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TEXAS SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION, DENTON CHAPTER #23, TXSSAR INC.®



Next Meeting: Scheduled for

10am January 14, 2023

LOCATION THIS TIME:

at the

Emily Fowler Public Library,

502 Oakland Street,

Denton, TX 76201

Chapter Officers

President—Jim Akers

Vice President—Brandon Story

Registrar & Genealogist—

Tom Richards

Recording Secretary—Mike Fry

Treasurer—Christopher Strauss

Chaplain—Bill Rowell

Past President—Mike Connelley

Sgt at Arms—Johnny Loomis

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Chapter President Jim Akers Message:

It sure seems like we have a lot going on in the Denton Chapter.

Our major event in November was our participation in the Traveling Viet Nam War Memorial, on November 11 and November 12. In addition to those who signed up to man the Denton Chapter table, many of our members and prospective members stopped by, just for support.

Our new member initiative is in a transition phase. Previously, we were able to get new members approved by using Sons of the American Revolution or Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) previously submitted and approved applications, as long as those "record copies" were submitted in 1985 or later. The new standards have changed that to 2012, or later, and instead of using "brackets" for information not supported by documentation, that information can now

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be left off. Of course lineage must still be proven, and a birth certificate for the applicant must be included, as well as documentation supporting the applicant's blood-line parent. If all of this is confusing, just ask one of our recent applicants, or our Chapter Registrar, Tom Richards to try explaining it. Speaking of which, now would be a good time to finish up those supplemental applications before the rules—and fees—change.

We are now entering our Youth Programs critical time, and are actively seeking applicants for the Knight Essay Contest, the Oration Contest, and the new Video Contest. Rodney Hess, a History Teacher at Ryan High School in the Denton ISD has agreed to be our applicant for the Teacher of the Year Contest. Mr. Hess is a dynamic personality, who has previously been the winner of the DAR History Teacher of the Year Contest. If you are aware of anyone that would be a good candidate for any of these contests, please let me know. We can always use more contestants, even for the History Teacher of the Year. Details on these contests can be found at

<https://www.sar.org/youth-awards-contests/>.

We have another opportunity for the Youth Programs. Please let me know if you are an Eagle Scout, or are interested in the Boy Scouts program. The Eagle Scout Recognition and Award Program is open to Eagle Scouts, who have not reached their 19th birthday during the year of application. Applicants must submit a four-generation ancestry chart and an original patriotic theme essay of 500 words or less. This award can be up to \$10,000 at the National level. There is also an award for Boy Scout Volunteers, who are SAR members. If you know a super Boy Scout Volunteer who is not a member of SAR, please have a talk with them about the SAR.

Again, details of these awards can be found at <https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Eagle-Scout-Award-Contest-Brochure.pdf>. If you have an Eagle Scout or

Boy Scouts Volunteer in mind for these awards, please let me know.

We have another opportunity to mark a Patriot's grave in North Texas! Bill Watts of the Dallas Chapter (bill_watts@att.net) is in the process of organizing a committee and setting a date for the ceremony. Volunteers are needed to help with the planning and execution of this event. Please contact Bill, or me, if you can help with this event. The Patriot is James Lemmon, who is buried in the Old Edgewood Cemetery in Lancaster, Dallas County, Texas. The date has not been set, but for planning purposes, March seems about right. Even if you are not available to be on the planning committee, please consider adding this event to your March calendar.

I was recently asked to provide a listing of the SAR Medals that our members have been awarded. Truthfully, we have fallen behind in this important recognition program. I am therefore seeking members who would like to be on a Chapter Awards Committee to recommend members for various awards. Please submit your names to me or Vice President Brandon Story.

As we finish up the year, remember to let Reporting Secretary Mike Connelley (mikefbi6588@gmail.com) know of any activities you have participated in during the year, especially in the Veterans outreach area. Anytime you visited with a Veteran, or presented a Viet Nam Veterans lapel pin can be included. The names of the Veterans you contacted is nice...but not required.

Mark your calendar for our next in-person meeting: **January 14, 2023, 10:00 am**. Our scheduled speakers will be two SAR Members from the Van Zandt (Fort Worth) Chapter who have agreed to discuss the history of Revolutionary War era muskets. We will be returning to the **Emily Fowler Public Library, 502 Oakland Street, Denton, TX 76201**.

Ron Akers, Denton Chapter President

The following message is from Bill Watts of the Dallas Chapter.

Please respond directly to Bill at bill_watts@att.net if you are interested.

Compatriots,

We have another opportunity **to mark a Patriot's grave in North Texas**. We are in the process of organizing a committee and setting a date for the ceremony.

