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Sons of the American Revolution
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Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter
Fort Worth, Texas
February 1, 2022

NEXT MEETING: February 19, 2022

TIME: 9:00 am

LOCATION: Rock Springs Café
Fort Worth Botanical Gardens

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Greetings Compatriots,

As I look back over the last two years, I see how much our chapter has grown and I am amazed. I want to take this time to thank our Past President Ron Turner for all of the hard work he has done for the chapter. With his leadership, we continued to meet and grow.

As we think back, we recall (hopefully for the last time) Zoom meetings due to Covid. Ron set the Zoom meetings up and educated us on how to use this process. Despite the hardships of the last two years, we continued on and even added members to our roster.

We also had the obstacle of last year's record setting winter storm. The pipes at Woodhaven Country Club burst and we could no longer meet there. Ron and James Alderman searched and found a new meeting place at Bacon's Bistro and Café. We met there for several months and they accommodated us to the best of their ability due to the size of their private meeting room. The food and service were great but we just outgrew the space.

For now, we are meeting at Rock Springs Café at the Fort Worth Botanical Garden. We had our first meeting there on January 19th. The breakfast and service were good. The only drawback was the cold weather and the tram ride from the parking lot to the café. Overall, the meeting was great and I think it will continue to be a good place to conduct our monthly meetings.

I have learned so much as Vice President under Ron's leadership. I will do my very best to carry on his example for the next two years. I feel that if I can be half as good as Ron, we will have a great two years.

The list of chapter officers for the years 2022 and 2023 are listed on the left side of this page.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President. With your help and prayers, I think we will have a great two years.

Bobby

In Memoriam

ROBERT RALPH TRUITT, SR.

27 Sep 1928 – 15 Jan 2022

NSSAR 105276

Texas SAR 2688

Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter #6



Joined SAR
27 Jun 1973
Life Member

Patriots:

Jacob Remy Sr.
William Murphy
Edward Burgess
James Whaley Jr.
James Gibbs

Chapter President

1999-2001
2009-2010

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Plano, Texas - Bob was born September 27, 1928 in Breckenridge to Ralph Arthur Truitt and Emma Goldie Vannaman Truitt. His early years were spent in West Texas. During WWII, Bob worked in construction at the Midland Army Air Field. Following graduation from Odessa High School, he met Dorothy Lynn Butler from Midland. The next Fall they attended TCU together. In 1947, they married in Ft. Stockton and began an amazing married life which would last 73 years and include three sons and a daughter. Bob worked in construction and oil fields in New Mexico, Texas, and North Dakota until he joined Texas Electric Service Company in Odessa in 1955 as a sales representative. After two years, he was transferred to Midland to work in sales promotion and later rose to division staff specialist. In 1973, TESCO moved Bob to Ft. Worth in the newly created position of State Affairs Coordinator. Helping to develop PACs, political awareness programs for employees and familiarizing the public and legislators on issues in the utilities industries kept Bob busy in Austin and Washington.

While in Midland, Bob was active in the community serving as a vice president of the Midland Chamber of Commerce and founder of the Midland Area Sales Team encouraging industrial diversification for the city. He was also a member of the First Christian Church of Midland, served on the board of Junior Achievement, was President of the Optimist Club of Midland and a member of the Midland Masonic Lodge.

Bob had many interests. He enjoyed hunting in New Mexico and on the family ranch in Erath County with his sons, his brother, and friends. An avid golfer, Bob frequented many of the numerous courses in the metroplex. Bob and Dorothy travelled a great deal touring Hawaii, Alaska, and a special trip to England and Scotland. There was also a 50th Wedding Anniversary Caribbean cruise which included the four children and their families. Like his wife, Bob enjoyed studying the history of Texas. He caught the genealogy bug from Dorothy and did extensive research. A member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Bob served as regent [sic] of the Ft. Worth chapter. He was also a member of the Huguenot Society, Sons & Daughters of Antebellum Planters, Sons & Daughters of the Pilgrims, Sons & Daughters of the Colonial & Antebellum Bench & Bar.

In later years, he especially enjoyed working on the family ranch with sons Brent and Steven. Finally he moved to the ranch in 2021 and enjoyed just sitting on his front porch, visiting with family friend Sheila Bishop and watching the various wildlife meander through the property. A devoted husband, loving father, and good friend – he will be greatly missed.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, brother George and sister Patsy; his wife Dorothy, sons Robert Truitt Jr. and Steven Truitt, and grandson Luke Truitt. He is survived by daughter, Cindy Truitt, son Brent Truitt and wife Janice; daughter-in-law Debbie Truitt; grandchildren – Matthew Micajah Truitt and wife Cathy, Manali Mohanty Truitt, Patrick Truitt, and Maureen Patterson; great-grandchildren – Leo and Milan Mohanty Truitt, James and Amelia Truitt, Chloe Patterson; brother-in-law, Charles Butler and wife Pauline; sister-in-law, Joann Truitt and several nephews, nieces, and cousins. Bob's ashes will be placed in the pioneer cemetery on the ranch in a private family service.

