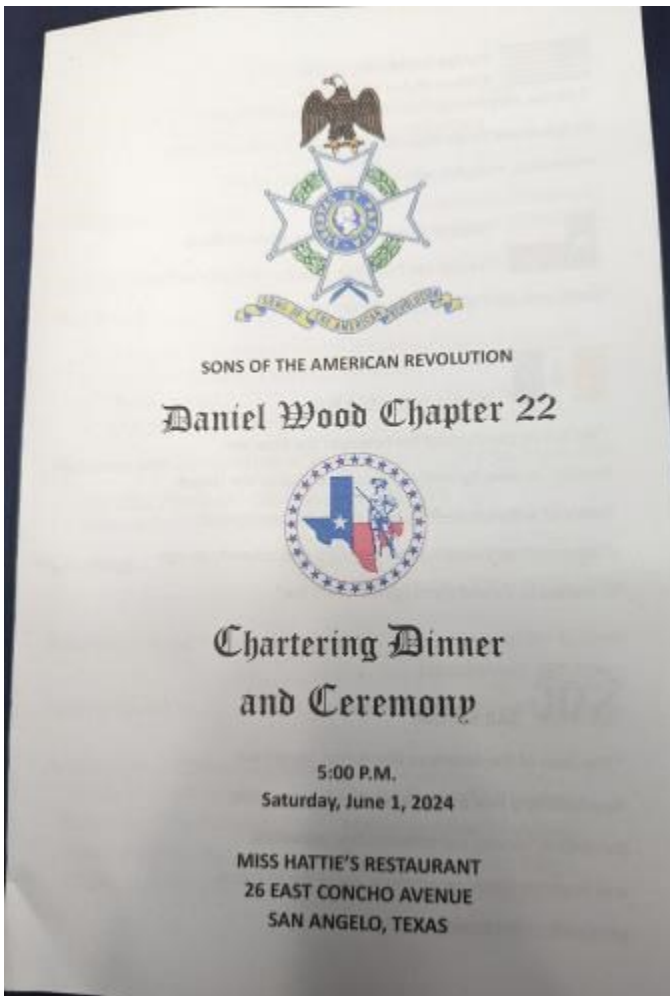




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**Is Your Chapter
Publicizing Its Activities?**

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

- Oct 3-5 Fall Leadership, Louisville
- Nov 1-3 Texas SAR Fall BOM, Austin
- Nov 11 Veteran’s Day
- Dec 14 Wreaths Across America

BIG COUNTRY AWARDS AF JROTC BRONZE MEDAL

Big Country Chapter №.: 16, Abilene, TX, Past-President David Crymes presented the SAR AFJROTC Award-Bronze JROTC Medal to the Cooper High School, Cadet Captain D.A. Crowell at the Cooper Awards Dinner on the evening of Friday, 10 May 24.



Big Country also presented the SAR AF JROTC Medal to Cadet MSgt Levi Dunham of Abilene High School on 03 May 2024.

BIG COUNTRY CHAPTER MEETING REPORT

Gary Spargo, President, Big Country Chapter, Abilene, Texas, reported on their well-attended chapter meeting on 01 Jun 2024. There were nine members present, two applicants, three wives, and two DAR guests for a total of 16 individuals.



Holding his membership certificate is newly installed member Jack Donald "Don" Abbot.



NSSAR Mission Statement

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

PATRIOT GRAVE MARKINGS

North Texas SAR Chapters conducted two Patriot Grave Markings on Saturday, June 1, 2024.

Color Guardsmen and guests assembled at Center Ridge Cemetery in Maud, Texas, at 10:00 a.m. to mark the grave of Evan Thomas Watson., a Revolutionary War Veteran, born 11 Jan 1759 and died 15 Jun 1834.



Texas SAR President Tracy Pounders welcomed everyone and Paul Andreasen, Chaplain of the McKinney Chapter, offered the invocation. Texas SAR Color Guard Commander Gary Barker conducted the Presentation of Colors and Texas SAR Historian John Anderson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Texas SAR Chaplain and District 6 Vice President Michael Goode led the recitation of the SAR Pledge. Texas SAR District 5 Vice President and President of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, Fort Worth, Ron Turner provided an introduction of the Sons of the American Revolution. Meg Anderson, Regent of the Lucretia Council Cochrane Chapter DAR, read a short bio on the life of Patriot Evan Thomas Watson. The Commemoration Ceremony included the dedication of the Marker and the decoration of the Grave. This



was followed by a musket salute and bagpipes played by Pipe Master George English. Texas SAR Coastal Registrar Bill Watts presented a Memorial Certificate to Watson family members who were in attendance. Dave Fautheree of the Plano Chapter led the SAR Recessional.



