



Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter

Texas

Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution

Chisholm Trail News

January 1, 2024

NEXT MEETING: January 20, 2024

TIME: 9:00 am

LOCATION: Diamond Oaks Country Club
5821 Diamond Oaks Dr N, Fort Worth, TX

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Texas SAR President & President-elect to visit on January 20, 2024

Texas SAR President Sam Massey & President-elect Tracy Pounders are scheduled as the Chapter's special guests on Saturday, January 20, 2024.

During his visit, President Massey will install Chapter Officer's for the 2024 & 2025 term.

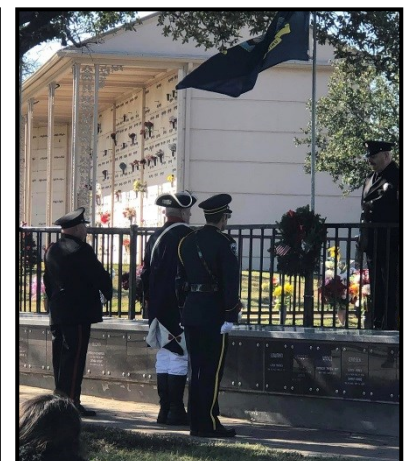
Mark Your Calendar NOW & Plan to Attend!

Look for the RSVP Invite in your inbox soon!



Wreaths Across America, Irving, Texas

Vice President District 5 and President-elect Ron Turner accepted an invitation from Gary Westerman of Ben F. Brown's Funeral Home, Irving, and the local Wreaths Across America coordinator, to participate in Wreaths Across America ceremonies at Oak Grove Cemetery in Irving on December 16, 2023. Ron presented a wreath in honor and memory of all Navy personnel and in memory of his father and fellow Compatriot Joe F. Turner who passed away in July 2023. Ron then proceeded to his parent's graves and laid a wreath on the grave of his father who served in the Pacific on an aircraft carrier during World War II in the U.S. Navy.



In Memoriam

FRED ARLIS VANZANT

05 May 1925 – 19 Dec 2023

NSSAR 216202

Texas SAR 14410



Fred Arlis Vanzant, age 98 went home to the Lord on December 19, 2023 while surrounded by his family. An irreplaceable fixture in the Arkansas farming community, Fred lived a full, luminous life guided by his intentional legacy to leave all things better than he found them.

The youngest of seven children, Fred was born May 5, 1925, in Sonora, Arkansas. He spent his childhood working on his family's farm and attending Jaybird's one-room schoolhouse. After graduating from Huntsville High School in 1943, Fred joined the Navy at 17 and boarded a train to Camp Perry, VA. He was a WWII Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class in the Construction Battalion (Seabee) spending 32 months in the South Pacific. Across land and ocean, he wrote to his sweetheart Kayhlene Graham, a girl who caught his eye at a gospel singing before leaving Arkansas.

Fred returned home at the end of the war and flew a Stearman Biplane to crop-dust fields. Still captivated by Kahylene, he strived to impress her through flying aerobatics over her parents' farm. Neither she, nor her parents approved of the stunts, but she did love and marry him.

The couple purchased their first 80 acres and Vanzant Fruit Farms was born. They planted apples, peaches, and grapes, continuing the legacy of their ancestors who began farming produce in Northwest Arkansas in 1830. For 74 years, Fred perfected his peach crops, captivated friends and family with his legendary storytelling, and endeared farm visitors with his contagious laughter.

As their business expanded, so did their family. Fred and Kahylene had six children and Fred worked to instill steadfast faith and unshakeable work ethic in each of them. He was quick to name "family" as the biggest blessing of his life.

A dedicated church and community member, Fred was a gifted singer and often sang at churches and funerals. He served as an executive board member of Welch Foods, Inc. and President of the Arkansas Horticultural Society. He was a member of Lowell Baptist Church and Sons of the American Revolution. In 1984, Fred and family were recognized as the Northwest Arkansas and District Farm Family of the Year. In 2023, he was recognized by the Daughters of the American Revolution as a distinguished citizen.