Bacon's Bistro and Café Presented Certificate of Appreciation

A chapter delegation visited Bacon's Bistro and Café in Hurst, Texas, on Thursday, January 27, 2022, and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Café for their support of the Sons of the American Revolution, and especially the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, during 2021.

Although the owners, Adam Daily and Eva Burrull, were not working that day, Immediate Past Chapter President Ron Turner presented the Certificate to the Manager on Duty, Jessica Geronimo. Jessica was pleasantly surprised and took steps to notify the owners of the recognition.

Following the closure of Woodhaven Country Club due to burst water pipes during the record setting snow and ice storm of February 2021, Bacon's Grill and Café graciously allowed us to meet in their meeting room throughout the remainder of 2021.

The Chapter graciously thanks the owners and staff of Bacon's Bistro and Café for their excellent customer service and their gracious hospitality to our chapter members.

Pictured from left to right: Immediate Past President Ron Turner, Manager Jessica Geronimo, President Bobby Gresham, and Past President James Alderman. Dana Gresham took photos of the event.



Texas SAR Annual Conference

31 March - 3 April, 2022

**Hilton Richardson Dallas
701 East Campbell Road
Richardson, Texas 75081**

**Conference Registration will
open soon!**

Hotel Registration Is Open

<https://txssar.org/>

Select Events > Upcoming Meetings > Hotel Registration

Rates: Single or Double for \$115 plus taxes



New GS W1812 Chapter Chartered

At a charter meeting of the Elder Jacob Maryon Coffman Chapter of the General Society of the War of 1812 in Texas, eight members of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution received a chapter charter. President John Thompson of the Texas Society of the General Society of the War of 1812 attended and presented the chapter with its charter and then swore in a slate of officers.



The eight Compatriots are: President Gerry Gieger, Vice President & Treasurer Ron Turner, Chaplain Chris Blair, Secretary Christopher Hull, Registrar Don Woodworth, Art Munford, Colt Tallent and applicant Vann Cunningham.



Members of the new War of 1812 chapter invite all to consider joining the Elder Jacob Maryon Coffman Chapter.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Genealogical documentation or proof is required for each generation from the veteran ancestor to the applicant. Forms will be provided for this purpose. All application papers are examined carefully by competent genealogists

before approval for election to membership is granted. The Texas Society accepts SAR/DAR Record Copies as proof of lineal descent.

GENEALOGICAL QUALIFICATIONS

Any male person (18 or older) who is a lineal descendant of one who served during the War of 1812, in a military service of the United States, offering proof thereof satisfactory to the State Society to which he may make application for membership, and who is of good moral character and reputation, may become a member of this Society when approved of by said State Society, under such regulations as it may make for passing upon applications for membership.

The following service and no other shall be regarded as satisfying the requirements of the preceding paragraph:

- (1) Service as an officer, warrant officer or enlisted man in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Revenue Marine, Flotilla Service or Voluntary Corps at any time between November 7, 1811 and July 18, 1815;
- (2) Service at any time between November 7, 1811 and July 18, 1815, as a member of the ship's company on any public armed vessel of the United States or any vessel sailing under Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued by the United States;
- (3) Service in the militia of any state or territory or the District of Columbia duly called out for service against an armed enemy or for coast or border defense between November 7, 1811 and July 18, 1815;
- (4) Service in the forces of the United States at the Battle of Tippecanoe on November 7, 1811;
- (5) Service as the President of the United States, Secretary of War or Secretary of the Navy between November 7, 1811 and July 18, 1815.
- (6) Service as a Governor or Adjutant General of a state or territory of the United States between November 7, 1811 and July 18, 1815.

No service, however, shall be regarded as qualifying if the person who rendered such service voluntarily bore arms against the United States at any time between the dates named or if such person's latest service between said dates was terminated by a separation from the service under conditions other than honorable.



In case of the failure of lineal descendants of an actual participant in the War on behalf of the United States, one collateral descendant, who is deemed worthy, may be admitted to represent the said participant. Provided, always, that such representation shall be limited to the descendant of either a brother or sister of the participant in the war, in right of whose services application for membership is made.

Many SAR members have sons or grandsons of Revolutionary War Patriots who qualify them for membership in GSW1812. Check your ancestral lines and if you have an ancestor who served in the military during the War of 1812, please consider submitting an application.

Anyone interested should contact Gerry Gieger, Ron Turner, or Don Woodworth.

Our Facebook presence is <https://www.facebook.com/EJMCoffman>



Vietnam Commemorative Lapel Pins

I have been giving Vietnam Commemorative pins to veterans for over two years. I try to take pins with me whenever I go anywhere, especially on trips. I gave out two this past year that stand out in my memory. Last summer, we visited the Antietam Battlefield in Maryland, and I was able to present a pin to another visitor. Last fall, I visited the Little Bighorn Battlefield in Montana, and presented one there.