Other guests in attendance were Texas SAR District 11 Vice President

Tom Milson, President of the New Mexico SAR Robert E. Vance, Plano Chapter member Ronald Carey, Arlington Chapter members Bill Covington and Dan Hamilton, McKinney Chapter member Bob Milwee, Edmund Terrell Chapter member Ted Wilson, Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter member Steve Hole, and Jan Turner, Regent, Capt. Nathaniel Mill Chapter DAR.

Following a break for lunch, Color Guardsmen and guests gathered at the First Presbyterian Church, Clarksville, Texas, at 2:00 p.m. to honor Patriot William Blevins, Revolutionary War Veteran, born sometime before 1760 and died 01 Jan 1844 in Red River County, Texas. Due to recent rains in the area, the cemetery was deemed too muddy to hold the ceremony graveside, therefore, the last minute change to the Presbyterian Church.



The ceremony for William Blevins was a repeat of the morning ceremony, minus the musket salute.

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Other attendees at either ceremony included: Paul Ridenour, Clarence Burns, Don Kluth, Cheryl Vane, Charlene Watson Waller, Keith Briggs, Connie Watson Briggs, Gail Griffin, Chuck Andrews, Cindy Andrews, Bill Sekel, Debbie Wood, Holli Wood, Ronald Carey John Greer, Jeremy Shaver, Verla Shelar, Phil Maynard, Donna Stotts, Jim Clark, Anna Evetts, Teela Hurt, Linda Turner, Pam Bryant, and Marianne Whitehouse

SAR HENRY RIFLE RAFFLE WINNER

At its May Chapter Meeting, the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter in Fort Worth conducted a drawing for the winning ticket for the Henry Boston Tea Party Commemorative Rifle.

The winning ticket was purchased by Aaron Vest, who lives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and is the son of Mrs. Ja Ann Alderman, wife of Past Chapter President James Alderman.



Chapter President Ron Turner presented the rifle to Mrs. Alderman who in turn presented it to her son when he visited several weeks later.



Aaron Vest proudly display his Henry Rifle. Rumor has it that he was over the moon with excitement for having won the rifle.

Raffle proceeds support the chapter's Pray Youth Fund and the TCU History Award Fund.



FLAG CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION

Compatriot Billy Thompson, Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, Fort Worth, presented a SAR Flag Certificate to the EECU Federal Credit Union in Watauga, Texas, on 19 Jun 2024.



After the Naturalization Ceremony, the eleven members of SAR Freedom, SAR Independence, and DAR Twin Creek Chapters walked about 500 yards around a beautiful pond, over a small bridge, and along the path to the final resting place of our forty-first President George Herbert Walker Bush, wife Barbara, and daughter Robin. Under the hot June Texas sky, a short compatriot grave marking ceremony recounted the President's remarkable life and WWII service. Such a great day honoring one man and his living legacy.

President George H. W. Bush was a perpetual member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Patrick Henry Chapter, Austin, Texas. His Revolutionary War ancestor, Colonel Samuel Herrick, served with distinction as a commander of the Vermont Ranger Militia.



NATURALIZATION CEREMONY & COMPATRIOT GRAVE MARKING

Members of Texas SAR Freedom, Texas SAR Independence, and Texas DAR Twin Creek Chapters participated in a United States Naturalization program on June 20, 2024. The Sons of the American Revolution were honored to serve as the color guard to open the Ceremony. After completing the tedious process of becoming new United States citizens, ninety-six people, from thirty-one nations, raised their right hand and took the oath, becoming new citizens of the United States. On this memorable day, the ceremony was held at the Bush Presidential Library and Museum located on the Texas A&M University Campus in College Station, Texas.



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Color Guardsmen (left to right) are: Dan Hamilton (Arlington), James Alderman (Maj. K.M. Van Zandt), Richard Coffey (Arlington), and Vann Cunningham (Maj. K.M. Van Zandt).



MEMORIAL DAY AT MT. GILEAD

Again this year, the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter participated in the Mt. Gilead Cemetery Memorial Day Celebration in Keller, Texas, on Monday, May 27, 2024. The rifle squad provided a three volley salute following the Posting of the Colors, the playing of the National Anthem, and the playing of Taps.

Standing from left to right: Representing the American Revolution are Dan Hamilton (Arlington), Ron Turner and Steve Hole (both Maj. KM Van Zandt), War of 1812 is Drake Peddie (Plano), Texas Independence is Gerry Gieger (Maj KM Van Zandt), the Confederacy are Bobby Gresham and Joe Wade (both Maj KM Van Zandt).

Kneeling from left to right: representing WWI is Paul Porter, Vietnam War is Jake Behringer, and WWII is James Alderman (Maj KM Van Zandt).