This email is to invite the North Texas Chapters who are close to the cemetery in Lancaster County, Texas to participate in this Patriot Grave Marking Ceremony. As the president, incoming president, color guard commander, etc... we need volunteers to help with the planning and execution of this event. If I have missed anyone please let me know and I'll send them a copy of this email.

If any of you would like to volunteer to serve on the committee to mark Patriot James Lemmon buried in Old Edgewood Cemetery in Lancaster County, Texas please contact me and I'll put you on our committee Zoom list.

The date has not been set as of this time but we are wanting to mark his grave in March. Please inform your chapter.

Thank you for your service,
Best regards,
Bill Watts, Chairman North Texas Patriots Grave Committee

Editor's Note

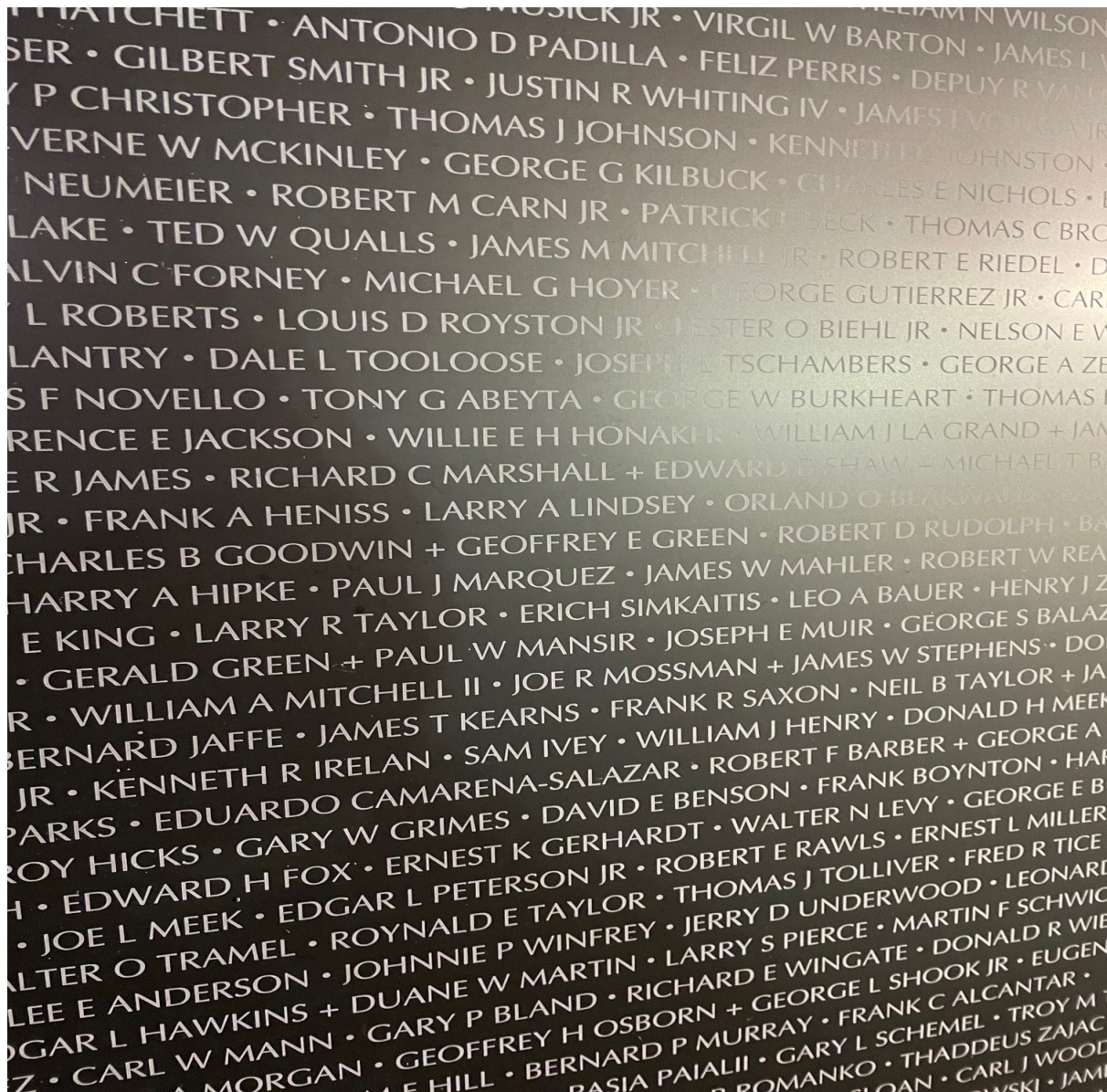
The Chapter **website** is <https://www.txssar.org/Denton/>. On that site are the back copies of this newsletter, information about the Chapter, and links to the SAR State and National web sites.