At Christmas, we went home to Michigan to visit family, and of course, I took pins. I remembered that one of my uncles had served and looked into it. We had both served during the Vietnam War era.

Merle Woodworth served in the U.S. Army from 1962 until 1964.



Don Woodworth and Merle Woodworth



Don Woodworth and Jody Brown

While we were home, we went to see the wife of a long-time friend. Jody Brown served in the Army in the early 1970s. She was a nurse in Vietnam. Jody was the first female veteran I have been able to present a pin to. It was an honor and a privilege to give it to her. She cried as she accepted it. Her comment that I will never forget was that she had seen too much blood and too many wounded and maimed soldiers.

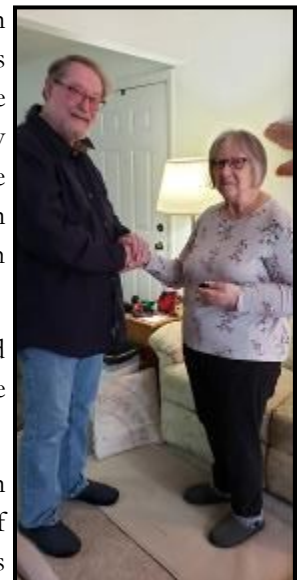
While at my mother's home, I had the opportunity to talk with her neighbor Carol. Carol had been married to Richard

Schalow. Mr. Schalow served in the Navy during WWII. He was discharged and later joined the Air Force as a pilot. He flew missions in Korea. Before he retired, he served two tours in Vietnam. I presented Carol with a Widow's pin. She had

Tears in her eyes as she thanked me. She said that she wished she could show the pin to Richard.

It always touches my heart when I present a veteran with one of these pins. They are always pleased to receive this long overdue recognition.

By Don Woodworth



Don Woodworth and Carol Schalow



January Chapter Meeting

A new year, a new meeting venue!

The Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter gathered for its January chapter meeting at Rock Springs Café in the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens. A total of 28 members, spouses, and guests braved a brisk, frigid north wind for the warmth and friendly atmosphere of the café.

Everyone enjoyed a good, healthy breakfast prior to the start of the meeting.

President Ron Turner welcomed everyone and introduced our special guests, Compatriot Bob Mearns and his wife June. Bob is our Texas Society Vice President for District 5 and installed the new slate of chapter officers. Another special guest was Compatriot Jim Akers, President-elect for the Denton Chapter.

President Turner, assisted by Registrar Gerry Gieger, installed new member David Clark Fussell, who spoke briefly on his ancestor, Charles Moale Croxall.

President Turner then presented Compatriot Mike Connelley with the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal for his outstanding service and dedication to the chapter and for his support to President Turner during his term in office.

President Turner also presented Certificates of Appreciation to all the officer that served during the last two years.

Following the installation of new officers, Compatriots Bob Jacobs and Kevin Shellman presented talks on their respective black powder muskets. Bob's was a reproduction Kentucky Long Rifle and Kevin's was an authentic Brown Bess.

The general consensus of all in attendance was that the Rock Springs Café was a good meeting venue.



President Ron Turner presented the Bronze Roger Sherman Medal to Mike Connelley



Pictured from left to right are newly-installed chapter officers: Ralph Smith (Chaplain), Vann Cunningham (Sergeant-at-Arms & Color Guard Commander), Don Woodworth (Genealogist), Anthony Walker (Treasurer), Gerry Gieger (Registrar), Kevin Shellman (Vice President), Bobby Gresham (President), Mark Parkison (Secretary), and Compatriot Bob Mearns, Vice President of District 5, Texas Society SAR.



President Ron Turner presented Certificates of Appreciation to the officers that served during his administration. Those present at the meeting included (left to right): Don Woodworth (Genealogist), Gerry Gieger (Registrar), Kevin Shellman (Secretary), and Bobby Gresham (Vice President).





Compatriot Bob Mearns, Vice President for District 5, Texas Society SAR, spoke to the chapter prior to inducting the new officers for 2022 & 2023.



Compatriot Bob Mearns, Vice President of District 5, administers the Oath of Office to the incoming slate of officers who will lead the chapter during the years of 2022 & 2023.



President Ron Turner inducted new member David Clark Fussell into the chapter as Registrar Gerry Gieger pinned the SAR Rosette on Compatriot Fussell's lapel.



Kevin Shellman provides a history on his authentic Brown Bess musket, displayed on the table in front of him.



Rock Springs Café at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens





Bob Jacobs spoke about his newly built Virginia Long Rifle, for which the personal significance is that it's likely similar to what his Patriot ancestor(s) would have carried. Perhaps in battle, but certainly to put food on the table. Samuel Jacobs (P-223912) was born in 1760 in Hampshire County, Virginia (now West Virginia) on the western slope of the Appalachians abutting the Proclamation Line of 1763. Samuel's father, William Jacobs, is presumed to have moved from the Chesapeake Bay region (where the Jacobs had lived for several generations) to Hampshire as the result of his service in the French and Indian War. William Jacobs (P-341202) would later serve as a Lieutenant in the Virginia Militia under Col. Henry Lee.

