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Chisholm Trail News



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Chapter Meetings Move to Diamond Oaks Country Club

Our April Chapter meeting was held in a new location—Diamond Oaks Country Club in Haltom City. The room was bright, spacious and overlooked the beautiful golf course through wall-to-ceiling windows. The breakfast buffet was served hot, was delicious, and was plentiful.



Thirty-two members and guests attended and some of the faces were ones that we had not seen for quite a while. It was great to welcome them back. We also had some special guests from Denton and Dallas. It was a pleasure to welcome Jim Akers, President of the Denton Chapter; Mark Harrison, Texas SAR Vice President CM&A and President of the Dallas Chapter; Tom Van Fossen, Texas SAR Vice President District 6 and a member of the Dallas Chapter; and Jerry Pinkerton, Texas SAR Inland Registrar and a member of the Dallas Chapter.



Dr. Alan Gallay of the TCU History Department returned and presented a program on 18th Century Warfare Tactics. Dr. Gallay is an American historian who specializes in the Atlantic World and Early American history. He currently holds the Lyndon B. Johnson Chair of U.S. History at TCU. He has a number of books published, all of which are available through Amazon.com. Dr. Gallay was awarded an Andrew W. Mellon Fellow in the Humanities, Harvard University, 1990-1991; the J. William Fulbright Lecturer in Colonial American History, University of Auckland, 1991; National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for College Teachers and Independent Scholars, 1990-1991, 1997-1998; 2003 Bancroft Prize, and 2004 Washington State Book Award.

Vice President District 5 and Immediate Past President Ron Turner presented Dr. Gallay with a Chapter Challenge Coin following his presentation.



(l to r) Kevin Shellman, Dr. Gallay, Bobby Gresham



Vice President Kevin Shellman accepted an award on behalf of Compatriot Bob Jacobs at the Texas SAR State Convention held in Spring, Texas, in April. He presented a Bronze Quill—1776 Society certificate to Compatriot Jacobs for his outstanding support of the SAR Education Center and Museum.



The Chisholm Trail News newsletter editor Ron Turner presented a Ross Shipman Award to the chapter which was presented to him at the recent Texas SAR State Convention. *The Chisholm Trail News*, our monthly chapter newsletter, earned a 2nd Place award for outstanding electronic newsletter in 2022 in the large chapter division of the Ross Shipman Newsletter Contest.

New Meeting Invitation Process

Now that we are meeting at Diamond Oaks Country Club and they require us to give advance notice of how many members plan to attend, we are testing a new Invitation and RSVP process. If you plan to attend a meeting, it is vitally important that you respond to the RSVP in the affirmative.

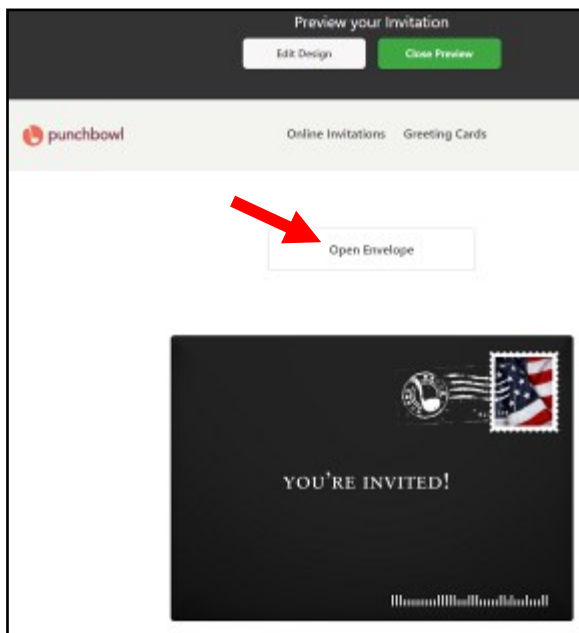
If you did not receive the invitation, you probably should check your junk or spam folder. The email From field should be **Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, Texas SAR** and the underlying email address is **mail@mail.punchbowl.com**. If you have any issues with the invitation or the process, please contact Vice President District 5 Ron Turner.

We aren't the only SAR Chapter to use an RSVP application. Dallas Chapter and Paul Carrington Chapter (Houston) both require an RSVP for meal and room setup purposes.

