



# The Texas Compatriot



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## San Antonio Chapter Awards Compatriot Grave Marking Medal to Ten Members

While attending the San Antonio Chapter Meeting on June 15, 2022, Texas Society SAR President Kuykendall recognized that the Chapter had implemented the Compatriot Grave Marking Program that had been approved by the National Society in 2017 and launched a Program to Mark the Graves of past Compatriots interred in cemeteries around the San Antonio Area. Since September 2021 he noted that seven Grave Marking Events have been conducted which included 54 Memorial Services for our compatriots honoring their service to our country during World War II, Korea and Vietnam Wars and as active members in the San Antonio Chapter and the Texas Society SAR.

Through the skillful leadership of Compatriot Frank Kebelman ten Chapter Members have participated in 15 or more Memorial Services to earn the SAR Compatriot Grave Marking Medal and Certificate.



**(Photo Left to Right)** Texas SAR President Jim Kuykendall and those receiving the Medals are Compatriots Kevin Kanter, Frank Rohrbough, Larry Loop, Frank Kebelman, Mike Bowles, Jim Massengill, Dick Weitzel, Stephen Rohrbough (in absentia), Blair Rudy (in absentia), and Paul Reynolds (in absentia).

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## 2022

- Sep 29-Oct 1 Fall Leadership Meeting  
Louisville, KY
- Sep 30-Oct 23 SAR Membership Recruitment Table,  
Jane Douglas DAR House, State Fair  
of Texas, Dallas
- Oct 21-23 Fall Board of Managers Meeting,  
McKinney, TX
- Nov 11 Various Veterans Day Parades
- Nov 13 MOWW Massing of the Colors
- Dec 3 Dickens on the Strand,  
Galveston
- Dec 17 Wreaths Across America

## 2023

- Mar 16-17 DAR State Conference,  
Hyatt Regency Hotel, DFW Airport
- Mar 30-Apr 2 Texas SAR Annual Convention, Spring
- Mar 30-Apr 2 C.A.R. State Conference, Pflugerville

# Caroline Jackson

## State President (04.2022-04.2023), Texas Society, C.A.R.

I'm drawn to history because it helps us to develop a better understanding of the world. I'm fascinated by how you can learn a single story that led to customs, traditions, and laws still in place today. Learning about the past prepares us for the future and it is an essential branch of knowledge that can create pride, interest, and growth.

The school classes I enjoy most are English and history. I love to write and study important people and events. My interest in these two classes inspired me to enter the Texas SAR / C.A.R. Essay Contest over the past two years. I additionally loved taking a sociology course where I could deepen my knowledge on the structure of human society throughout history. My college plans are to study philosophy and pursue a career in law.

My mom started my interest in my family's history by placing me in C.A.R. at a very young age. I joined the James Bates Society, N.S.C.A.R. when I was ten months old. I only have one C.A.R. proven patriot. Richard Wooldridge served in the Virginia Militia. Between my mom and dad, I have 22 proven patriots.

I became active at the C.A.R. state level when I was six and I always admired the older members who served as state officers. I held five consecutive state offices before State President.

Following a summer Regional Meeting in Baton Rouge, my family decided to take a short trip to a second Regional meeting. Because my sister and I showed interest, my mom planned attendance at the following National Convention. I was luckily offered a National Conference Co-Chairmanship. After two more National Chairmanships, I was interested in pursuing a national office and served as National Librarian in 2021-2022.

The offices of National and State President are a one-year term. Each officer is given the opportunity to develop a National Project and a State Project that meets the objectives of C.A.R. Each propose their project, a beneficiary and fundraising plan to their respective boards. Once approved, the State Yearbook is created to share program suggestions, created by the National and State boards.

The intent is to help local societies learn and fund the National and State Projects through the year. The senior organizations, SAR, S.R., and DAR are the primary sources of funding.

My goal for the State Project is to select a topic that will be different than previous State Projects, that will interest many, and most im-

portantly, will make a difference. I am excited to announce the T.S.C.A.R. State Board approved the 2022-23 State Project, "Ready and Forward", learning the history of the Buffalo Soldiers. The project beneficiary is the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum, located in Houston. I find the Buffalo Soldiers such an important part of history that is not often shared. This project provides an opportunity for members and seniors to learn more about this time. By making the National Buffalo Soldier Museum the benefactor, it allows donators to help preserve this part of history and to give back to this community.

The DAR accepts membership applications at the age of 18. There is no DAR application fee for C.A.R. members in good standing who apply between the age of 18 and 22. In January, I will apply to become a DAR member. Each DAR State Regent chooses the parameters for paging at that State Conference and Mrs. Marcy Carter-Lovick invited C.A.R. members that have reached their 14th birthday to page. I served as a C.A.R. Page at DAR State Conference, holding doors and delivering messages.



## Jill Jackson Immediate Past Senior President & Honorary Senior President, Texas Society, C.A.R.

I was seven years old when my paternal grandmother opened large Ahnentafel charts across the dining room table and showed me how to read a census.

She became interested in genealogy when she regularly drove her father-in-law to Louisville in the late 30s. He knew little about his family. His mother died of TB when he was five and the following year, his father, a photographer, left Louisville for Nevada to find gold. His father never returned. My grandmother would go to the library to research my great-grandfather's family while he took TB treatments. That research transitioned into her own. She had many lines that received Kentucky land grants for Revolutionary service. She joined the DAR first. Our first DAR ancestor, Moses Hough, was a private in the New Jersey Militia.

I joined the DAR when I was 30 years old. As do many DAR members, I first volunteered with the C.A.R. when I was a DAR Junior Member. I served as a C.A.R. State Chair and then an Officer. Once I aged out of Junior Membership, I briefly left C.A.R. to focus on DAR service. When my daughters were born and took interest, we volunteered in C.A.R. together.

I enjoy helping C.A.R. members see that giving to their community is part of their life responsibility. My favorite part of serving as Senior State President, was helping each State President develop a strategy to complete meaningful and successful State Projects. Cumulatively, they raised \$39,000 for their beneficiaries, the National WWII WASP Museum and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

I like creating fun activities to teach children and adults. Hopefully these activities become the glue to help participants remember history. I've used marshmallows to reenact the Battle of Saratoga. I recreated south Texas in my yard on Brays Bayou. The children answered Texas history questions to move to the next battle, culminating at the Battle of San Jacinto!

## Revolutionary descendants celebrate ancestors patriotism, sacrifice in Montgomery County

The Courier of Montgomery County  
Sondra Hernandez, Staff Writer  
June 28, 2022

Rev. Wallace Shook, of Conroe, had been told by his mother that their family was related to early American folk hero Daniel Boone.

