



**Texas Society**  
**Sons of the American Revolution**  
**Chisholm Trail News**



Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter  
Fort Worth, Texas

**December 1, 2022**

**NEXT MEETING:** January 19, 2022

**TIME:** 9:00 am

**LOCATION:** Rock Springs Café  
Fort Worth Botanical Gardens

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## SAR RECRUITING IDEAS

*Did you know that if every member just brought in ONE new member each year, we would DOUBLE our membership? Each of you should be an advocate for gaining new membership.*

*When a local entity, such as a park, library, or another organization, has an event, we should be asking if we can have a table with someone there, preferably in colonial uniform, to talk about SAR and hand out brochures.*

*We should develop a tri-fold brochure for our chapter and place them in libraries, Genealogical libraries, City Halls, Chamber of Commerce, VFW, American Legion, etc.*

*We should be reaching out and speaking at DAR meetings, Genealogical Societies, Schools, Rotary, VFW, American Legion, etc. Many of these organizations are always looking speakers—a great way to spread the word. Offer to give a program on SAR at their convenience. Many DAR members do not know that any male under the age of 18 can be a junior member.*

*We need to have a strong reinstatement program. Each year, we lose members and no follow-up happens. The Secretary, Treasurer, or Registrar are the ideal positions to email and then call members who have failed to renew their membership.*

*Did you know that C.A.R. members when they turn 18 can join SAR with no transfer fee, just pay national and state dues!*



## Color Guard



Members of the Chapter Color Guard posted the Colors at the Captain Nathaniel Mills Chapter DAR 60th Anniversary Banquet on November 15th at the Texas Star Convention Center in Euless, TX. From left to right are President Bobby Gresham, Secretary Mark Parkison, Past President James Alderman, and Vice President District 5 and Immediate Past President Ron Turner.

North Texas SAR members participated in the 42nd Annual Massing of the Colors at Birchman Baptist Church in Fort Worth on Sunday afternoon, November 13th. Massing of the Colors is an Interfaith Patriotic Service co-hosted by the Fort Worth Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) and the Fort Worth ISD Junior ROTC.

SAR chapters represented included Maj. K.M. Van Zandt, Arlington, Dallas, and East Fork Trinity. Members represented Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Confederate Veterans (Col. E.W. Taylor Camp), and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (Gen. James J. Byrne Camp). C.A.R. members also participated.

Maj. K.M. Van Zandt members were: James Alderman, Don Woodworth, Ron Turner, Bobby Gresham, Kevin Shellman, Mark Parkison, and new member applicant Joe Wade. Dallas members were Mark Harrison and Brent Harshman. Arlington member was Dan Hamilton. East Fork Trinity members were Bill Watts, Randall Van Heyst, and Reagan Van Heyst.

Lt. Lawrence "Mike" Connelley, a member of MOWW and Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, introduced the singing of *America the Beautiful*, offered prayers for our country, and gave the benediction.



## November Chapter Meeting



Frontier Brigade Band members Richard McCook and Jeff Cason performed Irish music of the 1770s. Songs performed were *Whiskey in the Jar*, *Seven Drunken Nights*, *Rising of the Moon*, *Revolutionary Tea*, *Rooster*, *Bonny Prince Charles*, *Carrickfergus*, *Yankee Doodle*, and *Dublin in the Rare Old Times*.



**2023 Dues Due  
By  
December 31st!**



## Vietnam War Commemorative Lapel Pin Project

This is what the chapter strives to do with the Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pin project—put it in the hand of a Vietnam War veteran anytime / anywhere we encounter them. Chapter member Bob Jacobs (on the right) recently presented a lapel pin to an Air Force veteran who served in Vietnam in 1966-1967. The encounter occurred in the barber shop. Bob said his eyes were “a bit bleary from fighting back tears” listening to his 30-minute discussion of his time in Vietnam. Bob further said it was a “very rewarding” experience.

## SAR LOGO Switch

There is a new start-up effort by SAR National Headquarters to retire all the uses of our old insignia in publications, on websites, etc.



