



Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Chisholm Trail News



Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter
Fort Worth, Texas
July 1, 2022

NEXT MEETING: July 16, 2022

TIME: 9:00 am

LOCATION: Rock Springs Café
Fort Worth Botanical Gardens

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Greetings Compatriots,

We had a great meeting in June. We inducted five new members into our chapter. Vann Cunningham was our speaker and his topic was on the battle of Kings Mountain. Thank you, Vann. You did a great job.

Remember everyone about the Arlington July 4th Parade. We will meet at 8:30 am at UTA. Come join us.

Our next meeting will be at Rock Springs Café at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens at 9:00 am on July 16th.

Bobby



Betsy Ross showing the American flag to George Washington, Robert Morris, and Major Ross.

In Memoriam



PAUL E. MING passed away on June 2, 2022. He was born in El Reno, Oklahoma, on March 31, 1931, to John Clyde Ming and Juanita Mae Mills. Paul was a US Army Korean combat veteran, having served as a medic from 1948 to 1952 and attaining the rank of master sergeant. He was honored with the Soldiers Medal in addition to other awards and decorations. Paul retired as a lieutenant with the El Paso Police Department, and was also a retired park ranger at Lake Texoma State Park. Along with his much loved wife of 75 years, Bobbie, he raised four daughters, enjoyed his two grandchildren, and was pleased to welcome his first great-grandchild.

Paul enjoyed boating and camping with family and friends, traveling with Bobbie across the US in their RV, and he was an accomplished genealogy researcher. Paul and his wife lived their golden years in Fort Worth. He was a proud Mason and member of the Sons of the American Revolution. A man of honor and duty, Paul was a mentor to many and a trusted friend.

He was preceded in death by his brother and sister-in-law, Don and Joan Ming, daughter Ruthie Ming DeLeon, and granddaughter Kathryn Ashli Murphy. He is survived by his devoted wife Bobbie; daughters P. Kathryn Murphy, Toni Skartwed, and Traci Ming; their spouses Harry Murphy and Marycarol Hennessy, John DeLeon, and David Skartwed; grandson Aaron Armand DeLeon and his wife Alexandra, and their son Ayden, who is to be joined this summer by a baby girl; nephew Don and his wife Vedia Ming. The family will celebrate Paul at a later date in a private gathering in El Reno, Oklahoma.

Brown Owens & Brumley Family Funeral Home
Fort Worth



Chapter President Mike Connelley inducted and welcomed new member Paul Ernest Ming at the October 21, 2017 chapter meeting. Registrar Gerry Gieger assisted. Paul was joined by his wife, Bobby Ruth, and one of their daughters. Paul was a Law Enforcement Officer for 38 years until he retired in 1993. Paul's Patriot Ancestor was Col. William C. Whitley, 1749-1813, who served as a scout in the Revolutionary War with Gen. George Rogers Clark in the west. He was killed in the War of 1812 at the Battle of the Thames in Canada.



Can You...

NAME the 14th State of the United States?

NAME the State that wished to be the 14th State...but never did become a State?

The 14th State to enter the Union was Vermont. It was admitted on March 4, 1791.

In 1784, after the new nation won its independence, John Sevier became the governor of what some thought might become the 14th state in the United States of America. The STATE OF FRANKLIN was in the westerly portion of the colonial state of North Carolina. North Carolina tried to cede the territory to the Federal government due to reasons having to do with taxation and trouble with the cost of defending the remote area.

Congress did not accept the territory, but some citizens, among them, John Sevier, saw the benefit to the area becoming independent from North Carolina. North Carolina wasn't on board with that idea and there were a few small battles. John Sevier was elected governor of The STATE OF FRANKLIN, named for Benjamin Franklin, although Ben Franklin was in France at the time and responded to John Sevier's letter asking for support of the state, by writing back...

"I am too little acquainted with the circumstances to be able to offer you anything just now that may be of importance, since everything material that regards your welfare will doubtless have occurred to yourselves."