Fred is survived by five children, Regena Shelby (Ron) of Rogers, AR, Teresa Houston (Noyl) of Jonesboro, AR, Katharine Arno (David) of Charlotte, NC, Stephen Vanzant (Cheryl) of Lowell, AR and Angela Courtney (John) of Las Vegas, NV. Twelve grandchildren, Abby, Matthew, Katherine, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Caroline, Emily, David, Daniel, Stephanie, Lillian and Jack. 19 great-grandchildren, Graham, Hutch, Reese, Sawyer, Samuel, Andrew, Robert, Julia, Daniel, Henry, Charles, Hannah, James Arlis, Ethan, River, Camryn, Lainey, Elyse, Tristyn and great-great grandson Jaxon, survive him. His beloved wife, Kahylene, son Robert, and granddaughter Erin precede him in death. In addition, his parents, Fredrick Lafayette Vanzant and Frances Harp, and siblings, Oral, Annis, Bearden, Audry, Ava and Alice.

Visitation will be December 29, 2023 at Lowell Baptist Church from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Funeral service will be December 30, 2023 at Lowell Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Bluff Cemetery in Springdale, AR.

[Editor's Note: With Genealogist General Gary O. Green's approval due to Fred's age and failing health, Mrs. Kathy Hanlon of the Elizabeth Crockett Chapter DAR in Granbury and Assistant Registrar Ron Turner began expedited processing of Fred's SAR application in mid-July 2023. Fred was registered as a member of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, Fort Worth, on 09 Aug 2023. Fred is a third cousin 1x removed of our chapter's namesake—Maj. K.M. Van Zandt.]



Sons of the American Revolution
America 250 SAR Committee

Introducing the New SAR Brand

The brand identity of an organization is more than the logos, colors, fonts, etc. used on the website, social media and printed materials, it is the personality of the organization and the process of impression shaping. A brand identity is made up of what your brand says, what your values are, how you communicate your value, and what you want people to feel when they interact with the SAR and how we inspire our audience.

Our Mission Statement

The SAR honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.

The purpose of the **Brand and Engagement Guide** is to provide guidelines for consistently representing and promoting our mission statement to our SAR members and to the communities that we serve. This guide is divided into three main parts: Brand Identity, Proper Usage of Branding Elements and Engagement Examples. You are urged to use this guide to ensure that the SAR brand is properly represented.

[Download the complete Brand and Engagement Guide here](#)

Our New Brand Identity

*Use only these two approved logo designs at the State and Chapter level.
All previous designs should not be used.*

Wreaths Across America at Oakwood Cemetery

Compatriots from the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery in north Fort Worth on Saturday, December 16.



A large crowd participated this year.



Compatriot Joe Wade



Lauren Sheppard, wife of Compatriot Cody Sheppard places a wreath outside the mausoleum for Col. E. W. Taylor



President Bobby Gresham and Doug Schwetke place wreaths on graves in Confederate Row.

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Compatriot Doug Schwetke

Grave Marking Medal

Geoff Baggett, National Patriot Graves Chairman, has approved the awarding of the National Grave Marking Medal to Vice President-elect **Steve Hole**.



Compatriot Jeff Kennedy and his son Logan Kennedy



The medal is suspended from a purple and black drape and is a round disk of silver color. The obverse depicts a cemetery with a picket fence, with a rifle leaning against the fence, a Betsy Ross flag, and a cloudy sky. The words "1775 Patriot" appear at the bottom. The reverse has the words "Services for Those Who Served" flanked by laurel leaves.

Steve earned the medal by participating in ceremonies marking the graves of 15 Revolutionary War Patriots. Texas SAR President Sam Massey will present the medal to Steve Hole and Ron Turner during his visit on January 20, 2024.

