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Wreaths Across America Remember, Honor, Teach



The **BERNARDO DE GALVEZ CHAPTER** Color Guard participated in the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the La Marque Cemetery in La Marque, Texas. Posting the Colors were President Hugh Ferguson, Jr., Past-President Billy Mayo and Secretary John Loper.



Nine Compatriots of the **MAJ. K.M. VAN ZANDT CHAPTER** participated in the Wreaths Across America Ceremony this morning at Oakwood Cemetery in north Fort Worth. Again this year, the Chapter was recognized with a 2nd Place Mention for providing 125 wreaths. From left to right: Ron Turner, James Alderman, Bobby Gresham, Joe Wade, Jeff Kennedy, Bob Jacobs, Vann Cunningham, Zachary Cunningham, and Doug Schwetke.



Texas SAR **FREEDOM CHAPTER** hosted their 2nd Wreaths Across America observance at the New Montgomery Cemetery in Montgomery. With the assistance of the Boy Scouts, Lions Club, the Mayor of Montgomery, and many local friends, they paid their respects to 130 souls who have fought for our Country.

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Is Your Chapter Publicizing Its Activities?

Every Texas SAR Chapter has many activities and events that are NOT being shared outside the respective chapter.

Is this your chapter?

Every Chapter President should appoint a member of the chapter to report chapter news, activities, or events (especially Color Guard) to the editor of *The Texas Compatriot* for inclusion in the quarterly newsletter.

Information on how to submit articles and photos is located on the last page.

Mark Your CALENDAR

2023

- Mar 2-4 Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY
- Mar 16-17 DAR State Conference, Hyatt Regency Hotel, DFW Airport
- Mar 19 Patriot James Lemmon Grave Marking, 3:00 pm, Lancaster (date is tentative)
- Mar 25 C.A.R. State Conference
- Mar 30-Apr 2 Texas SAR Annual Convention, Spring
- Apr 22 Medal of Honor Parade, Gainesville, muster time 9:00 a.m.
- Jul 13-20 133rd Congress, Orlando, FL
- Aug 25-26 South Central District Meeting, Wichita, KS
- Sep 21-23 Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY

Wreaths Across America, continued



Michael Goode, Sr., and Texas SAR Color Guard Commander Bob Kubin, members of **EAST FORK TRINITY CHAPTER**, at the Kaufman Veteran's Memorial.



Texas SAR members participating in Wreaths Across America at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin are (left to right): James Clements of the **PATRICK HENRY CHAPTER**, Vernon Eubanks, Darrin Hutchinson, and Darrell Hutchinson, all of the **ALEXANDER HAMILTON CHAPTER**, and Jason Bourgeois of the **SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER**.



ROBERT RANKIN CHAPTER members Tom Jackson and Michael Bierman represented Texas SAR **FREEDOM CHAPTER** at Woodlawn Funeral Home and Cemetery



The **FREEDOM CHAPTER** provided a wreath for Sgt. Luther Dorsey who is buried in the Conroe Community Cemetery. Luther Dorsey is the only known Buffalo Soldier buried in Montgomery County. Here Jerry O'Neal, a local resident is laying a wreath on his grave and saying a prayer and thanking him for his service to his country and community.

Robert Rankin Chapter WAA Activities

Ten Robert Rankin Chapter members spread out across four cities participating in the 2022 Wreath Across America event on Saturday, December 17, 2022. At Woodlawn Cemetery in Houston, Tom Jackson, Michael Bierman, and Bill Sorrels were part of a group laying 743 wreaths. Tom and Bill bolstered the event by purchasing 15 wreaths combined on behalf of the Rankin Chapter. Tom was the Rankin member on the planning committee this year and once again was one of the speakers. Harry Woodstrom organized the event at Magnolia Cemetery in Katy, where Bruce McMordie posted the Merchant Marine flag and the two were joined by Robert Rankin Chapter President Alex Thorne and Jerry Clanton. Harry, Bruce, Alex, and Jerry joined to place 642 wreaths and 540 flags alongside the other volunteers with eight wreaths sponsored by Harry and two wreaths sponsored by Jerry. Col Charles E. Dyer, USA Vietnam, was the keynote speaker at the Magnolia Cemetery. In Columbus, David Zachmeyer joined wife Judy Zachmeyer's DAR Chapter, the John Everett Society, at the Willing Workers Cemetery to place 40 wreaths. At Sparkman Hillcrest Cemetery in Dallas, David Murrell and sons Jackson and Hayes Murrell, along with Karen Murrell of the DAR Prudence Alexander Chapter, laid 30 wreaths and placed 50 flags.

The annual Wreaths Across America veterans' recognition held at Woodlawn Funeral Home & Garden of Memories took place in their section known as Little Arlington. Shawn Randall, Woodlawn Outreach Coordinator, began by giving thanks and asking the over 300 attendees to join him in a moment of silence to remember the fallen, prisoners of war, those missing in action and to honor those who have served and are serving in the armed services. Presenting the colors were members of VFW Post 8790 Color Guard. Escorting the public to lay the wreaths at the tombstones of veterans were Kempner High School's Air Force JROTC Unit TX-924, led by Chief Master Sergeant Lionel Jackson and Major Adam Chmura.

Lineage societies were present, as well. Tom Jackson, representing the Sons of the American Revolution (Robert Rankin Chapter), spoke of freedoms and rights we as a society enjoy and the price paid by those who make those freedoms and rights possible, while Virginia Evans of the

Tejas Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution gave the pledge. Christine Herron of the DAR Lady Washington Chapter continued the remarks of Mr. Jackson by stating, "Today, we show a united front of gratitude and respect across the United States of America as we remember the Fallen, honor those who serve their families, and teach the next generation the value of freedom" The motto of WAA is Remember, Honor, Teach.

Parents and children of the James Bates Society of the Children of the American Revolution were present as well as troop leaders and scouts from Scout Troop 922. Although numerous groups and individuals contributed to the 743 wreaths which were presented, special recognition goes to members of Diamonds & Dollars and Energy Transfer. The Woodlawn Garden of Memories is included in the National Register of Historic Places. NRHP lists Dionicio Rodriguez as the cemetery's architect.

~ Tom Jackson



L to R: Bruce McMordie, Jerry Clanton, Harry Woodstrom (Robert Rankin) at Magnolia Cemetery, Katy, Texas



L to R: Michael Bierman (Robert Rankin), Eric Wilson (Woodlawn Cemetery Director), Tom Jackson (Robert Rankin) at Woodlawn Cemetery, Katy, Texas

Wreaths Across America in McKinney, TX



L to R: Donna Pustejovsky, Susan and Gant Glover, Judy and Dave Zachmeyer (Robert Rankin), and Marti Herring at Willing Workers Cemetery, Columbus, Texas (all ladies are members of John Everett Chapter DAR; Marti is Regent)



L to R Robert Rankin Compatriots: Hayes Murrell, David Murrell, Jackson Murrell at Sparkman Hilcrest Cemetery, Dallas, Texas.