All his 95 years, he'd wondered if it was indeed true. When Marie Underdown gave a patriotic presentation last Fourth of July as a part of Bible study at their church, Shook mentioned it to Dave Underdown and Underdown knew he had to track down this mystery.



Underdown, a member of the Sons of the American Revolution Freedom Chapter, traced Shook's lineage and determined he was in fact a descendant of the famed adventurer. Dave Underdown and Dave Morton are pictured at the Patriot's Day event in Conroe.

On June 21, Shook was inducted into the Freedom Chapter as the newest member at the age of 96 based on his connection to Boone who served as a militia officer during the Revolutionary War.

Since the discovery, Shook has been reading up on Boone and his life.

"What an interesting character," Shook said of his ancestor.

His is just one story of the more than 120 members of the Freedom Chapter group who have all traced their family line back to a participant of the American Revolution.



Now today the 120 members celebrate their heritage by participating in events across the county and state sharing patriotic, historical and educational experiences while honoring their ancestor's service.

This holiday weekend, members of the group will don their colonial gear and participate in the Conroe Stars and Stripes Celebration Saturday night. They'll also participate in the Oak Ridge North Fourth of July Parade Monday.

Throughout the year, they can be found in their colonial uniforms at Memorial Day and Veteran's Day observances, participating in local and statewide parades, join in re-enactments, attending memorial services, doing educational outreach in schools, working with ROTC groups and Boy Scouts and giving presentations to organizations and more.

Freedom Chapter president, Art Byram, said their uniforms come from a company based in California that also provides costumes for the movies. When they go into schools, he said the question they get from children the most is "Are you a pirate?" based on their triangular hats.

Three generations of Byram's family are involved in American Revolution lineage groups.

His great uncle who lived in California had a local school trace the family lineage. That research became a book that is now in the Sons of the American Revolution library and it helped Byram, his daughter and his granddaughters trace their heritage back to Revolutionary times. His daughter participates in the Daughters of the American Revolution and his granddaughters are a part of the Children of the American Revolution.

It's especially touching to Byram that his granddaughters — Annabelle and Abigail — are named after two of his ancestors that came to the US on the Mayflower.

The Freedom Chapter launched 40 years ago in March 1982. Dave Morton's father, John Davis "Jack" Morton, was one of the charter members of the chapter.

Both his mother, Katherine, and his father were engaged in the study of genealogy.

But he said it was a lot more difficult to obtain information in their day.

"They probably spent 20 years visiting courthouse basements, abandoned cemeteries, libraries with newspaper archives and more," Morton said.

The advent of the internet has made family research much easier these days.

Morton said his most interesting ancestor is a man named Jacob Gremmer.

"Probably the most interesting thing about him is he probably walked about 2,000 miles just to miss out on every battle that happened," Morton said.

Morton has nearly 20 years of Sons of the American Revolution membership which was inspired by both his parents. With other chapters in Huntsville, Katy, Galveston and downtown Houston, the Freedom Chapter is most convenient for those who live in Montgomery County.

Dave Hamaker is the group's First Vice President.

He started researching his genealogy almost as a joke 40 years ago.

He attended his ex-wife's family reunion in Arkansas. Her grandfather ask about his last name and said he went to school with a Jack Hamaker. Dave Hamaker said "That's my grandfather."

Jokingly, just to make sure he and his ex-wife were only related by marriage, he came back to Conroe and the ladies in the Montgomery County Genealogy Department helped him trace his lineage. Now he's in several lineage groups.

Possibly his most famous ancestor is Peter Sides. He served as an ensign from North Carolina with the 2nd Battalion of the North Carolina Regiment in the Revolutionary War. He continued to be a military man his whole life.

At the age of 62 or 63, he joined the Gutierrez-Magee expedition to free Texas from Spain in 1812, and was killed in the Battle of Medina on Aug. 18, 1813.

Hamaker now commemorates Sides' role in the battle each year at the re-enactment in August.

"Most people don't know a lot about the Battle of Medina, but it was the bloodiest battle on Texas soil," Hamaker said.

And he said placing dates for their ancestors is great, but it's the stories you find out that are really fascinating.



## Alexander Hamilton Chapter

“It doesn’t even have to be anyone famous. Sometimes it’s just finding out how the family progressed and where they moved and why,” he said.

It marvels Chapter secretary Ed Sellards that their ancestors were there at such momentous times in American history.

“We wouldn’t be a country if there weren’t men like our ancestors who were there and willing to give it all,” Sellards said.

The Freedom Chapter meets at the Spring Creek BBQ in Shenandoah. Meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. They’re always seeking new members and can help those interesting in researching their family history.



The Chapter Color Guard posted the Colors on July 2nd at The Sun City Singers concert “Our Tribute to America” in Georgetown, Texas.



Pictured are David Underdown, Ed Sellards, David Hamaker, Larry G Stevens, Ray Cox, John Kenton Thompson and Mel Oller.



At the July chapter meeting, David Valdez was the guest speaker. Mr. Valdez was the White House photographer for George H.W. Bush. Chapter members were joined by many local DAR members and everyone enjoyed Mr. Valdez’s sharing many heretofore unseen behind-the-scenes photos, including his Life Magazine photo of the Bush family grandchildren enjoying grandpa reading to them in bed.



# Benke Family Reunion



Every year the Benke family meets for a family reunion on the Llano river in Junction. This year's reunion was exceptional on three accounts: first it rained, second it was the 10th anniversary, and third it saw the induction of six new members into the San Antonio Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The Benke family has been in Texas since 1854. The reunion allowed an opportunity for the family to reflect on its Revolutionary War ancestors: Joseph Bowen, Israel Sayles, Ahab Sayles, and William Steere. These Patriots all hail from Rhode Island and served our founding Republic.

Campbell Baron sponsored and inducted his cousins into the SAR with each sibling having a unique Patriot. Following the induction, musket drill was preformed and the family took turns firing the brown bess.

I encourage all Compatriots to support our principles and get your family involved in the SAR/DAR/CAR. I find that having siblings/cousins join under different ancestors give them more ownership of that Patriot's Service. Each inductee received a packet describing their patriots role, how they contributed to the cause, and the lineage proven.

~ Peter Baron  
San Antonio Chapter

## Our Rhode Island Revolutionaries

### The Ancestors of Selina Rosey Wilkie Benke

17 October 1918 to 25 August 1992

Selina's great grandfather, her mother's-mother's-father, was William F. Bowen (1825-1899). His farm is where "Bowen's Crossing" is on the northwest side of San Antonio (near 1604 and Braun Road). He was born in Rhode Island. Both of his grandfathers and 2 of his great grandfathers served in the Rhode Island troops during the American Revolution. Here is a little about each of them and their service.

