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## How Can You Best Serve the Chapter?

In November, the Chapter will elect a new set of officers to serve in Chapter Leadership positions for the two-year term of 2024 & 2025. At our May Chapter meeting, President Bobby Gresham appointed a Nominating Committee which is tasked with identifying and developing a slate of officers to present to the Chapter membership for election to office in November. This slate of officers will then be sworn in during our Chapter meeting in January 2024.

The Nominating Committee will be chaired by Immediate Past President Ron Turner and include Past President Mike Connelley and Past President James Alderman.

The Nominating Committee will be looking for men willing to step up and take leadership roles to ensure the continued success of chapter activities and accomplishments. **Are you dedicated to the SAR and to the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter? Will you answer the call if tapped?**

Per our Chapter Constitution & By-laws, we elect the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Genealogist, Chaplain, and Sergeant-At-Arms. If the BOM approves and the Chapter approves a revised Constitution & Bylaws, we will also elect a Quartermaster. Additionally, the Chapter can elect or the President can appoint an Historian and a Color Guard Commander. Finally, the President may appoint volunteers to fill the positions of Webmaster and Newsletter Editor.

The Nominating Committee asks that during the coming months you consider taking an active role in leading the Chapter. Read each officer description that follows this article. Examine your qualities. Ask yourself where can you fit in? How can you best serve the Chapter? Do you have experience with any aspects of the roles as described? Even if you have never served in a leadership role in an organization, now may be the time for you step up. One thing to always remember, the Chapter will not let you fail!

**If you wish to express a desire to hold an office, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee.**

**Say yes! Get involved! Take ownership!**



**PRESIDENT**

The President shall be the official executive officer of the Chapter and shall be responsible for calling and conducting all meetings of the Chapter and the Board of Managers. He shall appoint the chairmen of all committees unless otherwise provided for, subject to the approval of the Board of Managers. He is the Ex-Officio Chairman of the Board of Managers and a member of all committees of this Chapter. He shall be responsible for the budget and represent the Chapter in public.

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**

The Immediate Past President supports and mentors the incoming Chapter President and is an integral part of the planning process, along with being an Ex-Officio Member of all committees.

**VICE PRESIDENT**

The Vice-President shall serve as an understudy of the President and, in the absence of the President, assume the duties of the President's office. He shall perform other assignments he receives from the President.

**SECRETARY**

The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the official records of the Chapter, recording the minutes of all meetings in a neat and legible manner, keeping the register of all members, advising Texas SAR of membership changes, providing notification of all meetings, conducting the correspondence of the Chapter, and, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, presiding over Chapter meetings. He shall be responsible for compiling and submitting the end of year reports to Texas SAR and NSSAR. He will also provide the Chapter with a monthly report, verbal or written, of the prior meeting. He shall perform other duties the President may assign to him.

**TREASURER**

The Treasurer shall have the general supervision of collecting, safekeeping, and depositing all funds of the Chapter, dispersing funds only with the prior approval of the President, maintaining the financial records in ready form for an audit at any time, and shall conform to the following:

- A. All funds shall be deposited in the name of the Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter in such accounts and depositories as shall be designated by the Board of Managers.
- B. Disbursements shall be made by check signed as designated from time to time by the Board of Managers.
- C. He shall provide the Chapter with an accounting, verbal or written, of any financial changes on a monthly basis.
- D. He shall perform other duties as assigned by the President.

**REGISTRAR**

The Registrar shall receive all applications for membership, examine applications for completeness, and forward the required copies and related documentation to the State Registrar; maintain records of all applications received, dates of receipt and mailing to the State Registrar, and results of interim actions ending in final approval of memberships; maintain a membership roster which will include deaths, transfers, dual memberships, dues payments, delinquencies, and a copy of each individual member's record, application, NSSAR Number, and Texas SAR Number. He shall give the Chapter an update, verbal or written, on the progress of new member applications or supplementals on a monthly basis. He shall also be responsible for compiling data on membership for the year and providing it to the Chapter Secretary by the beginning of December each year.

**GENEALOGIST**

The Genealogist shall render all reasonable assistance to prospective members in establishing their eligibility for membership.

**CHAPLAIN**

The Chaplain shall open and close meetings of this Chapter with the service usual and proper for such occasions. He shall, as nearly as practical, stay informed, and shall keep the Chapter informed, of the health, illness, hospitalization, death, or misfortunes of Chapter members.