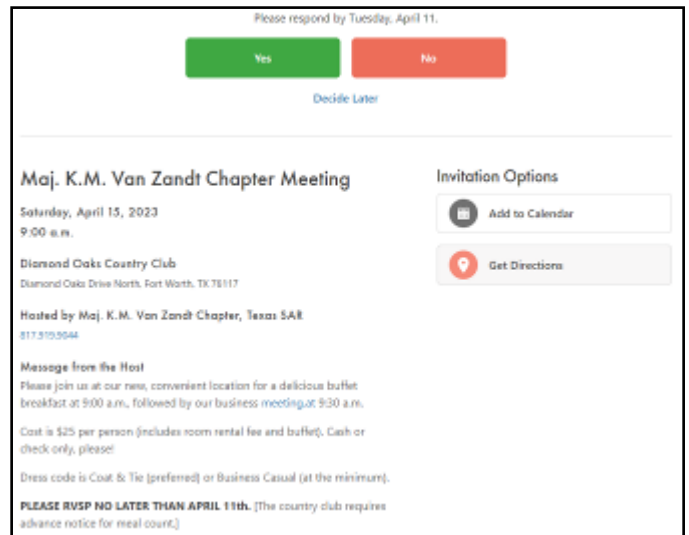
Your Chapter Officers would like to hear from you regarding this new Invitation/RSVP procedure. Like it? Don't like it?



The opened invitation will indicate the date and location for the upcoming Chapter Meetings. Click **Yes** to accept and RSVP that you plan to attend the meeting. Click **No** if you can't make it this month and we'll hope to see you at the next meeting.



Shown above is the invitation as it appears in the email. Click **Open Envelope** to view the invitation.



Scroll down to view any additional information regarding the Chapter Meeting.

The RSVP email will go out 10-14 days prior to the meeting.

Patriot Grave Marking Samuel Jacobs (1760-1840)

By Compatriot Bob Jacobs

On April 1, 2023, I had the long-awaited pleasure of honoring the contributions of my Patriot, Samuel Jacobs (1760-1840) with a grave marking ceremony in Nineveh Township, IN. This was the culmination of an 18-month journey to locate Samuel's burial site and befriend the homeowners within whose backyard he rests. If not for an incredibly fortuitous intersection of events, Samuel's solitary burial location, now considered "Jacobs Cemetery," could have easily been lost, as many sadly have.

Although tornado sirens were sounding the night prior, we had a nice, albeit blustery, day for Patriot Grave Marking. The ceremony, intentionally small due to being in the backyard of a single-family home, was hosted by the Clarence A. Cook Chapter of the Indiana SAR. Wreaths were presented by 13 SAR chapters from four states (IN, KY, SC, TX), along with the Indiana DAR. I was accompanied by five other descendants of Samuel Jacobs who still resided in Johnson Co, IN. (It's interesting to note that these descendants and I only became aware of each other and connected by virtue of local news published about the event. We're sixth cousins with our common ancestor being Samuel.)

I had the honor of presenting Samuel's biography, which beyond the revolutionary war included anecdotes from his life reinforcing service to God, family, and country that exemplified his character, and the ethic of his fellow countrymen who helped not only win our independence but helped to make America the great country that it is. Samuel's 39-year span of service, which included: enlisting in Lord Dunmore's War at the age of 14*, VA State Regiments in 1776 at age 16 serving 3+ years in the Rev War (Valley Forge, Monmouth, etc.), 1794 Frontier Wars, and the War of 1812 with both US Infantry and the Kentucky Volunteers mounted division.

Huzzah! Thank you for your service, and may you rest in peace, Samuel!

*Samuel's service in Lord Dunmore's War was unknown until just days prior to the ceremony when I discovered a photocopy of his pay voucher in the Johnson County Museum of History.



Tour of the SAR Museum Vault (pre-opening)

By Compatriot Bob Jacobs

On March 29th, I visited NSSAR headquarters in Louisville, KY. Following a lunch with Phil Bloyd, SAR Foundation Development Director, an office tour, and meeting the staff; I had the pleasure of receiving a tour of the SAR Educational Center and Museum, slated for opening in 2026 to coincide with our 250th anniversary. The high point of that was spending a couple of hours in the vault with Zac Distel, Curator & Program Exhibit Director.

The vault is where the growing collection of historic artifacts and documents is held for both protection and preservation. With a few years still to go, it's already an incredible array of weaponry, documents, coins, currency, and other articles from colonial times...all there at my fingertips! It was amazing and informative to hold items in your (gloved) hands as Zac explained the history and significance (e.g. a 1760 blunderbuss, an English cannonball measuring device/ballistics calculator, etc.).

The absolute mind-blowing highlight though was Sgt. James Bright's discharge papers: Sgt. Bright enlisted in the NY artillery in March 1776 and served through the duration of the Revolution, without ever having received any compensation. Gen. Washington heard of his service and called him to HQ where Gen. Washington personally signed his discharge papers and land warrants (600 acres). My hands still get sweaty, even today, at the thought of having a George Washington signed document...at my fingertips. Wow!

Note too that Zac is happy to host any SAR members for a tour of the museum and vault...as he's quick to point out, this is OUR museum. He would also be happy to host a Zoom tour if that would be of interest for a Chapter/joint Chapter meeting program.