Bob's rifle is modeled after French and Indian war/early Revolutionary War era long rifles. It was built by Thom Frazier, an artisan gun maker in Minnesota, using a tiger maple stock, a 44" Rice swamped .54 caliber barrel, and a Jim Chamber's "Deluxe Large" Siler lock replicating an American forged lock of the period (the vast majority of locks were imported from England). Bob hopes to take a deer and/or turkey, to make Samuel and William proud, before relegating it to Color Guard duty and a permanent place of honor adorning his office wall.

2022 SAR CONGRESS

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

JULY 10-15, 2022

Registration for Hotel Rooms at Congress has opened.

The link for on-line reservations is:

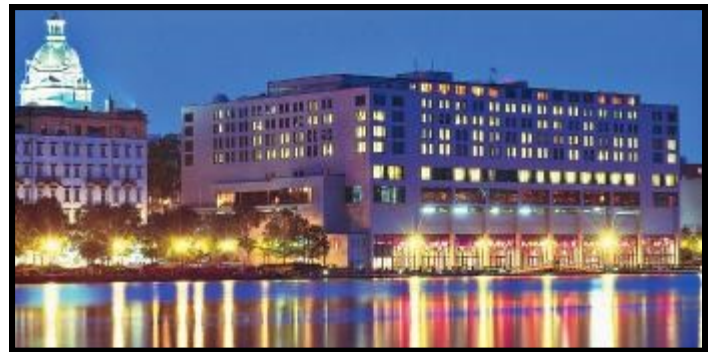
<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/SAVRS/G-NSSA>

For phone reservations, call

877.803.7534

Use the Group Code **G-NSSA**

Hyatt Regency Hotels utilizes a centralized reservations system so be sure to specify the reservation is for the



Hyatt Regency Savannah

Saturday, 9 July

EXCOM/SAR Foundation

Sunday, 10 July

Tours and Host Reception

Monday, 11 July

Memorial Service, First Ladies Tea, & Rumbaugh Orations

Tuesday, 12 July

Opening Ceremony, Youth Luncheon, & Award Night

Wednesday, 13 July

Ladies Luncheon & PGs Banquet

Thursday, 14 July

Last tour and Installation Banquet

Friday, 15 July

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2022 DUES PAST DUE

For those members who have not paid their 2022 dues, notices were sent to available home mailing addresses. These were sent Bulk Mail to addresses on record as of September 1st. The Texas Society knows we had a number of bad mailing addresses in our database. Please make sure you paid your dues and if you did not get a notice, help us get your address corrected.

Dues were considered late on January 1, 2022. If they are still unpaid 30 days later - NSSAR will drop you from the rolls and you will start to show a gap in service and not get your SAR magazine. So please get these paid online or by mail as soon you can to help our chapter and avoid lapses. You now have two options for paying dues.

Online (option 1) - We encourage everyone to use this option, and pay your dues by credit card through Paypal. You need to go to <https://www.txssar.org/dues.htm> and enter your National SAR # and Name as it appears on your Membership Certificate. Then select your primary chapter and any others you maintain dual membership with and follow the checkout procedures. You can also make donations to our many Contest funds. This is operational on the TexasSAR.org website NOW.

US Mail (option 2) - Simply take the bottom section of the form received in the mail and send a check for the amount indicated with the pre-addressed envelope, stamp it, and return it to us by US mail. This invoice has been modified again and cleaned up this year with some useful information on it - all three sections have similar information. As we did last year, we now consider this to be your PRIMARY Chapter Dues Statements - it only includes dues for your Primary Chapter, State Dues, and National Dues where applicable.

If you did NOT get a dues notice in the mail, you need to go to the TexasSAR.org website private site and obtain the dues notice online, print it out, and mail it back in with a check. If you have been dropped in previous years, you will need to contact the State Secretary to obtain an invoice.

Here is the link <https://www.txssar.org/!!TXS!!SAR!!/invoice.htm>

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Donations - As many of you are aware, our society has many beneficial funds that you can donate to for great purposes. Each year, when you renew your membership is a great time to make a donation to one of several great options. All Donation \$ will be allocated as you indicate on the form. If you wish to make a donation separate from your dues payment, you may use the form located here:

<https://texassar.org/pdf/Donations.pdf>

Thank you for your continued support of our programs!

Please do NOT mail to older addresses - those have been closed - USE THE ADDRESS ON THE RETURN ENVELOPE or the ONLINE DUES NOTICE ONLY. If you or your bank mail it somewhere else, there is no guarantee it gets to us and your are credited. The sooner dues are in, the sooner our books are cleared with NSSAR and the funds available to your chapter in the Spring - and no more reminder calls !!! We appreciate your patience and support !!!