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

The Sergeant-At-Arms shall retain custody of the Chap-



ter's flags and flag stands and ensure that all flags are properly displayed at all regular meetings and special meetings of the Chapter. He shall coordinate Chapter flag activities and have responsibility for awarding SAR flag certificates. He shall participate as a member of the Chapter Color Guard.

### **HISTORIAN**

The Historian shall be responsible for collecting and preserving Chapter historical and genealogical materials and conveyance of such materials to the Texas SAR Archives at the University of North Texas.

### **QUARTERMASTER**

The Quartermaster shall have the duty of keeping an accurate inventory of all "real property." This not only means the quantity of items but also location and condition of items. It shall be his responsibility to maintain the Chapter's real property and submit requests for the repair or replacement of items under his care. Some items that might fall under his care are Chapter Flags and Flag Stands, Chapter Parade Trailer, extra Color Guard uniforms, etc. He shall give the Chapter a monthly report, verbal or written, on the status of the Chapter's real property.

### **COLOR GUARD COMMANDER**

The Color Guard Commander shall coordinate all requests for the Chapter's Color Guard or Honor Guard. He shall endeavor to recruit such members that will project the proper image to the general public. He can, from time to time, call on the Chapter's Color/Honor Guard to drill (practice) as is necessary. He is encouraged to collect surplus uniform items and hardware that will help, not only our chapter, but others as well. He will give the Chapter an update, verbal or written, on the status of the Color/Honor Guard, to include any upcoming events that the Color/Honor Guard may wish to participate in, on a monthly basis. He shall compile a report on who attended which Color/Honor Guard events and submit it to the Chapter Secretary by mid-December.

### **WEBMASTER**

The Webmaster regularly maintains the Chapter's website and also maintains any/all Chapter social media sites.

### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

The Newsletter Editor informs members of the Chapter's activities, goals, and achievements through the publication of an "electronic" newsletter, delivered via email attachment. He publicizes future meetings and activities and ensures Chapter publications are interesting and informative. He submits articles and photographs of Chapter activities to respective editors of State and National newsletter publications.



## **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.



## Vietnam Lapel Pins Awarded

Eight military veterans received the Vietnam War Era Lapel Pin at Lakeview Camp in Maypearl, Texas, on May 1, 2023. Chapter Registrar and Past President Gerry Gieger made the presentations and was assisted by Gordon Butler, a Vietnam Vet from Dallas, and Thomas McMahan (on stage) from Carrollton.



In the photo above, FWPD Chief Neil Noakes presents Lt. David Fleming with his Captain's badge.



In the photo above, Captain Fleming said that since the SAR colors and insignia are not approved for his police uniform, he snuck the SAR symbolism in by putting his SAR tie on his son.

Captain Fleming has been assigned to the Violent Crime Initiative (VCI) and will be over Central, East, and South Divisions going forward.

Job well done, Captain! Congratulations again and . . .

# Huzzah!

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## Congratulations Captain Fleming

Friday, May 5th, was an exciting day in Compatriot David Fleming's family. At a Fort Worth Police Department ceremony, Chief Neil Noakes promoted Lt. Fleming to Captain in the FWPD. David was joined by his wife Tricy and his son Weston. Captain Fleming is a 16+ year Police Officer. During his career, David spent three years as an Officer, three years as a Detective, five years as a Sergeant, and five years as a Lieutenant.

From Captain Fleming's LinkedIn profile, he has "a demonstrated history of leadership in the Law Enforcement profession. Skilled in Law Enforcement Operations, Scaled Responses, Crisis Intervention, Community Outreach, Criminal and Administrative Investigations, and Emergency Incident Management. Strong background in building and managing teams across department, agency, and industry boundaries. Developed knowledge of community policing approaches, risk management, and applicability of municipal, state, and federal laws. Possesses a Master Peace Office License as well as a Master in Business Administration with a focus in Project Management."

## The Battle of Chelsea Creek

The Battle of Chelsea Creek was the second military engagement of the Boston campaign of the American Revolutionary War. It is also known as the Battle of Noddle's Island, Battle of Hog Island and the Battle of the Chelsea Estuary. This battle was fought on May 27 and 28, 1775, on Chelsea Creek and on salt marshes, mudflats, and islands of Boston Harbor, northeast of the Boston peninsula. Most of these areas have since been united with the mainland by land reclamation and are now part of East Boston, Chelsea, Winthrop, and Revere.