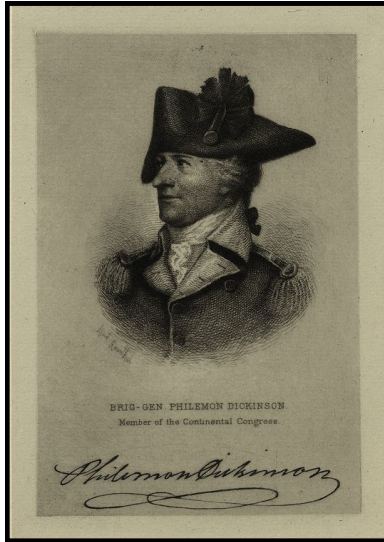


Battle of Millstone

The Battle of Millstone is also known as the Battle of Van Nest's Mill. It was a skirmish that occurred near the mill of Abraham Van Nest in Weston, New Jersey, on January 20, 1777. This action was one of a series of skirmishes known as the Forage War.

BACKGROUND

After George Washington's successful movements around the army of Charles Cornwallis that culminated in the Battle of Princeton on January 3, 1777, Washington faced the dilemma of being caught between Cornwallis in Trenton, New Jersey and the rest of the British Army at New Brunswick, New Jersey.



Rather than make an attempt on the British outpost at New Brunswick with his exhausted troops, Washington moved his army up the Millstone River valley toward Morristown, New Jersey, a place he knew could be strongly fortified and used as winter quarters. Cornwallis and the remaining British and Hessian troops in and around Trenton and Princeton withdrew to New Brunswick to regroup after the battle at Princeton.

On January 13, a significant portion of the British army advanced from New Brunswick west to Somerset Court House (present-day Millstone, New Jersey), and remained there for about a week before retreating back to New Brunswick, destroying houses and plundering supplies. During this time, militia companies mustered to assist the Continental Army. These movements established the area west of New Brunswick up to the Millstone and Raritan rivers as a no man's land between the two forces. Following the British retreat, Somerset Court House became one of several outposts garrisoned by Patriot militia companies, with support from the Continental Army.

BATTLE

A British foraging party of 500 men, led by Lieutenant Colonel Robert Abercromby of the 37th Foot, left New Brunswick on January 20, and headed west toward the Millstone River. They crossed over the river (it is unclear exactly which bridge they used), leaving a rear guard of Hessians with some field artillery to cover the bridge, and eventually reached Van Nest's mill at Weston, New Jersey (near present-day Manville, New Jersey), a few miles north of Somerset Court House, and near the point where the Millstone empties into the Raritan. There they seized supplies of all varieties, and prepared to return to New Brunswick.



An 1806 map of central New Jersey

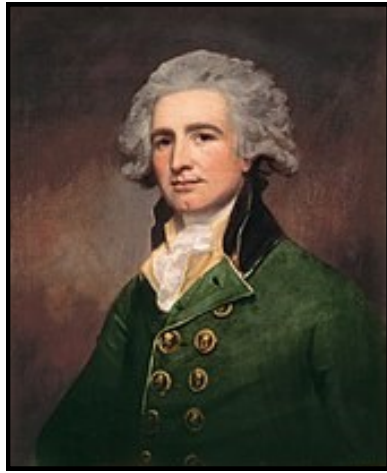
Militia companies to the north were alerted to the British movement early in the day, and some marched for Bound Brook, New Jersey. When reports arrived of the activity at Van Nest's mill, they marched for that place. In all about 400 New Jersey militia and 50 Pennsylvania militia formed under Brigadier General Philemon Dickinson to dispute the British action. While detailed accounts of their movements are sketchy, Dickinson apparently divided his forces, sending one force to meet the front of the British wagon train, while a second moved to flank them. Both of these forces forded one of the rivers, wading in icy water that was waist deep. One successfully surprised the British wagon train in the lane near the mill, before it reached the main road and the bridge toward New Brunswick; their fire struck horses from the first wagon. This stopped the train, scattered the wagon drivers and drove the British to retreat precipitously toward the bridge, leaving their booty behind.