L to R: Tom Jackson (Robert Rankin) and Virginia (Evans Tejas Chapter DAR) at Woodlawn Cemetery, Houston, Texas

The John Abston Chapter NSDAR in McKinney, Texas, has organized a Wreaths Across America (WAA) Event and hosted it at the Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney for 6 years. There are 899 veterans buried in that cemetery, with the number growing each year. There is even a daughter of a Revolutionary War soldier buried in Pecan Grove - Nancy Barbee Mayes buried in her family plot within the cemetery and many of her descendants fought in subsequent wars.

The DAR volunteers and supporters begin organizing for each year's event in late summer. Numerous activities are required to prepare for each year's event including:

- Planning for wreath purchases from many organizations and volunteers.
- Enlisting chapter members to work the event, including the chapter honorary regent who heads up the event.
- Making arrangements for the event with the cemetery management.
- Enlisting other youth organizations and volunteers groups to help the event run smoothly.
- Cleaning up the cemetery and planting flags at each veteran's gravesite ahead of the wreath laying.
- Planning for wreath delivery the day of the ceremony and preparing maps identifying each veteran's gravesite for use by volunteers laying wreaths
- Creating plans for volunteers to lay wreaths in identified sections of the cemetery.
- Removing the wreaths and cleaning up approximately one month after the event

Our Texas SAR Plano Chapter donates wreaths for the event and provides several chapter members to work in support of the event. Several hundred cars arrive and have to be shown where and how to park. Our chapter provides volunteers for this parking management function. Additionally, the event features one veteran from each of the service branches who carry forth a wreath ceremonially for that branch and place it during the ceremony. Our chapter furnished three of those military branch veterans. After the ceremony, volunteers and the public pickup maps and wreaths and lay the wreaths at

the veteran's gravesite. The volunteer speaks the name of the veteran and says thanks for their service.

The services held at Pecan Grove encourages multiple youth organizations to participate in the preparations as well as leading the ceremony. At this year's event, there were over 200 youth volunteers helping on multiple days, as well as over 400 people attend the ceremony and lay wreaths on December 17th. Half of those who attended the ceremony were young people, which meets the mission of WAA to "Teach Your Children the Value of Freedom".

Article submitted by Bob Johns, Plano TXSSAR Chapter and Melissa McPher-son, McKinney John Abston NSDAR Chapter.

~ Bob Johns



Plano SAR members Steve Driever and Larry Melton deliver Ceremonial wreaths for their veteran military branches.



Larry Melton delivers the Air Force wreath



Plano SAR member Larry Melton at the cemetery chapel

Blanco Fire Station Accepts Flag Certificate from SAR

The American flag flying at ESD-2 in Blanco was dedicated on August 14, 2019 in honor of all First Responders in Blanco Co. and in memory of Aaron B. Posey. From that time, the men and women of the fire station have honored the American flag by correctly flying it at the station. The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has recognized ESD-2's American patriotism with a certificate of appreciation and recognition. Presenting this accommodation to Chief Ben Okley is John Booth, Flag Officer and Blair Rudy of the San Antonio Chapter of the Texas Society.

Article by Blair Rudy

Photo by Candy Rudy



Arlington Chapter Supports WAA

On Saturday, December 17, 2022, the Arlington Chapter #7 supported the 1st annual Wreaths Across America campaign at the Parkdale Cemetery by the local Lucretia Council Cochran Chapter, NSDAR. DAR Chapter Regent Meg Anderson and others welcomed all the supporting societies and organizations. Mayor Jim Ross pledged to continue annual support and hinted to other veteran related programs coming soon. SAR Chapter President Dan Hamilton led the charge with his right hand committee chair Mike Fairchild. Other SAR members supporting were John Anderson and family, David Friels, Brent Houser, Richard Martin, Wally Penny, and Bruce Morgan.



Ladies Auxiliary of the Texas SAR

The Ladies Auxiliary met in October. Our program, Bad Girls of the Revolution, was presented by Bill Covington. Officers in attendance were Meg Anderson, President; Catherine Massey, Chaplain; and Margaret Anderson, Parliamentarian.



The Ladies Auxiliary raffled for one of the stained glass pieces shown ends during the Texas SAR State Conference. This is your final chance to buy a raffle ticket to support the purchase of an artifact for the SAR Museum.



ROTC Silver Medal to Rice University NROTC

The Paul Carrington Chapter No. 5 recently presented an ROTC Silver Medal in a display case to the Rice University NROTC. On December 6th, 2022, Compatriot Tom Wilson gave the Silver Medal case to Capt. Ryan Tewell, USN, Commanding Officer of the unit. The Silver Medal is being displayed in a prominent place in their offices on campus for all officer candidates to see.

Our chapter presents the Silver Medal, a certificate of achievement, and a scholarship check every year to the outstanding Naval Midshipman and Marine Cadet at Rice. The same award is also presented to the top Air Force and Army officer candidates at the University of Houston. The Paul Carrington Chapter has presented this award to the outstanding Midshipman and Cadet for more than 50 years.

ROTC was established by an act of Congress in 1925 and the Rice Unit was formed in September 1941, two months before Pearl Harbor. The program was highly successful and instrumental in the Navy's expansion from a personnel force of 100,000 in 1933 to over three and one-half million in 1945.

The SAR supports the Rice NROTC mission to develop future officers morally, mentally, and physically; and to imbue them with the highest ideals of duty and loyalty; and with the core values of honor, courage, and commitment in order to commission college graduates as Naval and Marine officers.



Vietnam Pins Presented to "Old Geezers" Group

On January 17, 2023, Arlington Compatriots Bill Goodman, Mike Connelley, and John Anderson presented Vietnam Veteran Pins to some members of the "Old Geezers" group in Lewisville Texas. Mike Connelley led the presentation and is a dual member of the Fort Worth area Major K.M. Van Zandt and Denton Chapters. Bill Goodman, of the Arlington Chapter, arranged the presentation. This group is some of the retired employees from a GTE Training facility in north Texas that meet and exchange fellowship three or four times annually. All were astounded of the recognition given to them. As more of that group are arranged, Bill promised to present more pins of the Vietnam Veteran Commemorative program.

~John Anderson



John Anderson, a dual member of the Major K.M. Van Zandt and Arlington Chapter, took the photo. l-r are George Kennedy, Wes Blackburn, Richard Estes, Bill Goodman, Gary Griffin, Bill Gilmore, and Mike Connelley.



THE MEDAL OF HONOR

Like just about everyone else in this Country, I am well aware of the Medal of Honor and what it takes to become nominated for one. This medal is not given out lightly, great thought and care goes in to who receives one. Oh, by the way, you don't get one for just being there or being a "participant" in some military action; you have to have performed in a leadership / out in front role in whatever military action you were involved in.



The Medal has been around since the Civil War Era when it was first created (photo to the left). Each branch or the service has a little different look but there is no confusion in most people, especially, those from the military as to what it looks like. Blue, with a field of white Stars, and generally worn

around the neck.

Beginning in the Civil War up to the current date there have been 3,525 recipients; the largest number were given out during the Civil War. The last one awarded to date? It was presented on July 5, 2022.

