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Reinternment of Sgt. Willie J Baty

Korean War Missing In Action, Sgt. Willie J Baty of Mexia, Texas, has been identified. Sgt. Baty was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action with the 25th Division in Korea.

In the fall of 1950, Baty was a member of L Company, 3rd Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on September 14th when his unit was forced to withdraw from the Masan area of the Pusan Perimeter, South Korea. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered and there is no evidence that he was ever a prisoner of war. The Army issued a presumptive finding of death on December 31, 1953, and his remains were determined to be non-recoverable on January 15, 1956.

Remains designated as Unknown X-159 discovered near Masan were buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific with other Korean War Unknowns. X-159 was disinterred with 652 other Korean War Unknowns and was sent for DNA analysis. X-159 was identified as W J Baty of Mexia, Texas.



On September 15th, 2023, the remains of Sgt. Baty were



The following Northern Color Guardsmen were present: Gary Barker, Northern Color Guard Commander (far right), with (left to right) Ted Wilson, Bill Watts, Mark Harrison, Brent Harshman, Tom Van Fossen, Jerry Pinkerton, Scott Knightly, Tom Milton, Bob Johns, Dan Hamilton, and James Owsley. Not pictured but in attendance were T. L. Holden, John Anderson, and John Ray.

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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

2024

- Feb 29-Mar 2 NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY
- Apr 11-14 Texas SAR State Convention, San Antonio
- Apr 27 Medal of Honor Parade, Gainesville
- May 27 Memorial Day
- Jul 10-16 NSSAR Annual Congress, Lancaster, PA

reinterred at Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery in an 11:00 am service.

The Texas SAR Color Guard formed a Flag Line at the cemetery.



FTW DAR Constitution Luncheon

A detachment from the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter Color Guard posted the Colors at the Tarrant County DAR Constitution Luncheon on Saturday, September 16th, at Ridglea Country Club. Participating Guardsmen were (left to right): Vice President Kevin Shellman, Steven Hole, Joe Wade, President Bobby Gresham, and Vice President District 5 Ron Turner who was the detachment commander for the event.



Sons of the American Revolution honor Lifenet EMT

TEXARKANA, Texas—The local chapter of Sons of the American Revolution has awarded the Emergency Medical Services Award to a Lifenet EMT.

The recipient is Chuck Ham, who soon will celebrate 21 years with Lifenet.

“It is a great honor,” Ham said. “I was not expecting something like this. I’m just speechless.”

Rodney Love, secretary of Ark-la-tex [sic] Chapter 69 of the Sons of the American Revolution, said Ham is the sixth award recipient this year.

Ham said the ever-changing nature of the work keeps him in the EMT field despite the challenges.

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“Your job changes every day; it’s different,” Ham said. “One of these days I might need someone to come help me, so I like to give back as much as I can now.”

The award is for paramedics, certified emergency medical technicians and others in the emergency medical field who have performed an act or service beyond what is normally expected, according to the Sons of the American Revolution website.

Ham is the chief of Marietta Volunteer Fire Department and coordinates classes on helicopter landing zones. He said when Lifenet marketing coordinator Carington Bright called him with the news he was selected for the award, he thought it was a mistake.

“There’s no way I thought I was receiving this,” Ham said.

Lifenet’s Texas Area Director Darren Riggs said Ham deserves the honor.

“Overall, he gives back to his community, is a great leader

and provides a great service for Cass County all around,” Riggs said.

Bright said Ham is known to respond to emergency calls even when he is not on duty. She described him as dependable and always looking for ways to help others.

The award ceremony was held Tuesday in the education room of Lifenet’s administration building, 6225 St. Michael Drive. Health professionals and members of Ark-la-tex [sic] Chapter 69 were in attendance.

“We try to give recognition to outstanding public service representatives in our area, and Chuck is one of them,” Love said.

Love said the chapter has given awards to two emergency workers in Jefferson, Texas. One of the recipients ran into a burning building to rescue a person.

Another award was given to a Cass County emergency worker who walked into a trailer to rescue someone during a tornado.



Lifenet EMT Chuck Ham, center, holds the Emergency Medical Services Award he received during a presentation ceremony Tuesday at Lifenet’s administration building in Texarkana, Texas. Pictured with Ham are, from left, Dr. Matt Young, Rodney Love, Danny Addington, Joe Reynolds and Darren Higgs. (Photo courtesy of Carington Bright)

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Love said the chapter also tries to recognize veterans and their services. Treasurer Danny Addington said the group even visits cemeteries to clean veterans' headstones.

Chapter 69 of the Sons of the American Revolution was started in October 2021. Clarence Burns is the president.

*By Sharda James
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Van Zandt Color Guard Participates in Oath of Allegiance Ceremony

On Tuesday, September 26th, five members of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter Color Guard posted the Colors at an outdoor Oath of Allegiance Ceremony in Grapevine, Texas. This is the third year that the Captain Molly Corbin Chapter DAR, in conjunction with the U.S. Customs and Immigration Service, has hosted the ceremony at the Grapevine Botanical Gardens. A large, but enthusiastic, crowd endured hot temperatures and a blazing sun in the outdoor environment. Following the ceremony, Guardsmen posed proudly as many new citizens and their guests wanted photo opportunities with them.



(l to r) Vann Cunningham, Steven Hole, Bob Jacobs, Ron Turner, and Bobby Gresham



Tobacco Road

By Erik Lundegaard

DUSTIN WHITTENBURG IS COLLECTING SOME OF THE MOST PRIZED BASEBALL CARDS IN THE WORLD

Beware of what you don't let your kids do.

Dustin Whittenburg grew up in the 1980s in the Texas Panhandle, just outside of Amarillo, playing football, "That's in the heart of *Friday Night Lights* country," he says with a verbal shrug. "Everybody plays football."

He also collects card, but leaned toward baseball more than football. "I always like the history of baseball," he explains. "And back then they would have card shows. eBay didn't exist. Online auctions didn't exist. People would sell baseball cards from town to town at conventions, and sometimes when a convention came through, I would get my dad to take me."

Which is where he first encountered the T206 set: 524 cards issued between 1909 and 1911 through 16 tobacco companies, with the idea, Whittenburg says, "to entice children to use tobacco." That collection featured players from the minor leagues, Southern leagues, and the Major Leagues, including future Hall of Famers like Ty Cobb and Walter Johnson. The less famous Major League players in the set are known to collectors simply as "the commons."

"At that time, you could buy the commons of the T206 set for between \$15 and \$25 a card," Whittenburg says. But his father warned him off. "I remember my dad telling me, 'Oh, those aren't worth anything. Don't invest your money in baseball cards. Just forget about it.'"