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When the militiamen reached the bridge, the Hessian rear guard fired grape shot from its artillery to cover the retreat. After an exchange of fire across the river without apparent consequence, the British withdrew.

AFTERMATH

Dickinson wrote in a letter to Colonel John Nielson on January 23, "I have the pleasure to inform you that on Monday last with about 450 men chiefly our militia I attacked a foraging party near V. Nest Mills consisting of 500 men with 2 field pieces, which we routed after an engagement of 20 minutes and brought off 107 horses, 49 wagons, 115 cattle, 70 sheep, 40 barrels of flour - 106 bags and many other things, 49 prisoners." General Washington, who was not always happy with the performance of the militias, wrote, "Genl Dickinsons behaviour reflects the highest honour upon him, for tho' his Troops were all raw, he lead [sic] them thro' the River, middle deep, and gave the Enemy so severe a charge, that, altho' supported by three field pieces, they gave way and left their Convoy", and only reported the taking of nine prisoners.



Lt Col Robert Abercromby

Archibald Robertson, a British officer who was not part of the expedition, reported that "Lieutenant Colonel Abercromby with 500 men went on a foraging party towards Hillsborough. Part of this Corps was attacked by the Rebels, which occasion'd such disorder Amongst the Waggon Drivers that 42 Waggons were left behind." One British witness was "absolutely certain the attackers were not militia, they were sure that no militia would fight in that way."

Casualty figures were extremely variable, but British casualties (killed, wounded, or captured) appear to have been in the low 30s according to press accounts (contrary to Dickinson's claim of 49 prisoners taken), while militia casualties were relatively small in number.

Skirmishing continued between American and British forces throughout the winter in a period that historian David Hackett Fischer dubbed the Forage War, since it revolved around the British need for forage for its horses. The American tactics, primarily driven by New Jersey militia commanders but supported by Washington and the Continentals, were so successful that even British foraging parties of 2,000 men came under attack at the Battle of Quibbletown (present-day New Market, New Jersey) on February 8.

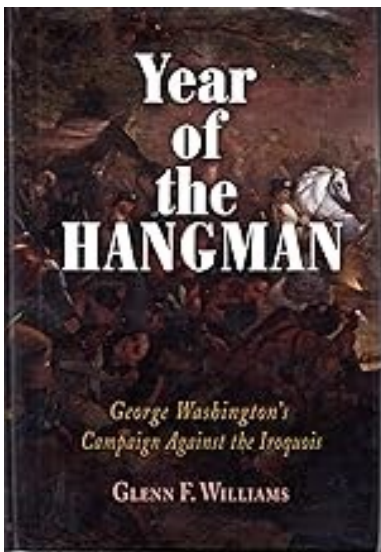
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Millstone





Year of the Hangman: George Washington's Campaign Against the Iroquois

By Glenn F. Williams



After two years of fighting, Great Britain felt confident that the American rebellion would be crushed in 1777, the "Year of the Hangman." Britain devised a bold new strategy. Turning its attention to the colonial frontiers, especially those of western New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, Britain enlisted its provincial

rangers, Tories, and allied warriors, principally from the Iroquois Confederacy, to wage a brutal backwoods war in support of General John Burgoyne's offensive as it swept southward from Canada in an attempt to cut the colonies in half, divert the Continental Army, and weaken its presence around British-occupied New York City and Philadelphia.

Burgoyne's defeat at Saratoga sent shock waves through the British command. But the efforts along the frontier under the direction of Sir John Johnson, Colonel John Butler, and the charismatic Mohawk leader, Joseph Brant, appeared to be impairing the American ability to conduct the war. Destroying Patriot settlements and farms across hundreds of miles of frontier, the British and Indian forc-

es threatened to reduce Continental army enlistment, and more importantly, precious food supplies. Following the massacres at the well-established colonial settlements of Wyoming, Pennsylvania, and Cherry Valley, New York, the Continental Congress persuaded General George Washington to conduct a decisive offensive to end the threat once and for all. Brewing for years, the conflict between the Iroquois and colonists would now reach its deadly climax.