NSSAR Members "Yellow" Database

The national office is slated to archive the Yellow Database on February 1st, 2022. Beginning that date, you will not be able to update information in the Yellow Database and have it sync over to the Red database at HDQ. Shortly, the Blue Member Database will sync to the Red Database and vice-versa.

Jonathon Toon, Registrar General, NSSAR, is in the process of creating several tutorial videos for the Blue Database that he plans to have uploaded to the NSSAR website by Monday, January 24th. These videos will be placed under the eLearning tab on the SAR homepage. These will cover various items, such as "Creating a User Account," "Using the Search Bar," and how to update your member's records, and more to be added as more functions come online.

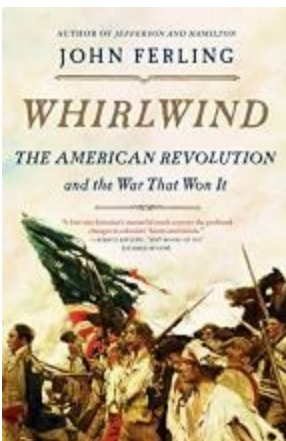
The Yellow Database was created in 2003 and it has served the organization well; however, it is time to move forward.

READING for PLEASURE



WHIRLWIND: THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND THE WAR THAT WON IT

By John Ferling



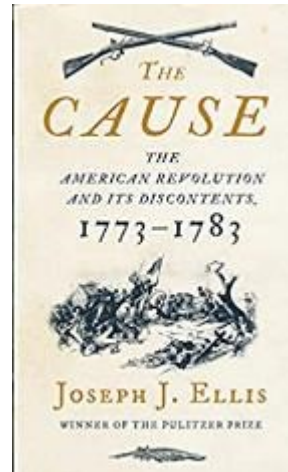
Amid a great collection of scholarship and narrative history on the Revolutionary War and the American struggle for independence, there is a gaping hole; one that John Ferling's latest book, *Whirlwind*, will fill. Books chronicling the Revolution have largely ranged from multivolume tomes that appeal to scholars and the most serious

general readers to microhistories that necessarily gloss over swaths of Independence-era history with only cursory treatment.

Written in Ferling's engaging and narrative-driven style that made books like *Independence* and *The Ascent of George Washington* critical and commercial successes, *Whirlwind* is a fast-paced and scrupulously told one-volume history of this epochal time. Balancing social and political concerns of the period and perspectives of the average American revolutionary with a careful examination of the war itself, Ferling has crafted the ideal book for armchair military history buffs, a book about the causes of the American Revolution, the war that won it, and the meaning of the Revolution overall. Combining careful scholarship, arresting detail, and illustrative storytelling, *Whirlwind* is a unique and compelling addition to any collection of books on the American Revolution.

THE CAUSE: THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND ITS DISCONTENTS, 1773-1783

By Joseph J. Ellis, Ph.D.



In one of the most “exciting and engaging” (Gordon S. Wood) histories of the American founding in decades, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Joseph J. Ellis offers an epic account of the origins and clashing ideologies of America’s revolutionary era, recovering a war more brutal, and more disorienting, than any in our history, save perhaps the Civil War.

For more than two centuries, historians have debated the history of the American Revolution, disputing its roots, its provenance, and above all, its meaning. These questions have intrigued Ellis—one of our most celebrated scholars of American history—throughout his entire career. With this much-anticipated volume, he at last brings the story of the revolution to vivid life, with “surprising relevance” (Susan Dunn) for our modern era. Completing a trilogy of books that began with *Founding Brothers*, *The Cause* returns us to the very heart of the American founding, telling the military and political story of the war for independence from the ground up, and from all sides: British and American, loyalist and patriot, white and Black.

Taking us from the end of the Seven Years’ War to 1783, and drawing on a wealth of previously untapped sources, *The Cause* interweaves action-packed tales of North American military campaigns with parlor-room intrigues back in England, creating a thrilling narrative that brings together a cast of familiar and long-forgotten characters. Here Ellis recovers the stories of Catherine Littlefield Greene, wife of Major General Nathanael Greene, the sister among the “band of brothers”; Thayendanega, a Mohawk chief known to the colonists as Joseph Brant, who led the Iroquois Confederation against the Patriots; and Harry Washington, the enslaved namesake of George Washington, who escaped Mount Vernon to join the



British Army and fight against his former master.

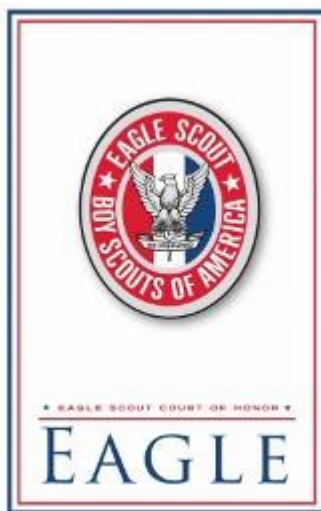
Countering popular histories that romanticize the “Spirit of ’76,” Ellis demonstrates that the rebels fought under the mantle of “The Cause,” a mutable, conveniently ambiguous principle that afforded an umbrella under which different, and often conflicting, convictions and goals could coexist. Neither an American nation nor a viable government existed at the end of the war. In fact, one revolutionary legacy regarded the creation of such a nation, or any robust expression of government power, as the ultimate betrayal of The Cause. This legacy alone rendered any effective response to the twin tragedies of the founding—slavery and the Native American dilemma—problematic at best.

