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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Tom Jackson



My fellow compatriots:

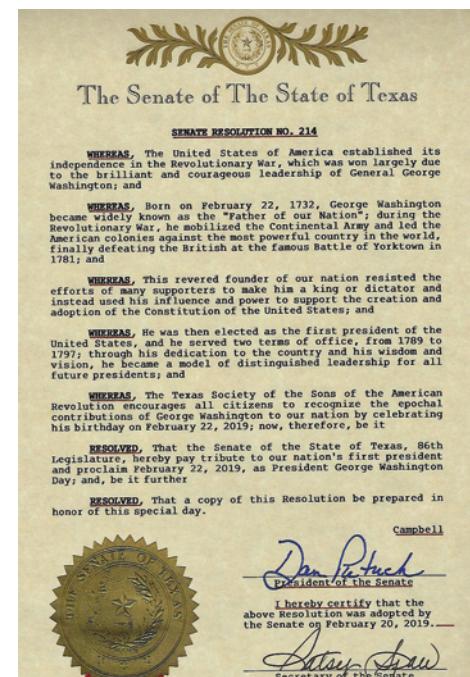
First, I want to invite each of you to attend the state convention in Austin. Host Chairman Jim Clements and his team have been working very hard and it is going to be a grand affair. The host hotel is full, but at hotels across the street there are plenty of rooms at a reduced rate. Please check the website for further information.

Our year started in grand fashion with hosting the SAR National Congress in Houston. We continue to receive accolades from those who attended. In your service this past year, I have traveled 18,000 miles of which 10,000 were by car. We are blessed to have many retired individuals as members. As a retired CFO, I am well aware that the definition of retirement is disposal of an asset at the end of its useful life. I prefer to think that we have opted for stewardship in lieu of retirement. I have spoken with hundreds of our compatriots, many of whom will never go to a national congress or even a state meeting, and am humbled to hear of their contributions to our society. We are a group of notable men.



Texas SAR color guard compatriots Blair Rudy, Tom Jones, Stu Hoyt and James Clements are acknowledged in the Texas Senate gallery as Senate Resolution No. 214, paying tribute to George Washington as our first president and acknowledging his birthday on Feb. 22, is passed. The Texas SAR has made such resolutions by civil governments across the state a priority this year. (Additional photo on page 5.)

As a precursor to this gestalt, a Texas Notable Committee was created to highlight notables and capture their histories. This resulted in awarding of the Gold Good Citizenship Medal to James Franklin McInvale with hopes that J.J. Watt will receive his in the near future. A



second objective of the project is to induct public figures and I'm proud to say that our committee has been most successful. During congress we inducted two judges and, at our state convention, we will induct a four-star general. Waiting in the **Continued on back page**

Thomas Morgan Woodward, SAR emeritus member, actor, dead at age 93

Thomas Morgan Woodward is a name that you may not place at first glance. But to those who grew up with TV Westerns and big-screen villains, his face speaks volumes.

Morgan Woodward was an emeritus member of the Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter in Fort Worth and died at his home in Paso Robles, CA, on Feb. 22. The third of five sons, Morgan was born Sept. 16, 1925, in Fort Worth to Dr. Valentine "Valin" Ridge Woodward and Frances Louise (McKinley) Woodward. He grew up in Arlington and graduated from high school in 1944.

Morgan was a member of the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. He returned to the military during the Korean War, this time as a lieutenant in special services.

As an actor, he enjoyed a long and successful 40-plus-year career in Hollywood. He was best known for his recurring role on the highly popular prime time series "Dallas" as Marvin "Punk" Anderson from 1980 to 1989. He also played the silent, sunglasses-wearing "man with no eyes," Boss Godfrey in the movie "Cool Hand Luke" (1967). He also has the most guest appearances on "Gunsmoke," at 19 episodes.

One of his longest television roles was in 42 episodes between 1958 and 1961 on the ABC Television series "The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp," as the deputy/sidekick "Shotgun" Gibbs. Morgan also made 12 guest appearances on "Wagon Train" between 1958 and 1965.

Morgan guest starred in two episodes of the original series of "Star Trek." In a season one episode, he played Dr. Simon van Gelder, a



deputy director of a facility for the criminally insane. In season two, he portrayed Captain Ron Tracey, the commander of the starship USS Exeter, sister ship to the USS Enterprise.

His prolific television career also included "Bonanza," "The Waltons," "The Lucy Show" (with John Wayne guest-starring), "Hill Street Blues," and "Logan's Run." On the big screen, Morgan played supporting roles in Disney's "The Great Locomotive Chase" (1956), "The Gun Hawk" (1963), opposite Audie Murphy in "Gunpoint" (1966), in James Stewart and Henry Fonda's "Firecreek" (1968), and on the Alan Smithee pseudonym Western "Death of a Gunfighter."

