinstated (current yr) .	1
Active/Reinstated (Over 1 yr) ..	0
Deceased (current yr)	1
Deceased Perpetual (current yr) 0	
Dual w/Other Primary State.....	3
Emeritus (50+ years)	0
Junior Member/Reinstated.....	0
Junior SAR Member	3
Non-Paid Junior Member.....	1
Not Paid (Current Year).....	15
Reinstated/Transferred In.....	1
Transferred In.....	1

Our membership currently is **133**.



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>.

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