Charging his troops "to not merely overrun, but destroy," Washington devised a two-prong attack to exact American revenge. The largest coordinated American military action against American Indians in the war, the campaign shifted the power in the east, ending the political and military influence of the Iroquois, forcing large numbers of loyalist to flee to Canada, and sealing Britain's fateful decision to seek victory in the south. In *Year of the Hangman: George Washington's Campaign Against the Iroquois*, historian Glenn F. Williams recreates the riveting events surrounding the action, including the checkered story of European and Indian alliances, the bitter frontier wars, and the bloody battles of Oriskany and Newtown.

The Ordeal of Thomas Hutchinson

By Bernard Bailyn

Bernard Bailyn
THE ORDEAL OF
Thomas Hutchinson



"This book," Bernard Bailyn writes, "depicts the fortunes of a conservative in a time of radical upheaval and deals with problems of public disorder and ideological commitment." It is at the same time a dramatic account of the origins of the American Revolution from the viewpoint, not of the winners who became the Founding Fathers, but of the los-

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ers, the Loyalists. By portraying the ordeal of the last civilian royal governor of Massachusetts, Mr. Bailyn explains “what the human reality was against which the victors struggled” and in doing so makes the story of the Revolution fuller and more comprehensible.



Tax Exempt Donations

Are you looking for tax-exempt donations for 2024? Please consider our Chapter’s two funds - the TCU Award Fund and the Goodman Youth Fund. The TCU Awards Program is a unique program established by this Chapter in cooperation with the TCU History Department to recognize history students who have distinguished themselves in some patriotic fashion as set forth in the objectives of the Society. The award is named the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Major K. M. Van Zandt Chapter, Award. The award is presented annually at the Spring Banquet of the TCU History Department. The Goodman Youth Fund is established to assist the Chapter in administering the elementary and secondary students’ programs of the Chapter, i.e. Poster Contest, Oration Contest, Essay Contest, Boy Scout Eagle Contest, ROTC/JROTC Contest. Please send your donation in the form of a check made payable to Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter to Anthony Walker, Treasurer, 1505 Bay Valley Circle, Heath, TX 75032-7619. Your donation will be split evenly between the two funds unless you note a specific fund in the Memo line. Donations must be received by midnight, December 31st.



Wreath Match Program

A message from the folks at Wreaths Across America . . .

After the success and great feedback HQ received from the last three year’s matching campaigns, we are again reaching out with our “Thank You,” by helping you kick off a great start to 2024!

Starting on National Wreaths Across America Day, Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023, and running through Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024 - all wreaths sponsored through a registered

WAA Sponsorship Group will be matched by HQ for placement on next year’s National Wreaths Across America Day - Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024!

IMPORTANT NOTES:

This is only for veterans’ wreaths sponsored through a registered WAA Sponsorship Group - so if you are a 3-for-2 group, you will only get the paid wreaths matched, not the third free wreath. For \$5 back groups, you will not get the \$5 back on the free matched wreath. And of course, regular no plan group sponsorships will be matched as well!

The match will only be honored on checks dated and mail postmarked during the 12/16/23-1/16/24 timeframe. If checks are submitted outside this timeframe, the wreaths will not be matched. **Credit Cards, as well as PayPal, are also accepted using our webpage.**

If you are a Location that would like to participate and benefit from this program, please contact your liaison about registering as a Sponsorship Group.

Just like the match we did last December - January, the Finance team will need time to process all the orders and update everyone’s wreath counts, including carryovers from this year and the matches. Your wreath count reports will reflect this information by the end of April.

