



In Memorium

David Grant Whitaker

Entered This Life: June 17, 1933

Departed This Life: January 24, 2024

A native Houstonian and 6th generation Texan, Compatriot Whitaker was a Sons of the American Revolution Life Member and in earlier years active in many SAR and Texas SAR activities, as exemplified by the following:

- Member of the Sons of the American Revolution
 - Member of Texas SAR
 - Editor, *The Texas Compatriot*, Texas SAR
 - Former Vice President, District 5, Texas SAR
 - Member of Texas SAR Robert Rankin Chapter #62
 - Member of Texas SAR Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter #6
 - President, Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter
 - Assistant Registrar, Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter
 - Editor, *The Chisholm Trail News*, Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter
- SAR Life Member
- SAR George Washington Fellow
- SAR Patriot Medal Awardee
- SAR 1776 Society, Signer

Compatriot Whitaker also held memberships in a variety of other lineage societies, a few of which were:

- General Society of Mayflower Descendants
- General Society of the War of 1812
- National Huguenot Society
- Sons of Confederate Veterans
- Member of Stars and Bars, serving as National Chief of Staff and honorary Commander General of Military Order of the Stars and Bars;
- Admiral of the Texas Navy

David Whitaker Obituary, Published by Legacy Remembers on Jan. 23, 2024.

David G. Whitaker, 90, passed away peacefully in [Birmingham, Alabama](#) on January 14, 2024. He was born on June 17, 1933. He was a native Houstonian and a sixth generation Texan. He attended John H. Reagan High School, and then attended the University of Houston, and was a member of the Kappa Delta Kappa and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternities. He received a Bachelor's degree in 1961 after returning from military service. David served in Army intelligence

(Army Security Agency) and was stationed in Okinawa during the early years of the Vietnam war. David was a successful electrical contractor, installing wiring in many major hospitals and commercial buildings in Houston. He was an avid sailboat skipper racing his Cal 40 "Vaquero" and won numerous offshore racing events and served as Commodore of the Galveston Bay Cruising Association. He also loved aviation and became an instrument rated commercial pilot. He was the National Chief of Staff and Honorary Commander General of the Military Order of the Stars & Bars based on the service of one of his many Confederate ancestors. David was also an Admiral in the Texas Navy, a member of the Order of the Southern Cross, a member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

David was the son of Grant E. Whitaker & Mary Ellen Elliott Whitaker. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Dinah Wallace Whitaker (September 8, 1934 - April 13, 2022) and survived by his three children; Pete Whitaker (Debbie), Matt Whitaker (Ronda), and Polly Whitaker Perry (Mike). He has seven grandchildren & nine great grandchildren. Special thanks and many kindnesses go to family and friends who shared in his life well-lived.