The museum collections are funded by and donated by SAR members, Chapters, or other individuals and are eligible as a 401c charitable donation for tax purposes. If you're interested in donating or learning more, please see the following:

[SAR Outreach and Education Homepage](#)

[SAR "1776 Campaign" Donation Page](#)

[Museum Donations "Wish List" of Historical Items](#)



TCU Army ROTC Awards Ceremony

The Army ROTC Unit at TCU recognized its outstanding cadets at an awards ceremony on the afternoon of April 6, 2023. The Ballroom in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni & Visitor’s Center was packed with cadets, family members, and friends.

Past President James Alderman presented the Sons of the American Revolution Award, consisting of a Certificate and a Medal, to Cadet Ben Hansen.



Also in attendance was Vice President District 5 Ron Turner, who is Vice President & Treasurer of the Elder Jacob Maryon Coffman Chapter of the General Society of the War of 1812, presented Cadet J.T. Macedo with the General Society of the War of 1812 Certificate and Medal.



Other Award Ceremonies

April is the month that we normally distribute ROTC, JROTC, and TCU History awards each year. This year is no exception. Compatriots presented awards at the following schools:

19 Apr	Birdville HS	Ron Turner
20 Apr	Haltom HS	Gerry Gieger
21 Apr	FWISD	Bobby Gresham
21 Apr	Saginaw HS	Cody Sheppard
27 Apr	Richland HS	Jeff Kennedy
28 Apr	N. Crowley HS	Gerry Gieger

TCU Air Force ROTC Awards Ceremony

The Air Force ROTC Unit at TCU recognized its outstanding cadets at an awards ceremony on the afternoon of April 25, 2023.

Vice President District 5 Ron Turner presented Air Force ROTC Cadet Harris Aqeel with the SAR Silver ROTC Medal.

In addition, Compatriot Ron Turner represented the General Society of the War of 1812 and presented a GSW1812 award to outstanding Cadet Trenton Whitworth.

Award Background

The SAR awards the ROTC/JROTC Medal to foster the principle of the “Citizen-soldier,” exemplified by the Minutemen of Revolutionary War Days.

The Silver ROTC Medal is presented only to students in a college or university ROTC unit.

The Bronze JROTC Medal is presented only to students in secondary school JROTC units.

TCU History Award

Compatriot Vaughn Oliver and President Bobby Gresham presented the History Award at a TCU History Department ceremony on Wednesday evening, April 26th.





Compatriot Jeff Kennedy presented the Bronze JROTC award at Richland High School on April 27th.



Left to right: John Rollins (HODAR), Ruth Parrott, Diana Williams, Jane Doclar, Jean Creeger, Terri Vrabel, Regent Beth O'Such, and Compatriot James Alderman.



Shown left to right: Regent Beth O'Such, Compatriot James Alderman, and Jane Doclar

Not pictured in these pictures, but present was Fran Cash.

DAR CMC Headstone Cleaning

By Ja Ann Alderman

The Captain Molly Corbin (CMC) Chapter DAR cleaned tombstones with the help of SAR member James Alderman at Parker Cemetery in Grapevine, Texas, on Friday, April 21st. Regent Beth O'Such organized the event and seven members and one HODAR (Husband of DAR) worked diligently. Fourteen tombstones of Veterans were cleaned. This completes the cleaning of all Veteran's headstones within Parker Cemetery.



Left to right: Ruth Parrott, Regent Beth O'Such, Terri Vrabel, Dee Rollins, Diana Williams, and Compatriot James Alderman

Want one of these?

Vice President District 5 Ron Turner

will give you one of these lapel pins when you bring in and sponsor a new member application and NSSAR approves it.

It's just that easy!





Medal of Honor Parade

Saturday, April 22nd, the city of Gainesville, Texas, hosted their annual Medal of Honor Parade and the Texas SAR Color Guard once again showed up in large numbers to participate.

Chapter Color Guardsmen that participated in this year's parade were: President Bobby Gresham, Registrar Gerry Gieger, Compatriot Steven Hole, and Vice President District 5 and Immediate Past President Ron Turner. The Chapter trailer was also prominent again this year.





Top left: Gerry Gieger



Center left: Mark Parkison (Union Army group)

Bottom left: Bobby Gresham

Top right: Texas SAR President Sam Massey & First Lady Catherine Massey



Center right: Steven Hole

Bottom right: Texas SAR First Lady Catherine Massey, Texas SAR President Sam Massey, Texas SAR Vice President District 5 Ron Turner, & Texas SAR Inland Registrar Jerry Pinkerton



Below: Tow Vehicle with Chapter magnetic logo





New Compatriot and Color Guardsman Steven Hole carried the Betsy Ross Flag



President Bobby Gresham carried the Texas Flag

Past President Gerry Gieger rode on the trailer and Immediate Past President Ron Turner drove the tow vehicle.




Prior to the step off for the Medal of Honor parade, Texas SAR presented the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship medal and ribbon to Lead Petty Officer II Hope Ehlers, Naval Service Cadet Corp, Red River Battalion. Hope will lead the Naval Cadet Corp immediately after the SAR Color Guard.