Ben concluded with a statesman like paragraph. "I will endeavor to inform myself more perfectly of your affairs by inquiry and searching the records of Congress and if

anything should occur to me that I think may be useful to you, you shall hear from me thereupon." (Franklin's letter to Governor John Sevier, 1787)

The STATE of FRANKLIN as the 14th state, was not to be. Sevier was then elected as Representative of North Carolina's 5th District. Soon after, North Carolina ceded again the region in the west. Franklin became part of Eastern Tennessee by 1796. John Sevier then became the first Governor of the new state of Tennessee. He also was elected as Tennessee's representative to Congress for several terms.

2021 Sea Cadet Award

On Sunday, June 12th, Past President James Alderman attended the Unit Awards Ceremony for the Lone Star Squadron, United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps (USNSCC), at the Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, to present the SAR Good Citizenship Medal to Petty Officer 2nd Class Austin Yohrys.



Van Zandt Cottage

Michael E. Patterson, a former officer of the Tarrant County Historical Society and a friend to a number of us, located these two old photos of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Cabin/Cottage. The cabin is pictured in Photo #1 prior to it being moved and restored. In Photo #2, the fireplace is pictured as it was during the move and the restoration. Photo #3 is how the Cottage looks today.

The Cottage was built in the 1860s on the Stage Road to Weatherford, and was a haven to generations of travelers during Trinity River floods. The cabin is the only structure of its type in the City of Fort Worth that is still in its original location .

The Cottage was restored by the State of Texas during the Texas Centennial of 1936.



June Chapter Meeting



Color Guard Commander Vann Cunningham presented a program entitled “Remembering Kings Mountain” at the June chapter meeting on Saturday, June 18th.

Chapter President Bobby Gresham inducted five new members into the chapter. He was assisted by Chapter Registrar Gerry Gieger.

Charles Leon Vanover became a registered member on February 25th. Marcus “Mark” Lynn Smith, Preston Stokes Davis, Austin Elliston Davis, and Nathaniel James Davis became registered members on March 18th.



CHARLES LEON VANOVER



Chuck joined the SAR based on the service of his 8th great-grandfather, Samuel McQueen. Samuel assisted in establishing American Independence while living in North Carolina. He provided Patriotic Service when he paid for unspecified goods or services. Samuel was born about 1750 in North Carolina and died in 1794 in Johnson County, Tennessee. He is buried in the McQueen Cemetery in Johnson County. He married Hannah Duggar in 1771 in North Carolina. Chuck lives in Kellar, Texas, with his wife, Stacie Lynn *Kopp* Vanover.

Chuck is pictured with President Bobby Gresham (right) and Registrar Gerry Gieger (left).

Mark Smith joined the SAR based on the Patriotic Service of his 8th great-grandfather, Isaac Thomas. Isaac was a Scout and River Pilot in North Carolina and signed the Oath of Allegiance. He was born in 1735 in Virginia and died October 30, 1818, in Sevierville in Sevier County, Tennessee. He married Elizabeth Massengill on June 11, 1780. Mark lives with his wife, Monica M. *Bruce* Smith, in Bedford, Texas.

Chuck is pictured with President Bobby Gresham (right) and Registrar Gerry Gieger (left).



**PRESTON STOKES DAVIS
NATHANIEL JAMES DAVIS
AUSTIN ELLISTON DAVIS**



The three Davis brothers joined the SAR based on the military service of their 10th great-grandfather, Richard Ryan, Jr. Richard enlisted as a Private under Captain Joseph Duncan and was at the Siege of Savannah, the Florida Expedition, as well as several other skirmishes. Richard was born on September 3, 1756, in Orange County, North Carolina, and in 1838 in Williamson County, Tennessee. The name of his wife has not been determined. Preston, Nathan, and Austin live with their parents in North Richland Hills.

Pictured from left to right are Nathan Davis, Registrar Gerry Gieger, Preston Davis, Austin Davis, Stephanie Davis, Alan Davis, and President Bobby Gresham.

MARCUS LYNN SMITH



Audie Murphy Day Parade

On Saturday, June 18th, Chapter Vice President Kevin Shellman took the chapter parade trailer to Farmersville, Texas, for the 21st Annual Audie Murphy Day Parade. The trailer provided those North Texas Color Guardsmen who are unable to walk the parade route with the means of participating in the Color Guard.