Written with the vivid and muscular prose for which Ellis is known, and with characteristically trenchant insight, *The Cause* marks the culmination of a lifetime of engagement with the founding era. A landmark work of narrative history, it challenges the story we have long told ourselves about our origins as a people, and as a nation.



Congratulations!

Zachary



BSA Eagle Court of Honor

Compatriot Zachary Cunningham, son of Compatriot Vann Cunningham, was honored at a Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Eagle Court of Honor on Saturday afternoon, January 15th, at Heritage Church of Christ in Fort Worth. Eagle courts of honor are celebrations recognizing Scouts who have attained Scouting’s highest rank. They often feature a variety of very special ceremonies commensurate with the high honor being bestowed upon outstanding young men such as Zach.

In addition to the troop’s Scouts and their families, often in attendance are a variety of special guests, including members of the local district and council, public officials, troop alumni, and adults who have had an impact on the life of the new Eagle Scout.

The Eagle court of honor has been referred to as Scouting’s greatest moment. It is an event that will long be remembered fondly by the young man being honored. As every young man is different and unique, each Eagle court of honor reflects what is special about the individual Scout.

Joining Zach at the Court of Honor in the picture below were (left to right): Compatriot John Anderson, father Vann Cunningham, mother Jerri Cunningham, and Compatriot Art Munford.

Who Was Robert Rogers?

Robert Rogers, (born Nov. 7, 1731, Methuen, Mass. [U.S.]—died May 18, 1795, London, Eng.), American frontier soldier who raised and commanded a militia force, known as Rogers's Rangers, which won wide repute during the French and Indian War (1754–63).

A unique corps of 600 frontiersmen who successfully adapted Indian techniques to their fighting, Rogers's Rangers emphasized self-sufficiency, courage, stealth, and methods of camouflage. Conducting numerous raids, scouting enemy positions, and capturing prisoners, Rogers's Rangers gained a reputation as the most colourful unit in the British-American army.

During the French and Indian War, Rogers took part in Gen. James Wolfe's expedition against Quebec and in the Montreal campaign of 1760. Afterward he was sent by Gen. Jeffrey Amherst to take possession of the northwestern posts, including Detroit. Rogers was again in the West in 1763, during Pontiac's War, and he participated in the Battle of Bloody Bridge. Soon after, he went to England and in 1765 published in London a *Concise Account of North America* and his *Journals of service in the French and Indian War*.

Rogers proposed to King George III that he lead an overland expedition from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean. Although Rogers's offer was refused, he was given command of the northwest post of Michilimackinac. From there in 1766 he sent out on his own initiative the first English expedition to explore the upper Mississippi and Great Lakes region, but it failed to penetrate to the Pacific as intended. Rogers's ambitions caused him to be tried for treason, but he was acquitted. He again went to England to retrieve his fortune but was unsuccessful. During the American Revolution he went to America but was regarded as a loyalist spy. He then openly joined the British and organized and commanded the Queen's Rangers, which saw service in operations around New York City. Later he organized the King's Rangers, but the command was taken by his brother, James Rogers, and Robert Rogers returned to England, where he lived his final years in obscurity.

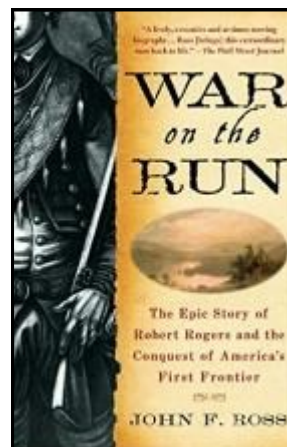
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Book Bonus

WAR ON THE RUN: THE EPIC STORY OF ROBERT ROGERS AND THE CONQUEST OF AMERICA'S FIRST FRONTIER

By John F. Ross



Often hailed as the godfather of today's elite special forces, Robert Rogers trained and led an unorthodox unit of green provincials, raw woodsmen, farmers, and Indian scouts on "impossible" missions in colonial America that are still the stuff of soldiers' legend. The child of marginalized Scots-Irish immigrants, Rogers

learned to survive in New England's dark and deadly forests, grasping, as did few others, that a new world required new forms of warfare. John F. Ross not only recreates Rogers's life and his spectacular battles with breathtaking immediacy and meticulous accuracy, but brings a new and provocative perspective on Rogers's unique vision of a unified continent, one that would influence Thomas Jefferson and inspire the Lewis and Clark expedition. Rogers's principles of unconventional war-making would lay the groundwork for the colonial strategy later used in the War of Independence—and prove so compelling that army rangers still study them today. Robert Rogers, a backwoods founding father, was heroic, admirable, brutal, canny, ambitious, duplicitous, visionary, and much more—like America itself.