The award is presented to a cadet who:

- 1) is in the NSCC Program (not the NLCC Program);
- 2) is in the last, or next to last, year in the NSCC program;
- 3) is at least a Petty Officer Second Class;
- 4) is in good standing militarily and scholastically at the time of selection and presentation;
- 5) demonstrates a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing, and excellence in the performance of duties;
- 6) has the potential for greater leadership responsibilities; and
- 7) is recommended by the unit Commanding Officer.

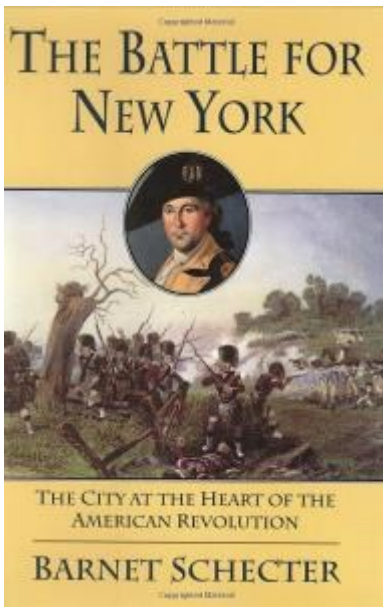
Texas SAR members presenting the award to Cadet Ehlers in the photo above are Texas SAR President Sam Massey, Texas SAR Treasurer and Northern Color Guard Commander Gary Barker, and Gen. T. L. Holden (ret.)

READING for PLEASURE



The Battle for New York

By Barnet Schechter



On September 15, 1776, the British army under General William Howe invaded Manhattan Island, landing at an open field on the banks of the East River, roughly where the United Nations sits today. George Washington's Continental Army, still in disarray after its miraculous escape following the disastrous Battle of Brooklyn some two

weeks earlier, retreated north to Harlem Heights, leaving New York in British hands. Control of the city was Howe's primary objective; located at the mouth of the strategically vital Hudson River, it had become the centerpiece of England's strategy for putting down the American rebellion. However, as Barnet Schechter reveals in his stirring narrative, far from furnishing a key to the colonies, New York proved to be the fatal albatross that strangled the British war effort.

The Battle for New York tells the story of how the city became the pivot on which the American Revolution turned—from the political and religious struggles of the 1760s and early 1770s that polarized its citizens and increasingly made New York a hotbed of radical thought and action; to the campaign of 1776, which turned today's five boroughs and Westchester County into a series

of battlefields; to the seven years of British occupation and martial law, during which time Washington and Congress were as focused on getting the city back as the British were on holding it. The extraordinary campaign in the fall of 1776, which forms the dramatic heart of Schechter's chronicle, has been overshadowed by more famous engagements at Bunker Hill, Saratoga, and Yorktown, and by the winter at Valley Forge. Yet the contest for New York was by far the largest military venture of the Revolutionary War; it involved almost every significant participant in the war on both sides; and there can be little doubt that during this campaign, the fate of America hung in the balance on several occasions. Moreover, the outcome had a direct impact on the major turning points of the rest of the war.

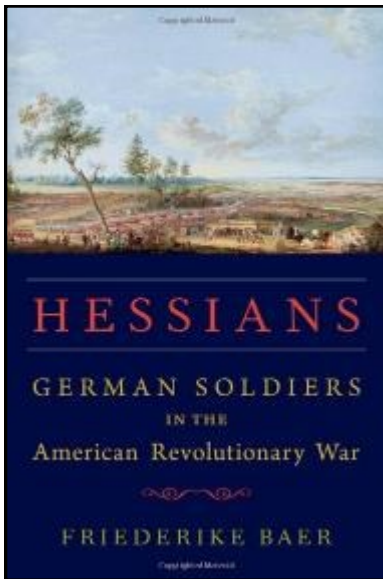
Schechter delights in linking eighteenth-century events with the city's modern landscape, illuminating the forgotten battlefield that remains in our midst. He skillfully weaves into his narrative the memorable and passionate voices of those who were there—American private Joseph Martin, British second-in-command Henry Clinton, patriot-turned-Tory William Smith, minister Ewald Shewkirk, Nathan Hale, Benedict Arnold, and many others—thereby tracing the impact and meaning of the revolution in personal terms and giving his story a powerful human dimension. A profound and memorable saga in its own right, *The Battle for New York* offers valuable new insight into the American Revolution.

Hessians: German Soldiers in the American Revolutionary War

By Friederike Baer

Between 1776 and 1783, Britain hired an estimated 30,000 German soldiers to fight in its war against the Americans. Collectively known as Hessians, they actually came from six German territories within the Holy Roman Empire. Over the course of the war, members of the German corps, including women and children, spent extended periods of time in locations as dispersed and varied as Canada in the North to West Florida and Cuba





in the South. They shared in every significant British military triumph and defeat. Thousands died of disease, were killed in battle, were captured by the enemy, or deserted.