Audie Murphy Day is an annual two-day celebration in Farmersville, Texas, dedicated to honoring local Veterans and active military personnel, along with hometown hero, Audie Murphy. The celebration is normally held in late June.



Farmersville hosted over 100 area veterans as the city paid tribute to them, along with its favorite son and war hero, Audie Murphy. Following the parade, a ceremony was held featuring Patrick Baumann, a representative of Holtzwihr, a city in northeastern France. A wheel taken from the armored vehicle that Murphy attacked during the World War II fire fight that resulted in his receiving the Medal of Honor was presented during the ceremony.





FIRST LIEUTENANT

AUDIE LEON MURPHY

JUNE 20, 1924 **MAY 28, 1971**

On the morning of July 9, 1942, nineteen days after his eighteenth birthday, Audie Murphy left home in Farmersville, Texas, hitchhiked to Greenville where he caught a bus to Dallas, and enlisted in the U.S. Army. In July 1945, he returned to Farmersville as the most decorated hero in America's history. Audie was awarded every medal for valor our country gives, including the Congressional Medal of Honor.

MEDAL OF HONOR CITATION

Rank & Organization: Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army, Company B, 15th Infantry, 3d Infantry Division

Place & Date: Near Holtzwihr, France, 26 January 1945

Entered Service: Dallas, Texas

Birth: Hunt County, near Kingston, Texas

G.O. No. 65, 9 August 1945

Citation: 2d Lt. Murphy commanded Company B, which was attacked by 6 tanks and waves of infantry. 2d Lt. Murphy ordered his men to withdraw to prepared positions in a woods, while he remained forward at his command post and continued to give fire directions to the artillery by telephone. Behind him, to his right, 1 of our tank destroyers received a direct hit and began to burn. Its crew withdrew to the woods. 2d Lt. Murphy continued to direct artillery fire which killed large numbers of the advancing enemy infantry. With the enemy tanks abreast of his position, 2d Lt. Murphy climbed on the burning tank destroyer, which was in danger of blowing up at any moment, and employed its .50 caliber machine gun against the enemy. He was alone and exposed to German fire from 3 sides, but his deadly fire killed dozens of Germans and caused their infantry attack to waver. The enemy tanks, losing infantry support, began to fall back.

For an hour the Germans tried every available weapon to eliminate 2d Lt. Murphy, but he continued to hold his position and wiped out a squad which was trying to creep up unnoticed on his right flank. Germans reached as close as 10 yards, only to be mowed down by his fire. He received a leg wound, but ignored it and continued the single-handed fight until his ammunition was exhausted. He then made his way to his company, refused medical attention, and organized his company in a counterattack which forced the Germans to withdraw. His directing of artillery fire wiped out many of the enemy; he killed or wounded about 50. 2d Lt. Murphy's indomitable courage and his refusal to give an inch of ground saved his company from possible encirclement and destruction, and enabled it to hold the woods which had been the enemy's objective.

Medals Awarded to Audie Murphy

World War II Victory Medal

Army of Occupation *With German Clasp*

Armed Forces Reserve Medal

Combat Infantryman Badge

Marksman Badge with Rifle Bar



Expert Badge with Bayonet Bar

French Fourragere *In colors of the Croix de Guerre*

French Legion of Honor, Grade of Chevalier

French Croix de Guerre *With Silver Star*

French Croix de Guerre with Palm

Medal of Liberated France

Medal of Honor

Distinguished Service Cross

Silver Star *With first Oak Leaf Cluster*

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star *With "V" Device and First Oak Leaf Cluster*

Purple Heart *With Second Oak Leaf Cluster*

U.S. Army Outstanding Civilian Service Medal

Good Conduct Medal

Distinguished Unit Emblem *with First Oak Leaf Cluster*

American Campaign Medal

European-African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal

Belgian Croix de Guerre 1940 Palm



Audie Murphy's homecoming to Farmersville in June of 1945

*Compatriot
Society Anniversaries*

July

James J. Davis	44 years
Allan V. Gillmore	49 years
Cable Gregory Johnson	28 years
Raymond Lee Leftwich	24 years
James Vann Cunningham	9 years
Charles Keith Webster	9 years
Christopher Kirpatrick Hull	7 years
Billy Eugene Thompson	5 years
Charles Lewis Boyd	5 years
Richard Vance Wilson	4 years
Wayne Alma Heide	3 years
Robert Leslie Goode, Jr.	3 years
Richard Brian Mitchell	2 years
Matthew L. Achorn	2 years
Joe Francis Turner	2 years

Thank you for your continued service to our Society and your dedication to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and promoting education to future generations

Correction: Gerry Gieger celebrated his 25th anniversary as a member of the SAR in June, not 23rd.