Old Insignia

Although not official at this time, you will notice that the SAR insignia in the left corner of the banner on page one of this publication has been updated to reflect this change. In addition, all instances of the old logo on our chapter website have been updated as well.



New Insignia

Please use the new insignia in all instances where you are using an image to publicize the SAR.



## Battle of The Clouds

The **Battle of The Clouds** is also known as the Battle of Warren, the Battle of White Horse Tavern, or the Battle of Goshen. It was an aborted engagement of the Philadelphia campaign. It was fought on September 16, 1777, in the area surrounding present day Malvern, Pennsylvania—a cold, windy day with heavy rain—between 18,000 British forces (including 5,000 Hessians) and 10,000 American forces.

The British forces were commanded by Lieutenant General Sir William Howe, Major General Earl Charles Cornwallis, Brigadier General William Maxwell, and Lieutenant General Baron Wilhelm von Knyphausen. The American forces were commanded by General George Washington and Brigadier General Anthony Wayne.

After the American forces were defeated at the Battle of Brandywine, the British Army remained encamped near Chadds Ford. When British commander William Howe was informed that the weakened American force was less than ten miles away, he decided to press for another decisive victory.

George Washington learned of General Howe's plans and prepared for battle. Before the two armies could fully engage, a torrential downpour occurred. Significantly outnumbered, and with tens of thousands of cartridges ruined by the rain, General Washington opted to retreat. Bogged down by rain and mud, the British allowed General Washington and his army to withdraw.

### BACKGROUND

After General Washington's defeat at the Battle of Brandywine, he was intent on accomplishing two tasks. He wanted to protect Philadelphia from British forces under the command of General Howe, and he needed to replenish the rapidly dwindling supplies and munitions where were stored at the Van Leer Furnace in Reading, Pennsylvania. General Washington withdrew across the Schuylkill river, marched through Philadelphia, and headed northwest. Since the Schuylkill River was fordable only far upstream starting at Matson's Ford (present-day Conshohocken), General Washington could protect both the capital and the vital supply areas to the west from behind the river barrier. Yet he reconsidered and recrossed the river to face the British, who had moved

little since Brandywine, owing to a shortage of wagons to carry both their wounded and their baggage.

General Howe was alerted that Washington had recrossed the Schuylkill River on the afternoon of September 15, and by midnight, his troops were on the march toward the major road junction where the White Horse Tavern stood. The going was difficult because the weather had been rainy and windy, and the troops and wagons turned the roads into muddy quagmires. The next morning, General Washington's 10,000 man army was moving west through the Great Valley, bound by the North and South Valley Hills on either side. He learned from his cavalry, led by General Pulaski, that the British were advancing on him from the south just a few miles away. Although moving to the North Valley Hills would have given General Washington more time to deploy and possibly fortify, he ordered the army south directly toward the enemy to take up a defensive position on the South Valley Hills.