Collectively, they recorded their experiences and observations of the war they fought in, the land they traversed, and the people they

encountered in a large body of letters, diaries, and similar private and official records. Friederike Baer presents a study of Britain's war against the American rebels from the perspective of the German soldiers, a people uniquely positioned both in the midst of the war and at its margins. The book offers a ground-breaking reimagining of this watershed event in world history.



May Program

Compatriot Kim Brimer will speak on Patriot Prisoner Atrocities During the Revolution.

Over 50% of the 16-50 year-old male population sacrificed their lives and property for liberty in the colonies. Of those 50% that made the ultimate sacrifice, three times as many American Patriots were liquidated - 11,500 on the infamous British prison ships and in New York prisons - than the 4,300 killed in the American armed forces during the entire Revolutionary War.



The Battle of Newtown

The Battle of Newtown on August 29, 1779, was the only major battle of the Sullivan Expedition, an armed offensive led by Major General John Sullivan that was ordered by George Washington to end the threat of the Iroquois who had sided with the British. Opposing Sullivan's four brigades were 250 Loyalist soldiers from Butler's Rangers, commanded by Major John Butler, and 350 Iroquois and Munsee Delaware. Butler and Mohawk war leader Joseph Brant did not want to make a stand at Newtown, and instead proposed to harass the enemy on the march, but were overruled by Sayenqueraghta and other indigenous war leaders.

The battle, which was the most significant military engagement of the campaign, took place at the foot of a hill along the Chemung River just outside what is now Elmira, New York.



TERRAIN

The engagement occurred along a tall hill, now called Sullivan Hill and part of the Newtown Battlefield State Park. The hillside, running southeast to northwest next to the Chemung River, was a mile long at its crest, which rose 600 feet above the road at its base leading into the Delaware village of Newtown. The slope of the hill was covered with pine and dense growth of shrub oak. Hoffman Hollow, a marshy area of small hillocks and thick stands of trees, was just to the east of the hill. A small watercourse, called Baldwin Creek, ran through the hollow and emptied into the Chemung River. The creek



followed the hill northwest on the opposite side from the river and had steep western banks.

IROQUOIS AND BRITISH PREPARATION

In May 1779, in response to rumors of a planned American invasion of Iroquois territory, Butler, accompanied by five companies of Butler's Rangers and a detachment of the 8th Regiment of Foot, left Fort Niagara and established a forward operating base at Kanadaseaga located near the northern end of Seneca Lake. In the middle of August, Butler accompanied about 300 Seneca and Cayuga warriors, led by Sayenqueraghta, Complanter, and Fish Carrier, moved south to the Chemung River where they were joined by Joseph Brant and Brant's Volunteers, as well as a number of Delaware.

Butler and Brant suggested that, because of the size and composition of Sullivan's forces, harassment raids would be more effective than making a stand. They were overruled by Sayenqueraghta, Complanter, and the Delaware who selected the position on the north side of the Chemung River for an ambush.

The Rangers and their native allies hastily constructed a horseshoe-shaped camouflaged breastwork of logs about 150 feet up the southeast spur of the hill, within musket range of the road. The hill was used as both an observation point and a barrier to the approach of the Continental Army.

EXPEDITION AND BATTLE

On August 26, 1779, Sullivan left Fort Sullivan, where the two columns of his army had converged, with an estimated 3,200 well-armed troops. They marched slowly up the Chemung River with the intention of destroying the towns and crops of the Six Nations in central New York. Mid-morning on Sunday, August 29, about ten miles up-river from Fort Sullivan, the advance guard, three companies of riflemen formerly with the Provisional Rifle Corps of Col. Daniel Morgan, drew close to Butler's position. Suspecting an ambush, they halted and scouted the area. Between eleven and eleven-thirty they discovered the hidden breastwork and immediately notified Brigadier General Edward Hand. Hand dispatched his light infantry to take up firing positions behind the bank of Baldwin Creek. The defenders made several unsuccessful attempts at luring the Continentals into an am-

extended army continued to arrive and assemble, Sullivan called a council of war with his brigade commanders. Together they devised a plan of attack.