Those cards, it turns out, continued to grow in value and Whittenburg didn't forget about them. He now owns more than 70% of the T206 set. What got him back into collecting as an adult, though, was less correcting a missed childhood opportunity than the vagaries of his profession.

With a master's degree in accounting, Whittenburg went to law school with the idea of becoming a tax lawyer. "And then life happened," he says. "You find yourself in a practice area that you might never have thought you would be doing."

For him, that was toxic torts, for which he studied to come up to speed. "You start to learn about asbestos and tobacco products," he says—including, he adds, those early days of enticing kids to use tobacco through trading cards. Curious, he went online and bought a few. "And that's when I started collecting a fully graded set."

His collection isn't limited to American sports. He goes after cards featuring cricket players, silent movie stars and cars. "To know a society," he says, "you have to know their entertainment."

His main focus, the "white border" T206 baseball cards, he jokingly refers to as the original Bitcoin. "There aren't a whole lot of them, and they're really hard to fake," he says. "The pictures were actually lithographs, and it's hard for modern-day printers to duplicate those small lithographs with that card stock. ... You've never seen those cards go down in value."

Now a tax attorney with an eponymous firm in San Antonio, Whittenburg doesn't take long getting into the numbers. His cards are graded by Professional Sports Authenticator, one of the four main grading authorities, and he is No. 63 on its leaderboard of more than 130,000



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Dustin S. Whittenburg
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users. “The way you get there, you have to hit certain goals,” he explains. “You have to have a set of each sport—basketball, hockey, baseball and football. ... Forty-five hundred points is all of the points you can get. And I was the 63rd person to get 4,500 points.” Meaning he can’t get any higher? “No,” he says. “Unless they change the system.”

His T206 collection, he stresses, does not include the set’s four most highly valued cards. Two of those are “error” cards that were quickly corrected. Joe Doyle was listed with the wrong New York team, while Sherry Magee’s name was misspelled “Magie.” The others are Hall of Famers Eddie Plank and Honus Wagner. “I don’t know why the Eddie Plank card is so rare, but it is,” he says. As for Wagner? “There’s a theory that Honus Wagner did not want to encourage kids to use tobacco; so after they printed a certain number of his cards, he told them to stop using his image.”

Ironically, that move simply made his card more desirable. Last year, a T206 Wagner card sold at auction for \$7.25 million. Other than Micky Mantle’s rookie card, it is the most valuable card in the world.

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—Dustin Whittenburg

“There are certainly less than 100 known Honus Wagner cards from this set out there,” Whittenburg says. He has no plans to buy one soon.

Whittenburg also collects other types of sports memorabilia, including baseballs autographed by teams ranging from the 1929 New York Yankees to the 1990 Atlanta Braves.

“Everybody has to have a hobby.” he says. “It’s better than running up bar tabs, right?”

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Dustin Whittenburg currently serves as Chancellor for Texas SAR.



Unreported Compatriot Deaths!

One of SAR’s top issues is Compatriots who drop their membership and continue to appear in the NSSAR database for years with an Inactive status. Often a Compatriot dies and the family does not notify SAR of the death.

Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter’s Immediate Past President Ron Turner began a project of examining the SAR database for his chapter. He found 391 names in the NSSAR database associated with the Chapter. Approximately two-thirds of these names reflect an Inactive status. Compatriot Turner examined the birthdates for all 391 individuals and identified 35 Compatriots who are deceased. Once verified through a search for an obituary, Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, and Find A Grave, Compatriot Turner submitted a Compatriot Death Report for each of the 35 Compatriots which is sent to both Texas SAR and NSSAR.

A small step but an important way to help clear the huge numbers of Inactive members from the database. Compatriot Turner challenges every chapter in Texas SAR to do the same.



Color Guard & Roll Call Fort Worth

A Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard posted colors at the Roll Call Fort Worth's 1st Annual Remembrance Clay Shoot held on October 15, 2023, in remembrance of Roll Call veterans lost in 2022.

Roll Call of North Texas is a Fort Worth-based non-profit organization that honors WWII veterans by providing free meals to veterans at Roll Call's monthly luncheons, and so much more. They now average around 300 to 325 people in attendance each month, with the majority of those being veterans. Their vision is to provide a regular venue for fellowship and camaraderie, provide outreach and home visitation services, and share the stories of local veterans through community engagement and publication.

The SAR Color Guard consisted of Jim Hanlon, Brazos Valley Chapter; Gary Hubbard, Brazos Valley Chapter; Vann Cunningham, Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter; and Steve Hole, Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter.



Public Service and Heroism Commendations

John L Greer State Chairman

As we begin 2024, we will have until May 31st to send to the National Committee of the Chapters presentation of medals in the five categories. Any that were presented from June 1, 2023, that have not been sent in, please do so. As this is a National Award, they must be sent to Wayne Brown, engineerscorner@gmail.com on the form discussed in the Summer issue of *The Texas Patriot* Newsletter - "How to Report Public Service & Heroism Awards" on page 10. Recently, this National Committee has received a budget for the Annual Book that is available at the National Congress during the Children's Luncheon and online. They now have a section for pictures of our Chapter presentations. Please send pictures, names, awards, and chapter information with the form. Wayne mentioned to me "Bring the presentation to life"! The State recognition will come from the Booklet. The State only needs Chapter and number and type of medals presented for the State Americanism Award. Please send to National to get them in the booklet. The 2022/23 book can be viewed by logging into the SAR.org Web site and using this url:

<https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2022-2023-PSH-Award-Recipients.pdf>



New SAR Chapter in Waxahachie

Saturday, November 25, 2023, was the date for the inaugural meeting of the new SAR Chapter in Waxahachie named The Ellis County Chapter, the newest chapter in the state. This is the second new chapter in Texas. The first is The Ark-La-Tx chapter in East Texas.

The Plano chapter donated a Texas State Flag to the new chapter. Dallas chapter donated a National American flag, and Elm Fork Trinity chapter donated a national SAR flag.

Texas SAR State President Sam Massey installed the officers and State President-elect Tracy Pounders welcomed the new chapter into Texas SAR.

Vickie Evans Williams, Regent of the Waxahachie Rebecca Boyce DAR Chapter welcomed the new SAR chapter. In her remarks she said her DAR chapter was celebrating it's 75th anniversary and had waited patiently for those 75 years for an SAR chapter to join them in Waxahachie.

Color guard members from four north Texas chapters led off the meeting by presenting and posting the chapter's new flags.



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2024 State Convention

The [129th Texas SAR State Convention](#) is scheduled for April 11th (Thursday) to April 14th (Sunday), 2024, in San Antonio. The hotel for this convention is the DoubleTree by Hilton—San Antonio Airport, 611 NW Loop 410.

Hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel before March 18th, 2024. Make your reservation online (use the [Texas SAR public website link](#)) or call the DoubleTree directly. Full details are published on the Texas SAR public website under the Events tab.

Convention Registration details are also found under the Events tab. You can use the [online form to register](#) or print and mail the [PDF version of the Registration form](#).

It will be Business Casual for meetings and lunch and SAR shirts are acceptable attire. For the Dinner Banquet, Jackets and Tie (Black Tie Optional) and for Ladies—nice business attire or dress. And as always, colonial attire is appropriate for all functions.

Conference Meals include a Friday Working Lunch Buffet, a Saturday Youth Awards Luncheon, a Saturday evening Banquet entrée of either chicken or beef, and a GSW 1812 Breakfast on Sunday morning. See the [Conference Meal Flyer](#) for full details.

The Ladies' Auxiliary Tour is on Friday, April 12th at 9:00 a.m. The Ladies will experience the beauty of the King William Streets of San Antonio, including a guided tour of the Villa Finale Museum & Garden. Tickets must be purchased at the time of registration and refunds are not allowed. See the [Ladies' Auxiliary Tours Flyer](#) under Event for full details.

The Convention Committee is seeking donations of Patriotic or High-Value items for the Texas SAR Patriot Fund Auction from both Chapters and from individuals. Full details are on the [Auction Flyer](#) under the Events tab.

The San Antonio Chapter is holding a raffle for a fully functional replica M1777 Musket. Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for five tickets. Contact Kevin Kanter (kevinkanter@icloud.com) for tickets. All net proceeds go to the Youth Activities of the San Antonio Chapter. See the [Raffle Flyer](#) under the Events tab for full details.

Constitution Week & Freedom Chapter

In honor of Constitution Week, 17-24 September 2023, Coushatti Trace DAR joined forces with Freedom Chapter for classroom assemblies at Keenan Elementary School 16 and 17 September to over 150 5th graders in the Conroe Independent School District. They were treated to a play illustrating why the 13 colonies rebelled against the British Crown and sought Independence.



Left to right: Cathy Alexander, Ed Sellards, Anita Stevens, Laura Walton, Susan Hutchinson-Johnston, Helen Barley, Charles Lano, Kay Pontious, & Danean Myers



Left to right: Art Byram, Don Hayes, Susan Hutchison-Johnston, Elen Barley, Laura Walton, & Cathy Alexander



Honor Flight Houston Welcome Home Parade

September 30, 2023

By Ed Sellards, Freedom Chapter.

Compatriots Art Byram and Ed Sellards, both Veterans, were honored and humbled to lead the Welcome Home Parade of 23 service men returning from a week of activities in the Nation's Capital. Flying the Betsy Ross and SAR 250 Flags, Art and Ed preceded the honorees. The returning Veterans were wheeled down the main corridor of Hobby Airport accompanied by bagpipers and a Police riding escort. The corridors were lined for over 1000 feet with over 500 cheering and clapping men, women, and children. Balloons and signs filled the eyes of these returning Patriots, and there were many moist eyes witnessed by the appreciative Veterans and their families!

The mission of Houston Honor Flight is to transport veterans to Washington, D.C., where they are afforded the opportunity to visit our Nation's memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifice and then return them home to their families and loved ones. A top priority is given to America's most senior heroes — survivors of World War II in the East Texas Region and any veteran



Left to right: Don Hayes, Ed Sellards, & Art Byrum

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with a terminal illness who wishes to visit THEIR memorial. The program also accepts applications from veterans who served during the Korean War, Vietnam War and Cold War who reside in the greater Houston area.

If you never have attended an Honor Flight Homecoming, then I believe the Houston Honor Flight webpage sums it up best: “Once someone participates in one of these return flights just one time, it’s hard to keep from coming back! You’ll get addicted to offering such a simple gesture of perhaps one-and-a-half hours of time for those heroes who deserve so much more!

If you aren’t near Houston, find out where there are Honor Flights happening near you and go volunteer.”



Left to right: Ed Sellards, Susan Byram, & Art Byram

Photo credits: Susan Byram



Robert Carl Tumey, Sr. Past Texas SAR President

By John Greer

Carl Tumey is the oldest living former Texas State President. He turned 90 years old on July 23 this year. He is a member of the Patrick Henry Chapter. I enjoy talking with long-time SAR members and I called Carl on his birthday back in July and had a pleasant talk about some of the Presidents that he and I knew.

I recently called Carl and mentioned that I would like to have him reminisce some of his memories and ask his permission to write an article for *The Texas Compatriot* Newsletter. Sure, that is OK he responded.

The first question I asked Carl was “How did you find out about the SAR in 1975”?

His wife Barbara Jean had been to a DAR meeting and He mentioned that wouldn't it be nice if there was an organization like the DAR for men. The DAR told him about the SAR. He did research and found a Patriot of his namesake John Tumey. On May 15, 1975 (47 years ago), he joined the Patrick Henry Chapter, He was 31 years old and he mentioned that there were a lot of older men in the Chapter. In fact there were two members that were Charter members. He located a place to get a Revolutionary War Uniform and was instrumental in organizing the Patrick Henry Chapter Color Guard by having two other uniforms to pass out to other Chapter members.

I asked him about some of the other SAR members he knew. Joe Hill's name was immediately mentioned and he asked me when did Joe Hill die. He became very good



friends with former State President Alfred Henry Benjamin and traveled with him to the National Congresses around the Nation.

Carl is a 6th generation Texan and is in the Sons of the Republic of Texas, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Carl was the President of the Patrick Henry Chapter in 1977 and 1978. He was State President in 1986/87.

He mentioned that he had five children and one had passed away, 19 grandchildren, 39 great-grand children, and recently had a great-great-grand child.

I asked Carl about the growth of the Texas Society when he was State President. The Patrick Henry Chapter began to capture some of the prestigious State awards. More Chapters started Color Guard units and it was the beginning of tremendous growth in the Texas Society. Three chapters were started while he was State President - Cradle of Texas in Lake Jackson, Edmund Terrill in Sherman, and William Hightower in New Braunfels.

I asked Carl about his health and he replied it was good. He still has the same telephone number and lives in the same house as when he was State President. Let's all remember Carl and Barbara with a Christmas Card this year. His address is on the private site of the Texas web page.



Final Texas State Fair Recruitment Table Report

We appreciate all the Compatriots who volunteered to solicit 78+ prospective SAR members and make “lapel pin” presentations to 135 Vietnam War Era veterans – and thank you (on behalf of the Society) for your time contributed -some in colonial attire, in order to earn extra Stark Report points for their Chapter. (be sure to notify your President)

Chapters and the number of volunteer hours from that chapter were: Arlington-6, Dallas-56, Edmund Terrill-23, East Fork Trinity-43 and Maj. K.M. Van Zandt-7.