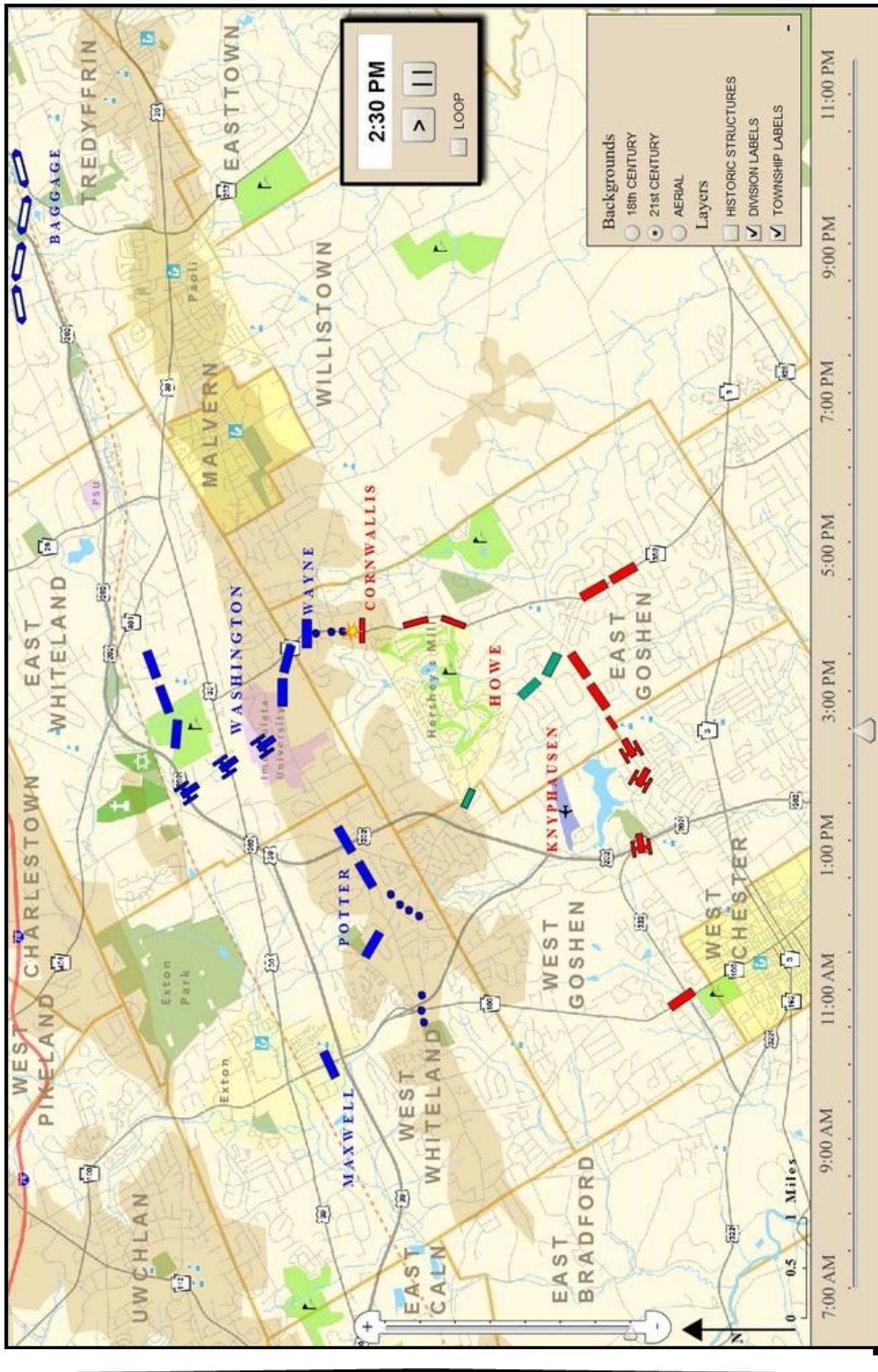
General Washington sent an advance force under General Anthony Wayne to slow the British progress. At about 2:00 p.m., his men encountered the advance jäger units of the Hessian column on one road. These forces began skirmishing, and the Americans very nearly captured Colonel Carl von Donop when he became separated from his main column with a small company of jägers. The main British column, led by General Charles Cornwallis, met with General Wayne's Pennsylvania militia on another road at around 3:00 p.m., who gave way in a panicked retreat, suffering 10 killed or wounded.

While this went on, General Washington, who was trying to organize the line of battle, had a change of heart about the position and ended up withdrawing the army north of the tavern. This withdrawal was just getting underway when it began pouring rain. Hessian jäger Captain Johann Ewald described it as "an extraordinary thunderstorm, [...] combined with the heaviest downpour in this world."<sup>1</sup>

The British army halted its advance, although General Wilhelm von Knyphausen ordered the jägers to engage the enemy. Ewald and his men rushed forward, swords drawn since their muskets were inoperable because of wet powder, and captured 34 men. Ewald reported losing 5 killed, 7 wounded, and 3 captured in this action.