ARLINGTON VETERANS PARK BENCH DEDICATION CEREMONY

On June 26, 2024, members of the North Texas Color Guard participated in a Memorial Bench Dedication Honoring Our American Revolutionary War Soldiers and Patriots at Veterans Park, 3600 Arkansas Lane, Arlington, Texas. The bench is near the Korean War Memorial and is a project of the Lucretia Council Cochran Chapter DAR in Arlington.



ELLIS COUNTY RECRUITMENT PROGRAM

Ellis County Chapter applicants Ron Finch and Mark Gundert put on Colonial attire and spent two hours in a cool, local Waxahachie, Texas, Tavern on a hot summer day, recruiting for SAR. Mark says he want to try recruiting again, but next time take flyers along to distribute. Ron says that people are curious and stop to ask why you are dressed that way. Then, they stay to talk about their family history. Both Com-patriots are waiting for final approval of their applications for membership in the Ellis County Chapter of Texas SAR.



Thanks to our diverse recruiting program and member personal initiative, Ellis County Chapter of Texas SAR is growing. We can identify several new applicants that have told us about meeting Larry and other SAR members at events that started them on the road to SAR.

John C. (Jack) Haughton, FVPG
President, Ellis County Chapter, Texas SAR



ELLIS COUNTY CHAPTER'S VERY SPECIAL MEETING MAY 25, 2024

In another part of town, new member and Color Guard Commander Larry Kollie sports his antique, prize-winning car attending local Auto Shows. There, he passes out flyers and visits with other entrants to talk about their family history. Larry started doing this on his own and is credited with distributing hundreds of flyers and recruiting at least two new applicants.



It was just another monthly meeting for the new Chapter #70 of Texas SAR. However, various events had occurred in prior months to delay what was on the agenda for today. The Ellis County Chapter was Chartered in November of 2023, and today after many schedule interruptions, the first new members are being installed. Three new members, WOW! This almost doubles the membership of the chapter with this event.

The Chapter is so new that these new members are already filling temporary officer positions and have been at work for almost a year.

In addition to the installation, several other select events were added to the agenda. All-in-all, it was a Very Special Meeting.

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BONHAM VA COOKOUT

Compatriots Bob Johns and John Greer attended a pre-July 4th cookout at the Bonham VA Center on June 27, 2024. The McKinney, Plano, and East Fork Trinity Chapters each donated \$100 to help with the expense. They distributed at least 300 hotdogs and chips.



New Members of Ellis County Chapter #70 of Texas SAR Shown left to right: Inland Registrar Jerry Pinkerton, Delfino P. Hernandez, Mrs. Patricia Ann Hedden Hernandez (Regent of the Rebecca Boyce Chapter DAR of Waxahachie), Mrs. Tull, Michael J. Tull, Lawrence A. Kollie, Mrs. Kollie, and Chapter President Jack Haughton.



Ellis County Color Guard Commander Larry Kollie receive a ceremonial sword to be worn by all future Color Guard Commanders as a symbol of that office. The sword was donated by Patrick Haughton, Chapter Chancellor.



Chapter President John "Jack" Haughton opened the meeting with the celebration of the upcoming 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party event by presenting a paper on the Edenton Tea Party. Women of Edenton, North Carolina, signed the *Edenton Resolution* denouncing the British Tea Tax. One of the signers of the Resolution was Anne Haughton, a family ancestor of President Haughton.



MAULDIN FAMILY JOINS ELLIS COUNTY CHAPTER, TEXAS SAR

In a previous article, Ellis County Chapter #70 of Texas SAR, announced the installation of three new members. Well, actually there were six new members and due to events beyond our control, the install was divided into two separate events, and this is "THE REST OF THE STORY!"

Jason Mauldin and his two sons were installed as new chapter members on Saturday, June 22, 2024. The boys, Maxwell and Myles Mauldin, are Junior SAR members. They are recognized as full Chapter members like their father, but not yet allowed to vote, nor do they have to pay dues. Upon their respective 18th birthdays, they will automatically become full SAR members in every respect.

"The Chapter welcomes the young compatriots and look forward to watching them grow and take their place in our community and the Texas SAR," says Chapter President John "Jack" Haughton. "They were perfect gentlemen during the meeting and the installation ceremony."



Pictured from left to right: President John "Jack" Haughton, Pamela Mauldin (Jason's mother), Jason M. Mauldin, Myles M. Mauldin, Maxwell M. Mauldin, Kristina Mauldin (Jason's wife), Tom Whitelock (Jason's Uncle), and Texas SAR Inland Registrar Jerry Pinkerton.

PASSING DOWN FAMILY MUSKET

Mrs. Donald Mauldin watches proudly, along with Ellis County Chapter President Jack Haughton, as newest SAR members Jason M. Mauldin and his sons Maxwell and Myles, receive the six generation family musket from their uncle, Tom Whitelock.