Volunteer Compatriots included John Anderson, William R. Coffey, Vann Cunningham, Robert Curry, Michael Goode, Bill Goodman, John Greer, Mark Hansen, Dan

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Hamilton, Mark Harrison, Brent Harshman, T.L. Holden, Steven Hole, Lloyd D. Hubler, Robert Kittrell, Scott Knightly, J.D. Martin, David Powell, Paul Ridenour, David Routh, John Russell, Gary Snowden, Tom Van Fossen, Randall & Reagan Van Heyst, Robert Vickers, Bill Watts, and Tom Whitelock.

All Texas SAR Chapters are invited to send volunteers to participate next year, but you'll need to register a date & time on the DAR schedule roster when it is posted in early September 2024.



Manning the SAR table are Tom Whitelock (L) & John Greer (R)



Colleges before the American Revolution

There were 18 colleges established prior to the American Revolution.



#1. HARVARD UNIVERSITY was founded in 1636 by the Massachusetts legislature. It's fairly incredible that Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, is not only the oldest college in America but also widely regarded as one of the best institutions of higher learning in the nation. Harvard alumni live in 190 countries, and the university counts eight U.S. presidents among its graduates.

#2. COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY was founded in 1693 by King William III and Queen Mary III. William & Mary would have claimed the top spot on the list because it was supposed to open in 1618. Unfortunately, an uprising scuttled the plans, and its founders had to settle for 1693 as its founding year with the very first royal charter. The college played an intricate role in the American Revolution, with George Washington earning a surveyor's license from the school at the age of 17. The town of Williamsburg, Virginia, where it resides, took its name from the school (via the British monarch, of course) instead of the other way around.

#3. ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, ANNAPOLIS, was founded in 1696 by the Maryland Colony. St. John's College was founded in 1696 as King William's School but transformed into St. John's College in 1784 when the state of Maryland granted its charter. While the school didn't emerge into an educational behemoth like some other early American institutions, it has grown to include a second campus in Santa Fe, New Mexico, far from its

original Annapolis home.

#4. YALE UNIVERSITY was founded in 1701 by Clergymen. Now one of America's most elite universities, Yale was founded in the small town of Saybrook, Connecticut, but moved to its current home in New Haven in 1716. Two years later, the school was named Yale in recognition of Elihu Yale, a benefactor who donated books and goods to the developing college. In terms of famous alumni, Meryl Streep, both Presidents George Bush, and cotton gin inventor Eli Whitney all received degrees as Yale Bulldogs.

#5. WASHINGTON COLLEGE was founded in 1723 as it evolved from Kent County Free School. Washington College has resided on Maryland's Eastern Shore in Chestertown since it was the Kent County Free School. Like many colleges of the day, the institution took the name of Gen. George Washington, who served on the board of the college until 1789, when he was elected president of the United States. Today, the college serves more than 1,000 students from more than 20 countries.

#6. UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA was founded in 1740 by Benjamin Franklin. The University of Pennsylvania, an Ivy League school, has a stellar academic reputation, especially its globally respected Wharton School of Business. The university went through several names before becoming the University of Pennsylvania in 1791.

#7. MORAVIAN COLLEGE & MORAVIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY was founded in 1742 by Moravians. Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, has been home to both Moravian College & Moravian Theological Seminary for over 275 years. Not bad for a school started by 16-year-old Countess Benigna von Zinzendorf. While Moravia no longer exists (it was part of what is now the Czech Republic), their culture's affinity for education continues at this small school with around 2,000 undergraduates.

#8. UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE was founded in 1743 by Francis Alison. The University of Delaware began as a theological school in New London, Pennsylvania. The school moved to Newark, Delaware, in the 1760s and was renamed Delaware College in 1843. The University of Delaware now operates several campuses across the state and became the first university in America to offer a study abroad program in 1923.

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#9. PRINCETON UNIVERSITY was founded in 1746 by New Light Presbyterians. While many world-class universities named after cities reside in the major cities of the United States (New York University, University of Chicago, and so on), Princeton University exists in the relatively small New Jersey town of Princeton, which boasts roughly 30,000 full-time residents. The school began as the College of New Jersey in 1746, then moved from Elizabeth to Newark in 1747. It moved once more to Princeton in 1756, where it's remained.

#10. WASHINGTON & LEE UNIVERSITY was founded in 1749 by Scotch-Irish Presbyterian pioneers. With a massive gift worth \$20,000 in 1796, George Washington turned Liberty Hall Academy (founded as Augusta Academy in 1749) into Washington Academy—and subsequently, Washington College. During the 1860s, Robert E. Lee served as president of the school and lent his surname to create Washington and Lee University. The school still exists in Lexington, Virginia, as a small, private liberal arts university.

#11. COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY was founded in 1754 by Royal Charter of George II of Great Britain. England's King George II decreed the creation of King's College by royal charter in 1754, and eight students attended the first class in what is now Manhattan. By 1767, the school had established the first American medical school to grant the M.D. degree. After the American Revolution, the school reopened as Columbia College and has since become one of the best-regarded universities in the nation. Columbia is also a partner of Barnard Women's College and is the only Ivy League school in New York City.

#12. BROWN UNIVERSITY was founded in 1764 by Baptist Church Association support. Brown has always prided itself on a spirit of openness and inclusion, as evidenced by the school's decision to become the first Ivy League school to accept students of all religious persuasions. One of the first universities in New England, the school was initially located in Warren, Rhode Island, but moved to Providence in 1770. Media mogul Ted Turner, Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen, and political scion John F. Kennedy Jr. are just a few notable Brown alumni.

#13. RUTGERS UNIVERSITY was founded in 1766 by Ministers of the Dutch Reformed Church. Rutgers is officially designated as The State University of New Jer-

sey (its home is New Brunswick) and was first chartered as the all-male Queen's College back in 1766. The name was changed in 1825 to pay tribute to Col. Henry Rutgers, a Revolutionary War veteran. Rutgers is one of the largest universities in the United States.

#14. DARTMOUTH COLLEGE was founded in 1769 by Eleazar Wheelock. The only non-university member of the Ivy League, Dartmouth College was actually founded for "the education and instruction of Youth of the Indian Tribes in this Land," as well as young people of other ethnicities. Based in Hanover, New Hampshire, Dartmouth has produced several famous alumni throughout its long history, including Daniel Webster, Theodor Geisel (aka Dr. Seuss), and poet Robert Frost.

#15. COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON was founded in 1770 by several prominent South Carolinians. The College of Charleston holds the distinction of being the oldest educational institution south of Virginia. While the American Revolution delayed its development, the school officially received its charter in 1785. In 1837, the school became the first municipal college in the nation as the city of Charleston, South Carolina, took on the responsibility for operating the institution. It's now under state control, with enrollment increasing more than 1,000% since 1970.