The American colonists met their goal of strengthening the siege of Boston by removing livestock and hay on those islands from the reach of the British regulars. The British armed schooner *Diana* was also destroyed and its weaponry was appropriated by the Colonial side. This was the first naval capture of the war, and it was a significant boost to the morale of the Colonial forces.

### BACKGROUND

The Battle of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775, drew thousands of militia forces from throughout New England to the towns surrounding Boston. These men remained in the area and their numbers grew, placing the British forces in Boston under siege when they blocked all land access to the peninsula. The British were still able to sail in supplies from Nova Scotia, Providence, and other places because the harbor side of the city remained under British naval control. Colonial forces could do little to stop these shipments due to the naval supremacy of the British fleet and the complete absence of a Continental Navy in the spring of 1775. However, there was one remaining local area that continued to supply the British forces in Boston after the war began.

Farmers to the east of the city in coastal areas and on the Boston Harbor islands found themselves vulnerable once the siege began because they were exposed to British influence from the sea. If they continued to sell livestock to the regulars they would be viewed as Loyalists in the eyes of the Patriots, but if they refused to sell then the British would consider them rebels and raiding parties would simply take what they wanted. On May 14, the Massachusetts Committee of Safety under Joseph

Warren issued the following order:

Resolved, as their opinion, that all the live stock be taken from Noddle's Island, Hog Island, Snake Island, and from that part of Chelsea near the sea coast, and be driven back; and that the execution of this business be committed to the committees of correspondence and selectmen of the towns of Medford, Malden, Chelsea, and Lynn, and that they be supplied with such a number of men, as they shall need, from the regiment now at Medford.

A few days before the battle, Warren and General Artemas Ward, commander of the besieging forces, inspected Noddle's Island and Hog Island, which lay to the northeast of Boston, and east of Charlestown. They found no British troops there but plenty of livestock. The animals in other coastal areas had been moved inland by their owners. On May 21, the British had sailed troops to Grape Island in the outer harbor near Weymouth to get hay and livestock, and had been driven off by militia mustered from the nearby towns, which then removed the livestock and burned the hay on the island.

The British Navy around occupied Boston was under the command of Vice-Admiral Samuel Graves. The Royal Marines were under the command of Major John Pitcairn. The British forces as a whole were led by Governor General Thomas Gage. Graves had, in addition to hay and livestock, hired storage on Noddle's Island for a variety of important naval supplies, which he felt were important to preserve, owing to the "almost impossibility of replacing them at this juncture."



Colonel John Stark led the Colonial expedition.



## PRELUDE TO BATTLE

Vice-Admiral Graves, apparently acting on intelligence that the Colonials might make attempts on the islands, posted guard boats near Noddle's Island. These were longboats that included detachments of Marines. Sources disagree as to whether or not any regulars or marines were stationed on Noddle's Island to protect the naval supplies.

The "regiment now at Medford" mentioned by the Committee of Safety was Colonel John Stark's 1st New Hampshire Regiment of about 300 men stationed near Winter Hill with its headquarters in Medford. Taking his instructions from General Ward, Stark and his regiment crossed the bridge over the Mystic River just after midnight on May 27. Their route took them far to the north of Chelsea Creek through Malden and parts of what are now the cities of Everett and Revere. Additional local men most likely joined them during their march. Hog Island was accessible at low tide from the east by fording Belle Isle Creek near the current location of Belle Isle Marsh Reservation. This crossing was effected without Graves' guard boats taking notice.



Map of the battle location. Chelsea Creek separated the islands from Chelsea on the mainland to the north. The schooner *Diana* is represented by the burning vessel labeled "16". It was in Chelsea Creek during the battle and was never at the location indicated. It burned north of the boat labeled "Ferry Boat."