As a young kid from Fort Worth- probably in early 50s, maybe late 40s, I recall going to the movie premiere in downtown Fort Worth of the old Audie Murphy movie about his winning of the Medal of Honor during WW II.

My first personal encounter with a Medal of Honor winner was in 1963 while stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. I was a young 2nd Lieutenant who just returned to State side from a year in South Korea. One evening I was at the Officers Club with other young Lieutenants, standing at the bar and discussing "military tactics."

All of a sudden there was a buzz that came up in bar area of the offices club, everyone is looking around when in walks a Major, maybe a Lieutenant Colonel, in dress uniform wearing the distinctive blue neck ribbon of a Medal

of Honor winner. All eyes focused on him and his entourage as they entered the bar area of the Officers Club. Never did get his name but he had to have been a recipient from either World War II or Korea. Would loved to have known his story but that is lost to history and the next beer that I ordered at the Officer's Club bar.

Over the years I have read a number of books written by or about Medal of Honor winners; always are good reading and I always marvel at what they did to earn this particular recognition. One was on Medal of Honor winner Tommy Norris who won his during the Vietnam War. Tommy lost an eye, left military service and became an FBI Agent- great story in his book on that achievement. He was in the Bureau during my years in the Bureau but I never crossed paths with Tommy. Title of his book, "By Honor Bound". Read it. It is about two Medal of Honor winners in the same Vietnam incident; Tommy Norris and Mike Thornton.

American Airlines has an Honor program for military veterans, disabled veterans and Medal of Honor winners. In early January of 2023, this program had as their speaker David Bellavia, the first living Medal of Honor recipient from Operation Iraqi Freedom. Bellavia has written two books about his incident; one is "House to House- A soldier's Memoir" and the other is "Remember the Ramrods". This appearance went on my "to do" list.



Haven't read the books yet but have a "bucket wish" taken care of.

That is Sarah and I with David Bellavia and I am holding his Medal of Honor which is the photo at the beginning of this article.

Nice guy, did this with everyone who asked to do it. I held it carefully and thought to myself "don't drop this Mike or you will be toast....."



My wife and I went to the event on January 23rd at the C. R. Smith Museum located near American Airlines Headquarters out by DFW. David was there and spoke about his book, military career and other broad topics. After his talk, he agreed to autograph the books and if requested, you could get a photo with him and his Medal of Honor. I took him up on that.

Plano Chapter Officer Installation

At the January meeting of the Plano Chapter, TXSSAR President Jim Kuykendall attended the meeting to install our new officers and to speak to the chapter about the future of the state society.

Jim Kuykendall installed new chapter officers for 2023:

- Chuck Branaman - President
- Dave Fautheree - Secretary
- Kevin Ennis - Vice President Medals & Awards
- Bob Johns - Vice President Veterans Affairs
- Melvin Richards - Vice President Programs
- Howard Roach - Treasurer
- Alan Roach - Vice President Youth Activities, Schools, JROTC, and Scouts

- We are putting a monument at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin to honor our Revolutionary War Patriots buried in Texas. We are fund raising for that.
- We are putting benches in all 11 districts in the state and possibly one at the DAR House on the State Fairgrounds.
- We are setting up a company store to sell new 250th Anniversary Texas Medals at \$50 per set, along with coins and other merchandise.
- There is a new Mentor Training lapel pin for members who mentor at least two other new members.
- There is a Texas Star lapel pin if you recruit a new member.
- All members are encouraged to attend the State Annual Meeting March 31st thru April 2nd at the Marriott in Spring, Texas.
- There is a new standardized logo for National, State Society, and Chapters to replace all other logos to provide consistent branding. All other logos will be retired after a period of time.

~ Bob Johns



President Jim Kuykendall discussed *“What’s Happening in the SAR”*.

- We are maintaining membership. “It is all about membership.”
- We are gearing up our youth awards. We actively need people to get out to the schools for the various contests and for history/patriotism presentations. These are opportunities to recruit the youth.



Eagle Scout Court of Honor

The Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Scouts BSA program of the Boy Scouts of America. Since its inception in 1911, only four percent of Scouts have earned this rank after a lengthy review process.

On December 18, 2022, after many years of hard work Wyatt Lacy, Derrek Grove, and Matthew Floyd, who are members of Boy Scout Troop 82 in Bonham, Texas, received this high honor.

This is a very serious event in the life of a scout who has achieved this highest honor in scouting and these three young men have demonstrated the desire to accomplish a desired goal through hard work and determination.

During the ceremony T.L. Holden, John Hunt, and Ray Hargis presented each with a "Certificate of Recognition" and a beautiful Eagle statue from Edmund Terrill Chapter No. 34 Sons of the American Revolution.

~Ted Wilson



Texas SAR Store News

Although our store committee has not officially launched our Texas SAR Store yet, we have begun taking some orders ahead of the formal launch. We have been selling things in Texas SAR for many years, but for our formal launch we want to make sure we have some things more organized and improve upon what we have done in the past. To see the status on the store, follow this link.:

<https://www.txssar.org/!!TXS!!SAR!!/formtest.htm>

We plan to add more items and also organize our products to simplify ordering and maximize revenue/donations for the organization's worthy causes.

PRE-LAUNCH SPECIAL

Our very own Jim Kuykendall, inspired by the efforts of our forefathers, has designed and produced this regal commemorative medal marking the 250th Anniversary of the United States. Texas SAR US 250th Anniversary Medals are now available for \$50 per set, which includes shipping & handling as well as sales tax. Make check out to Texas SAR.

Mail your check to either:

Sam Massey, 906 Avenue M, Huntsville, Texas 77320

or

John Ray, PO Box 1580, Celina, TX 75009-1580

For questions send an email to: texassarstore@gmail.com



HALTOM CITY POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDS BANQUET

Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter Officers had the honor to present three SAR Heroism Medals and three SAR Life Saving Medals to six members of the Haltom City Police Department at the Haltom City Police & Fire 2022 Awards Banquet at Diamond Oaks Country Club on Saturday evening, January 14, 2023. In front of approximately 300 of their peers and families, the officers were recognized for their bravery and heroism during a shootout on July 2, 2022, during which an armed individual killed two people, wounded an elderly citizen, wounded three police officers, and then killed himself.



The Chapter Officers were accompanied by their wives. From left to right are Chapter President Bobby & Dana Gresham, Past Chapter President Mike & Sarah Connelley, and Texas SAR Vice President District 5 and Immediate Past Chapter President Ron & Jan Turner.



The three officers holding certificates on the right were wounded during the incident and were awarded the SAR Heroism Medal. They are Officer Zach Tabler, Officer Jose Avila, and Officer Tim Barton. The three officers on the left were awarded the SAR Life Saving Medal for their actions in protecting and rescuing their wounded comrades. They are Officer Jason Samilo, Officer Juan Ramirez, and Officer Andy Whitley. Haltom City Police Chief Cody Phillips is standing on the far right.