#16. SALEM COLLEGE was founded in 1772 by Moravians. The oldest women's college in the United States still operates on a single-gender basis nearly 250 years after its founding. Located in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, the school was a trailblazer in early American civil rights, with admission granted in the late 1700s to both African Americans and Native Americans.

#17. DICKINSON COLLEGE was founded in 1773 by the Pennsylvania legislature. The Carlisle Grammar School in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, was the progenitor of Dickinson back in 1773. A decade later, Declaration of Independence signer and physician Benjamin Rush turned the small-town school into Dickinson College on what was then the American frontier, making it the first truly American college. The college offers around 45 majors and prides itself as a leader in sustainability education.

#18. HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE was founded in 1775 by Samuel Stanhope Smith. Central Virginia's Hampden-Sydney College is the last college founded be-

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fore the American Revolution. Major American historical figures like Patrick Henry, James Madison, and William Henry Harrison are all affiliated with the school. Hampden-Sydney College is one of only a few higher education schools that are still all male.



Massing of the Colors Fort Worth

The Fort Worth Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW), and the Fort Worth ISD JROTC co-hosted the 43rd Annual Massing of the Colors on Sunday afternoon, November 5, 2023, at 2:30 p.m. The Interfaith Patriotic Service was held at Birchman Baptist Church on the western edge of Fort Worth.

Massing of the Colors is a patriotic ceremony rededicating our faith in the Flag of our Nation, honoring the Colors of the United States of America, and the men and women of our uniformed services who have served and are continuing to serve our country.

MOWW is a patriotic, non-partisan organization of federally-commissioned, warrant or flight officers, be they officers who are retired, former, on active duty or members of the Reserves or the National Guard—to include active duty for training—in the Uniformed Services of the United States of America. The Uniformed Services are: the United States Army (USA), the United States Navy (USN), the United States Marine Corps (USMC) the United States Air Force (USAF), the United States Space Force (USSF), the United States Coast Guard (USCG), the United States Public Health Service (USPHS), and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Family members who are directly related to eligible officers within two degrees of consanguinity (i.e., spouse, son/step-son, daughter/step-daughter, grandson/granddaughter) are also eligible as Hereditary Members.

This year's ceremony once again featured patriotic music by The Frontier Brigade Band. The speaker was Colonel Daniel G. Foust, USAR Retired. The order of service included the massed entry of Colors, the singing of *America the Beautiful*, prayer for our country, *TAPS*, presentation of the Colors, singing of the National Anthem, posting of the Colors, the Pledge of Allegiance, the dedication

and blessing of the Colors and one of the highlights of the program - the reading of *The Gettysburg Address* while accompanied by the Frontier Brigade Band playing *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*. The service concludes with the retirement of the Colors.



Pictured (l to r): Bill Watts, Steve Hole, Dan Hamilton, Bob Johns, Bobby Gresham, Dave Fautheree, Joe Wade, and Ron Turner



SAR Mission Statement

National SAR has developed a Mission Statement and has requested that it be memorized and said immediately following the three pledges at national, state, and chapter meetings.

WHAT IS A MISSION STATEMENT?

A mission statement is to explain, in simple concise terms, an organization's purpose for being. The statement is generally short, either a single sentence or a small paragraph.

THE MISSION STATEMENT

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.

Update on SAR Logo Use

At the recent Texas SAR Board of Managers Meeting in College Station, delegates learned that National SAR has developed uniform naming conventions for the Eagle logo and it should be adapted for District, State, and Chapter use. **Use of the Texas logo with the Minute Man and circle of stars should be discontinued, as well as individual chapter logos.**

The other change is the deletion of the word “Society”. **“TXSSAR” and “TXSAR” should no longer be used. Instead, use “Texas SAR”.** When mentioning the national organization, use “National SAR” or simply “Sons of the American Revolution”.

The banner on page 1 of this newsletter has been revised. If you have questions about branding, please download the [SAR Branding Guide](#).

Following are examples of the correct use of the SAR Eagle logo for national, district, state, and chapter.

The SAR Insignia is often confused as a logo; however, the Insignia is still the Insignia. It is shown on the next page.

The National Logo



The District Logo



The State Logo



The Chapter Logo



The SAR Insignia

(with or without the sun rays,
with or without the bottom ribbon)



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James Phillips. He was born in 1746 and died 25 Jul 1831 in Van Buren.



Arkansas SAR Grave Markings

On Saturday, November 4, 2023, the Arkansas SAR conducted two SAR Patriot Grave Marking Ceremonies in the environs surrounding Fort Smith, Arkansas. Compatriots from all five South Central District states (Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas) participated.

Texas SAR Color Guardsmen attending were: Vice President District 5 Ron Turner, T.L. Holden, Ted Wilson, Michael Goode, and Steven Hole. These five Compatriots represented the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, the Edmund Terrill Chapter, and the East Fork Trinity Chapter.

At 10:00 a.m., the Morning Ceremony at Fairview Cemetery in Van Buren, Arkansas, honored Patriot Soldier



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(Left to right) T.L. Holden, Steven Hole, Michael Goode, Ron Turner, & Ted Wilson

Photo credits: Michael Goode & Bob Shewmake

Following a group lunch at a local Braum's, the participants met at 2:00 p.m. at Kimbler Cemetery in Cove City Township north of Van Buren to mark the graves of Patriot brothers Isaiah Mobley and Clement Mobley.

Isaiah Mobley was born 14 Dec 1754 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died 23 Oct 1836 in Crawford County, Arkansas. He served as a private in the South Carolina Militia under Captain Lisle and Colonel John Winn from 1775 until January 1782.

Clement Mobley was born 04 Oct 1746 in Bedford County, Virginia, and died in Mar 1834 in Crawford County, Arkansas. He served as a private in South Carolina under Captains Robert Hancock, Armenius Lisle, and Bowie's Companies; Colonels John Winn, Richard Winn, Strak, & David Hopkins Regiments.



The Texas SAR Color Guardsmen



The Arkansas SAR Color Guardsmen



The Oklahoma SAR Color Guardsmen



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The Kansas SAR Color Guardsmen



The Missouri SAR Color Guardsmen



Compatriot David Hamaker brought greetings from Sam Massey, President, Texas SAR



Opelousas, Louisiana, Grave Markings

A large Texas Color Guard delegation traveled to southern Louisiana to participate in two mass Patriot Grave Marking ceremonies on October 28, 2023. Texas provided the vast majority of Color Guard participants: Ron Turner & Steven Hole (Maj. K.M. Van Zandt) T.L. Holden (Edmund Terrill); Tom Van Fossen & Bill Watts (Dallas); Chuck Andrews (Arlington); Michael Goode (East Fork Trinity); and Art Byram, Ed Sellards, David Hamaker, Charles Lano, Bill Myers, and Don Kluth (Freedom).