**JOSEPH BOWEN** was born in 1757 in Providence, Rhode Island. He studied medicine and was a surgeon's mate at the outset of the conflict. He served on numerous naval vessels to include the privateer Vengeance and the privateer The Chance. He rose to the rank of Ensign. He was captured and held prisoner on the British prison ship The Jersey in New York Harbor. He petitioned General George Washington to send supplies to aid the prisoners. The British gave Joseph a furlough to secure supplies. Joseph was released, visited with General Washington, and returned to The Jersey with food, medicine, and blankets. The British released Joseph for his service. Joseph was awarded a Service Pension for his actions during the war. He recorded his service in his application for the pension.

**AHAB SAYLES** was born in 1760 in Glocester, Rhode Island. Ahab served in the Rhode Island State Troops. He served in numerous units to include Captain Abraham Winsor's Company, Lieutenant Stephen Paine's Company, Captain Dean Kimball's Company, Captain Timothy Wilmarth's Company and Colonel Chad Browns's Regiment. He married Lillis Steere. She received a Widows Pension for her deceased husband's service.

**ISRAEL SAYLES** was Ahab's father. He was born in Providence in 1726. He also served in the Rhode Island Troops. He served under Captain Asa Kimball and Captain Benjamin Hoppin, both commanded companies in Colonel Lippitt's Second Regiment of Foot, Rhode Island Brigade.

**SAMUEL STEERE** was Lillis Steere's father. He was born in Glocester in 1731. He served in Captain Andrew Harris' Company, Colonel John Matherson's Regiment of Rhode Island Militia.



Joseph, Ahab, and Israel all served in Lippitt's Regiment. It was founded in May of 1776 and marched to New York to join General Washington's Continental Army. It fought at White Plains on 28 October 1776, second Trenton on 2 January 1777, and Princeton on 3 January 1777. The Regiment was disbanded in February of 1777.

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## Freedom Chapter, Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution, Honors our Men in Blue

Oak Ridge North Officers K. Kennerly and R. Craig were honored with the SAR Life Saving Medal at the monthly Freedom Chapter meeting of Sons of the American Revolution at Spring Creek BBQ in Shenandoah, Texas, on 21 June 2022.



Oak Ridge North Police Chief Tom Libby introduced his officers and provided the background story of how the efforts of these two fine public servants saved the life of a young man earlier in the month of May.

While responding to a suspected drug overdose incident in a local parking lot, Officer R. Craig found a young man to be completely unconscious, turning very pale, and apparently not breathing. EMS and another police unit were called for assistance while CPR was immediately started. Shortly thereafter, Officer K. Kennerly arrived on scene to assist, and it was at this time that the Officers decided to administer NARCAN nasal spray, as it was believed this was an Opioid drug related overdose. Officer R. Craig continued CPR compression while the NARCAN was administered. The victim was unresponsive to the 1st Narcan dosage and Officer K. Kennerly then administered a 2nd dosage while Officer R. Craig continued CPR compressions. The young man was also unresponsive to the 2nd Narcan dose, so a 3rd dose was then administered. The young man finally showed to have a visible pulse on his carotid artery and within a few minutes South Montgomery Fire arrived on scene, administered a 4th dose of NARCAN, and the victim became responsive just as MCHD Medic 22 arrived on scene.

Through their quick response and professional actions, Officers Craig and Kennerly were responsible for saving the young man's life. Oak Ridge North and Montgomery County residents are most fortunate and proud to know our 'men in blue' are so well trained and stand ready to protect and serve. THANK YOU!





## San Antonio Chapter Celebrates Independence Day

At the Invitation of the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa in San Antonio, the San Antonio Chapter conducted its 11th Educational and Historical Independence Day Event for hotel guests visiting the resort on July 3, 2022. The event was held at 10:30 a.m. in the Luckenbach Pavilion near the golf course. This was the 245th anniversary of our nation's Declaration of Independence from England.

Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, Past Chapter President, served as the Master of Ceremonies with fifteen members participating in past years. He welcomed approximately 125 hotel guests to the event to celebrate the founding of our country.

The Chapter Color Guard included Guardsmen Peter Baron and Frank Kebelman and Flag Bearers Stephen Rohrbough (US Flag) and Jason Bourgeois (Texas Flag). The event opened with the Posting of Colors. Chapter President Kevin Kanter spoke on "What SAR Is" and does. Chapter Historian Compatriot Larry Loop gave the overview on "Why We Celebrate Independence Day" noting that as British subjects, the British Parliament had placed heavy taxes on them and increasingly denied them the freedoms they expected and self-rule they wanted. Compatriot Peter Baron explained the evolution of the Patriot Uniforms during the Revolution starting with the Minutemen of Massachusetts and Virginia and Mountain Men of the Carolinas and the Regimental Uniforms that were approved by the Continentals Congress in 1778. He explained the various Battle Flags of the Revolution highlighting the "Star Spangled Banner" and what it means, to patriots. Compatriot Baron provided an overview of the guns used by soldiers in the Militia and the Continental Line Army during the Revolution, notably the 75-caliber flintlock musket and a 50-caliber flintlock rifle. He stated that a well-seasoned soldier could load and fire a musket four times in one minute. However, he noted that the musket was not very accurate beyond 50 yards and thus during a battle, muskets were fired in volleys in succession at the enemy standing in formation over 50 yards away. Comparatively, a rifleman could load and fire only once every 90 seconds, but was a more accurate weapon used for targets up to 250 yards



Left to Right: Freedom Chapter 1st Vice President David Hamaker, Oak Ridge North Officer Kennerly, North Ridge North Officer Craig, Freedom Chapter SAR President Art Byram, Oak Ridge North Police Chief Tom Libby, Freedom Chapter Secretary Ed Sellards

Photo by John Meredith  
Freedom Chapter SAR

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## Compatriot Patterson awarded Meritorious Service Medal

Left to right are: Boerne Chapter Ex-President Pat Blackman, Registrar Pat Patterson and Color Guard Commander Dale Tidwell



away. Baron described the firing positions of soldiers in formation — shoulder to shoulder and standing 3 rows deep — when engaging the enemy on the field of battle. Following several volleys, the command was given to fix bayonets and advance against the enemy.

Compatriot Rohrbough then called for the Ring the Bell as a salute to each of the Original Thirteen Colonies on the date they became a colony as they were announced. The Program ended with the playing of the song composed by Country Artist Lee Greenwood “God Bless the USA”. The guest joined in the singing of the song and standing, to honor our great country.