We now have a **Facebook page**, www.facebook.com, search for **Denton TX SAR**. Please join and participate.

All of these communication devices take time to maintain. If you would like to help and/or take over one of these, please let me know.

Bill Surles, wsmerch@gmail.com

Traveling Vietnam Veteran Wall



The City of Denton was fortunate to have the Traveling Vietnam Veteran Wall visit the city over the time frame of November 9th to November 13th, 2022. The traveling wall is a scale replica of the Vietnam War Memorial located in Washington, DC. A number of groups were responsible for getting the Wall in Denton, Texas with special recognition to the Texas Veterans museum located in the Golden Triangle Mall, Loop 288.

Our chapter was part of this event, hosting a table in the Golden Triangle Mall during the time span of the Wall's presence in Denton. Several chapter officers and members were at the table over that 3 to 4 day period the Wall was in Denton and presented the Vietnam Veteran lapel pin to several veterans that were met at Texas Veterans Museum which is located in the Golden Triangle Mall.

Traveling Vietnam Veteran Wall



Vietnam Era veteran lapel pin



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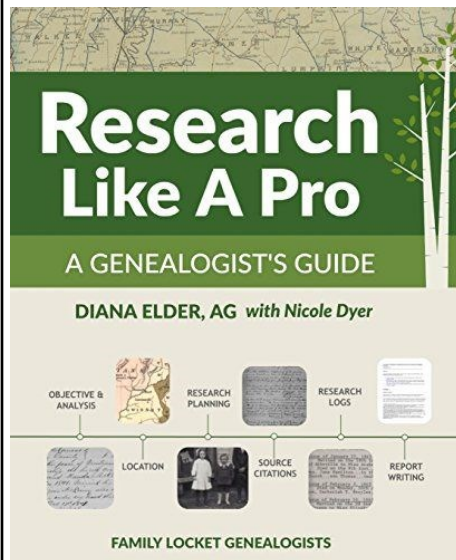
A Vietnam Era veteran lapel pin presented to prospective Randy Nusbaum by chapter members Bill Surlles, Mike Connelley and Jim Akers, the current Denton Chapter president. The lapel pin can be presented to **any veteran who served on active duty in the U. S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location of service.**

UP YOUR GENEALOGICAL GAME and RESEARCH LIKE A PRO

Feeling the need to take your genealogy research to the next level? Want to learn a research process from start to finish? Would you like to create research projects to work with your DNA results? Two recent Denton Public Library Special Collections book acquisitions may be just the ticket to achieve these goals.

Research Like a Pro: A Genealogist's Guide

by Diana Elder, AG with Nicole Dyer



Published in 2018, *Research Like a Pro* guides readers through the entire genealogical research process which professionals use to make progress in their research and solve difficult cases.

Readers can learn how to:

Formulate Research Objectives – What do you want to know? Analyze your pedigree and choose a question, formulate a research objective and write it down.

Analyze Sources – What do you already know? Carefully revisit the records you already have and other readily available sources on your ancestor, such as online family trees, etc. Create a timeline of all known facts about your ancestor and evaluate each source with fresh eyes.

Research Locality – Often clues to your research question will be found in the locality in which your ancestors lived. Dig into the locality to learn more and create a guide which you can use now and save for later research.

Create a Research Plan – How often do you search but not research, and go down unproductive rabbit holes? Create a research plan to laser-focus your work.

Craft Source Citations – Demonstrate how you came to your conclusions and avoid re-searching where you have already been. Here, the authors demystify source citations.

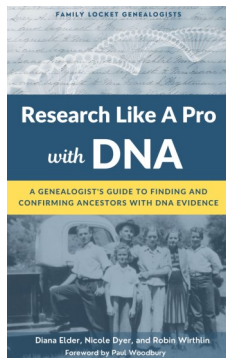
Log your Research – Track where you have been and still need to go by creating a research log for your project.

Write a Research Report – You've worked hard on your project, but without documenting it, who will know? Craft a research report to save your valuable research findings for yourself and others.

Not only does *Research Like a Pro* take readers through each step, but also provides readers with easy-to-use templates, and illustrates each step with the author's case studies.