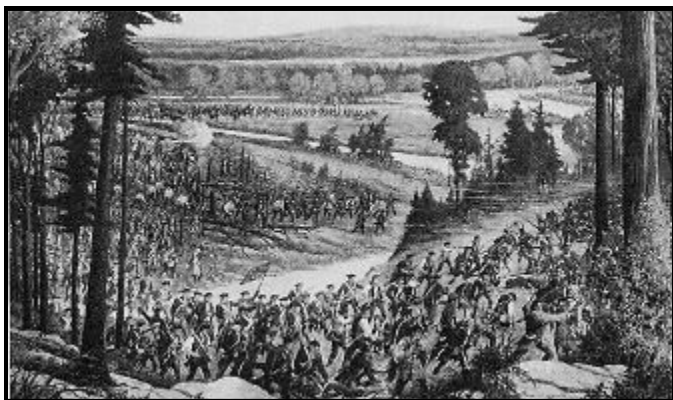
The 1st New Jersey Regiment, commanded by Colonel Matthias Ogden, was detached from Brigadier General William Maxwell's New Jersey Brigade and sent west along the Chemung River to execute a flanking maneuver on Major Butler's forces. Similarly, the New York Brigade of Brigadier General James Clinton and the New Hampshire Brigade of Brigadier General Enoch Poor were dispatched together eastward, along a circuitous route through Hoffman Hollow, with the mission of approaching the hill's eastern flank and then facing left in preparation for a full ahead assault upon the enemy. Meanwhile, the unified forces of Sullivan's Pennsylvania and New Jersey brigades remained behind at the ready, bolstered by a provisional regiment composed of all the light infantry companies in the expedition. At the end of the first hour, the artillery of six three pounders, two howitzers, and a cohorn posted on a rise near the road, would open fire on the breastwork. These guns would signal General Hand to feint an attack upon the center of the horseshoe, at which time the brigades to the east would swing inward, assault the summit of the hill and turn their attack to the left and rear of the breastwork. When the guns of Poor's and Clinton's attack were heard by Hand, his brigade would storm the works, supported by Maxwell's brigade, putting the defenders in a crossfire.



The plan was complex and conceived on short notice but the ultimate result was a defeat for Butler's Rangers and their indigenous allies. Crossing the swampy march



(which Sullivan termed a “morass”) in Hoffman Hollow slowed the advance of Poor’s and Clinton’s brigades, disrupting the timing of the plan, and this provided just enough delay to allow Butler and the Iroquois to escape. The artillery barrage opened well before Poor and Clinton were in position which forced the Rangers and Iroquois back from the breastwork before they could be encircled. While some of the defenders turned and ran, the main body of Butler’s forces skirmished with the Americans as they withdrew.



Nearly all of the Continental’s casualties occurred in the attack of Lieutenant Colonel George Reid’s 2nd New Hampshire Regiment. Assigned to the extreme left of Poor’s assault formation, it climbed where the slope was steepest and lagged considerably behind the rest of the brigade. Joseph Brant led a counterattack of indigenous warriors and nearly encircled Reid. The next regiment in line, the 3rd New Hampshire Regiment of 28-year-old Lieutenant Colonel Henry Dearborn, about-faced, fired two volleys and attacked down the hill. Clinton, whose brigade was climbing the hill below and slightly to the right of Poor, sent his 3rd and 5th New York Regiments to help, and the counterattack was crushed.

After razing two Munsee Delaware villages and destroying all crops in the vicinity, Sullivan’s army turned north against a demoralized opposition and over the next three weeks destroyed numerous abandoned Seneca and Cayuga villages.

American novelist Allan W. Eckert wrote:

The Battle of Newtown had certainly not been a bloody battle compared to others, but it was most certainly a significant one. This was the battle that broke the back of the Iroquois League...and the hearts of the Six Nations.

SULLIVAN’S CASUALTIES

Sources differ as to the number of American casualties. Captain James Norris of the 3rd New Hampshire recorded three dead and 36 wounded during the battle. In his report to George Washington, General Sullivan also reported three dead but increased the number of wounded to 39. Five of the wounded died from their wounds within three weeks of the battle bringing the total to eight dead.

IROQUOIS AND BRITISH CASUALTIES

Major Butler reported five of his Rangers killed or taken and three wounded as well as five killed and nine wounded among the Iroquois. American sources reported two prisoners taken, and twelve dead natives including a woman.

LEGACY

The Newtown Battlefield National Historic Landmark encompasses nearly 2,100 acres in the towns of Ashland, Chemung, and Elmira. In 1973 the Newtown Battlefield National Historic Landmark was established by the federal government, recognizing its significant history.



~ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Newtown

Texas Northern Region Color Guard to Present Colors at Rough Riders Game

The SAR Northern Color Guard has been asked and has the privilege to present the Colors for the pre-game of the Frisco Rough Riders game on July 4, 2023. This will be a fun, all-American evening with patriotism, baseball, fireworks, and hotdogs!

The Frisco Rough Riders Ballfield is located at 7300 Rough Rider Trail, Frisco, TX 75034.

Color Guardsmen wishing to participate must purchase \$12 tickets no later than May 31st. Game time is 7:00 pm and muster time has yet to be determined. Guests are welcome to attend.