To allow greater interaction for the hotel guests, demonstration tables were set up where guests could visit each table to learn more about the various aspects of the Revolutionary War. These included: Weapons and Accouterments, Revolutionary Period Uniforms, Making a Powder Horn, Flags of the Revolution, Currencies of the Colonies, Patriot Ancestor Stories, Family Genealogy Charts, Camp Followers of the Revolution, and Coloring Book Sketches depicting events of the Revolution.

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## Recruit New Members

Jim Kuykendall, President, Texas SAR, is asking all Compatriots to do one important thing for our Society—**RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS.**

Jim wrote to members in June that

“[n]ow more than ever before we need to add to our membership. For some time, after we subtract those who have away [sic] and those who have not renewed their membership, our Society has basically held our own in yearly numbers. Year to date we have added 300 new members. We must have at least 400 by the end of the year. I am asking each of you to:

- Go through your contact list and pull out those you know you can ask about joining us.
- Don’t only consider them, think about their family members, sons, brothers, etc.
- Go to our website to get information on recruiting tools:

- Guide to Membership Recruitment... [www.txssar.org/!!TXS!!SAR!!/pdf/GuidetoMRRR.pdf](http://www.txssar.org/!!TXS!!SAR!!/pdf/GuidetoMRRR.pdf)
- Copy and use the new TXSSAR Brochure... [https://www.txssar.org/!!TXS!!SAR!!/pdf/TexSAR\\_Brochure.pdf](https://www.txssar.org/!!TXS!!SAR!!/pdf/TexSAR_Brochure.pdf)

“We all realize that we are fighting a losing battle with age attrition! We are not replacing ourselves fast enough and we need to help all more members to our society!

“We live in a time when it has never been more important for people to understand what patriotism is about. It seems many have forgotten what this great country was founded on. We were a country born of many different people from different places and backgrounds. We were a melting pot of people, and we still are. The SAR has a message of patriotism that people need to hear.

“I fear that the once strong voice of our founding fathers is becoming faint, and we cannot let that happen. It can only be strengthened by the new voices of Compatriots who we recruit into our ranks.”

### MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING PINS

Some time ago, Past Texas SAR President Bob Cohen introduced the **Texas SAR** pins. They are the “brand” of the Texas SAR.

They are back! However, the intention this time is to make the pin a special reward for members who recruit someone into the SAR. Once you recruit someone and the Chapter Registrars agree the application has been submitted, then you are entitled to receive a pin. This is on the honor system and there is only one requirement—you can only receive one pin, regardless of how many you recruit. The SAR has other awards available for those who recruit many members. Your District Vice President has pins so get out there and recruit!



NATIONAL SOCIETY  
SONS of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
132nd ANNUAL CONGRESS  
SAVANNAH, GA 2022



# 4th of July Parades

## Patrick Henry Chapter

The Chapter Color Guard participated in three separate events all on the same day. First up was the Wimberley 4th of July Parade. This mile or so parade was watched by an estimated crowd of five thousand. Second up was the Allendale Neighborhood Parade in Austin—a 25 plus year tradition for the chapter. Last on the list was the Round Rock Express baseball game where the Color Guard presented the colors. Presentation of the Colors was watched by approximately ten thousand spectators. After the National Anthem, the Color Guard fired a musket volley which was received with enthusiasm from the crowd.



## McKinney Chapter



Back Row: Ted Wilson, Don Babbs, Tom Milson, Ray Hargis, Terry L Holden, Gary Barker,

## Arlington & Van Zandt Chapters

Color Guardsmen from the Arlington and Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapters participated in Arlington's July 4th Parade. In addition to Van Zandt's parade trailer, Arlington Master Float Builder and New Compatriot Mike Fairchild created a float of Gen. George Washington's boat crossing the Delaware. The two SAR chapters were also joined by ladies from the Lucretia Council Cochran Chapter DAR.

Pictured left to right are Arlington member and Texas State Historian John Anderson, Arlington member Mike Fairchild, Van Zandt Color Guard Commander Vann Cunningham, Van Zandt President Bobby Gresham, and Arlington President Dan Hamilton.





## Freedom Chapter

Members of the Freedom Chapter participated in the Oak Ridge 4th of July Parade.



## Bernardo de Galvez Chapter

Bernardo de Galvez Chapter 1 joined with the Bernardo de Galvez Society of the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) to participate in the 4th of July Parade in Friendswood, Texas. Color Guard Commander Zachary Adriance and Compatriots Hugh Ferguson, John Loper and William Adriance marched in advance of the C.A.R. float. President Billy Mayo rode in the boat with young George Washington as he was rowed across the Delaware River. Compatriot David Zwahr walked along with the Color Guard. The C.A.R. float won 3rd place in Category 1 Best General Float.



## 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.



# Texas Society Mentor Program

## WHAT IS A “MENTOR”?

Mentoring is learning and development between two people. It is matching one person with skills, knowledge, or expertise with a person who wants to learn. It just happens to be the oldest and best method of learning. For SAR, Mentors help inspire someone’s interest and involvement in SAR.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

When the Chapter President is notified of a new prospect, he assigns a Mentor to that new prospect. He provides the Mentor with contact information for the prospect and introduces the Mentor to the prospect.

Ideally, the prospect begins working on the application process. The Mentor brings the prospect to meetings, introduces the prospect to members, sits with the prospect, and tells the prospect about the Mentoring Program.

## WHO CAN MENTOR?

Mentors can be experienced Chapter Members or recent Chapter Members. Experienced Chapter Members are active SAR participants who are familiar with Chapter goals and programs, as well as SAR goals and supported programs. Recent Chapter Members are those members who have been a member for more than one year and who wants to become more active, gain more knowledge, and provide a service to others.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

For new Members, they:

- Have the opportunity to meet other members
- Bond to the Chapter
- Learn about the State and National Societies
- Learn how to navigate the websites
- Learn about Chapter activities
- Become active in the Chapter
- Learn leadership opportunities

For Mentors, they:

- Build new friendships
- Build the local Chapter
- Learn new perspectives
- Learn and enhance your own knowledge and leadership

- Gain a renewed sense of purpose
- Gain new skills
- Know your making a difference
  - In the new member
  - In the local and state SAR Society
  - In the future