Brazos Valley Chapter Presents Flag Certificates

On Friday, December 30, 2022, members of the Brazos Valley Chapter in Granbury presented three SAR Flag Certificates. Chapter Vice President Bob Mearns, dressed in his Colonial Uniform, presented certificates to:

- Texas Department of Transportation - Glen Rose Maintenance Office
- Anchor Storage in Tolar, Texas
- The Darrin & Barbra Good family of Granbury



History of East Texas Chapter #57 A Tale of Two Chapters

The East Texas Chapter #57 was chartered March 30, 1995, at the Oak Forest Country Club in Longview, Texas. The driving force behind the Chapter's creation was Talmadge Early Booth, the Chapter's first President. Among the distinguished guests in attendance was Texas SAR State President C.R. Harrington, President-Elect Ross Shipman, State Treasurer Frank Gibson, District VP John Houghton, State Genealogist Tom Green and

former State Presidents Joe Hill & Graham Martin. Also present and making congratulatory remarks was Mayor of Longview, I.J. Patterson. Mayor Patterson had previously declared March 30, 1995, as SAR Day in Longview, Texas.

Charter member officers were: President – Talmadge Booth; 1st Vice President – Wesley Whatley; 2nd Vice President – W.D. Northcutt III; Secretary/Treasurer – Kenneth Kimbrough; and Chaplain – Rev. John Whitsell.

Understanding our beginning would be incomplete without a discussion of another Chapter located in nearby Jefferson, Texas. That would be the Lt. Mordecai Baldwin Chapter #20 created May 4, 1963, by future Texas SAR State President Benjamin D. "Ben" Baldwin. Among those founding Chapter 20 were future founders of the Longview Chapter Talmadge Booth and W.D. Northcutt III.

The Baldwin Chapter continued to grow and prosper for many years while serving the East Texas community. During the early years Chapter #20 and members received many honors, including founder Ben Baldwin being elected Texas SAR State President. By the early 1990s, the Baldwin Chapter's growth had slowed and membership dwindled. On October 13, 1993, fate dealt another blow with the death of Chapter stalwart and founder Ben Baldwin. By this time, the Baldwin Chapter was only meeting once a year and then only to elect officers for the coming term. At the December meeting in 1994, former Chapter # 20 President Talmadge Booth asked the group assembled to consider meeting in Longview where most of the remaining members lived. Booth felt the larger community would make recruitment of new members easier and would provide additional opportunities for service. While not rejected, no action was taken on his proposal. Booth immediately began the steps of forming a new Chapter in Longview. In a short few weeks he had lined up the required candidates (some new, some transferring from the Baldwin Chapter). In early 1995 with all requirements satisfied, the creation of East Texas Chapter #57 was approved by the State Society and a charter ceremony was set for March 30, 1995 – a truly remarkable accomplishment by the former Baldwin Chapter 20 President and Charter President of East Texas Chapter 57.



RESEARCH DOCUMENTATION FOR A TALE OF TWO CHAPTERS

The results for that first year of activity far surpassed all expectations. By early 1996, the East Texas Chapter had over 70 individuals who had their applications approved or had transferred in from other Chapters. Few, if any chapters in small communities, have ever matched this growth.

Within the coming year most of the remaining Mordecai Baldwin members transferred to the East Texas Chapter. In February/early 1996, David Robertson, President of the Baldwin Chapter and Talmadge Booth, President of the East Texas Chapter began written communication with Delbert Taylor, District 10 Vice President, discussing a merger between Chapter 20 and Chapter 57. Various agreements and procedures were immediately agreed to. Finally, on March 2, 1996, the two Presidents met and transferred all records and bank accounts to East Texas Chapter #57, thereby ending the several decades' existence of the Mordecai Baldwin Chapter located in Jefferson, Texas.

The East Texas Chapter has continued to thrive since its creation in March 1995. Among the many Texas SAR awards Chapter #57 has received over the years include – Karl Wallace Award for greatest increase in membership, Adrien Drouihet Award for most members under 50 years of age, E. A. Limmer Award for most supplemental applications, Wilbur S. Strong Award for the outstanding new Chapter, and Marshall Hunter Award for highest percentage of members attending meetings.

All organizations can learn from the experience of these two Chapters. We should never doubt that one dedicated individual CAN make a difference and the impossible is possible if we work hard enough. It should also be noted that regardless of how vibrant we are today, we must maintain growth through new, younger members or even the strongest of organizations will fail.

~Mickey Cole
President
East Texas Chapter #57

Research for this project originated at the University of North Texas Willis Library's Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution (TXSSAR) Archive. The Library's staff provided valuable assistance and guidance for browsing collected material from both the Lt. Mordecai Baldwin and East Texas Chapters.

The most detailed and invaluable documents were provided by Lee Booth, son of the East Texas Chapter's founder and first President Talmadge Early Booth. Talmadge was not only an outstanding leader, but he maintained detailed documentation for beginnings of the East Texas Chapter. The accurate presentation of our Chapter's history would not have been possible without his dedication.

Research and Documentation collected, compiled, and presented by: Mickey Cole President (2022 – 2023) East Texas Chapter #57, Texas SAR

Dallas Chapter Presents Flag Certificates

Members of the Dallas Chapter presented a SAR Flag Certificate to Danny Giesbrecht of 151 Coffee on February 9th.

SAR members participating included Tom Van Fossen, Mark Harrison, Brent Harshman, Tom Whitelock, and Bill Watts.





Left to right: Tom Van Fossen, Danny Giesbrecht, Mark Harrison, Brent Harshman, Tom Whitelock, and Bill Watts.



Laredo Parade

Participants in the 2023 George Washington's Birthday Parade in Laredo, Texas, are (from left to right): Blair Rudy, Sam Massey, Rick Ramirez, Kevin Kanter, Michael Goode, Catherine Massey, Candy Rudy, Jeanie Kanter, Robert Duckworth, Tom Van Fossen, Robert Vance, and Mark Worthen.



History of Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter #6

FOUNDATION OF THE CHAPTER

Our chapter has the Texas SAR designation of "Chapter #6" which signifies we were the sixth separate local chapter to be organized within the Texas segment of the Sons of the American Revolution. When did the chapter form? The best information is that the chapter formed sometime in the 1930-1932 timeframe.

The Dallas Morning News, Friday, September 18, 1931, from the Fort Worth Bureau of News reported "Sons of Revolution Plan New Chapter". Sam P. Cochran of Dallas, past president of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, is expected to attend a banquet to be given at the Woman's Club Friday night when a local chapter of the society is to be organized....Three local chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution will sponsor the dinner....It has been suggested that the contemplated local chapter be named after the late Major K.M. Van Zandt."

Another newspaper article dated April 17, 1932, reads "Fort Worth this week will be represented for the first time at the annual convention of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution. A delegation headed by Elmer Renfro, president of the newly chartered Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, will go to Corsicana Tuesday - anniversary of the Battle of Lexington - for the one day session. Others expected to attend from here are Sam B. Cantey, S.M. Gaines, Prof. Newton Gaines, R.W. Fender, E.P. Van Zandt, Joe Ingraham, Charles L. Rowan, Drs. Samuel A. and Valin R. Woodward."