The first ceremony was conducted at 11:00 am at the Church Landing/Yellow Fever Cemetery in Washington, Louisiana. Interred in this cemetery are the known remains of eleven Revolutionary War Patriots of the Opelousas Post Militia of 1779. As Spanish forces under Governor General Bernardo de Galvez, they attacked and defeated British forces at present day Baton Rouge on September 21, 1779.



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The second ceremony was conducted at 1:00 pm at the Historic Michel Prudhomme House and then marched the two blocks to the St. Landry Catholic Church Cemetery to mark the graves of 30 Revolutionary War Patriots. Interred in this cemetery are documented and undocumented Patriots who were fellow soldiers of the Governor General Bernardo de Galvez Spanish Militias. Most of these Patriots were men in the Opelousas Post Militia of 1779 who were part of the forces under Galvez who fought and defeated British forces at the Battle of Baton Rouge.



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Kaufman County Celebrates and Pins Veterans

Adapted from an article by Luis Avila
Greenville, Texas, Herald Reporter

Kaufman County celebrated Veterans Day on Saturday, 11 Nov 2023 at the Kaufman County Veterans Memorial Park.

The guest speaker for the ceremony was retired U.S. Navy Veteran Michael Goode, who was dressed in 18th century Revolutionary War attire. Goode is a member of the East Fork Trinity Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

“Our mission statement is to promote patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country,” Goode said. “To become a member, one must prove an ancestor who fought in the American Revolution.” In

Goode’s case, he traced his lineage to his fourth great-grandfather, Charles Christopher Hutchins, who was a member of the Virginia Militia. During Goode’s speech, he recited a poem entitled *Veterans Day* by Cheryl Dyson.

The 2008 National Defense Authorization Act approved a program commemorating veterans who served during the Vietnam War. This 50th anniversary commemoration began in May of 2012, and will conclude in November of 2025. Goode pinned the Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin on many Vietnam veterans who served from 1955 to 1975 during Saturday’s ceremony.



CHAPTER HISTORIANS ARE ENCOURAGED

Recently in a committee discussion it was asked, "What is the responsibility of a Chapter Historian and why should each chapter strive to create that position?" Your Chapter Bylaws should include all officer responsibilities. With discussions of others, I find a variety of responsibilities of the Chapter Historian. Current Chapter Historians may be responsible for 1) Providing historical vignettes at chapter meetings, 2) Creation of the Annual Yearbook, and 3) Archivist. Please take them into consideration when assigning your next Chapter Historian or perhaps dividing up the responsibilities. I'm interested in your feedback.

TEXAS HISTORY VOLUME III



Targeted for 2025 development and 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 and should be identified and collected. Your Chapter Historian should review and contribute your activities. A committee of editors is needed. Several chapters have experienced newsletter editors. Please consider and volunteer your review since Volume II and provide submission of your significant activities and awards.

PATRIOT/COMPATRIOT GRAVES



Our committee wishes to be involved in Patriot or Compatriot grave marking ceremonies across both the northern and southern Color Guard commands. Please include us with your plans.

On Thursday Nov. 16, 2023, at 4:40 pm, the grave was marked for Texas SAR 1940 President Horace Eller at the Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney, TX. Thanks to President Massey and the Color Guard for their efforts. The Color Guard is always polished, and the dedication was moving.

PROMINENT TEXAS COMPATRIOTS

We all know our compatriots are all considered prominent in some way. And this sub-committee has some ac-

tive projects to include in the next Texas SAR History Volume. We are searching to identify our Texas SAR past officers, SAR officers, public servants, award recipients, etc. Has your chapter presented an award in the past that we can include? Contact Compatriot John Greer, JohnLGreer@juno.com, for details.

TEXAS SAR ARCHIVES

Since UNT Libraries has halted further donations from us, we asked this committee to devise a future plan. Fortunately, two Texas Compatriots are professional College Librarian Archivists and have joined our committee. They are Compatriot Jason Bourgeois from the San Antonio Chapter and Eric Christensen of the Corpus Christi Chapter. With the addition of our IT web administrator Ray Cox, we feel like we have a solid team with experienced perspectives supported. Their expertise greatly guides us to reasonable solutions.

After a summer of seeking a replacement library facility, we were struggling. Our committee Archivist predicted it would be difficult finding a replacement facility that would accept paper and books. Therefore, this committee quickly discussed and agreed we should focus on electronic future donations.

And with the support of our archivists, another idea came to explore, can we the Texas SAR, come up with a simple reasonable procedure to "Archive It ourselves?" At last fall's BOM, I asked chapter historians and those attending what they thought about the idea of: 1) Chapters with websites, should archive docs on their website. 2) Chapters without websites, should send digitized docs for this archive committee to archive. 3) Chapters should keep or destroy any remaining paper or yearbooks at their discretion. Those attending unanimously agreed.

As most chapters do have websites, that's the direction we're on. Feasibility/reasonability discussions will follow. Hopefully, we can make a proposal early next spring.

Meanwhile, UNT has agreed to return this year's donation. We should see that deposit any day now.

CHAPTER YEARBOOK JUDGING



Please remember Yearbooks are calendar year based and scheduled to turn in at the spring Texas SAR Convention.

Your chapter Yearbook committee should be well underway collecting this year's documents, photos, etc. Be creative with your submission and note video submissions are allowed. Even if your chapter doesn't compete, preservation of your chapter history and story is important. Save a digital version for later archival after we get a new process in place. Contact Don Hayes, dhayes04@hotmail.com, for more details.

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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Thurs. 6:30 pm
Jan. 11 or 18

The next committee meeting will be via zoom on a date with fewest conflicts. Let me know your preference.



Patriot Grave Marking Murfreesboro, AR

Color Guardsmen from Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas participated in a Patriot Grave Marking in Murfreesboro, Arkansas, on Saturday, December 2, 2023.



Lt. William Jenkins served in the 10th Virginia Regiment during the Revolutionary War. He was born 19 Feb 1762 in Richmond, Richmond City, Virginia, and died 14 Oct 1842 in Pike County, Arkansas. He is buried in Murfreesboro Cemetery in Murfreesboro, Pike County, Arkansas.



Guardsmen from Texas were Bill Watts, Steve Hole, and Gary Barker.

Central Texas Chapters Pay Respects

Two central Texas SAR chapters, Heart of Texas #26 from Salado and Peter Sides #68, from Waco, represented the Sons of the American Revolution in order to pay our respects to the family of Private Myron Williams who was laid to rest in the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen, Texas on June 2, 2023. PFC Williams was a Second World War soldier who went missing for 79 years until his remains were positively identified through DNA in 2022.