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Research Like a Pro with DNA: A Genealogist's Guide to Finding and Confirming Ancestors with DNA Evidence by Diana Elder, Nicole Dyer and Robin Wirthlin

Just published in 2021, **Research Like a Pro with DNA** takes the RLP process and applies it to the often-complex task of working with DNA to answer research questions. If you are overwhelmed by your DNA test results, you need a step-by-step approach to both understanding what your DNA results mean and how best to apply them to a genealogical question.

The book covers:

Take a DNA Test – Which test is best to answer your question? Learn how and why you might need to use a specific test and test a specific person to best utilize the results.

Assess Your DNA Matches and Analyze Your Pedigree – Take control of your DNA results with tracking systems, clustering methods, calculating relationships, etc., and pinpoint the best matches for your project.

Organize Your DNA Matches – Make sense of DNA matches visually with diagramming and family trees.

Create a Research Objective – Create a focused and achievable research objective to get beyond genealogical dead ends.

Write Source Citations – Help others follow and verify conclusions about DNA research by creating accurate source citations on DNA reports, analysis, etc.

Analyze your Sources & DNA Matches – DNA sources work together with traditional documentary sources. Here, the authors show how to analyze both types of sources.

Locality and Ethnicity – Where a tester's DNA has been, and which ethnicity it shows may be the key to answering research questions. Learn how to evaluate both elements.

DNA Tools and Methodology – The number of DNA tools readily available to genealogy researchers has exploded over the past decade. Discover which tools might best help solve a research problem.

Research Planning with DNA – With so many moving parts, a DNA project research plan is essential to making progress.

Research Logs and Writing as You Go – Logging research and writing as you go helps you to remember what you found, and why—or why not—it was relevant.

Correlating your Findings and Writing the Research Report – DNA projects especially need written documentation where analysis, correlation and conclusions are spelled out.

As with **Research Like a Pro**, the authors provide links, resources, templates and work samples which illustrate each step in the process.

Both books provide an excellent roadmap for making your way through a genealogical project in a friendly, easy-to-understand manner.


Get more information on the Research Like a Pro process with the [podcast](#) hosted by authors Diana Elder and Nicole Dyer. Weekly episodes offer deep dives into the RLP method, relevant books, record sets, DNA tools and much more. They also [blog](#) about these same topics on their [FamilyLocket](#) website.

Make progress now with **Research Like a Pro** and **Research Like a Pro with DNA**.

Search the catalog www.library.cityofdenton.org or visit the Special Collections at the Emily Fowler Central Library, 502 Oakland, Denton Texas to find these and many other resources to help you with your family history research. For assistance email genealogy@cityofdenton.com or call (940)349-8752.

– Nancy Gilbride Casey
Denton Public Library Volunteer

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NEWSLETTER

CASEYS TO GIVE "SWAMP FOX" SEMINAR

On September 7, 1995, 7:00 p.m. at the Good Samaritan Village in Denton J. B. Casey, Sr. and J. B. Casey, Jr. will present the history of their ancestor's involvement in the American Revolution. Their ancestor, Sgt. Randolph Casey served in South Carolina under General Francis Marion, as did his father Abner Casey and his brother, Col. Levi Casey. The Dallas Chapter of the DAR, The Randolph Casey Chapter is named in honor of Sgt. Casey. The activities of General Marion's command during the Revolution will be reviewed.

John B. (Ben) Casey, Jr. is to be congratulated for his work with the Dallas YMCA which was recognized in a recent Dallas Morning News "High Profiles" article (August 6, 1995). Ben is President of the Dallas YMCA and is a role model for the youth of the area.



"The Swamp Fox" (General Francis Marion)

OPPORTUNITY FOR PATRIOTIC CONTRIBUTIONS

One hundred and seven dollars and forty three cents is needed to retire our flag expenses. If you would like to contribute to any or all of this amount please do so by contacting the President, Richard Fletcher.

*Congratulations to New Member ...
Charles Baird!*

**REMINDER: NEXT MEETING-SEPTEMBER 7, 7:00 P. M
DENTON GOOD SAMARITAN VILLAGE**

VOICES OF THE REVOLUTION

"What do you mean by the Revolution? The war? That was no part of the Revolution; It was only an effect and consequence of it. The Revolution was in the minds of the people, and this was effected, from 1760 to 1775, in the course of fifteen years before a drop of blood was shed at Lexington. The records of thirteen legislatures, the pamphlets, newspapers in all the colonies should be consulted during that period to ascertain the steps by which the public opinion was enlightened and informed concerning the authority of Parliament over the colonies."

John Adams

Source: 200 Years A Bicentennial
Illustrated History of the United States
U.S. News and World Report, 1973