The most comprehensive story on the origin of the chapter appears in an undated article for the newsletter *The Texas Compatriot*, a copy of which appears in the Texas SAR Society History book published in 1980. The book contains a highlight on Sam P. Cochran, who was instrumental in the origin of the K.M. Van Zandt Chapter. The article says: "the chapter had its beginning in 1930 - started by a conversation between the late Sam P. Cochran of Dallas and Dr. Valin R. Woodward, a physician in Fort Worth. At that time, there were only 9 members of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, residing in Fort Worth. Nothing was done until Woodward again suggested the matter of having a local chapter in Fort

Worth at the beginning of 1932 and was finally rewarded for his efforts....a meeting was held in the Directors Room of the Fort Worth National Bank. In the meantime another member, Sam B. Cantey, Jr., was importuned to write a Constitution and the By-Laws, which were adopted at the Organization meeting, which occurred on April 1st, 1932. The following officers were elected at this meeting. Elmer Renfro, President; Sam B. Gaines, Vice President; Robert W. Fender, Registrar; Joe Ingraham, Secretary-Treasurer; Sam B. Cantey, Newton Gaines and Dr. Valin R. Woodward, Directors. Others present at the meeting were Dr. M. Lee Woodward and the late Dr. S.A. Woodward. Not present, but the name of Frank D. Kent, a recent transferred member from the Missouri State Society, was added to the roster of those whose names should appear on the Charter. It was agreed the local chapter would be named in honor of the late Major K.M. Van Zandt, who had distinguished himself as one of Fort Worth's best known citizens for the service he had rendered to Fort Worth for more than 50 years. The chapter gave a dinner at the Woman's Club on September 17, 1932, for the purpose of receiving the Charter of the Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter No. 6 of Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

The framed Chapter Charter is maintained by the Chapter Secretary.



WHAT DO WE KNOW OF THESE MEN, THE EARLY MEMBERS OF OUR CHAPTER?

Samuel Cantey, a lawyer, was a member of the firm Cantey and Hanger, which is one of the oldest and largest law firms in Fort Worth. The name Frank D. Kent is linked to the Frank Kent automobile dealerships of Fort Worth, even to this day. Chapter member E.P. Van Zandt was a son of the late Major K.M. Van Zandt for whom the chapter was named.

Dr. Valin R. Woodward was also a strong force in the early history of Texas SAR and the K.M. Van Zandt Chapter. Dr. Valin Woodward, Irving, Texas, and his brother Cicero Smith Woodward, Fort Worth, Texas, both medical doctors in the Fort Worth area, saw a need to stimulate interest in the Texas Society, so they created a newspaper, *The Texas Compatriot*, which was published from 1933 until 1952. This publication became a valuable document in the early history of the Texas SAR organization.

The Texas SAR membership data identifies the first chapters: #1 is Galveston, #2 is Dallas, #3 is shown as inactive but it was the Texarkana Chapter, #4 is San Antonio, and #5 is Paul Carrington Chapter, Houston, with K.M. Van Zandt, Fort Worth at #6.

Over the years, many men have served as president of the K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, beginning in 1932 with Elmer Renfro. A list has been prepared by the chapter of those who can be identified as having served this chapter in the past as president from 1932 up to the present.

While not complete, it does give us a good picture of those who served in this office. From 1932 forward for the next 80 years, we have seen men step forward in the chapter to serve in various capacities, including the office of chapter president. Many of our members can look at that list and probably recognize the name of a past educator, local business person, family friend, or even a relative. I suspect that many of those who previously served as chapter president are related, directly or indirectly, to some of our membership roster of the 21st century.

George Washington Birthday Proclamations

At a Johnson City Council Meeting held on February 7, Mayor Rhonda Stell and Blair Rudy of the Sons of the American Revolution shared Proclamations recognizing the contributions and achievements of General and President George Washington. February is President George Washington's birth month.



On February 14th, Judge Brett Bray and the county commissioners approved a proclamation declaring February 22nd as George Washington Day. Requesting the proclamation was Blair Rudy, San Antonio Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. We can learn from George Washington's fatherly leadership. He understood the importance of constant learning by observing, listening, reading and reflecting. He also embraced the importance of civility, which means basic respect for everyone. We can look to George Washington as the Father of Our Country by the need and importance to take responsibility for one's own life.

In the photo above (left to right) are Blair Rudy, Candy Rudy, and Judge Brett Bray. (Photo by Connie Harrison)

Cy-Fair Fire Department 2022 Heart Saver Award Winner Honored

On January 17, 2023, Paramedic Diego Vargas with the Cy-Fair Fire Department was honored with the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce Certificate of Honor at the monthly chamber luncheon held at the Berry Center. Chamber member and CFISD Trustee Tom Jackson made the presentation on behalf of the Chamber. The table sponsor was Memorial Hermann Cypress Hospital. Paramedic Vargas received his award with his wife, Chief Amy Ramon, Deputy Chief Chris Nations, Assistant Chief Justin Reed, and Harris County ESD No. 9 Commissioner Naressa MacKinnon in attendance. In his capacity as Former Texas SAR President, Tom Jackson also presented Paramedic Vargas with the National Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) EMS Medal and Certificate for accomplishments and outstanding contributions in the area of emergency medical services. The commendation, read by Deputy Chief Nations, contained in part the following description.

Diego Vargas is the recipient of the Cy-Fair Fire Department's 2022 Heart Saver Award winner, which is awarded to the EMS member of the year with the most CPR saves. Last year, Diego successfully resuscitated 7 patients from sudden cardiac arrest. Paramedic Vargas was hired by the department on Feb 17, 2020, as an Attendant Paramedic. He quickly moved into the In-Charge Paramedic role in July 2020. Since that time, Diego has demonstrated himself to be a strong, knowledgeable, and dependable crew leader and In-Charge Paramedic. Diego continued to develop himself as a paramedic and in June 2022 was promoted to a P2 Autonomous Provider Paramedic where he continues to serve the Cy-Fair community today.

Deputy Chief Nations pointed out that many of their daily emergencies are time sensitive, but none more so than cardiac arrest. "Thanks to intense training, the Cy-Fair Fire Department is proud to say that we have 38% success rate in getting a return of spontaneous circulation and delivering our patients to the Emergency Department with a heartbeat. This achievement is made possible by the dedication of the men and women who serve this community every day." The Deputy Chief

concluded his speech by reminding the audience they play a vital role in the "chain of survival for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest." The Cy-Fair Fire Department offers regular CPR courses and hands-on CPR training at community events.

The Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce hosts a monthly luncheon where First Responders are highlighted for their contributions to the community. For several years the SAR Robert Rankin Chapter Public Service Committee, chaired by Tom Jackson with assistance from Allan Perkins, has presented the monthly honoree with one of the National SAR Public Service Medals and Certificates: Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, EMS, Life Saving or Heroism. In addition to the EMS medal, Paramedic Vargas, along with Chief Ramon, Deputy Chief Nations, Assistant Chief Reed and Ms. MacKinnon received a Certificate of Appreciation for Covid Heroic Service from the Rankin Chapter.