Stark began to move his force to Hog Island at about 10 am and directed most of his men to round up livestock there while he forded Crooked Creek to Noddle's Island with a group of thirty men. Stark's small contingent on Noddle's Island scattered into small groups, killed the

animals they could find, and set fire to haystacks and barns

## BATTLE

### ISLANDS

The British first took notice when they spotted the smoke from the burning hay. Vice-Admiral Graves on his flagship, *HMS Preston*, saw smoke from the burning hay at about 2 pm and signaled for the guard marines to land on Noddle's Island, which they did, engaging Stark's scattered forces. Graves also ordered the schooner *Diana*, under the command of his nephew Lieutenant Thomas Graves, to sail up Chelsea Creek to support the operation and cut off the colonists' escape. Eventually, a combined force of roughly 400 marines was landed, formed ranks, and began to systematically drive Stark's men back to the east. The colonists fled without fighting until they reached Crooked Creek. There they dropped into marshy ditches and fired on their pursuers from strong defensive positions. A pitched battle followed, in which the colonists "Squat[t]ed down in a Ditch on the ma[r]sh" and engaged in "a hot fiar until the Regulars retreated".

The Marines withdrew from their positions to the interior of Noddle's Island, and Stark's men left Crooked Creek to join the main body of his forces on Hog Island. *Diana* and the other vessels continued northeast up Chelsea Creek in pursuit. By sunset, hundreds of cattle, sheep, and horses had been driven from Hog Island to the mainland. Also around sunset, *Diana* turned about in an attempt to avoid being trapped in the shallows of the creek. However, Lieutenant Graves realized he would require assistance, and raised a signal. Vice-Admiral Graves ordered barges manned by marines into the creek to tow *Diana* out, along with the sloop *Britannia*, tender of *HMS Somerset* (under the command of another of Graves nephews, Lieutenant John Graves) to assist and provide additional firepower.

Sources disagree on the timing of the dispatching of the various vessels. A number of sources (Frothingham and *A Documentary History of Chelsea* among them) claim that *Diana*, *Britannia*, and the barges were all dispatched together; Nelson and Ketchum, possibly on the basis of more recent research, claim the account as told above.





Thomas Graves, who commanded *Diana*, went on to become an admiral in the Royal Navy.

## MAINLAND COAST

Some of Stark's men were engaged in driving the live stock further up the coast. Others noticed that *Diana* was in trouble, and called for reinforcements. General Putnam and as many as 1000 troops (including Joseph Warren) came up on the shore near *Diana*, a place at the mouth of Chelsea Creek, in the modern Chelsea neighborhood by the McArdle bridge to East Boston. Putnam waded out into the harbor up to his waist and offered quarter to the sailors of *Diana* if they would surrender, but its cannon continued to fire, and attempts to tow her into deeper water continued. Colonial forces continued firing on the ship, supported by two field pieces positioned on the shore. *Britannia* and field pieces the British had landed on Noddle's Island also joined the cannonade. At about 10 pm, the British rowers were forced to abandon the rescue of *Diana* due to the heavy fire. *Diana* drifted and ran aground again on the Mystic River side of the Chelsea coast, tipping onto one side. Lieutenant Graves abandoned *Diana* and transferred his men to *Britannia*, which was successfully towed to deeper water.

American forces boarded *Diana* and rapidly removed everything of value, including guns, rigging, sails, clothing, and money. They laid hay under the stern to serve as kindling, and the vessel was set on fire at about 3 am to prevent it from falling back into British hands. The guns

recovered were probably used in the American positions during the Battle of Bunker Hill.

## AFTERMATH

This skirmish was apparently the first use of field pieces by the Colonists in the American Revolution. They suffered no fatalities, with only a small number of wounded, and their morale was greatly boosted by the successful capture and destruction of *Diana*. The action was also a boost to Israel Putnam, whose appointment by the Second Continental Congress as a General in the Continental Army was unanimously approved, in part due to reports of this skirmish.

General Gage was understated in his casualty report to London: "Two men were killed and a few wounded." Others, however, apparently exaggerated, reporting large casualties. The *Pennsylvania Journal* reported on June 21, 1775, that General Gage himself recorded at least one hundred killed while other sources said more than three hundred. From another source: "The regulars were said to have suffered very much, not to have had less than two hundred killed and wounded. The loss was probably greatly exaggerated; that, however, had a good effect on the provincials. The affair was a matter of no small triumph to them and they felt upon the occasion more courageous than ever." Gage ordered cannon mounted on Copp's Hill in Boston, and Vice-Admiral Graves moved the *Somerset*, which had been stationed in the shallow waters between Boston and Charlestown, into deeper waters to the east of Boston, where it would have improved maneuverability if fired upon from land. He also belatedly sent a detachment of regulars to secure Noddle's Island; the Colonists had long before removed or destroyed anything of value on the island.