The storm, which historian Thomas McGuire describes as “a classic nor’easter”, raged well into the next day. The British were forced to construct a makeshift camp (having left their tents behind that day), and General Washington managed to form a battle line, but a great deal of his ammunition had been spoiled by the rain and poorly constructed cartridge boxes.

**AFTERMATH**

General Washington once again withdrew beyond the Schuylkill River on September 19 to cover both the capital and his supply area, but he left behind General Wayne’s Pennsylvania division of 1,500 men and four guns with orders to harass the British rear. General Washington temporarily based his headquarters at the Reading Furnace. General Howe’s army found it nearly impossible to follow General Washington over the rutted, muddy roads. The decision was made to wait out the storm, then move toward their objective.

General Wayne was to be joined by militia, and together they were to strike at the enemy baggage train as the British advanced on General Washington’s main army. However his force was surprised at the Battle of Paoli, and the British were free to occupy Philadelphia.

**TODAY**

Little remains where the almost-major battle took place. Independence Visitor Center in Philadelphia, includes artifacts and other information about this action, as well as the other battles small and large fought during the Philadelphia Campaign.

**CASUALTIES**

British: one hundred killed or wounded  
 American: one hundred killed or wounded

<sup>1</sup> McGuire, Thomas J. (2006), *Battle of Paoli*, Mechanicsburg, PA: Stackpole Books, p. 32.

Additional reading: Buchanan, John, *The Road to Valley Forge: How Washington Built the Army that Won the Revolution* (Wiley, 2004); Reed, John F., *Campaign to Valley Forge: July 1, 1777-December 19, 1777* (Pioneer Press, 1980); Taaffee, Stephen R., *The Philadelphia Campaign, 1777-1778* (University of Kansas, 2003)

**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.

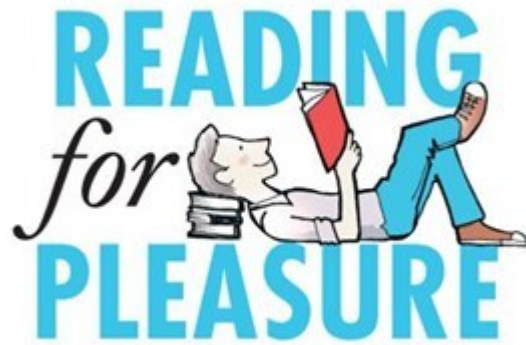
Badges are \$14 plus tax.

Order yours at

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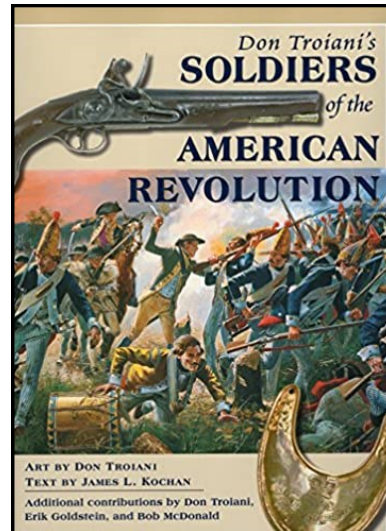






## Don Troiani's Soldiers of the American Revolution

Art by Don Troiani  
Text by James L. Kochan



★ Vibrant color paintings illustrate soldiers and battles of the war

★ Color photos of seldom-seen period artifacts such as uniforms, weapons, and other equipment

In this collection, renowned artist Don Troiani teams up with leading artifact historian James L. Kochan to

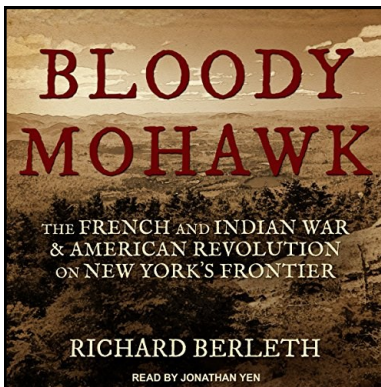
present the American Revolution as it has existed only in our imaginations: in living color.