New Recruitment Campaign

On June 23rd, Texas SAR President Jim Kuykendall issued a challenge to all Texas SAR Members to recruit new members. It is critical that we add to our membership. Although our Society has basically held its own for some time, we are fighting a losing battle with member age attrition. We are not replacing ourselves fast enough. Year-to-date, we have added 300 new members but we must have at least 400 by the end of the year.

We are living in a time when it is never more important for people to understand what patriotism is all about. Many seem to have forgotten what this great nation was founded on. The once strong voice of our founding fathers is becoming faint and we cannot let that happen. It can only be strengthened by the new voices of Compatriots who we recruit into our ranks. The SAR has a message that people need to hear.

President Kuykendall is asking each of you to:

- Go through your contact list and pull out those you know you can ask about joining us.
- Don't just consider them, think about their family members, sons, brothers, etc.
- Go to our website to get information on recruiting tools:
 - Guide to membership Recruitment <https://www.txssar.org/!!TXS!!SAR!!/pdf/GuidetoMRRR.pdf>
 - Copy and use the new Texas SAR Brochure https://www.txssar.org/!!TXS!!SAR!!/pdf/TexasSAR_Brochure.pdf

The new Mentor Training Program is now on the website. You can view the slides, read the materials, and take a short quiz. Your Chapter President or District Vice President can verify when your training is completed. You must then mentor two new members. Once that is done, fill out the application and send it in and you will be recognized with the new Mentor Pin at a scheduled state meeting. The web link is:

https://texassar.org/!!TXS!!SAR!!/pdf/Mentor_Training_Power_Point%20.pptx

We all need to help more members to our Society.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

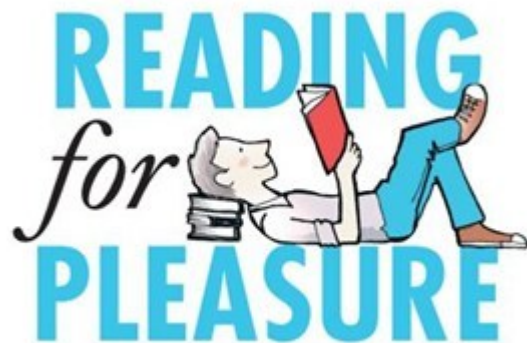
Our chapter membership levels as of June 26, 2022, are:

Active / Current Member	100
NSSAR Life	8
TXSSAR Perpetual	9
Active/New Member	4
Active/Reinstated (current yr)	18
Active/Reinstated (Over 1 yr)	0
Deceased (current yr)	3
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)	17
Reinstated/Transferred In	1
Transferred In	0

Our active membership currently is **129**.

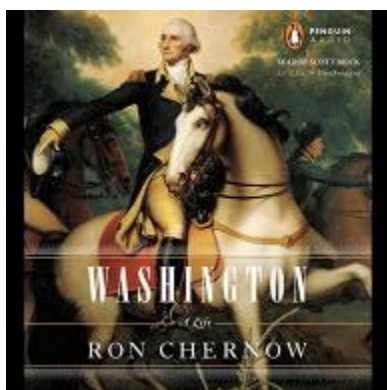


READING for PLEASURE



Washington: A Life

By Ron Chernow



In *Washington: A Life*, celebrated biographer Ron Chernow provides a richly nuanced portrait of the father of our nation. With a breadth and depth matched by no other one-volume life of Washington, this crisply paced narrative carries

the listener through his troubled boyhood, his precocious feats in the French and Indian War, his creation of Mount Vernon, his heroic exploits with the Continental Army, his presiding over the Constitutional Convention, and his magnificent performance as America's first president.