Thank you all for your amazing work this year. Together, we are honoring 2.9M veterans at 4,225 participating locations across the country.

This mission grows because of all of you bringing awareness to your communities. THANK YOU!

Our Chapter met our 2023 goal of 150 sponsored wreaths and our goal for 2024 will again be 150 wreaths. If you participate in Wreath Match, please ensure you do it through our WAA webpage at <https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/161399/Overview> beginning on Saturday, December 16th and before the end of day on January 16th.



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.

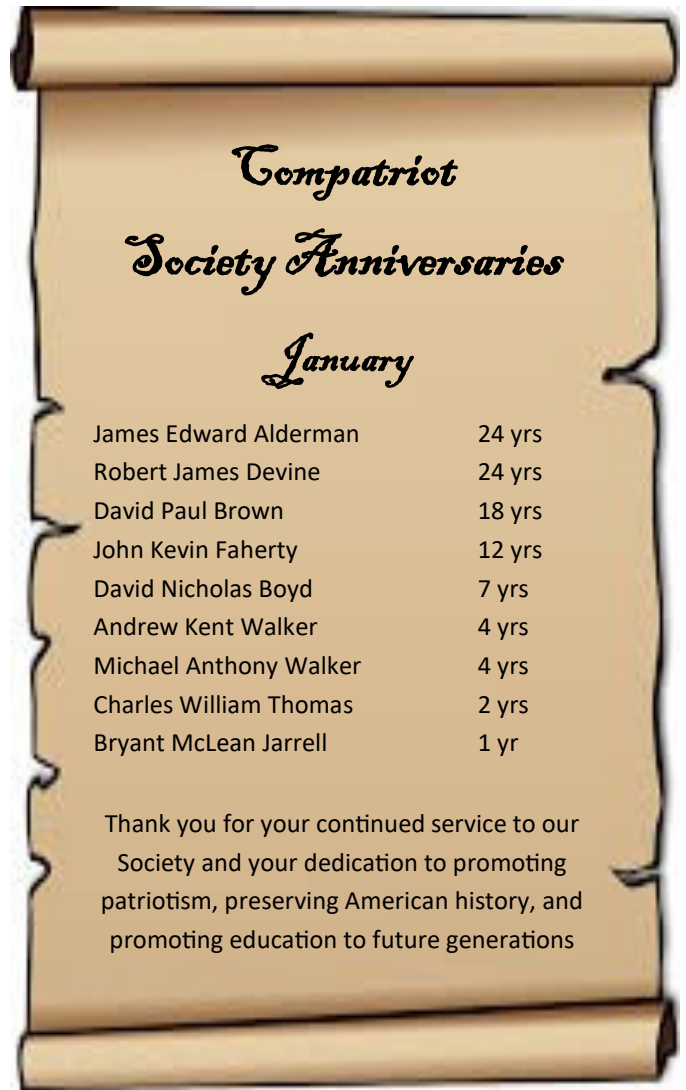
Wear it to chapter meetings!

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>



James Edward Alderman	24 yrs
Robert James Devine	24 yrs
David Paul Brown	18 yrs
John Kevin Faherty	12 yrs
David Nicholas Boyd	7 yrs
Andrew Kent Walker	4 yrs
Michael Anthony Walker	4 yrs
Charles William Thomas	2 yrs
Bryant McLean Jarrell	1 yr

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024

- January 20 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
Texas SAR President Sam Massey to install new officers
- February 17 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
- March 16 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
- April 11-14 129th Annual Texas SAR State Convention, San Antonio, TX **(CG-S)**
- April 20 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
- May 18 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
- June 15 Chapter Meeting, 9:00 am, Diamond Oaks Country Club, Fort Worth
- July 10-16 134th NSSAR Congress, Lancaster, Pennsylvania **(CG-N)**

2025

- TBD 130th Annual Texas SAR State Convention, **DFW Metroplex**, TX **(CG-S)**
- July 12-18 135th NSSAR Congress, Uncasville , Connecticut **(CG-N)**