## GEOGRAPHIC CHANGES

In the years since the American Revolution, the geography of the Boston area has undergone significant expansion, and the islands named Hog and Noddle's are no longer islands. In the late 19th and early 20th century, the channel that separated Noddle's and Hog was filled in, and that between Hog Island and the mainland was filled in over the course of the late 19th century and early 20th century leaving just a small, narrow creek between the former islands and the mainland. In terms of modern



geography, the Orient Heights neighborhood of East Boston is the present location of Hog Island and nearby Breeds Island, and much of the remainder of East Boston is what was then Noddle’s Island. The Chelsea Creek has been narrowed due to the expansion of Chelsea and has been dredged and straightened to create a deep shipping channel.

While occasional attempts have been made to locate the remains of the *Diana* in Chelsea Creek, which has been extensively dredged and industrialized in the years since the battle, no wrecks found in that body have been identified as hers. In 2009, the National Park Service gave funds for a state-led effort to locate the wreck.

~ From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Date May 27-28, 1775  
 Location Suffolk County, Massachusetts  
 Result American victory

**Belligerents**

Great Britain Massachusetts Bay

**Commanders and Leaders**

Samuel Graves John Stark  
 Thomas Graves Israel Putname

**Strength**

850 Royal Marines (Samuel Graves) 300-600 in initial force to Hog Island (Stark)  
 30 on the *Diana* (Thomas Graves) 300 additional reinforcements during the course of the battle  
 These are rough estimates. (Putnam).  
 These are rough estimates.

**Casualties and Losses**

2 killed 4 wounded  
 32 wounded  
 Armed schooner *Diana* destroyed

**Chapter Meeting**



Pictured above is the new chapter banner that is used to identify our meeting room at Diamond Oaks Country Club. The banner collapses, has a carrying case, and can be used anywhere the chapter wants to advertise ourselves. The members approved the purchase at our March chapter meeting.

At the April Chapter meeting, the members voted to move our meetings permanently to Diamond Oaks Country Club (DOCC). In addition, the members voted to enjoy the Farmhouse Breakfast every month. The buffet includes scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, French toast, smoked maple bacon, country sausage, and hash browns. The move has had a positive effect on attendance. Prior to moving to DOCC, monthly attendance was averaging between 14 and 20. Since the move to DOCC, attendance has increased to 31 in March and 30 in April. This includes members and guests. Let’s pray that the positive increase in attendance continues.







Our meeting room as seen from the doorway.



Our meeting room as seen from the windows.



President Bobby Gresham recognized and congratulated Compatriot David Fleming on his recent promotion to Captain in the Fort Worth Police Department.



Compatriot Richard Vandever (2nd from left) received a SAR Vietnam War Veterans Corps Certificate from Texas SAR Vice President District 5 Ron Turner (right) for his military service in Vietnam.

Past President Mike Connelley (left) also presented Richard with the Vietnam Era Veterans Lapel Pin. Vice President Turner “welcomed Richard home.”

Assisting was President Bobby Gresham (2nd from right).



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## Special Guest in June

Our special guest and speaker at our June Chapter meeting will be Drake Peddie. Drake joined the SAR in September 2003 and has held a number of officer positions. Some, but probably not all, of them include: Vice President [Denton Chapter] and President [Plano Chapter]. At the Texas SAR level, Drake has been Secretary, Vice President, and President. At the national level, he is currently a Trustee for NSSAR.

Drake is an interesting speaker and has a wealth of knowledge about the SAR. Come to the Chapter Meeting in June to hear Drake speak!



Compatriot Kim Brimer presented an interesting and information presentation 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.



President Bobby Gresham (right) presented Kim Brimer (center) with a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation at the May Chapter Meeting. Assisting was Vice President Kevin Shellman.

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## Upcoming Award Activities

In addition to the Life Saving Medal the Chapter recently awarded, we have several more opportunities on the near horizon for honoring some special First Responders.

Past President Mike Connelley is working with the Fort Worth Police Department to recognize two officers with the SAR Life Saving Medal. The two officers saved the life of an infant who was in a stolen car and the criminal discarded the infant seat containing the infant in a ditch on the side of the road, upside down. The two officers found and rescued the infant in time for no harm to occur to the child.