Despite the reverence his name inspires, Washington remains a lifeless waxwork for many Americans, worthy but dull. A laconic man of granite self-control, he often arouses more respect than affection. In this groundbreaking work, based on massive research, Chernow dashes forever the stereotype of a stolid, unemotional man.

A strapping six feet, Washington was a celebrated horseman, elegant dancer, and tireless hunter, with a fiercely guarded emotional life. Chernow brings to vivid life a dashing, passionate man of fiery opinions and many moods. Probing his private life, he explores his fraught relationship with his crusty mother, his youthful infatuation with the married Sally Fairfax, and his often conflicted feelings toward his adopted children and grandchildren. He also provides a lavishly detailed portrait of his

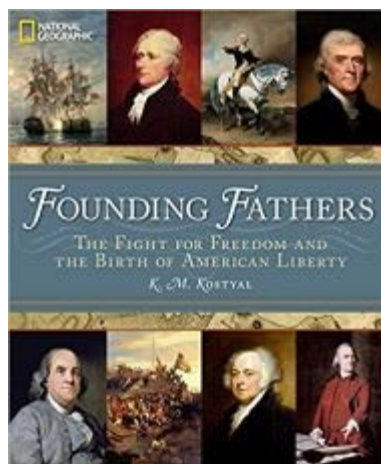
marriage to Martha and his complex behavior as a slave master.

At the same time, *Washington* is an astute and surprising portrait of a canny political genius who knew how to inspire people. Not only did Washington gather around himself the foremost figures of the age, including James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson, but he also brilliantly orchestrated their actions to shape the new federal government, define the separation of powers, and establish the office of the presidency.



Founding Fathers: The Fight for Freedom and the Birth of American Liberty

By K.M. Kostyal and Jack N. Rakove



Kostyal tells the story of the great American heroes who created the Declaration of Independence, fought the American Revolution, shaped the US Constitution--and changed the world. The era's dramatic events, from the riotous streets in Boston to the unlikely victory at

Saratoga, are punctuated with lavishly illustrated biographies of the key founders--Alexander Hamilton, John Adams, Ben Franklin, Thomas Paine, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, and James Madison--who shaped the very idea of America. An introduction and ten expertly-rendered National Geographic maps round out this ideal gift for history buff and student alike. Filled with beautiful illustrations, maps, and inspired accounts from the men and women who made America, *Founding Fathers* brings the birth of the new nation to light.

Flag Certificates



The following recipients received an SAR Certificate of Commendation in the display of the Flag of the United States of America:

- By: Gerry Gieger in May 2022:
- To: Bethesda Gardens Assisted Living, Fort Worth
 Movement City Church, Godley
 Grandview Bank, Burleson
 Joshua Christian Academy, Joshua
 North Greenbriar Senior Apartments, Fort Worth

CHAPTER LAPEL PINS FOR SALE

\$5 per pin

Available each month at chapter meetings

\$7.50 per pin with delivery via USPS includes packaging & shipping

Contact Ron Turner

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

Get yours today!



Support our Youth!

CHAPTER NAME BADGES

All members are encouraged to purchase a name badge.

Wear it to chapter meetings!

Use it to advertise the SAR and the Chapter at other events you attend.

Badges are \$14 plus tax.

Order yours at

<https://stores.inksoft.com/sartx/shop/home>



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2022

July 10-15	2022 SAR Congress, Savannah, Georgia (CG-N)
July 16	Chapter Meeting, Rock Springs Café, Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
August 6	Summer BOM, ZOOM (CG-S)
August 26-27	SAR South Central District Meeting, Bentonville, AR (CG-N)
August 20	Chapter Meeting, Rock Springs Café, Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
September 17	Chapter Meeting, Rock Springs Café, Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
September 29-October 1	2022 Fall NSSAR Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY (CG-N)
October 15	Chapter Meeting, Rock Springs Café, Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
October 21-23	Texas Society Fall BOM, McKinney (CG-S)
November 11	Veterans Day Parade, Fort Worth (CG-N)
November 13	Massing of the Colors, Fort Worth (CG-N)
November 19	Chapter Meeting, Rock Springs Café, Fort Worth Botanical Gardens
December 17	Wreaths Across America, Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth (CG-N)