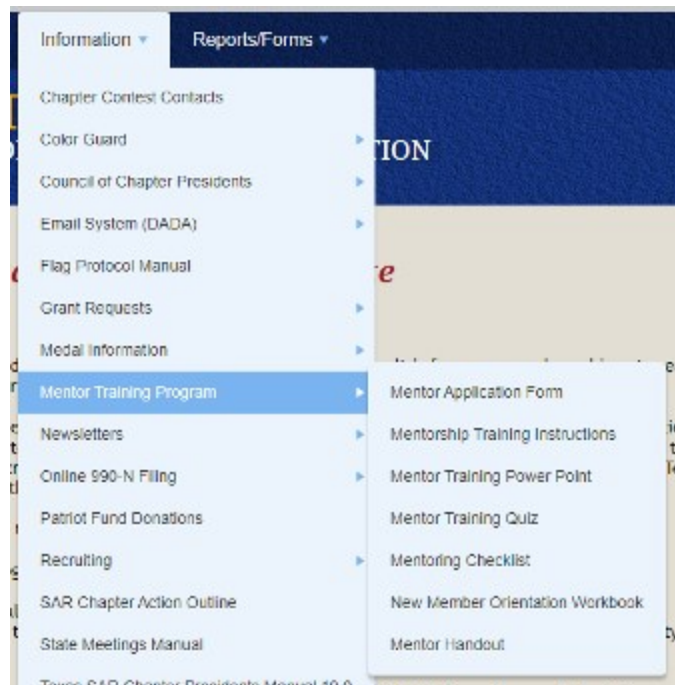
**BE SOMEONE SPECIAL.....  
.....BE A MENTOR**

**Introducing the new  
“Texas Mentor” lapel pin**

- Mentor Training program
- Mentor 2 new members

## HOW DO I GET STARTED AS A MENTOR?

If you are interested in becoming a Mentor, the first step is to go to the Texas SAR Private website and find the Mentor Training Program topic under the Information tab. <https://texassar.org/!!TXS!!SAR!!/#>



Read the Mentoring Training Program Instructions. The program is an honor-based program. Each Compatriot taking the training will do it on their own and in their own time. It is important that each Mentor takes the time to do the training and to Mentor new members properly.

Advise your Chapter President or District Vice President that you have completed Mentor training and are ready to be assigned to a new prospect/member. You need to Mentor two (2) new members over a period of three (3) to six (6) months each. Complete the application for certification. List the new members names and dates. Meet with the Chapter President or District Vice President to review your certification application. They will verify your work and sign the form. You send the application to the Assistant Secretary, Texas SAR. Your application must be received no later than 45 days before a scheduled state meeting. The Mentor recognition and award are presented at each designated state meeting to qualified Compatriots and you can receive the Mentor Pin only once.

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## The Patriot Medal

Description: The medal has a silver finish and bears the portrait of Compatriot General of the Army Douglas MacArthur on the obverse within the inscription, "The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution." The medal is suspended from a chest ribbon of royal blue color.

Compatriot and General MacArthur selected the design for the medal just prior to his death. He received the first medal, presented posthumously at his tomb in Norfolk, Virginia, on October 19, 1964, where it is on permanent display.

This medal is the highest ranked medal the State Society may present to the Members.

I received the medal in 2002. My greatest thrill is every year I get to stand in front of the members and welcome the new recipients into a very select membership. Each year, you move up the ladder. This year Nathan White, John Greer, and Ed Butler were the first three names called.

Over the years, The Texas Society has presented 218 Compatriots the medal. There are 108 Compatriots still living. Twenty-eight plus six new members were in attendance at the 2022 State Conference. There are 3,300 members in the Texas Society so the percentage is very small and very prestigious.

The Notable Texan Committee has located pictures of 216 of the 218 that have received the medal. We have re-indexed the list to Chapters instead of by year. More information will be needed and the History Committee will send out a request in late August .

### HOW DOES ONE RECEIVE THE MEDAL?

Compatriots are nominated by officers of the Chapter and the State and not just the current ones. I have nominated five and seconded six. Tom Whitelock has nominated a lot more. We both have a perfect record. All of our nominations have receive the medal.

### WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS?

Having a society position and then doing something extraordinary. Obviously doing the assigned duties but also something that enhances the Society.

My recommendation is at the State Convention those of us that have the Patriot medal wear a Royal blue ribbon on our name badge. And at the Saturday night banquet those of us that have the Patriot medal wear them.

John L Greer  
Patriots Medal 2002



Patriot Medal awardees from left to right:  
Walt Thomas (2017), Gerry Gieger (2016),  
Nathan White, Jr. (2000), and John Greer (2002).



**Dr. David Yeilding**  
**November 22, 1941 – July 9, 2022**  
**Texas Society President 1992-1993**

Thomas David Yeilding died July 9, 2022, in Temple, Texas. David was born to Hollis Clinton Yeilding and Margaret Evelyn Boyd Yeilding in Brownwood, Texas on November 22, 1941, while his father was a student at Howard Payne College (now University). After Brownwood, the family lived in Grandfalls, TX; Kingman, AZ; Monahans, TX; and Rock-springs, TX, where Rev. Hollis Yeilding pastored churches, before moving to Abilene in 1951 when David was in the third grade and his father became pastor of Calvary Baptist Church there. The family remained in Abilene almost 17 years during which time David graduated from Abilene High School and earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Hardin Simmons University. He subsequently earned his Master of Arts Degree from Hardin Simmons and his Doctor of Philosophy from the University of North Texas. He majored in history in all three degrees.

His first teaching job was in Dumas High School; next was Sweetwater High School. The Sweetwater Class of 1968 students have always held a special place in his heart. He taught next at Odessa College, before beginning work at Central Texas College in July 1976 as an administrator. His duties took him to work in the college's European division from 1978 to 1980. While there, he married Donnie Cook in Copenhagen, Denmark. After returning to Texas, David was able to secure his desired position of teaching American history at the college. His love of history and of teaching impacted his students. Even students who didn't do well in his classes reported to counselors that he was a great teacher. He later served as chairman of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Department. After retiring in August 2003, he continued to teach online history classes for three more years.

David had a zest for life and a strong desire to serve others, whether helping individuals or volunteering in organizations to which he belonged. He enmeshed himself in local history. He was an Emeritus member of the Bell County Historical Commission, in which he served as chairman from 1987-1991, and an Emeritus member of the Bell County Museum Board, on which he served multiple times as chairman. He chaired Bell County's Sesquicentennial Committee in 1999-2000. David served for a number of years on the board of the Salado Historical Society. He was a member and past president of Bell County Retired School Employees Association. David was an active member and former president of the Temple Rotary Club.

David loved family, from his wife Donnie to his birth family to Donnie's family after their marriage. He researched his family history and became active in genealogical organizations, serving in many capacities in the **Heart of Texas Chapter Sons of the American Revolution** and the George W. Tyler Chapter Sons of the Republic of Texas. **He was a past State President of both the Sons of the American Revolution and the General Society War of 1812.**

David's greatest love was for God. He served as a deacon previously in First Baptist Church of Killeen and most recently in First Baptist Church of Temple where he and Donnie have been members for more than 25 years. He taught Bible study classes, chaired committees, and served as a church trustee. In about 2008, the pastor's secretary asked him to assist in organizing the church's historical documents. After working with these items, he developed an interest in writing a history of First Baptist Church. He began researching in 2010 and published the book, *Through Wind and Fire: A History of First Baptist Church, Temple, Texas* in 2019.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM Monday, July 18, 2022 at First Baptist Church of Temple. The family will receive visitors from 10-11:00 AM Monday, prior to the funeral service. Burial will follow at Restland Cemetery in Gatesville.