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



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 REGISTRAR'S REPORT (as of December 1st):

Applications in progress (National—7, State—0)

[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, Thomas Connelley,
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 [National Review] Kenneth Kimberlin Brimer Jr, 178249, 10933, Aledo, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, John Childress
 [National Review] Kenneth Kimberlin Brimer Jr, 178249, 10933, Aledo, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Lawrence Holcomb
 [National Review] Kenneth Kimberlin Brimer Jr, 178249, 10933, Aledo, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, James Wooten
 [National Review] James Vann Cunningham, 188365, 11678, Arlington, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Joel Perkerson



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, 15644, Hudson Oaks, TX, **NEW**, George Martin Shofner
 Feb 17, **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, James Black
 Feb 17, **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Moses Hurt
 Feb 17, **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Adam Lackey
 Feb 17, **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Alexander Oliver
 Feb 17, **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Micajah Stone
 Feb 17, **Joseph Paul DeWoody**, 212833, 14126, Fort Worth, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, James Turner
 Mar 24, **Richard Leon Vandever**, 225752, 15707, North Richland Hills, TX, **NEW**, Peter Doshier
 Mar 24, **Colton Lawrence Williams**, 225479, 15704, Southlake, TX, FAMILY **NEW**, John Floyd
 Mar 24, **Nathaniel David Williams**, 225750, 15705, Southlake, TX, FAMILY **NEW**, John Floyd
 Mar 24, **Samuel Clay Williams**, 225751, 15706, Southlake, TX, FAMILY **NEW**, John Floyd
 Apr 21, **Mark Todd Nash**, 226199, 15757, Southlake, TX, **NEW**, Garret Dungan
 Apr 28, **Kenneth Kimberlin Brimer Jr**, 178249, 10933, Aledo, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, John W. Connally
 May 12, **John Wayne Wheat**, 226536, 15777, Weatherford, TX, **NEW**, Edward Jackson
 May 26, **Joe Vic Wade**, 226754, 15791, Fort Worth, TX, **NEW**, James Turner
 Aug 8, **Fred Arlis Vanzant**, 227450, 0, Lowell, AR, **NEW**, Garrett Vansant
 Aug 11, **Charles William Thomas**, 221400, 14897, Weatherford, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL, Joseph Rhoades
 Aug 25, **Ronald Joe Turner**, 198382, 12354, Euless, TX, SUPPLEMENTAL Joseph Barnett
 Oct 20, **Gregory Alan Riffel**, 228148, 0, Fort Worth, TX, **NEW**, Abraham Stover
 Oct 20, **Scott George Stoddard**, 228149, 0, Keller, TX, **NEW**, David Stoddard



January 1	William Lewis Schwetke
January 2	Michael Ty Hobbs
January 5	Raymond Lee Leftwich David Alan Rankin
January 6	Kenneth Gerard Rigoulot, II
January 11	Brian Kelly Faherty Richard Leon Vandever
January 13	Robert Leslie Goode, Jr.
January 16	Austin Elliston Davis
January 18	Floyd Marvin Cox
January 20	Jeremy Michael Petosa
January 25	Thomas Erik Samuelson Billy Eugene Thompson



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 December 31, 2023, are:

Active / Current Member.....	108
NSSAR Life	8
TXSSAR Perpetual	10
Active/New Member	10
Active/Reinstated (current yr)	3
Active/Reinstated (Over 1 yr)	0
Deceased (current yr)	3
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).....	25
Not Paid Dual State.....	1
Reinstated/Transferred In	1
Transferred In	0
Dual Members (other chapters)	3

Our active membership currently is **130**.

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!

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 ad-



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

God Bless America

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.

IMPORTANT LINKS

Visit and bookmark our chapter website at <http://www.txssar.org/KMVanZandt/index.htm>.

Join our Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/292616193535075/>

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>.