From Bunker Hill to Yorktown, from Washington to Cornwallis, from the Minute Men to the Black Watch, these pages are packed with scenes of grand action and great characters, recreated in the vivid blues and reds that defined the Revolutionary era. Troiani's depictions of these legendary fife-and-drum soldiers are based on firsthand accounts and, wherever possible, surviving artifacts. Scores of color photographs of these objects--many of them from private collections and seen here for the very first time--accompany the paintings. Items range from muskets and beautifully ornate swords to more unique pieces such as badges with unit insignia or patriotic slogans and Baron von Steuben's liquor chest.

More than just a glimpse into a world long past, this is the closest the modern reader can get to experiencing the Revolutionary War firsthand.

## Bloody Mohawk: The French and Indian War & American Revolution on New York's Frontier

By Richard Berleth



In this narrative history of the Mohawk River Valley and surrounding region from 1713 to 1794, Professor Richard Berleth charts the passage of the valley from a fast-growing agrarian region streaming with colonial traffic to a war-ravaged waste-

land. The valley's diverse cultural mix of Iroquois Indians, Palatine Germans, Scots-Irish, Dutch, English, and Highland Scots played as much of a role as its unique geography in the cataclysmic events of the 1700s - the French and Indian Wars and the battles of the American Revolution.

Patriots eventually wrenched the valley from British interests and the Iroquois nations, but at fearsome cost. When the fighting was over, the valley lay in ruins and as much as two-thirds of its population lay dead or had been displaced. But by not holding this vital inland waterway - the gateway to the West, "the river between the mountains" - America might have lost the Revolution, as well as much or all of the then-poorly-defined province of New York.

### MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Our chapter membership levels as of December 2, 2022, are:

Active / Current Member .....	101
NSSAR Life.....	8
TXSSAR Perpetual .....	9
Active/New Member.....	7
Active/Reinstated (current yr) .....	20
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).....	15
Reinstated/Transferred In.....	1
Transferred In.....	0

Our active membership currently is **135**.



December 3	David Nicholas Boyd
December 7	James Reagan Herman III
December 8	Charles Wendell McHenry
December 9	Cable Gregory Johnson
December 10	Andrew Kent Walker
December 11	Patrick Lee Fogerson
December 23	Larry Vaughn Mick





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2022

December 17 Wreaths Across America, Oakwood Cemetery, 11:00am, Fort Worth **(CG-N)**  
 December 22 Armed Forces Bowl Veterans Village, Fort Worth, 4:00pm TCU **(CG-C)**

### 2023

January 14 Haltom City Police Department Awards Ceremony, Diamond Oaks CC, Haltom City  
 January 21 Chapter Meeting, Rock Springs Café, Fort Worth Botanical Gardens, Texas SAR President Jim Kuykendall, special guest + joint meeting with Arlington Chapter  
 February 18 Chapter Meeting, Rock Springs Café, 9:00am, Fort Worth Botanical Gardens  
 March 16-17 Texas State DAR Conference, DFW Airport **(CG-S)**  
 March 18 Chapter Meeting, Rock Springs Café, 9:00am, Fort Worth Botanical Gardens  
 March 29-31 Texas Society State Convention, Spring, TX **(CG-S)**  
 April 15 Chapter Meeting, Rock Springs Café, 9:00am, Fort Worth Botanical Gardens  
 May 20 Chapter Meeting, Rock Springs Café, 9:00am, Fort Worth Botanical Gardens