David was preceded in death by both his parents and his brother Kenneth. He is survived by his wife Donnie, his sister LaNell and husband Norman Spears of Lubbock, his brother Hollis Yeilding Jr. and wife Elaine of Abilene, his brother Kenneth's wife, Patsy Yeilding of Odessa, as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.





## Freedom Chapter

The Freedom Chapter participated in the Conroe Stars and Stripes Celebration in Heritage Park. The Conroe Symphony Orchestra provided patriotic music and Uncle Sam, Wonder Woman and Captain America were there. The Freedom Chapter Color Guard members raised the American flag while the symphony played the Star Spangled Banner.



The SAR Grave Marker for Ralph McDowell



## Dallas Chapter Inducts New Members



The Honor Guard for Ralph McDowell's Visitation: (left to right) Tom Whitelock, Jerry Pinkerton, J.D. Martin, Tom Van Fossen, Bob Kubin, and Mark Harrison



Uniformed Dallas Chapter Compatriots joined newly inducted members and their wives (Center, left to right) William David Hill (and wife) Fire Battalion Chief Ronald Allen Russell (and wife)

Uniformed Compatriots (left to right) Bill Watts, Mark Harrison, Tom Whitelock, J.D. Martin, Jerry Pinkerton, Tom Van Fossen, and guest speaker Duane Carter (of Plano Chapter)



## Texas SAR Historian's Corner

by John Anderson; [historian@txssar.org](mailto:historian@txssar.org)

### *Prominent Compatriots*

This sub-committee has a few active projects.



First is the collection of photos of Patriot Medal winners through the years and hopefully at or near the time won. Starting in 1966, Patriot Medals were awarded to worthy compatriots. Collection of those photos precludes a great review for our next, unscheduled, Texas SAR History Volume. Compatriot John Greer reports we have to date all but two photos of those past winners. We have plans to email distribute the found photos to the member chapters seeking their review and some improvements. We recognize your chapter Patriot Medal winners should be saved and portrayed in the best manner possible.

Another is the collection of Chapter Charters, members, and articles. Some chapters have these on their chapter website; others have forwarded photos and documents for archival purposes. As State Historian, I'm attempting to gather a master list of where these are located and get copies too. Your Chapter Historian is encouraged to contribute

And of course, another project is to gather and save information about Texas SAR Past Presidents. This effort continues yearly.

### *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 send them to UNT for archival. The UNT Special Collections department accepts shipments of Texas SAR materials or electronic DVDs or flash drives. Or, bring them to an in-person Texas State meeting for the Historian to collect. UNT reviews your documents for sensitive data and separates them into private and public data. Documents with member contact information are deemed sensitive and are therefore set as private. The public documents are prioritized and added to the backlog to digitize and make available online. We and the public can online search and find these documents.

Actual paper documents can be found using the UNT Finding Aid for TXSSAR. For any archived document, private or public, schedule an in-person UNT Willis Library review in advance. Online research can be done using the UNT Online Collection Search. The Texas SAR Archives At UNT overview is found the Texas SAR public website under the About Texas SAR > History menu.

### *Patriot/Compatriot Graves*



On Sunday September 11, 2022, the Texas SAR Color Guard is conducting a ceremony to officially recognize James Carter as a real American Revolutionary Patriot buried in Bonham, Texas. It will be an SAR State, and probable national, event. All compatriots are welcome. See Commander Gary Barker for more information.

### *Chapter Yearbook Judging*



As previously reported, congratulations to last year's winners of the Chapter Yearbooks as judged at the April 2022 Texas SAR Convention. Half the year has passed; hopefully, your chapter yearbook for 2022 is already in progress and saving memories. Turn them in at the 2023 Texas SAR Spring Convention in The Woodlands.

### *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.

**Oct 5  
7:00 pm**

The next committee meeting will be via zoom and two weeks prior to the fall TXSSAR 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 2022 Texas SAR Fall BOM in Frisco.

## PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP

Have you thought about a lifetime membership? Texas SAR Perpetual Membership pays National, State, and Chapter dues of the perspective Member for life. National and State dues are paid at the rate in effect each year even if they are increased. Chapter dues are paid at the rate of \$9.50 as per Article XXIX, Section 1 of the By-laws.

The Perpetual Membership Rate is based on the age of the Applicant and is twice the National Life Membership Plan cost. For example: National Life Membership for an Applicant age 40 is \$790.00; therefore, the Texas SAR Perpetual Rate for an Applicant age 40 is \$1,580.00. National Life Membership for an Applicant age 70 is \$415.00; therefore, the Perpetual Membership Rate for an Applicant age 70 is \$830.00. The National Life Membership Rates may be found on the Application for Enrollment in the NSSAR National Life Membership Plan form. Your Texas SAR Perpetual Membership Rate can be automatically calculated for you on the Fee Calculator page.

Texas SAR Perpetual Membership benefits the State, Chapter, and Member. The State and Chapter receive dues annually for the Member's life without the cost of billing, processing payment, following up when necessary, and/or reinstatement when the Member was dropped. There are no drops or reinstatements of Texas Perpetual Members. Although Chapter dues are limited to \$9.50, nothing prevents the Member from voluntarily donating the additional dues charged by some Chapters. The Member is the largest beneficiary. No more need for annual dues payment and no need to increase the amount for National dues increases. Since 1987, National has averaged increasing dues \$5.00 every six years. Texas SAR Perpetual Membership saves you money. Two examples:

- The plan cost for an Applicant age 40 is \$1,580.00. The life expectancy of a male aged 40 from the Social Security Actuarial Life Table is 38.74 years. Current dues of \$57.00 (\$35+\$12.50+\$9.50) times 38.74 totals \$2,208.18. Five dollar dues increase every six years adds \$700.00 which increases the total to \$2,908.18. A savings of \$1,318.18.

- The plan cost for an Applicant age 70 is \$830.00. The life expectancy for a male aged 70 from the Social Security Actuarial Life Table is 14.59 years. Current dues of \$57.00 (\$35+\$12.50+\$9.50) times 14.59 totals \$831.63. Five dollar dues increase every six years adds \$105.00 which increases the total to \$936.63. A savings of \$106.63.