If you plan to attend, complete the information on [this form](#) and send a check for the number of your tickets to:

Texas SAR Treasurer
PO Box 3325
Sherman, TX 75090-3325

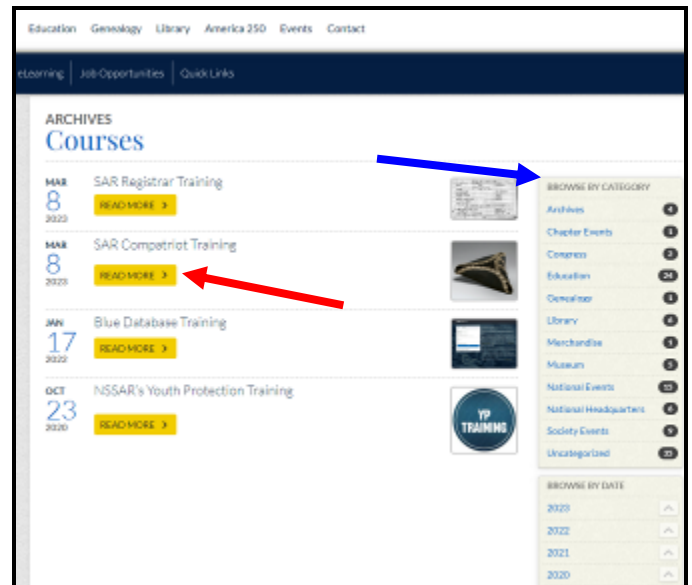
The Rough Riders will play the Midland Rockhounds.



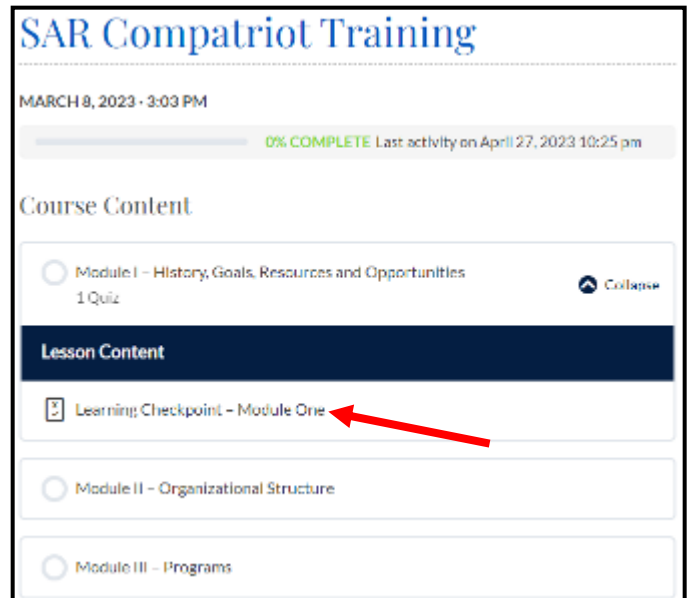
Compatriot Training

Are you aware that the SAR provides various training features for Compatriots?

After you log in to sar.org, click on **eLearning** in the blue menu bar. You will see a list of available courses. At the time of publication, you can take SAR Registrar Training, SAR Compatriot Training, Blue Database Training, or NSSAR's Youth Protection Training.



Click the **Read More** button (red arrow) to access the course information. To get started, click the **Take this Course** button. You will see a list of Modules contained in the course. If you see **Expand**, click on it to access the Lesson Content for that Module. Then, click on the Module name to start that module (red arrow below).



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You have access to lots of good articles and opportunities to learn about SAR on the NSSAR website. Make good use of it!



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.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Our chapter membership levels as of April 30, 2023, are:

Active / Current Member	109
NSSAR Life.....	8
TXSSAR Perpetual	9
Active/New Member	6
Active/Reinstated (current yr)	2
Active/Reinstated (Over 1 yr).....	0
Deceased (current yr).....	0
Deceased Perpetual (current yr).....	0
Dual w/Other Primary State.....	2
Emeritus (50+ years)	0
Junior Member/Reinstated	0
Junior SAR Member.....	3
Non-Paid Junior Member	0
Not Paid (Current Year).....	26
Not Paid Dual State	1
Reinstated/Transferred In.....	0
Transferred In.....	0
Dual Members (other chapters).....	3

Our active membership currently is **122**.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2023

May 20	Chapter Meeting, 9:00am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Haltom City
May 29	Memorial Day Ceremony, Mt. Gilead Cemetery, Keller (CG-N)
June 17	Chapter Meeting, 9:00am, Location to be determined
July 4	Rough Riders Game, 7:00 pm, Frisco (CG-N)
July 15	Chapter Meeting, 9:00am, Location to be determined
July 13-20	133rd NSSAR Congress, Orlando, Florida (CG-N)
July TBA	Texas SAR Summer Boom (Zoom) (CG-S)
August 12	Chapter Meeting, 9:00am, Location to be determined
August 25-26	NSSAR South Central District Meeting, Wichita, Kansas (CG-N)
September 16	Chapter Meeting, 9:00am, Location to be determined
September 21-23	Fall Leadership Conference, Louisville, KY (CG-N)
October 20, 21, 22	Texas SAR Fall Board of Managers Meeting, College Station
October 21	Chapter Meeting, 9:00am, Location to be determined
November 11	Veterans Day Parade, 11:00 am Panther Island Parking Lot, Fort Worth (CG-N)
November 12	Massing of the Colors, 2:00 pm, Birchman Baptist Church, Fort Worth (CG-N)
November 18	Chapter Meeting, 9:00am, Location to be determined
December 16	Wreaths Across America, 12:00 noon, Oakwood Cemetery, Fort Worth (CG-N)