Texas Color Guard Update

MEDAL OF HONOR PARADE

The Medal of Honor Parade is scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd in Gainesville. This is now a National Color Guard Event. First time parade Color Guard uniformed participants are awarded the Texas Society Color Guard Bronze Bernardo de Galvez Medal set

COLOR GUARD EVENT CALENDAR

Chapters may now post Color Guard events on the Texas Society public website page Color Guard Calendar. The webmaster has added three radio buttons (Chapter, State, or National). Posting of state or national buttons require the approval of the state Color Guard Commander.

You can find the calendar input form at

<https://www.txssar.org/cgainput.htm>

This approach allows for further awareness and consideration of additional color guard event ongoing in the Society. As State Color Guard Commander Blair Rudy wrote, "It is always great to see what chapters are doing in addition to the approved state events. Let's fill this up and be proud of all we do."

The list of State Color Guard Events on the Texas Society public website is up-to-date through April 1st. Use this list, along with our chapter list, to secure appropriate points and events towards recognition and earning Color Guard medals.

Color Guard is needed for both the DAR and C.A.R. state conferences in Houston on March 17th and March 25th, respectively. Point of contact for the DAR conference is Sam Massey (sampmasseyjr@yahoo.com) and the point of contact for the C.A.R. conference is Blair Rudy (blairrudy@me.com).

COLOR GUARD MAGAZINE

The January 2022 edition of the Color Guard e-Magazine is now posed. The deadline for the next edition is March 31st to Steve Williams (sarwilliamssa@mail.com).

<https://www.txssar.org/cgi-bin/dada/mail.cgi/r/colorguard/075643183986/>

COMMAND SCHOOL

Blair Rudy, Color Guard Commander, Texas Society, plans hold a "Command School" for current and aspiring Color Guard Commanders on Thursday afternoon, March 31st during the Texas Society SAR State Convention in Richardson. All Compatriots are welcome. He will review the basics of posting and retrieving the colors so that everyone may be better skilled in this process. No uniform is needed. You will get the opportunity to give commands and "take it for a spin." He will provide the sword. You will need to arrive Thursday early to mid-afternoon to partake of this opportunity.

A Freemasonry Invitation

Compatriot Shawn Hinman is the presiding officer of an appellat body of Freemasonry called "The Grotto," located in Fort Worth. He extends an invitation on behalf of El Texa Grotto M.O.V.P.E.R. to all (cross-over) members of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter who are also Masons to join them in the upcoming "Sword of Bunker Hill" degree on Saturday, April 23, 2022, to be held at the Masonic Center, 1100 Henderson Street, Fort Worth. It is a Masons-only event; however, there will be members present to answer and assist any inquiries from non-members about Masonic membership. The Sword of Bunker Hill Degree exemplifies the contributions of Masons and Freemasonry during the events surrounding the Battle of Bunker Hill and specifically the contributions of Patriot, Freemason, and General Dr. Joseph Warren.



Loading and Firing a Musket in 1776



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mfVEiaCGccw>

Cleaning Your Muzzleloader



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGsaAMOWX9s>

Everything you Need to know about a Black Powder pistol with loading and firing



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vbfg3UEusd0>



- February 4 Charles Dwain Bonham
- February 7 Joshua Christopher Goulet
Andrew Todd Hebert
- February 12 Douglas Lynn Schwetke
- February 13 Joe Francis Turner
- February 14 Arthur Gary Munford
- February 16 Joshua D. Packard
- February 18 Dr. Harold V. Johnson, III
- February 19 Jason S. Munford
- February 26 Randell Reece Owens
- February 27 Rodney Everett Buttermore, Jr.



CHAPTER LABEL PINS FOR SALE

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All proceeds from the sale of pins support the Chapter's Goodman Youth Fund and the Pray TCU Awards Fund.

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FROM THE NATIONAL REGISTRAR'S APPLICATION STATUS REPORT:

Applications Approved in 2022 [approved and registered since the last newsletter]

Jan 14, Charles William Thomas, 221400, 0, Weatherford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, William Thomas Sr., 1741-bef 1800



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2022

February 19	Chapter Meeting, Rock Springs Café, Fort Worth Botanical Gardens Law Enforcement Commendation Award
February 19	George Washington Parade, Laredo CANCELLED
March 17	Texas Society, DAR State Conference, Houston (CG-S)
March 19	Chapter Meeting, Rock Springs Café, Fort Worth Botanical Gardens Youth Contest Awards
March 25	Texas Society, C.A.R. State Conference, Houston (CG-S)
March 30-April 3	Texas Society, SAR State Convention, Richardson (CG-S)
April 3	Texas Society, General Society of the War of 1812 State Convention, Richardson
April 16	Chapter Meeting, Rock Springs Café, Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
April 23	Medal of Honor Parade, Gainesville (CG-N)
May 21	Chapter Meeting, Rock Springs Café, Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
June 18	Chapter Meeting, Rock Springs Café, Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
July TBD	Summer BOM, ZOOM (CG-S)
October 21-23	Texas Society Fall BOM, McKinney (CG-S)
TBD	Heroism and Life Saving Award Ceremony, Fort Worth Police Department