### 2024

TBD Texas Society State Convention, San Antonio, TX **(CG-S)**

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



## 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, NEW, William Thomas Sr., 1741-bef 1800  
 Feb 25, **Charles Leon Vanover**, 221839, 14957, Keller, TX, 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, FAMILY NEW, Richard Ryan, 1756-1839  
 Mar 18, **Marcus Lynn Smith**, 222028, 14968, Bedford, TX, 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  
 Jul 22, **Robert Anthony Jacobs**, 218481, 14644, Azle, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, William Jacobs, 1737-aft 1815  
 Jul 22, **Robert Anthony Jacobs**, 218481, 14644, Azle, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Peter Martin, 1737-1807  
 Aug 12, **James Vann Cunningham**, 188635, 11678, Arlington, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Jacob Van Zandt, 1751-1818  
 Sep 9, **James Frederick Thorp**, 223788, 0, Springtown, TX, NEW, John S. Farnum, 1763-1822  
 Sep 23, **Ronald Joe Turner**, 198382, 12354, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Solomon Robbins, 1756-1798  
 Nov 18, **Edward Bruce Morgan**, 224398, 0, Fort Worth, TX, NEW, Christian Inabinet, 1749-aft 1790  
 Nov 18, **Milton Andrew Nantz**, 224397, 0, Ada, OK, NEW, Michael Looney, Sr., 1751-1839  
 Dec 2, **Cody Alton Sheppard**, 224500, 0, Weatherford, TX, NEW, Dudley Mask, abt 1755-aft 1819



## CHAPTER REGISTRAR'S REPORT (as of December 2nd):

### Applications in progress (National—13, State—8)

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

- [National Review] Kenneth Kimberlin Brimer Jr, 178249, 10933, Aledo, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, John W. Connally, 1765-aft 1819
- [National Review] Kenneth Kimberlin Brimer Jr, 178249, 10933, Aledo, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Michael Wilfong, abt 1722-1811
- [National Review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, James Alexander, 1739-aft 1790
- [National Review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, James Black, 1728-1818
- [National Review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Moses Hurt, abt 1725-bef 1806
- [National Review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Adam Lackey, bp 1759-1836
- [National Review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Alexander Oliver, 1736-1830
- [National Review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Micajah Stone, abt 1745-bef 1799
- [National Review] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, James Turner, 1710-bef 1793
- [National Review] Bryant McLean Jarrell, 0, 0, Hudson Oaks, TX, NEW, George Martin Shofner, 1758-1838
- [National Review] Jon Phillip Sprinkle, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, NEW, James Dillard Jr., 1755-1832
- [National Review] Ronald Joe Turner, 198382, 12354, Eules, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Miles Abernathy, abt 1728-bef 1790
- [National Review] Ronald Joe Turner, 198382, 12354, Eules, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, John Calvin McElwee, 1765-1843
- [State Review] Kenneth Kimberlin Brimer Jr, 178249, 10933, Aledo, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Joseph Benton, 1749-1837
- [State Review] Gene Leon Leonard II, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, NEW, James Epes, 1749-bef 1790
- [State Review] Kevin Jon Shellman, 191113, 12933, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, John Callahan, 1755-1786
- [State Review] Richard Leon Vandever, 0, 0, North Richland Hills, TX, NEW, Peter Doshier, 1762-1838
- [State Review] Joe Vic Wade, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, NEW, James Turner, abt 1745-bef 1806
- [State Review] Colton Lawrence Williams, 0, 0, Southlake, TX, FAMILY NEW, John Floyd, 1758-1836
- [State Review] Nathaniel David Williams, 0, 0, Southlake, TX, FAMILY NEW, John Floyd, 1758-1836
- [State Review] Samuel Clay Williams, 0, 0, Southlake, TX, FAMILY NEW, John Floyd, 1758-1836

## 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.*

## Wreaths Across America

Do you have the Wreaths Across America ceremony on your calendar? The ceremony begins at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 17th, at Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth. At the conclusion of the ceremony, we help place wreaths on the graves of veterans. It is a very rewarding experience and if you have not participated in it, you are truly missing out on an worthwhile opportunity. Bring your family and friends. There are 725 veteran graves at Oakwood. It usually takes about an hour for the volunteers to complete the task.

Also, SAR members earn points for our chapter on the year-end Americanism report that goes to National. Additional points are awarded for anyone in colonial uniform.

Plan now to join us!



## 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](mailto: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>.

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## 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.**