Pictured left to right at the Central Texas Veterans Cemetery in Killen is Ron Walcik, Robert Gonzales, Phillip Crawford, Coleman Hampton, bill Kinnison and Robert Grant.

[Editor's note: Sincerest apologies to Heart of Texas and Peter Sides Chapters! This submission was misplaced and just now found.]



Bernardo de Galvez Chapter

By Billy Mayo



The Bernardo de Galvez Chapter of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution joined the George Washington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to celebrate Constitution Week. The Bernardo de Galvez Chapter provided its Color Guard to post the Colors at the meeting. In the group photo above are Compatriots Jon Zwahr, David Zwahr, Josh Labay, Frank Steele, Billy Mayo, Hugh Ferguson and John Loper.



At the October meeting of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), Past President Billy Mayo presented Compatriot William L. Adriance with the SAR Silver Roger Sherman Award. Compatriot Adriance received this award from the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for his continued support to the state society as a committee chairman.



Compatriot Frank C. Steele was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Past President Billy Mayo for his excellent presentation on the uniforms worn during the American Revolution at the October meeting of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Compatriot Steele is the Color Guard Commander of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter.



At the October meeting of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, Past President Billy Mayo presented Compatriot Albert Sequin Gonzales with a Certificate of Appreciation for his continued support to the chapter.



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At the October meeting of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, Past President Billy Mayo presented Compatriot Louis A. Garza with a Certificate of Appreciation for his continued support to the chapter.

At the annual Veteran's Day event at the Veterans Memorial Park in Seabrook, the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution posted the colors in conjunction with Cub Scout Pack 389. Compatriot John Loper played taps at the conclusion of the ceremony. Bernardo de Galvez Chapter members participating in the ceremony were President Hugh Ferguson, Secretary John Loper, Treasurer William Adriance, Color Guard Commander Frank Steele, Immediate Past President Billy Mayo and Chapter Photographer Jon Zwahr.



Compatriot Ralph W. Stenzel was presented with his SAR 10-Year Member Service Certificate and Pin by Bernardo de Galvez Chapter President Hugh Ferguson and Past President Billy Mayo at the November chapter meeting.

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Compatriot Jon A. Zwahr was awarded the Texas Chapter Service Medal for his support to the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Compatriot Zwahr has served as the chapter photographer not only at regular meetings but also at all Chapter Color Guard events. In addition, he has been the chapter's IT individual during chapter meetings and has assisted the president in PowerPoint presentations.



President Hugh Ferguson awarded the Sons of the American Revolution Roger Sherman Bronze Medal to Compatriots John Loper, Clark Wright and David Zwahr for their support to the chapter during the current year. In addition to his duties as Chapter Secretary John Loper has published the chapter's newsletter, served as liaison with the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Children of the American Revolution; served as a member of the chapter color guard, chaired the Youth Awards Committee and served as Bugler at Memorial and Veteran Day ceremonies. Webmaster Clark Wright has maintained the chapter's web site, archived the chapter's records and photos and served as Chapter Historian. As Chapter Registrar, Compatriot David Zwahr has been responsible for assisting 14 new members with their research and the approval of their applications for membership; he has also supported the chapter through his attendance at Color Guard Events on Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Wreaths Across America and other events.



Bernardo de Galvez Chapter President presented Compatriot Billy Mayo with a certificate from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution inducting him into the Military Service Veterans Corps and authorized him to wear the SAR Military Service Medal. Lt Colonel Mayo retired from the USAF after almost 26 years of service.



Bernardo de Galvez Chapter President Hugh Ferguson presented Compatriot Billy Mayo with the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Chapter Distinguished Service at the November meeting. In addition to being Immediate Past-President, Compatriot Mayo as served in several positions within the chapter: SAR Junior ROTC Committee Chairman, Chapter Junior ROTC Scholarship Committee Chairman, Eagle Scout Award Program Chairman, Veteran Committee Chairman, Color Guard Member and other positions.

The Cradle of Texas Chapter #33 Celebrates its 40th Anniversary

by Carl Wiggins
VP, SAR Cradle of Texas Chapter #33

Our chapter was instituted on December 3, 1983, in a ceremony at Columbia Lakes Country Club in Brazoria County. The Call to Order, Welcome, Introduction of Guests, and Program about the SAR were given by Clovis H. Brakebill, SAR Treasurer General. DAR Fort Velasco Chapter Regent, Kathleen Sechrest, presented the flags. Thirty-seven Charter Members were presented their SAR Certificates of Membership as new Compatriots by R. Carl Tumey, President, Texas SAR.

Dr. Wellington Grier McAlexander was installed as our first Chapter President. He was born in Cooper, Texas, in 1918, served in WWII in the U.S. Army Air Corps in engineering as a Captain, and earned his Doctorate from North Texas State University. He first taught at Wharton Junior College in Wharton, Texas, and later at Brazosport College, in Clute, Texas, where he retired as Dean of Students. Dr. McAlexander loved history, wrote many articles, contributed to several books, and spoke to anyone or group who gave him the opportunity. He was instrumental in creating the Brazoria Militia and the Brazoria County Historical Museum. Active chapter member, Michael J. Bailey, currently serves in both of these organizations.

Dr. McAlexander initiated efforts to establish the Cradle of Texas Chapter earlier in 1983 using his knowledge of several SAR Compatriots in Brazoria, Matagorda, and Wharton counties and contacts with history buffs and genealogists.

Three Charter Members, Albert Elton Herreth, Martin Lee Schwebel and Thomas O. Slonek are still active members of the chapter and will receive their 40th Year Anniversary Certificates in December 2023 - February 2024 .

For full details of the institution ceremony and list of charter members, visit the Our Chapter History page on our website at www.cradletxsar.org.

Revised Texas Compatriot Publication Schedule

Beginning in 2024, the publication schedule for *The Texas Compatriot* will change to three times a year instead of the current four times. Please adhere to the following schedule:

Deadline for Content Submission	Publication Date
April 30th	May 31st
August 31st	September 30th
December 30th	January 31st

Note: if an edition is ready for publication prior to the posted date, the editor reserves the right to publish on an earlier date.

The editor has noticed a definite decline in the submission of content. *The Texas Compatriot* is YOUR newsletter and its success is dependent on ALL chapters submitting articles for activities. Guidelines for submitting content and photographs is published on the last page of every edition of *The Texas Compatriot*.

Every chapter should have someone designated as a “reporter” who regularly monitors chapter activities and submits articles and photographs to the newsletter editor at compatriot@texassar.org.

Do your part!



Texas soldier killed in France during World War II laid to rest in San Antonio

By ROSE L. THAYER
STARS AND STRIPES • November 27, 2023

FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas — Pfc. Clinton Edward Smith left behind his music studies at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, to enlist in World War II.