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



250th Anniversary of the American Revolution 2025-2033

The National Society Sons of the American Revolution has challenged every SAR State Society and Chapter to recognize those events that led to the American Revolution, as well as those events that occurred during the Revolution. Each SAR State Society and Chapter should hold public venues to educate, recognize, honor, and celebrate the events and heroes of the period surrounding the American Revolution. These events will be significant events related directly to acts of resistance of British attempts to coerce the residents in America from the first Parliamentary Act, through the armed struggle, until the Treaty of Paris.

July 3	Matthew Micajah Truitt
July 7	Bobby W. Rushing
July 8	Robert James Devine
	Robert Maitland Howe, Jr.
July 9	Kenneth R. Cox
July 11	James Edward Alderman
July 12	Mikel James Lokensgard
July 18	Larry John Croucher, Jr.
July 21	Zachary Vann Cunningham
July 24	John David Peet
July 26	John David Anderson, Jr.
	Scotte Linn Clark
	Rolland Jory Moraine
July 28	Stephen W. Bridgeman
July 29	Thomas Paul Wilkinson
July 31	Tommie Rosnald Harvey
	John William Via, III





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, 14897, Weatherford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, William Thomas Sr., 1741-bef 1800
 Feb 25, **Charles Leon Vanover**, 221839, 14957, Keller, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Samuel McQueen, abt1750-1794
 Mar 18, **Austin Elliston Davis**, 222027, 14966, North Richland Hills, TX, JUNIOR FAMILY/NEW, Richard Ryan, 1756-1839
 Mar 18, **Nathaniel James Davis**, 222026, 14965, North Richland Hills, TX, JUNIOR FAMILY/NEW, Richard Ryan, 1756-1839
 Mar 18, **Preston Stokes Davis**, 222025, 14967, North Richland Hills, TX, ACTIVE FAMILY/ NEW, Richard Ryan, 1756-1839
 Mar 18, **Marcus "Mark" Lynn Smith**, 222028, 14968, Bedford, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Isaac Thomas, 1735-1818
 May 5, **Ronald Joe Turner**, 198382, 12354, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, William McElwee, abt 1718-1807
 May 5, **Ronald Joe Turner**, 198382, 12354, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, John Blackford, 1713-bef 1786



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CHAPTER REGISTRAR'S REPORT (as of June 3rd):

Applications in progress (National—4, State—3)

[Please note that *The Chisholm Trail News* only list those applications that have been submitted for State and National review.]

[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] **James Edward Thorp**, 0, 0, Springtown, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John S. Farnum, 1763-1822
 [under National Review] **Ronald Joe Turner**, 198382, 12354. Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Solomon Robbins, 1756-1798
 [under State Review] **Milton Andrew Nantz**, 0, 0, Hudson Oaks, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, Michael Looney, Sr., 1751-1839
 [under State Review] **Kevin Jon Shellman**, 191113, 12933, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, John Callahan, 1755-1786
 [under State Review] **Jon Phillip Sprinkle**, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, ACTIVE/NEW, James Dillard Jr., 1755-1832



“Patriotism is as much a virtue as justice, and is as necessary for the support of societies as natural affection is for the support of families.”

~ Benjamin Rush

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.



Thank you for your continued support of the Chapter and the SAR

God Bless America

IMPORTANT LINKS

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>.

General Information

The Sons of the American Revolution is the leading male lineage society that perpetuates the ideals of the War for Independence.

As an historical, educational, and patriotic non-partisan, non-profit corporation organized under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, *we seek to maintain and expand the meaning of patriotism, respect for our national symbols, the value of American citizenship, and the unifying force of "e pluribus unum" that was created from the people of many nations—one nation and one people.*

The *Chisholm Trail News* is published for members and friends of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter #6, Texas SAR.

The American's Creed

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States, a perfect union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

William Tyler Page, 1917, accepted by the U.S. House of Representatives on April 3, 1918.

Please consider a tax-free donation to the Chapter's Youth Funds which support Chapter Youth Contests. Contact the Chapter Treasurer.