For his contribution to the Western genre, he received the Golden Lariat Award at the National Western Film Festival and the prestigious Golden Boot Award from the Hollywood Motion Picture and Television Fund. In 2009, Morgan was inducted into the Hall of Great Western Performers at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. In 1986, he was inducted

into the Order of West Range of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. The Fielder House Museum in Arlington, Texas, houses a large portion of his film and television memorabilia in their "Woodward Room."

On March, 18, Morgan would have celebrated his 75th anniversary as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

His father, along with his uncle, Dr. Cicero S. Woodward, were co-founders of this publication, the Texas Society Texas Compatriot.

Morgan contributed greatly to the success of rededicating his father's SAR grave marker in Arlington in March 2016. He is the reason that so many family members attended. Unfortunately, Morgan could not attend due to health issues.

He was a great benefactor to the Arlington Historical Society (AHS) that had a special project to recognize the Arlington citizens in WWII and Korean War, and Morgan donated funds to make it happen.

Compatriot Woodward lived a long and distinguished life. He, his brothers and their forebearers serve as a glowing example of SAR dedication to service in fields of endeavor, public life and service to country.

- Article submitted by Ron Turner



The sons of Dr. Valin Ridge Woodward (not in birth order): Dr. Stanley Mortimer Woodward, Col. Valin Ridge Woodward Jr., Coulter Lee Woodward, Dr. Francis Lewis Woodward and Thomas Morgan Woodward.



PLEASE NOTE

There has been confusion about a recent post card mailing requesting "Member Varification." This solicitation **is** authorized by the National Society for the membership directory. You are under no obligation to purchase anything.



Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge invited Dallas SAR Chapter's Tom Whitelock and Jerry Pinkerton to post the colors at their annual dinner and awards presentation on Feb. 2.

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Compatriot Robert Hites of Patrick Henry Chapter places a flag on the grave of Patriot Stephen Williams in the historic Patriots' Hill section of the Texas State Cemetery in Austin as part of the Flags Across America program.

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FORT WORTH – On Feb. 16, at the monthly meeting of the Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter in Fort Worth, chapter officers inducted a fourth and fifth generation of compatriots. Andrew M. Cox's great-great-grandfather, Oney K. Carstarphen, was a member of the SAR who traced his lineage to patriot ancestor William Adam Welch. His great-grandmother, Helen C. Cox, was a member of the DAR and her patriot ancestor was Leonard Helms. Andrew's grandfather is Kenneth R. Cox, a member and past president of the Van Zandt Chapter whose patriot ancestor was William Adam Welsh. Andrew and his father, Michael R. Cox, were inducted based on their lineage to patriot ancestor Joseph Allen Welsh. Kenneth R. Cox also received a supplemental certificate for Joseph Allen Welsh. Pictured left to right: "Chase" Sanger (chapter vice president), Michael Cox (new member), Sophie Cox (Mike's wife, Andy's mom), Andrew Cox (new junior member), Janice Cox (Mike's mom, Andy's grandma, Ken's wife), Kenneth Cox, "Gerry" Gieger (chapter president).



Members of Bernardo de Galvez Chapter and statewide guests participated in the traditional Galveston "Dickens on the Strand" holiday extravaganza.



TEXAS CITY – Mayor Matthew Doyle (seated) presents Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1 President Bill Adriance with a proclamation declaring Feb. 22 as President George Washington Birthday in Texas City. From left: chapter treasurer Gene Shaner, color guard commander Larry Tidwell, president Adriance and secretary John Hamlin.

Around the state



ATHENS – On Jan. 12, the Athens Chapter hosted a grave marker dedication for Past Texas President Dr. Robert L. Kurth Sr. at the Garden of Memories Memorial Park in Lufkin.

Kurth was a veteran of WW II and Korea. He served as Governor of the Texas Society of Colonial Wars, president of The Society of the War of 1812 in Texas and surgeon general

of the Continental Society Sons of Indian Wars. He was a member of the Sons of the Confederacy, Sons of the Republic of Texas, Military Order of Stars and Bars, Sons of American Colonists, National Huguenot Society, Manakin Huguenot Society, Baroni Order of Magna Charta, Order of Three Crusades, Order of the Crown of Charlemagne, First Families of Georgia, Sons of the Revolution and Somerset Magna Charta. Kurth served as Texas president SAR (1986-1987) and as surgeon general and vice president general of the South Central Region at the national level.