Shown Left to Right – Commissioner Naressa MacKinnon, Dep. Chief Chris Nations, Chief Amy Ramon, Congressman Morgan Luttrell, Honoree Paramedic Diego Vargas with his wife, SAR Robert Rankin Chapter member Allan Perkins, Asst. Chief Justin Reed, Cy-Fair Professional Fire Fighters Association President Chris Fillmore, and Former Texas SAR President Tom Jackson

Texas SAR Historian's Corner

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Texas History Volume III

Targeted for 2025 publication, Volume III is in the collection phase. Articles, photos, lists, compatriot biographies, memorials, Color Guard ceremonies, etc., that document our Texas SAR history since last published in 2005 are being identified and collected. Your Chapter Historian should review and contribute your activities.

A committee and editor are needed. Several chapters have experienced newsletter and other editors. Please consider and volunteer.



UNT Archives

Each chapter knows the importance of saving their chapter history. Each is encouraged to save materials of historical importance. Newsletters and yearbooks are most common but even your chapter minutes and programs have importance. Does your chapter know of their past and/or have a Chapter Historian?



Please gather your chapter documents, preferably electronic, and bring them to an in-person Texas State meeting for the Historian to collect. Or, send them direct to UNT for archival. See our Texas SAR History webpage for the Archives at UNT for the address.

The UNT Special Collections Department accepts shipments of Texas SAR materials or electronic DVDs or flash drives. In-person research is available by appointment. But, non-sensitive documents are prioritized and added to the backlog for digitization and public online access.

The [Texas SAR Archives At UNT](#) overview is found on the Texas SAR public website under the **About Texas SAR > History** menu. Actual paper documents can be found using the UNT [Finding Aid for TXSSAR](#). Online research can be done using the UNT [TXSSAR Online Collection Search](#).

Prominent Compatriots

This sub-committee has a few active projects.

First is the collection of photos of Texas SAR Patriot Medal members. These medals have been awarded since 1966. Please ensure your chapter has contributed.

Second is the collection of Chapter Charters, members, and articles the inauguration ceremony. Some chapters have these on their website; others have forwarded photos and documents for archival purposes. As State

Historian is encouraged to contribute. And, of course, an annual effort is to gather and save information about Texas SAR Past Presidents.

Chapter Yearbook Judging

Some Chapters are asking about beginner yearbook suggestions. Here are my thoughts:

- There are no rules, be creative, what will set your chapter above the others.
- Your chapter is only competing against those in your chapter size category; don't let the very large chapters scare you away from entry.
- If your chapter is one of three, then you will win.
- Ideas of things to submit: Programs/Speakers, Agendas, Minutes are a great start.
- Strive for more: Newsletters, Civic activities, JROTC activities, Photos with captions, Awards given, Awards received, Speaker's Bureau activities.
- Organization by some criteria with a Table of Contents is great; by date, by activity type, whatever makes sense to the reader.
- Video category: be creative and thorough.

Congratulations to this year's winners of the Chapter Yearbooks as judged at the April 2023 Texas SAR Conference. The winners are:

Small Chapters (1-49 members):

1st—Edmund Terrill #34

2nd—Ark-La-Tex #69

Medium Chapters (50-99 members):

1st—Robert Rankin #62

2nd—McKinney #63

Large Chapters (99+ members):

1st—Dallas #2

2nd—Plano #37

3rd—Piney Woods #51

Video Submissions: No entries



Patriot/Compatriot Graves

After considerable Patriot Service investigation and research into the corresponding pioneer family migration path, the NSSAR Patriot Graves committee has approved another Patriot buried in Texas. The Texas SAR Color Guard is conducting a ceremony to officially recognize James Lemmon as a real American Revolutionary Patriot buried in the Edgewood Cemetery in Lancaster, Texas. The DAR, Dallas County Pioneers and other societies are joining. It will be an SAR State event. All compatriots are welcome. See Commander [Gary Barker](#) for more information.

Our committee wishes to be involved in other Patriot or Compatriot grave marker ceremonies across both the Northern and Southern Color Guard command. Please include us with your plans.

Sun.
Mar. 19
3:00 pm

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Mystery solved: Grave of Revolutionary War veteran tracked down in Nineveh, Indiana

On the outskirts of Nineveh, a Revolutionary War veteran has his final resting place.

For years, the significance and story of Samuel Jacobs' gravesite had been lost to history. Only recently, through the efforts of his fifth great-grandson, has it been rediscovered and properly honored.

"It really pulls something together," said Bob Jacobs [ed.: member of Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter], who researched and located his fifth great-grandfather's grave. "I don't think you can understand where you're going if you don't understand the history of where you've been."

Through tireless research and the help of other historians and genealogists around the area, Bob Jacobs has been able to locate the grave of his ancestor. Samuel Jacobs is buried in a Nineveh backyard, his simple headstone situated underneath a tree.

The Revolutionary War veteran, who also served in the Frontier Wars of the 1790s and the War of 1812, is being honored by the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution during a gravesite marking in April.



The gravestone of Samuel Jacobs, a Revolutionary War, Frontier War and War of 1812 veteran, decorated for Veterans Day in 2021 in Nineveh. The location of Jacobs' burial site had been lost, until research by his fifth great-grandson researched and found it.

"The (Sons of the American Revolution) has three goals that they go for: education, patriotism and history. These kind of ceremonies tick all of those boxes. It's a way to reach out to the public and say, hey, there are 2,000 patriots buried in Indiana," said Jacob Vink, vice president of the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. "We do the ceremonies to honor and recognize that service even if it was 245 years after he performed it."

Jacobs started the journey to find his ancestor's burial spot years ago. He has been active in genealogy and tracking his ancestry for more than 10 years, expanding his family tree back generations, eventually going back to the Jacobs arrival in America in 1665.

While tracing the lineage, he realized one of his ancestors, Samuel Jacobs, had fought in the Revolutionary War.

"I thought that was pretty cool, so I started tracing that and working to prove that lineage," he said. "I spent about five years proving that I am the fifth-great-grandson of Samuel Jacobs. And then I really wanted to find out where he is."

Samuel Jacobs was born March 23, 1760, in Hampshire County, Virginia, and when he was 16 years old, he enlisted as a private in the 2nd Virginia State Regiment. The regiment helped reinforce George Washington's Continental Army following the heavy losses in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown.

Jacobs was also part of fighting in the Battle of Monmouth and other small battles and skirmishes, according to his pension records. He served for a term of three years, from 1776 to 1779, though he continued to be active with the Virginia militia. Family legend has it he was in Yorktown on Oct. 19, 1781, when British General Cornwallis surrendered his army to Washington.

In the mid-1780s, Jacobs and his family relocated 500 miles westward to Shelbyville, Kentucky County, Virginia. He would go on to fight in the Frontier Wars with the Kentucky militia. At the age of 52, he fought in the War of 1812 as well.

In 1820, the Jacobs family moved to Washington County, Indiana, where his wife, Elizabeth, died. Samuel Jacobs ended up moving to Johnson County in 1833, remarrying and having four additional children. He died in 1840 in Nineveh Township.



Bob Jacobs had visited the graves of ancestors in Virginia from the 17th century, and thought it would be interesting to find Samuel's burial site.

But he couldn't find it.