The musician in him persisted, and Smith found himself playing “Lili Marlene” on a battered piano on a beachhead in Anzio, Italy, “with German artillery shells supplying the bass,” he told his local newspaper, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.



The report was published May 20, 1945, about four months after Smith was struck by shrapnel and killed in France during an attempt by German forces to break the American front line. He was 19 years old when he died, and it took 77 years to bring him to rest.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, or DPAA, identified Smith’s remains last year from a group of unknown soldiers buried in Belgium. Smith, who was known in his family as Ed, was buried Monday with full military honors at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.

Doug Smith, the soldier’s 84-year-old nephew, said his uncle’s service — or that he hadn’t made it home — was not discussed much within the family, but he’s been amazed to learn the history during the past year.

Information provided by DPAA exposed the hidden pain of the soldier’s parents, which was laid out in nearly 20 pages of correspondence between them, the Army and recovery teams as the couple pushed for answers that would not come in their lifetime.

“It must have hit them hard,” Doug Smith said. “The

process of finding him was just a miracle.”

Ed Smith was one of three brothers, all of whom served during World War II, Doug Smith said. Ed was the only brother who did not return home.

He enlisted in the Army on Jan. 6, 1944, and just a few months later fought on the beaches of Anzio with Company D, 1st Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division, according to DPAA.

From Anzio, Smith took part in the campaign to Rome and the invasion of France.

On Jan. 14, 1945, Smith was hit by shrapnel while manning his machine gun in Reipertswiller, France, and died. The battle was part of Germany’s final push to break American lines, known as Operation Northwind.

Because the Germans controlled the territory where Smith fell, his fellow soldiers were unable to recover his body.

His remains were later found by a resident in Reipertswiller and buried as an unknown soldier at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery, an American Battle Monuments Commission site in Belgium, said Carrie Brown, laboratory manager for DPAA at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska.

Originally, 15 service members were missing from that battle, according to DPAA. To date, eight have been identified.

Across the entirety of the war, DPAA has accounted for 1,543 missing service members. More than 72,000 remain missing.

Smith’s remains were removed from the Belgium cemetery in August 2021. DPAA scientists then used DNA, dental records and personnel records — including those letters his parents wrote after the war — to identify his remains.

“The personnel records help us support the circumstances of loss, and help us support things like height and age,” Brown said. “That’s an amazing thing to think about the impact that this loss is having because it’s still felt decades and generations later. And there it is in that letter.”

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Doug Smith said he wished his father and the other relatives who knew his uncle were alive to see him returned home Monday. During the service, he sat among his cousins as a horse-drawn caisson brought Ed Smith's flag-draped casket toward the small gathering of people there to honor the soldier.

"If he had just made it another two or three months, it was all over," Doug Smith said. "He was such a young man going over there to fight at 19 years old."



From left to right: Vice President District ? Frank Kebelman, Blair Rudy, Frank Rohrbough, and ????



Blair Rudy, Frank Rohrbough, and VPD Frank Kebelman salute the casket of Pfc. Clinton Edward Smith.

Article submitted by Blair Rudy

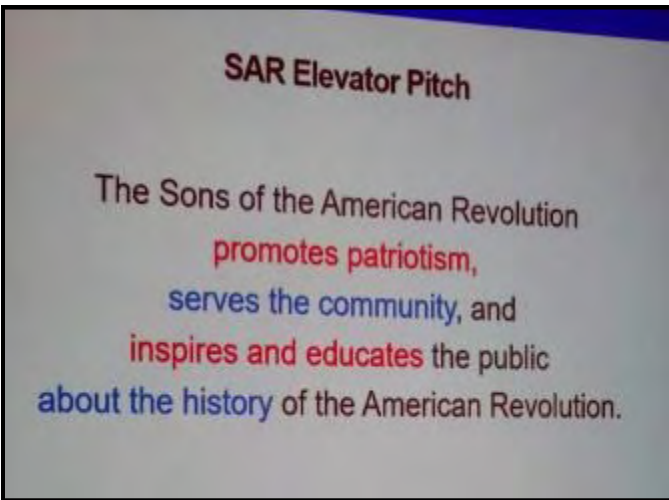


Members of the Military Funeral Honors-Caisson Platoon from Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston deliver the remains of Pfc. Clinton Edward Smith to Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas, on Nov. 27, 2023. Smith died in combat in Reipertswiller, France, during World War II on Jan. 14, 1945. The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency identified Smith's remains last year. (Rose L. Thayer/ Stars and Stripes)



In the two photos above, Compatriots Frank Rohrbough and Blair Rudy, dressed in Revolutionary War soldier uniforms, salute the casket of Pfc. Clinton Edward Smith. Compatriot Frank Kebelman participated as a member of the Military Funeral Honors-Caisson Platoon from Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston.

2024 Texas SAR Fall Board of Manager's Meeting College Station, Texas



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Ladies Auxiliary at Texas SAR Board of Managers meeting in College Station, October 21, 2023.

USS Arizona Memorial in Granbury

On December 7, 2023, the city of Granbury, Texas, dedicated a treasured piece of a recovered relic from the sunken USS Arizona. The battleship was hit by bombs and sank at Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, killing 1,177 officers and crewmen. Since its sinking, the USS Arizona has lied at the bottom of Pearl Harbor in memory of the lost crew. While most of the ship remains underwater at Pearl Harbor, several pieces have been distributed across the United States. The city of Granbury was among the recipients fortunate to receive the important piece of Naval and American history. The relic of the USS Arizona will now remain in the permanent care of the Texas city. On the 82nd anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack, a commemorative monument and the battleship artifact were unveiled in a ceremony held at Memorial Lane, a plaza that serves as a living memorial to first responders and veterans lost in the line of duty and that honors those currently serving or those who have served. During the moving dedication ceremony, compatriots of the Brazos Valley Chapter posted Colors and paid tribute to the fallen by standing as an Honor Guard while the priceless remnant of fateful history was viewed by residents and visitors.



Photo (l-r): Phil Harris, Steve Teel, unknown, Wiley Clarkson



Photo (l-r): Tom Rearden, Ron Bonneau, Jim Hanlon and Steve Teel.

Photos by Wiley Clarkson



Photo: Brazos Valley Chapter Color Guard consisting of (l-r) Commander Jim Hanlon, Steve Teel, Ron Bonneau and Tom Rearden, with the relic of the USS Arizona.

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.

Jimmy Dan Warren

January 16, 2023

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Member Since January 18, 2019

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Member Since June 5, 2012

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November 26, 2023

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Member Since May 2, 2013

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November 28, 2023

SAR #101407

Member Since March 23, 1971

Heart of Texas Chapter #26

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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