The dedication was attended by his wife Sara Ella, son Robert L. Kurth Jr., daughter Karen Kurth Hall, granddaughters Annabelle Kurth and Kristen Hall Reid and great-grandson Daegan Reid.

A special thanks go to compatriots T.L. Holden, John Greer, David Kinsey, Fred Preston and Dr. Jennings Naranjo for dressing in uniform and participating in the color guard. It made the dedication very memorable for the family. – Bill Sekel, VP District 10

**See you all in Austin for the 124th
Texas Sons of the American Revolution Convention
April 4 - 7, 2019**



ATHENS – On Nov. 24, 2018, the Athens Chapter and the James George Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas held a joint grave marker dedication for Patriot Benjamin W. Anderson in Glenfawn, Texas.

Benjamin W. Anderson was born in January 1751 in South Carolina. His grandfather, Abraham Anderson, accepted 200 acres on the Carolina coast from King George III. Benjamin joined the Continental Army after the Tories killed his father, Joshua Anderson.

Benjamin was married in 1784 in Georgia to Polly Rebecca Curenton. They had nine children before she died in 1811 in Alabama. He married Margaret Jane Williams and they had 16 children.

Benjamin and Margaret came to Texas from Greene County, Alabama, with some of their children and grandchildren in 1834. Benjamin, the patriarch, in his mid-80s was making his last great pilgrimage. There were about 33 members of the family who made the trip from Alabama to Texas.

He enlisted and served with the local militia during the Texas Revolution. At the age of 85 years, he was eligible to receive a league and a labor of land. He purchased land in Nacogdoches County in what was called Black Jack. In his lifetime Benjamin Anderson moved halfway across the continent, from South Carolina to Georgia to Alabama to Texas. He participated in two major uprisings, the American Revolution and the Texas Revolution.

He loved racehorses and rode them until he broke his leg in a horse race at the very young age of 96. He passed away on Sept. 14, 1853, at the age of 102.

In 1906 Benjamin's son, Thomas Howard Anderson, had this to say: "We moved to Texas in the year 1834 from Green County, Alabama, and landed in Sabine County and lived there a while. We then lived in San Augustine County, then Nacogdoches County, where I spent most of my young days. My father's name was Benjamin Anderson. He was the father of twenty-five children, nine by his first wife and sixteen by my mother, but that large family has all passed to the great beyond except myself and one brother, George W. Anderson of Mason County. I am 83 years old and my brother 81."

Benjamin W. Anderson was born the subject of an English king and died a proud Texian.

Several family members were present and were very thankful for the placement of the markers. SAR color guard members traveled from around the state to be at the Athens ceremony. John Greer, Ted Wilson, T.L. Holden and Michael Bierman took time out of their Thanksgiving holiday to participate. President Clayton Starr of the James George Chapter of the SAR participated and provided the marker. – Bill Sekel, president of the Athens Chapter, VP District 10.

Record copies now available from SAR

For the first time, the National Society is making available the ability to order a record copy of an application online with credit card payment. Currently, only the record copies for which the applicant's name, national number, and patriot ancestor are provided can be ordered using this system.

This will significantly reduce the amount of time for a member to receive a copy of an application. Most copies will be returned by email the same business day the order is placed. Please keep in mind that holidays, vacation days, and sick days may delay the processing of record copy requests, including those ordered online.

This system cannot be used for an ancestor search or a documentation request. Those may become available at a later date.

Please keep in mind that record copies of living members of the SAR are restricted to members of the SAR, DAR, and C.A.R. You are required to enter your national number to place an order.

To place an order for record copies, visit www.sar.org/record-copy.

Last-minute notes on the TXSAR Convention

(EDITOR'S NOTE: While the delegate deadline was March 8, the TXSAR leadership feels that the rules determining delegate eligibility to the upcoming state convention should be clear.)

Rules for determining delegates to the Texas SAR Annual Convention are described in Article XX of the Texas SAR Bylaws. See page 14 <https://www.txssar.org/cgi-bin/dada/mail.cgi/r/chpres/947304544930/>

"Each local chapter will receive one delegate-at-large, plus one delegate for every seven (7) members or major fraction thereof of each Local Chapter, provided, however, that any Local Chapter having less than seven (7) members shall be entitled to one delegate. The delegate shall be selected in accordance with the rules prescribed by each Local Chapter, provided, however, that all delegates must be members of the Texas Society in good standing.