According to the website FindAGrave.com, Samuel Jacobs had been buried in Nineveh Township, in a plot known as Hardin Cemetery. A photo of the headstone accompanied the entry. Bob Jacobs couldn't find where that cemetery was located, though.

"The location they gave for it said it was off of this road, and turn here. I'm out in Texas, so I'm using Google Maps satellite, but I couldn't see anything. There were no cemeteries there, but it showed the stone, so it had to exist," he said.

Searching for help, Bob Jacobs reached out to a chapter of the Indiana Sons of the American Revolution. The non-profit, non-partisan organization is dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and teaching American history to future generations.

The group connected him to a member who had taken the photograph of Samuel Jacobs' headstone in 2004, and he provided some recollections. They narrowed it down to three possible locations.

"I'm sending him PowerPoint presentations that had aerial shots of the homes, street-side views — 'Is it this one? Is it this one?'" Bob Jacobs said. "I had pulled Google satellite images from 2005 so it looked as close as possible to when he was there."

The next piece of the puzzle fell into place with the help of the Nineveh Township trustee's office, who was able to search out the locations and find the stone — in the backyard of a private residence.

Volunteers from the Johnson County Museum of History and its genealogy library helped Jacobs piece together more of the story and learn why he was buried where he was.

"It's a long story of detective work," he said. "There are a lot of hypotheses as to why after his first wife passed away, why did he get married here, why is he buried here."

For nearly a decade, Samuel's grave was marked by a simple stone until it was rediscovered through a statewide initiative of the Indiana Daughters of the

American Revolution and subsequently marked by a military headstone in 1938.

Bob Jacobs was able to find the owners of the home, and on Veterans Day in 2021, he mailed a package to the residence containing a Sons of the American Revolution certificate of appreciation, a stack of flags and a copy of Samuel Jacobs' biography.

"The cover letter to the bio said that evidence led me to believe that my fifth-great-grandfather may be buried in your backyard. If not, please enjoy the flags," he said.

The homeowner ended up calling Jacobs, and they discussed their connection. In subsequent years, Jacobs has stayed in contact, continuing to mail wreaths and flags to adorn the headstone.

He brought up the possibility of the Sons of the American Revolution holding a ceremony at the site, now known as "Jacobs Cemetery," and the homeowners were enthusiastic about it.

The Sons of the American Revolution does about a half-dozen of the ceremonies each year in Indiana, featuring presentations by descendants of the Revolutionary War veteran, a color guard, musket salutes and laying of wreaths.

"This is the opportunity to recognize the service of this patriot, at a gravesite that would be overlooked by almost everybody but the property owners," Vink said.

Bob Jacobs is excited to see this chapter of his family history completed, and glad to see his ancestor get the proper honor he is deserved.

And in his efforts to preserve family history, another piece has fallen into place.

"I have a 20' hallway in the house my wife and I live in, filled with original photographs (back to the 1870s) of eight generations of family. Any time family come over, I want them to walk down that hallway because I want everybody to know who everyone is and their part in our family history," he said.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND

Patriot Grave Marking for Samuel Jacobs

What: A ceremony hosted by the Indiana Clarence A. Cook Chapter of the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution to honor Jacobs, who served in the



Revolutionary War from 1776-1779. He also served in the Frontier Wars and War of 1812.

When: 10 a.m. April 1

Where: Jacobs Cemetery, Nineveh. The cemetery is on private property. For those interested in laying a wreath, participating with the color guard, or helping/participating in any manner, please contact Jacob Vink at vinkjacob@gmail.com.

By Ryan Trares
Senior Reporter/Columnist
Daily Journal
Franklin, Indiana

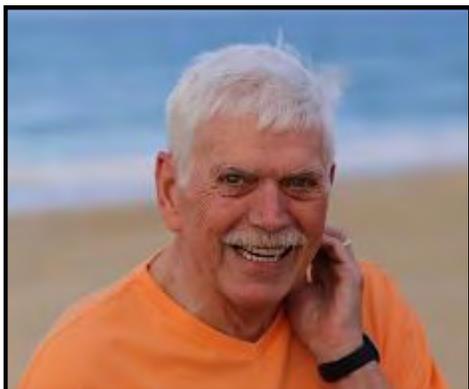
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Jerome “Jerry” Roger Brown

August 18, 1944 - February 7, 2023

Former Inland Registrar

Our beloved husband and father, Jerome “Jerry” Roger Brown, 78, passed away on February 7, 2023. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Cathy Palmer Brown.



He was born at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, GA on August 18, 1944 to Max Harlow Brown and Edith Avis Hendley Brown. He graduated from St. John’s College High School, Washington DC in 1962 and attended Villanova University. An all-around athlete, Jerry played football and baseball but excelled as a pitcher and played for the Houston Colt 45’s Baseball Organization. After joining the DC Air National Guard, his unit was activated to Vietnam where he taught English to Vietnamese Pilots. As the humanitarian crisis intensified, Jerry sponsored a family out of Vietnam to the US.

Jerry began his career in the banking industry, where he met Cathy. They later married in November 1979 in

Northport, NY. In 1984, Jerry and Cathy moved to Plano, TX with their two daughters, Dana Julie and Erica Jeri.

He worked for BancTec for 43 years where he traveled to numerous countries and met many lifelong friends.

Jerry furthered his love for genealogy as a Registrar for the SAR. He was a member of the St. John’s College High School Alumni, Vietnam Vets, Magna Charta Dames and Barons, and Association of Professional Ball Players of America.

He leaves behind his daughters Amy (Shawn) Bornstein, Dana (Michael) Siler, and Erica (Tarrance) Hanible; grandchildren Dylan Rowe, Kylan and Jayla Hanible; brothers Jim (Hacy) Brown and John (Cindy) Brown; sisters Jeanne Marie Brown, Judy Brown, and Janet (Rodney) Allen; sister-in-law Amy (Ben) Leuenberger, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents, Max and Avis Brown; brother-in-law, Jerry G Brown; nephews, Steve Brown and Aaron White.



A memorial service [was] held at 10:15 AM on Friday, February 24th, Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas, TX 75221.

Jerry has been a member of the Dallas Chapter, Texas SAR, since December 12, 2004. He served Texas SAR as the Inland Registrar until he retired from the position. In addition to his initial Patriot, Jerry had five supplemental Patriots registered with the SAR.

Texas SAR President Jim Kuykendall upon hearing of Jerry’s passing remarked, “Jerry was a good solid officer and servant to our Society.”

Few of his SAR Compatriots were aware of Jerry’s professional baseball career as a relief pitcher in Class A ball when he was 18 years old (1963). Jerry’s career was interrupted when he was sent to Vietnam. He played in 1963 for the Modesto Colts (California League), the Moultrie Colt .22s (Georgia-Florida League), and the Statesville Owls (Western Carolinas League). In 1965, after his return from Vietnam, he played for the Dubuque Packers (Midwest League). Dustin Whittenburg observed “that a guy must be extremely talented to play on any professional ball club.”





North Texas SAR Color Guard pictured at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery for Jerome “Jerry” Brown’s funeral.