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

FROM THE NATIONAL REGISTRAR'S APPLICATION STATUS REPORT:

CHAPTER REGISTRAR'S REPORT (as of December 29th):

Applications in progress (National—11, State—0, Chapter—12)

[under National Review Pended] Kirby Lee Boyd, 205305, 13322, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, John Boyd, 1740-1815
 [under National Review] Austin Elliston Davis, 0, 0, North Richland Hills, TX, JUNIOR FAMILY/NEW, Richard Ryan, 1756-1839
 [under National Review] Nathaniel James Davis, North Richland Hills, TX, JUNIOR FAMILY/NEW, Richard Ryan, 1756-1839
 [under National Review] Preston Stokes Davis, North Richland Hills, TX, ACTIVE FAMILY/ NEW, Richard Ryan, 1756-1839
 [under National Review] Robert Anthony Jacobs, 218481, 14644, Azle, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, William Jacobs, 1737-aft 1815
 [under National Review] Robert Anthony Jacobs, 218481, 14644, Azle, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Peter Martin, 1737-1807
 [under National Review] Marcus "Mark" Lynn Smith, 0, 0, Bedford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Isaac Thomas, 1735-1818
 [under National Review] Charles William Thomas, 0, 0, Weatherford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, William Thomas Sr, 1741-1800
 [under National Review] Ronald Joe Turner, 198382, 12354. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, John Blackford, 1713-bef 1786
 [under National Review] Ronald Joe Turner, 198382, 12354. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, William McElwee, abt 1718-1807
 [under National Review] Charles Leon Vanover, 0, 0, Keller, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Samuel McQueen, abt1750-1794
 [with Chapter Registrar] Brent Evan Butterworth, 0, 0, Midlothian, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Benjamin Butterworth, 1736-abt 1801
 [with Chapter Registrar] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, James Alexander,
 [with Chapter Registrar] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, James Black,
 [with Chapter Registrar] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, Alexander Oliver,
 [with Chapter Registrar] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, Adam Lackey,
 [with Chapter Registrar] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, Micajah Stone,
 [with Chapter Registrar] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, Moses Hurt,
 [with Chapter Registrar] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENT, James Turner, 1710-bef 1793
 [with Chapter Registrar] Lance Everett Ortiz, 0, 0, Lake Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Hugh Coffey Sr., 1750-1827
 [with Chapter Registrar] Evan Vaughan Reid, 0, 0, Bedford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, William Brooks, 1745-1844
 [with Chapter Registrar] Lawrence Wayne Reid, 0, 0, Bedford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, William Brooks, 1745-1844
 [with Chapter Registrar] Joe Vic Wade, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Thomas Harbour, abt 1695-1779

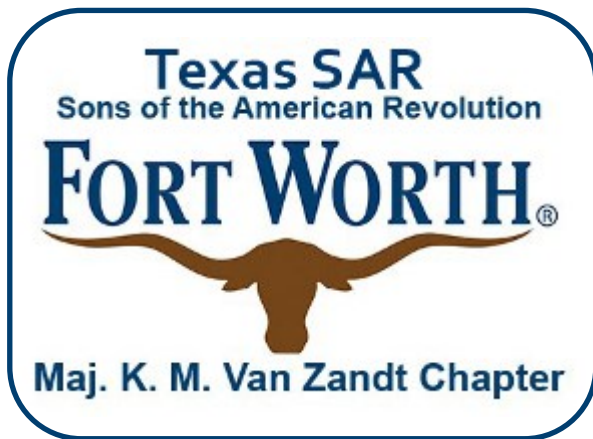


“They tell us, sir, that we are weak; unable to cope with so formidable an adversary. But when shall we be stronger? Will it be the next week, or the next year? Will it be when we are totally disarmed, and when a British guard shall be stationed in every house? Shall we gather strength by irresolution and inaction? Shall we acquire the means of effectual resistance by lying supinely on our backs and hugging the delusive phantom of hope, until our enemies shall have bound us hand and foot? Sir, we are not weak if we make a proper use of those means which the God of nature hath placed in our power.”

— Patrick Henry

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 January 30, 2022, are:

Active / Current Member	136
NSSAR Life.....	8
TXSSAR Perpetual	9
Active/New Member	1
Active/Reinstated (current yr)	0
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.....	1
Non-Paid Junior Member	0
Not Paid (Current Year).....	0
Reinstated/Transferred In.....	0
Transferred In.....	0

Our membership currently is **141**.



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

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