An Active Member, delinquent in paying dues, shall not be eligible to actively participate in any Annual or Special Meeting of this Society, unless his delinquency is cured at least (60) days before the date of such society Meeting as shown by the records of the State Secretary. What this means is that anyone who has not been marked as paid by the State Treasurer and accounted for the by the State Secretary by January 31, will NOT be eligible to be a delegate for the upcoming State Conference. Additionally, that list on January 31, will determine how many delegates each chapter will receive.

Once the number is determined, a spreadsheet of these

numbers will be provided via DaDa email (See attached two page pdf) to all Texas SAR chapter Presidents and District VPs. Each Chapter is responsible for providing the state secretary with the following information, no later than March 8th with the proposed Chapter Delegates who meet the following requirements:

- 1) Active Texas SAR Member as of February 1 per published list.
- 2) Primary or dual member of the chapter they will represent.
- 3) Will be present at the Convention in Austin, Texas and in physical attendance at the meetings.

Upon arriving at the convention, chapter delegates will receive their voting credentials/ID. This is another good reason to get all your chapter dues paid in early and on time to maximize your potential delegates for the convention general sessions."

Regards,
Drake Peddie
State Secretary



Online registration is still open for the 124th Texas SAR State Convention, April 4-7, in Austin.

Unfortunately, the host hotel for the convention, the Omni Southpark Hotel at 4140 Governor's Row, is sold out at the convention contract rate.

Remaining rooms at the Omni hotel are \$170, plus tax, and up. You must book your room directly with the hotel at (512) 448-2222.

Overflow arrangements have been made with the Homewood Suites (at \$135, plus tax) and the Hampton Inn (at \$125, plus tax). Both are directly across the street and are in easy walking distance of the convention hotel.

All properties offer free hot breakfast and free parking. If you have any questions please email j.clements.tx@gmail.com.

Colonial attire, anyone?

For those who are interested in colonial attire, Just Two Tailors will have a booth at the convention with information and measurement opportunities for custom Continental Militia uniforms.

Tailor Rick has done authentic custom sewing for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and individuals for many years.

His website should answer many questions:
<http://just2tailors.com/AboutUs.asp>.

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wings is a county commissioner whose voting constituency is greater than 20 states.

A third prong of the mission is to capture the history of our notables. Public figures will appear on our public website while the rest of us will be detailed on the private website on a chapter basis. This is a five-year project and details will be presented at our state convention. The results obtained should help appeal to others to join us. Last year we did not earn the Furlong Award and were surpassed by both Virginia and Georgia. I challenged our chapter presidents, supported by state leadership, to surpass our activities as reported from last year to this year. The chapters rose to the challenge, and dramatic increases were seen across the board and engagement by our members was excellent. A key feature was to enhance engagement and the area that drew sharp focus was participation in Wreaths Across America and the issuance of flag certificates. WAA participation permits a chapter to earn the Partners in Patriotism Award and provides an opportunity for the rank and file, with or without a color guard uniform, to contribute.

Following the lead of my predecessors, I have urged enhanced

relations with our sisters, the Daughters of the American Revolution. Simple ratio analysis tells us we're underserving between 2,000-7,000 men in the state of Texas. The DAR finder's form and the corresponding medals are superb ways to thank our sisters for the work they do on our behalf. By all accounts, Texas will win this national contest again this year with a dramatic increase in participation from last year. I will have visited at least eight DAR chapters to bring greetings and to issue certificates while recognizing our sisters in their support of SAR membership. I have urged our chapters to present these medals not only at their SAR chapter meetings but also to go to our sisters' "house." Other low-impact interaction with our sisters is to support their community service projects. Of course, chapters could adopt an ambassador program where a compatriot would attend a DAR meeting, not as a HODAR, but as a way of learning how we could support our sisters.

As with any organization like ours, we have challenges with recruiting new members, growing leadership, and maintaining critical mass for our smaller chapters. When new leadership is not grown, chapters become weary

and believe the only recourse is to forfeit their charter. PG Nathan White offered a different solution and the chapter he helped went from closing its doors to 75 members in attendance at their January meeting. We need to forge an action plan for the eight chapters that need redevelopment. To this end, a committee has been formed and the Council of State Presidents will be engaged to address alternatives to closure and offer hope to our fellow compatriots.

Here in Texas we have a rich Spanish history and there must be thousands of men with Spanish surnames who qualify for membership. A membership committee has been charged with exploring this possibility. We also have more than 3,000 compatriots who have dropped their membership in the last several years, and we should consider reaching out to these friends who wanted to belong to our organization.

In closing I would say thank you for entrusting me to serve our Texas Society for the past year. We have a great future and a glorious past.

I am humbled, but yet proud, to be counted among a number of men who have chosen to be elite stewards of the country we love, bound together by their ancestors who created our nation.