(Left to right): North Texas Color Guard Commander Gary Barker (Edmund Terrill Chapter), Bill Hurst (Edmund Terrill Chapter), Mike Goode (East Fork Trinity Chapter), T.L. Holden (Edmund Terrill Chapter), J.D. Martin (Dallas Chapter), Vice President District 6 Tom Van Fossen (Dallas Chapter), John Greer (Edmund Terrill Chapter), Inland Registrar Jerry Pinkerton (Dallas Chapter), Tom Whitelock (Dallas Chapter), and Bill Watts (Dallas Chapter).

Brazos Valley Installs Officers

Members of the Brazos Valley Chapter #45 met at De Cordova Bend Country Club in Granbury on Saturday evening, February 25th, for installation of officers. Vice President District 5 Ron Turner attended to install the officers for the next cycle. Mrs. Jan Turner accompanied her husband. Prior to enjoying a delightful dinner, Vice President Turner conducted the installation service prior to everyone enjoying a delightful dinner.

Brazos Valley Chapter Officers (left to right) are:

Chaplain Jerry Turner, President Charles Gillespie, Vice President Wiley Clarkson, Secretary/Treasurer Steve Teel, Color Guard Commander Ronald Bonneau, and Registrar Phil Harris. Vice President Turner is on the right.



Remembering Our Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

Jerry Alden Higginson
January 7, 2022

SAR #173510
Member Since February 27, 2009
San Antonio Chapter #4

John Milton Barfield Grimes
January 18, 2022

SAR #184292
Member Since July 24, 2012
Hill County Chapter #31

Carl Dean McBride
August 9, 2022

SAR #123836
Member Since April 11, 1984
East Fork Trinity Chapter #47

Harley Bryan Gordon, Jr.
August 9, 2022

SAR #177826
Member Since August 19, 2010
Peter Sides Chapter #68

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September 13, 2022

SAR #168692
Member Since February 13, 2007
Red River Valley Chapter #65

Paul Bernard Holder
October 28, 2022

SAR #168133
Member Since November 13, 2006
Corpus Christi Chapter #14

Jon Dennis Bayer
October 29, 2022

SAR #210495
Member Since February 1, 2019
Patrick Henry Chapter #11

Peter Bolin Mahaffey, Jr.
December 9, 2022

SAR #116805
Member Since March 21, 1980
Corpus Christi Chapter #14

Kenn Ester Harding
January 1, 2023

SAR #191308
Member Since June 9, 2014
Independence Chapter #40

Billy Gene Whatley
January 4, 2023

SAR #172760
Member Since November 4, 2008
Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1

Samuel Elisha Kaiser
January 7, 2023

SAR #183764
Member Since May 30, 2012
Heart of Texas Chapter #26

Walton Robinson "Rob" Jones
January 12, 2023

SAR #200495
Member Since November 15, 2016
Captain William Barron Chapter #25

Rodney Harold Ashford
February 2, 2023

SAR #206473
Member Since February 16, 2018
Arlington Chapter #7



Jerome Roger Brown

February 7, 2023

SAR #193094

Member Since December 12, 2004

Dallas Chapter #2

Clarence Watson Bohanan, Jr.

February 12, 2023

SAR #108071

Member Since February 26, 1975

Dallas Chapter #2

Betty Dianne Daniel Jones

Dianne Daniel Jones, Texas SAR First Lady 2010-2011 and wife of Texas SAR Past President Jim Jones, passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 23, 2023, in a College Station hospital. Mrs. Jones was born on April 21, 1951, in Gulfport, Mississippi.

She will always be remembered for her gracious and passionate support of her husband and all things SAR.

Texas SAR extends our deepest condolences to Jim and the Jones family during this difficult time.



Texas SAR Historian's Corner

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Next Committee Meeting

This Archives/History/Yearbook committee meets several times through the year and not just at state meetings. Some great ideas have evolved from both new and old members into some great projects. Breakout meetings by project are sometimes called.

**Wed.
Mar. 15
6:30 pm**

The next committee meeting will be via zoom and two weeks prior to the fall TexasSAR BOM. Whether in-person or otherwise, our committee meetings are open to committee members, past Texas Historians, and Chapter Historians. Send an email and you will be added to the zoom list. We welcome your participation and contributions.

See you at the 2023 Texas SAR Spring Conference.



RULES FOR THE ROSS L. SHIPMAN NEWSLETTER COMPETITION

The Ross L. Shipman Newsletter Competition Award is presented to a Texas SAR Chapter with the Best Newsletter for the calendar year. The Award is presented for three categories.

1. **The Multi-sheet Newsletter** - This competition is for the best newsletter using the multi-sheet format and **issuing at least 8 issues a year.**
2. **The Single-sheet Newsletter** - This competition is for the best newsletter using the single-sheet format and **issuing at least 6 issues per year.**

3. **The Electronic Newsletter** - This competition is for the best newsletter using the electronic format and **issuing at least 6 issues per year.**

Copies of the newsletter should be sent to the Editor, *The Texas Compatriot*, and the Chairman, Ross L. Shipman Newsletter Committee **after every publication.** The Chairman will file the newsletters and use them when time to evaluate them. The evaluation will occur in February of each year to determine the winning chapters in each category.

Announcement and awards are presented during the state annual convention.

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How to Submit Items to

The Texas Compatriot

The Texas Compatriot welcomes submissions from compatriots. Here are some tips on getting your story published.

1. Keep your article as short as you can while still telling the story. Send stories in Microsoft Word format to compatriot@txssar.org.
2. Send digital photographs as attachments and not embedded into the Word document. They also should be sent to compatriot@txssar.org.
3. Make sure your images are high resolution, at least 300 DPI, and that no time or date stamps appear on the images.
4. Limit the number of photographs to those you would most like to see published.
5. Meet the deadlines published for and in each issue.

New Picture Policy

To publish photos of children under the age of 18 in *The Texas Compatriot*, your local chapter newsletter, or on your chapter website, you must have a signed parental form that gives us (the Texas Society SAR) permission to publish the child's name and photo. You can find the form on the Society's public website under **Contest/Programs > Permission/Release Form**.

https://www.txssar.org/pdf/Permission_Youth.pdf.

Before the child's picture can appear in *The Texas Compatriot*, the signed consent form must be on file in the editor's office.

Publishing Deadlines

Deadlines for content inclusion in *The Texas Compatriot* are: **February 28th, May 31st, August 31st, & November 31st each year**. Planned publication dates for *The Texas Compatriot* are no later than the last day of the months of March, June, September, & December each year.

Newsletter Committee

Ron Turner, Chairman of the Texas Society Newsletter Committee, is seeking members of the society who have an interest in serving on the committee.

The Mission of the Newsletter Committee is to insure the history of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, is reported and preserved in a timely manner in a publication named *The Texas Compatriot*. It is a goal of this committee to publish newsletters featuring member activities at the National, State, and Local Chapter level, and to report on educational, public, and veteran activities, our Youth Programs, and those events honoring our public servants in each issue.

Compatriot Turner desires that every chapter in the Texas Society have a representative on the Newsletter Committee. Every chapter president should ensure that his chapter is represented on the committee. If your chapter has a newsletter, the editor of said newsletter should be on the committee as your chapter's representative.

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