2024

TBD	129th Annual Texas SAR State Convention, San Antonio, TX (CG-S)
July 10-16	134th NSSAR Congress, Lancaster, Pennsylvania (CG-N)

2025

TBD	130th Annual Texas SAR State Convention, TBA, TX (CG-S)
July	135th NSSAR Congress, New London, Connecticut (CG-N)

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





CHAPTER REGISTRAR'S REPORT (as of Apr 28th):

Applications in progress (National—11, State—2)

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

- [National Review **Pended**] Kenneth Kimberlin Brimer Jr, 178249, 10933, Aledo, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Michael Wilfong, abt 1722-1811
- [National Review] Kenneth Kimberlin Brimer Jr, 178249, 10933, Aledo, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Joseph Benton, 1749-1837
- [National Review **Pended**] Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, James Alexander, 1739-aft 1790
- [National Review] Robert Anthony Jacobs, 218481, 14644, Azle, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Noah Wiswall, 1727-1813
- [National Review] Tanner Allan Smith, 220894, 14872, Boulder, CO, SUPPLEMENTAL, Wilkins C. Smith, 1766-1861
- [National Review] Charles William Thomas, 221400, 14897, Weatherford, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Joseph Rhoades, abt 1745-bef 1799
- [National Review **Pended**] Ronald Joe Turner, 198382, 12354, Euless, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Miles Abernathy, abt 1728-bef 1790
- [National Review **Pended**] Ronald Joe Turner, 198382, 12354, Euless, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, John Calvin McElwee, 1765-1843
- [National Review] Ronald Joe Turner, 198382, 12354, Euless, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL Joseph Barnett, 1731-1802
- [National Review **Pended**] Joe Vic Wade, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, **NEW**, James Turner, abt 1745-bef 1806
- [National Review] John Wayne Wheat, 0, 0, Weatherford, TX, **NEW**, Edward Jackson, 1755-1845
- [State Review] Kevin Jon Shellman, 191113, 12933, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, John Callahan, 1755-1786
- [State Review] Stephen Ray Wilson, 0, 0, Fort Worth, TX, **NEW**, James Wilson, 1740-1825



FROM THE NATIONAL REGISTRAR'S APPLICATION STATUS REPORT:

Applications Approved in 2023 [approved and registered since the last newsletter]

- Jan 27, Bryant McLean Jarrell, 225131, 0, Hudson Oaks, TX, **NEW**, George Martin Shofner, 1758-1838
- Feb 17, Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, James Black, 1728-1818
- Feb 17, Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Moses Hurt, abt 1725-bef 1806
- Feb 17, Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Adam Lackey, bp 1759-1836
- Feb 17, Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Alexander Oliver, 1736-1830
- Feb 17, Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Micajah Stone, abt 1745-bef 1799
- Feb 17, Joseph Paul DeWoody, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, James Turner, 1710-bef 1793
- Mar 24, Richard Leon Vandever, 225752, 0, North Richland Hills, TX, **NEW**, Peter Doshier, 1762-1838
- Mar 24, Colton Lawrence Williams, 225479, 0, Southlake, TX, FAMILY **NEW**, John Floyd, 1758-1836
- Mar 24, Nathaniel David Williams, 225750, 0, Southlake, TX, FAMILY **NEW**, John Floyd, 1758-1836
- Mar 24, Samuel Clay Williams, 225751, 0, Southlake, TX, FAMILY **NEW**, John Floyd, 1758-1836
- Apr 21, Mark Todd Nash, 226199, 0, Southlake, TX, **NEW**, Garret Dungan, abt 1740-bef 1820
- Apr 28, Kenneth Kimberlin Brimer Jr, 178249, 10933, Aledo, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, John W. Connally, 1765-aft 1819



- May 4 Walter Franklin Bowie
- May 10 Charles Leon Vanover
- May 24 Jeffrey Donald Pray
- May 25 David Paul Brown
- May 29 Michael Roston Cox
- Troy Jeffrey Kennedy

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our Youth!

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Wear it to chapter meetings!

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

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\$10 per coin

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This is the perfect way to advertise the SAR and our Chapter by handing out challenge coins to non-members, family, and friends!



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 Vann Cunningham, at email address: b155549@gmail.com.



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

God Bless America

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General Information

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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.

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