The savings are much greater for Chapter dues of more than \$9.50.

A Texas SAR Perpetual Membership may be purchased in two equal installments. The first installment will be used by the Texas SAR Treasurer to purchase a National Life Membership for the Applicant. The Applicant would be required to pay State and Chapter dues until the second installment is paid. After the second installment is paid, the Applicant would not be required to pay future State or Chapter dues.

Compatriots wishing to purchase a Texas SAR Perpetual Membership should complete a National Life membership Plan form and Texas SAR Perpetual Membership Plan form. Both forms are available on the Texas SAR website under About Texas SAR. Scroll down to Fee Calculator and select Perpetual Membership. The last paragraph of Perpetual Membership Information includes additional instructions.

~ Jim Jones

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## On Going SAR Project(s)

How often were you asked as a child what do you want to be? What are your goals in life? These and so many other questions have always been asked of us to give an answer. As the years come and go so do our goals and answers. Let's think back to when you became a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. Was it not to preserve our history and remember those who had fought for independence? Yet, we are approaching our 250th year of independence and we still have not honored all those Patriots who are buried in Texas from that war. There are a number of Revolutionary War Patriots buried here in Texas that no one has the question "Why have we not marked their graves?"



Compatriot Clovis H. Brakebill traveled the state for years looking for their graves. His book *American Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Texas* tells about his finds and gives an insight to those who fought that war (On Texas SAR Public web site). For many years Compatriot Tom Green III was the contact person for a chapter wanting to mark a grave. Both Tom and myself would like to see this accomplished before the 250th Anniversary in 2026.

If your chapter is interested in sponsoring or joining with another in sponsoring a grave or site marking for one or more of these Patriots buried in Texas, please contact me (Ted Wilson <[twilson6345@yahoo.com](mailto:twilson6345@yahoo.com)>). I have lists of Patriots and where their graves can be found. There are two types of marking that need to be done. The 1st group are those buried in a cemetery and have a headstone. Our 2nd group are those whose grave has not been located. We would like to have a historical marker from the state of Texas placed in the county where they died. Contact me so I can get you the information you might need to mark a grave or help move this project forward.

Group 1

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| Aaron Cherry           | Liberty County       |
| John Dollarhide        | Angelina County      |
| Micajah Hughes         | Morris County        |
| Able A. Lewis          | San Augustine County |
| Dr. Samuel Thompson    |                      |
| Marcum Manning         | Walker County        |
| Joshua Seale           | Jasper County        |
| Capt. William Smeather | Williamson County    |
| Jeremiah Stell         | Lamar County         |
| Jean Chaison           | Jefferson County     |
| James Lemmon           | Dallas County        |
| James Thompson         | Morris County        |

Group 2

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| James Adams         | Orange County      |
| Theophilus Hickman  | Jasper County      |
| Moses Hill          | Sabine County      |
| Isaac Moore         | Liberty County     |
| Jose SoRelle        | Fayette County     |
| James Tinsley       | Walker County      |
| Evan T. Watson      | Bowie County       |
| Bernhard D’Ortolant | Nacogdoches County |
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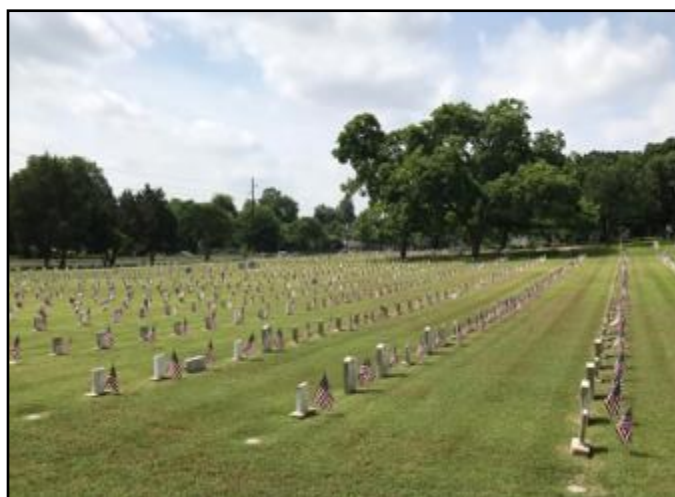
San Augustine County

Ted Wilson

## Patrick Henry Flag Team

The American Flag Team, Patrick Henry Chapter, places over 3,200 flags on every grave at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin for both Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

Pictured are Kent Latig, Missy Warren, Ellen Fuller, Stu Hoyt, and Jim Clements.



## SAR & SRT Joint Meeting in Tyler

On Tuesday, July 26th, the Pineywoods Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas (SRT) and the William Barron Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) met in Tyler for a joint meeting. The meeting was held in the dining room of the Traditions Restaurant in Tyler. SRT Chapter President Dr. James Newsom opened the meeting with a welcome to all 30 attendees. SAR Chapter President Terry Cowan led the pledges to the American and Texas flags. Both Chapters dispensed with conducting formal business sessions.

Dr. Newsom introduced the program speaker, the renowned Mrs. Vickie Betts, retired UT Tyler Librarian. Her topic was on the Civil War Union POWs kept at Camp Ford in Tyler.



was an honor for our chapter, along with the SAR Independence Chapter, to be able to present our Nation's Flags. To see the smiles on the faces as these people were sworn in, took their oath of allegiance, and heard the judge say, "You are now a citizen of the United States of America!" was remarkable.

Kyle Hawthorne, State District Judge for the 85th Court, said, "You just see the brightness that lights up in their eyes." It is not only the beginning of a new chapter and opportunities for these new citizens but also for their families as well.



Pictured in the photo left to right are: John Thompson, Ed Sellards, Judge Kyle Hawthorne, Art Byram, Bob Cohen (Independence Chapter), and David Hamaker.

~ David Hamaker

## The Freedom Chapter Of The Sons Of The American Revolution Performs As Color Guard

A naturalization ceremony was held Thursday, August 4, 2022, at the Brazos County Administration Building in downtown Bryan, Texas. There were more than 90 people from many countries that became new U.S. citizens. It



## Plano Chapter June Flag Retirement Ceremony

With the outstanding support and cooperation of the Plano Fire Department, our Plano SAR chapter was able to conduct our annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 11, 2022. Our Flag Retirement Ceremony is conducted on a Saturday close to national flag day, June 14th, every year.

Approximately 50 guests attended the event held at Plano Fire Station 12 at 11:00 a.m.

Chapter members, two Plano City Council members, and the public attended the ceremony.

The Color Guards from the Plano Chapter and Dallas Chapter hosted the event.