Past President Connelley and Vice President District 5 Ron Turner are also working with Compatriot Cody Sheppard to recognize an EMS unit from the Parker County Hospital District. When an 18-wheeler rear-ended another 18-wheeler at Interstate speeds, the drive of the 2nd 18-wheeler was trapped inside his truck, unconscious, and barely breathing. The EMS crew inserted a rescue-airway device and started breathing for the pa-

tient until he could be removed from the cab. He had significant injuries to his lower extremities, including an amputated leg. Two Critical Care Paramedics were dispatched to the incident. They intubated the patient, gave two units of blood and one unit of plasma. The patient's breathing deteriorated so the critical care medics performed bilateral finger thoracostomies. The patient lost a leg but otherwise made a full recovery.

Past President Connelley is also working with FWPD to identify and award the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

The Chapter continuously looks for opportunities to award the five Public Service and Heroism Medals: Law Enforcement Commendation, Fire Safety Commendation, EMS Commendation, Heroism Award, and Life Saving Award.

Contact either Mike Connelley or Ron Turner should you know of a worthy candidate for one of the Public Service Awards.

## Life Saving Award

On the morning of Tuesday, May 23rd, at the Fort Worth City Hall, Councilman Chris Nettles and Fort Worth Fire Chief Jim Davis recognized a very heroic young girl, her family, and the firefighters that responded to her call for help in March.

On March 27, the FWFD received a carbon monoxide call at a residence in the far south portion of the City. When the crew from Engine 29 arrived on scene, the young girl who had called 911 met them at the door. She stated that her mom was not feeling well and then fell to the floor herself. As first responders began to provide aid to the child, they noticed other children laying on the floor inside the home. Crews rushed in to grab everyone that they could find and bring them outside for medical treatment. Five children and one adult (their mother) were transported to the hospital for carbon monoxide poisoning. In addition, five firefighters were transported with elevated carbon monoxide levels. It's clear that if she had not made that phone call to 911 when she did, the ending to this story would be tragic.

Two different proclamations were presented. Councilman Nettles recognized the crew from Engine 29 that responded and Chief Davis presented a challenge coin to the young girl.

The entire family (Mom and five children) were reunited once again with the crew. Heroes come in all shapes and sizes... and this young girl is definitely one of ours.

Following the award ceremony in Council chambers, FWFD made additional presentations to all of the children outside Council chambers. The children were presented with FWFD t-shirts, challenge coins, and a gift bag.

Bobby Gresham, President, and Mike Connelley, Past President, also made presentations to the family. President Gresham presented the young girl with the SAR Life Saving Medal and Certificate. Past President Connelley presented the mother with a sizeable cash award collected from chapter members at the May chapter meeting. Ron Turner, Texas SAR Vice President District 5 and Immediate Past President, also attended and took photos.



Fort Worth City Council Chambers



President Bobby Gresham presents the SAR Life Saving Medal and Certificate.



Past President Mike Connelley presents a monetary award to the children's mother.





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# READING for PLEASURE

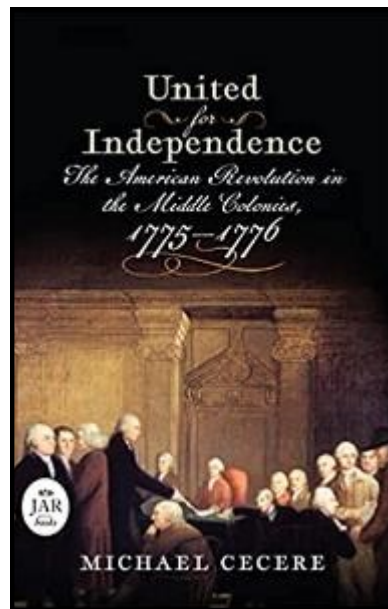
 A stylized illustration of a person sitting on the floor, reading a red book. The person is wearing blue pants and white shoes. The text 'READING for PLEASURE' is written in a mix of blue block letters and black cursive.

## United for Independence The American Revolution in the Middle Colonies, 1775-1776

By Michael Cecere



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In the aftermath of the battles of Lexington and Concord in April 1775 and the start of the Revolutionary War, it was not clear whether the colonies outside of New England would participate militarily in the conflict. Troops from the four New England colonies surrounded Boston immediately after the fighting at Lexington and Concord, and two

months into the standoff the Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, assumed authority over the New England army, but the middle and southern colonies had yet to see armed conflict or bloodshed with British forces.

In *United for Independence: The American Revolution in the Middle Colonies, 1775–1776*, historian Michael Cecere examines how the inhabitants of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland reacted to the outbreak of war in Massachusetts. Leaders in these middle colonies, influenced by strong Loyalist sentiment within their borders and, in some cases, among themselves,



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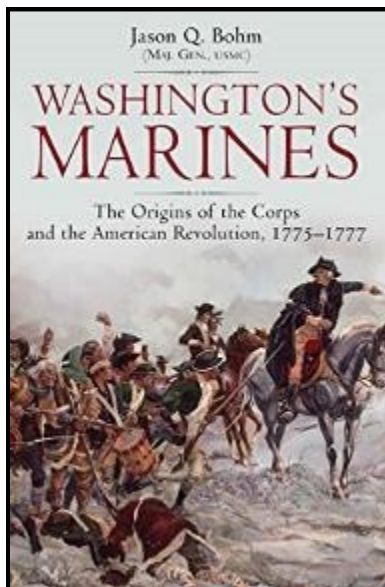
fiercely debated whether to support the war in New England. Congress's decision in the summer to establish the Continental Army, and its authorization for an invasion of Canada, both of which involved troops from the middle colonies, set the stage for their full-scale involvement in the Revolutionary War.

Using primary source extracts and proceeding chronologically from the spring of 1775 to the fall of 1776, the author presents the key events in each of these colonies, from the political struggles between Whigs and Tories, through the failed Canadian expedition, to the loss of Long Island and New York City. Designed for readers to understand the sequence of events that transformed a resistance movement into a war for independence, *United for Independence* provides an important overview of events in the middle colonies at the start of the Revolutionary War that complements other works that focus on specific military clashes and campaigns.

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## Washington's Marines The Origins of the Corp and the American Revolution, 1775-1777

By Jason Q. Bohm



The fighting prowess of United States Marines is second to none, but few know of the Corps' humble beginnings and what it achieved during the early years of the American Revolution. Jason Bohm rectifies this oversight with his eye-opening *Washington's Marines: The Origins of the Corps and the American Revolution, 1775-1777*.

The story begins with the oppressive days that drove America into a conflict for which it was ill-prepared, when thirteen independent colonies commenced a war against the world's most powerful military with nothing

more than local militias, privateers, and other ad hoc units. The Continental Congress rushed to form an army and placed George Washington in command, but soon realized that, to win its freedom, America would need men who could fight on the sea and on land. Enter the Marines. Bohm artfully tells the story of the creation of the Continental Marines and the men who led them during the parallel paths followed by the Army and Marines in the opening years of the war and through the early successes and failures at Lexington and Concord, Bunker Hill, Canada, Boston, Charleston, and more.

As General Washington struggled to preserve his command after defeats in New York and New Jersey in 1776, the nascent U.S. Navy and Marines deployed the first American fleet, conducted their first amphibious operation, and waged a war on the rivers and seas to block British reinforcements and capture critically needed supplies. Desperate times forced Congress to detach the Continental Marines from the Navy to join the embattled army as Washington sought an "important stroke" to defeat his adversary.

Washington's Marines joined their fellow soldiers in a protracted land campaign that culminated in turning-point victories at Trenton, Assunpink Creek, and Princeton. This chapter of the Continental Marines ends in Morristown, New Jersey, when Washington granted Henry Knox's request to leverage the Marines' expertise with naval guns to fill the depleted ranks of the army's artillery during the "Forage War."

*Washington's Marines* is the first complete study of its kind to weave the men, strategy, performance, and personalities of the Corps' formative early years into a single compelling account. The sweeping prose relies heavily on primary research and the author's own extensive military knowledge. Enhanced with original maps and illustrations, *Washington's Marines* will take its place as one of the finest studies of its kind.

## Memorial Day at Mt. Gilead

Members of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter Color Guard participated in the 13th Annual Memorial Day Celebration at Mt. Gilead Cemetery in Keller, Texas, on Monday, May 29, 2023. The memorial service was hosted by the Golden Triangle Rotary Club and the Keller Rotary Club.

As a lead-in to the memorial service, the audience was entertained by the Frontier Brigade Band for 30 minutes prior with period music. The Band also provided the music for the National Anthem.

Boy Scout Troops 1910 and 1920 performed the Flag Raising duties and conducted a U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony. The names of all veterans buried in Mt. Gilead Cemetery were read and a rousing, patriotic speech was provided by the keynote speaker, Guy Snodgrass, Commander, U.S. Navy (Ret). Jimmy Lucas read a moving rendition of Johnny Cash's *Ragged Old Flag* accompanied by background music provided by The Frontier Band.