Our ceremony began with the Pledge of Allegiance and Rare Orion singing our national anthem. Following the opening we discussed the history of the national flag and the U S Flag Act, which describes the proper method of retiring worn and tattered flags. Worn flags are accumulated at Plano Fire Stations during the year and brought to the annual ceremony.

One of our chapter members, retired Maj. General Keith Thurgood, along with our chapter Sergeant-at-Arms, Larry Melton, conducted a brief inspection of three worn and tattered flags. The flags were held, respectively, by members of SAR, members of DAR, and cadet members of the Plano Fire Explorer Posts.

Once inspected and pronounced unfit to display, the flag blue field was separated by scissors from the stripes and then both ceremonially taken to the burn box where they were deposited and burned. The burn box fire was started and controlled by a chapter member.

Once the flags were retired, Taps was played by Abe Castellano, Rare Orion sang God Bless America, and our ceremony ended.

Bob Johns  
VP and Color Guard Commander  
Plano Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution



Plano V P Bob Johns with chapter member Keith Thurgood, U S Army Maj Gen., retired and Larry Melton, chapter Sergeant at Arms



Explorer Cadets, SAR color guard and DAR members holding tattered flags for inspection.



Sergeant at Arms Larry Melton and Maj General Keith Thurgood, U S Army (Ret) inspect worn flags.



Larry Melton, Dave Fautheree and Tom Van Fossen in uniform deliver tattered flags to the burn box managed by chapter V P Dan Reed.

# Never Forget Garden Project, Arlington

At 10:00 a.m. on August 19, 2022, Arlington Chapter Compatriots Richard Coffey and Mike Fairchild, Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter President Bobby Gresham, and Arlington Chapter President Dan Hamilton were honored to provide a Color Guard which posted and retrieved the colors at the dedication of a new “Never Forget” Garden and memorial. The dedication was held at Wade Funeral Home, 4140 W. Pioneer Parkway in Arlington, Texas.

This project is a nationwide invitation to all Americans and freedom-loving people to plant gardens as a visual way to represent unwavering commitment to our sacred duty to recognize, remember, and honor our veterans and their families now and for many years to come.

The Society feels that every flower, plant, or tree planted will be a symbol of love and act of unity. In the timeless language of flowers, your Never Forget Garden will quietly trumpet the message that must never weaken: one of America’s sacred commitment to never, ever, forget or forsake our veterans or the principles that define us as Americans.



The dedication was made possible and hosted by The Lucretia Council Cochran Chapter of The Daughters of the American Revolution. The garden consists of the “Never Forget” Garden Marker surrounded by white rose bushes.

Other organizations participating included The Patriot Guard Riders, North Texas Patriot Guard, and Ken Cox from the American Legion.

~By Dan Hamilton



# Sons of the American Revolution Commemorate the 209th Anniversary of the Battle of Medina

The Battle of Medina is known as “the Bloodiest Battle on Texas soil”. To understand what happened, we know Spain owned Texas as well as all of Mexico in 1812 but did little to settle the land. The inhabitants in 1812 were native American Indians, people from other Mexican states and the United States. The settlers were not happy with the oppression of the Spanish control, and they were encouraged by the recent revolution in Louisiana, so they planned their own revolution. Jose Bernardo Gutierrez de Lara and Augustus Magee, encouraged by the US, organized an expedition to take Texas from Spain. They came into Texas on August 7, 1812, and captured Nacogdoches, Trinidad de Salcedo, La Bahia, and San Antonio, where a Declaration of Independence for Texas, under the Republic of Mexico, was proclaimed on April 6, 1813. This, however, was short lived. The Spanish commandant general, organized an army of 1,830 men and marched from Laredo towards San Antonio to quell this rebellion. The Republican Army (Texas Army) consisted of about 1,400 men made up of Anglos, Tejanos, Indians, and former royalists. The Battle of Medina ensued on August 18, 1813. Most of the Republican Army was killed by the Spanish Army and their remains were left on the battlefield for several years. Finally in 1822, the remains of those in this battle were placed in a mass grave.

Members of the Freedom, San Antonio, Peter Sides, and William Hightower Chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution, commemorated the 209th Anniversary of the Battle of Medina sponsored by the Atascosa County and Medina County Historical Commissions, with a Color Guard, invocation and a musket volley for those that gave their lives for striving for the Independence of Texas from Spain. David Hamaker, a member of the SAR Freedom Chapter performed an SAR Patriot Ceremony Grave marker Re-dedication for his 6th great-grandfather, Peter Sides, who is the only known and proven soldier of the American Revolution, in the Battle of Medina. Other groups that gave re-dedications were the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons and

Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Sons and Daughters of the War of 1812, and representatives of the Mescalero Apache Native Americans. We need to remember and thank those that fought for our liberties and freedoms that we have today!

~ By David Hamaker





# 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.

**Paul Ernest Ming**

**June 2, 2022**

SAR #204054

Member Since August 11, 2017

Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter #6

**Jack Humphrey Holland**

**July 10, 2022**

SAR #142398

Member Since March 31, 1994

Athens Chapter #54

**Paul Joseph Stautzenberger-Crown**

**June 29, 2022**

SAR #172743

Member Since October 17, 2008

Alexander Hamilton Chapter #66

**Oscar Virgil Poe**

**July 1, 2022**

SAR #179333

Member Since April 21, 2011

Alexander Hodge Chapter #49

**Thomas David Yielding**

**July 10, 2022**

SAR #124345

Member Since June 20, 1984

Heart of Texas Chapter #26

**Richard Hartle Mitchell**

**July 14, 2022**

SAR #218773

Member Since April 2, 2021

Corpus Christi Chapter #14

**William Dossie King Jr.**

**July 19, 2022**

SAR #217529

Member Since November 13, 2020

Ark-La-Tex Chapter #69

**Ralph Lynn McDowell**

**July 20, 2022**

SAR #139629

Member Since October 12, 1992

Dallas Chapter #2

**William Edwin Neisel**

**July 31, 2022**

SAR #167900

Member Since September 26, 2006

Plano Chapter #37

**Maxwell Herring, Jr.**

**August 3, 2022**

SAR #147552

Member Since January 24, 1997

Capt. William Barron Chapter #25

**James Donald Patton**

**August 5, 2022**

SAR #115809

Member Since June 19, 1979

Capt. John McAdams Chapter #27

**David Michael Peterson**

**August 17, 2022**

SAR #215396

Member Since May 22, 2020

San Antonio Chapter #4

**Michael Joseph Everheart**

**August 26, 2022**

SAR #152239

Member Since March 6, 2000

Capt. William Barron Chapter #25

# **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.

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## 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.

All interested parties should contact Ron Turner at [rjturner0815@gmail.com](mailto:rjturner0815@gmail.com).

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