The Firing Squad completed three volleys (21-gun salute) and was composed of individuals in period dress, carrying period firearms, and representing the following wars:

- **The Sons of the American Revolution**—  
**Ron Turner** [SAR, SCV, War of 1812]  
**Kevin Shellman** [SAR]  
**Vann Cunningham** [SAR, War of 1812]  
**Dan Hamilton** [SAR]  
**Mike Fairchild** [SAR]
- **The General Society of the War of 1812**—  
**Drake Peddie** [SAR, War of 1812]
- **The Sons of the Republic of Texas**—  
**Gerry Gieger** [SRT, SAR, War of 1812]  
**Jim Young** [SRT]
- **The Sons of Confederate Veterans**—  
**Robert Gresham** [SAR, SCV]  
**Joe Wade** [SAR, SCV]
- **The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**—  
**Mark Parkison** [SAR, SUVCW]
- **The First World War**—  
**Paul Porter**

- **The Second World War and Korea**—  
**James Alderman** [SAR, SCV]
- **The Vietnam War**—  
**Jake Behringer** [SCV]

Following the service, attendees enjoyed a lunch of hot dogs, chips, and a drink.



Left to right: Drake Peddie, Mike Fairchild, Dan Hamilton, James Alderman



Left to right: Mark Parkison & Gerry Gieger





Jake Behringer (Compatriot Joe Wade's grandson)



The Rifle Squad 'At Ease'  
Mt. Gilead Cemetery, Keller, Texas



Left to right: Bobby Gresham, Paul Porter, Jim Young & Fr. James Flynn [Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Keller]



The Rifle Squad at 'Present Arms'



The Frontier Band

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First five photos: Ron Turner  
All remaining photos: Ora Jane Johnson*





The Rifle Squad fires Volley #1



The Rifle Squad fires Volley #3



The Rifle Squad at 'The Ready' to fire Volley #2



James Alderman conducts a safety inspection of all weapons while Bobby Gresham prepares a walk-through of commands





### Prayers Requested

Sherrye Woodworth, wife of Chapter Genealogist Don Woodworth, is in the hospital undergoing treatment for Stage 3 pancreatic cancer. Please keep her, Don, and the Woodworth family in your personal prayers.

*O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We humbly beseech thee to behold, visit, and relieve thy sick servant Sherrye for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon her with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort her with a sense of thy goodness; preserve her from the temptations of the enemy; and give her patience under her affliction. In thy good time, restore her to health, and enable her to lead the residue of her life in thy fear, and to thy glory; and grant that finally she may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### MEMBERSHIP STATUS

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

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

Our active membership currently is **122**.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 2023

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

## 2024

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

## 2025

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

**(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.*

### 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!





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

### Applications in progress (National—9, 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
- [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, 15707, North Richland Hills, TX, **NEW**, Peter Doshier, 1762-1838
- Mar 24, Colton Lawrence Williams, 225479, 15704, Southlake, TX, FAMILY **NEW**, John Floyd, 1758-1836
- Mar 24, Nathaniel David Williams, 225750, 15705, Southlake, TX, FAMILY **NEW**, John Floyd, 1758-1836
- Mar 24, Samuel Clay Williams, 225751, 15706, Southlake, TX, FAMILY **NEW**, John Floyd, 1758-1836
- Apr 21, Mark Todd Nash, 226199, 15757, 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 12, John Wayne Wheat, 226536, 0, Weatherford, TX, **NEW**, Edward Jackson, 1755-1845
- May 26, Joe Vic Wade, 226754, 0, Fort Worth, TX, **NEW**, James Turner, abt 1745-bef 1806



- June 2 David Clark Fussell  
Edward Bruce Morgan
- June 4 Ralph Edward Smith
- June 7 Robert Grady Gresham
- June 13 Donald Gordon Woodworth
- June 17 David Alan Barkley
- June 18 Samuel Clay Williams
- June 28 Jeffrey Warren Sparks



### Chapter Challenge Coins

**\$10 per coin**

Available at all Chapter Meetings  
Available via USPS with \$1.50 postage fee

Contact Ron Turner to order

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



### 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>



## 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](mailto:b155549@gmail.com).



*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.**