ALDERMAN RECOGNIZED BY DAR

On Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at the Fort Worth Area Regents Council Luncheon held at Ridglea County Club, Marcy Carter-Lovick, President, Texas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, on behalf of the DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations Committee, presented Compatriot James Alderman with The Hannah White Arnett Silver Medal of Distinction. The accompanying certificate recognized James for extraordinary cooperation and outstanding service to NSDAR.

The DAR/SAR/S.R. Committee was formed by the Wright Administration to promote the relationship with the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) and the National Society Sons of the Revolution (S.R.) and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Hannah White Arnett Medal is one of DAR's newest recognitions. It may be awarded to a member in good standing of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) or Sons of the Revolution (S.R.) for unselfish devotion, tireless efforts, and assistance to the DAR; and who has dedicated his time, energy, talents, and/or resources to the organization in sup-

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Texas Society DAR President Marcy Carter-Lovick presents the Hannah White Arnett Medal of Distinction and Certificate to James Alderman.



port and furtherance of the DAR mission of historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

A Chapter may award the bronze medal; State Societies may award the silver medal.

Who is Hannah White Arnett? Hannah White Arnett (January 15, 1733 – January 10, 1823) was an American woman who is known for preventing a group of men in Elizabethtown, Province of New Jersey (now Elizabeth) from proclaiming their loyalty to Great Britain in exchange for “protection of life and property.” Discouraged, the men decided to accept amnesty. She stated why it was important to remain devoted to independence and they changed their minds.



C.A.R. LEADS CHAPTER IN PLEDGES

Our special guest at our June Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter Meeting was Major Braden. Major led us in reciting the pledges for the U.S. Flag and the Texas Flag. President Ron Turner presented Major with an SAR Certificate of Appreciation, an SAR C.A.R. Bronze Medal, and a Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter Challenge Coin. Major is a founding member of the new Molly Pitcher Chapter, Children of the American Revolution, in Grapevine, Texas. The new chapter covers the area for Keller, Roanoke, Trophy Club, Southlake, Grapevine, and Flower Mound.

Major was accompanied by his mother, Georgianna Braden, Regent, Capt. Molly Corbin Chapter DAR, Grapevine.

From left to right: Compatriot James Alderman, Texas Society DAR President Marcy Carter-Lovick, and Mrs. Gwen Boyd, President of the Fort Worth Area Regents Council.



THOMAS BRUCE GREEN III
TEXAS SAR PAST PRESIDENT
REQUIESCAT IN PACE



JULY 17, 1939 - JULY 16, 2024

Thomas Bruce Green, III was born July 17, 1939 in his grandfather's hospital in Athens, TX. He completed high school in Mabank, TX in 1957 and graduated from North Texas State University. He married Margo Irene Oberkampff on June 19, 1961. He reported to the U.S. Navy Officer's Candidate School in Newport Rhode Island in July 1961. After completing OCS, Tom attended the U.S. Navy Deep Sea Diving School in Washington, DC. Tom served on the U.S.S. Cree, a sea going salvage vessel, which served in the Vietnam theater in 1962 as well as patrolling the entrance to the Panama Canal during the Cuban missile crisis in 1963. Tom later served as Diving Repair Officer, First Lieutenant, Gunnery Officer and Navigator on the U.S.S. Piedmont where he faced many dangerous assignments and knew no fear. Tom received hazardous duty pay his entire Naval career. Tom completed his six years of active-duty service in Key West, Florida as Training Officer of the U.S. Naval School for Underwater Swimmers where most of the U.S. military divers were trained for duty in Vietnam, including UDT, EOD and some of the first S.E.A.L. team members. It was here in Key West where his beloved daughter, Holly, was born.

Beginning in 1966 through 1980, Tom worked in the retail business as Operating Manager with two different department stores after which he was co-owner with his father in the family grocery business which was established by his grandfather in the 1890's. Beginning in 1981 Tom established himself in the insurance business, later co-owning an

insurance company. After selling his interest in the insurance company, he worked for the Texas State Department of Insurance as an on-site manager for the Receiver and later the Conservator until his retirement in 1999.

Tom was active in both the Sons of the Republic of Texas (SRT) and the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) He was founding president of the Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels Chapter #50 SRT Chapter and also served as Hill Country District Representative. He was inducted as a Knight of the Order of San Jacinto in 2006. Tom was named Texan of the Year by the San Jacinto Descendants Society in 2005. Tom served as Texas state president of the Sons of the American Revolution in 2007. He was awarded the National Merit Award by the Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge in 2007 and in 2016, he was awarded the San Jacinto Star award by the San Jacinto SRT Chapter. Tom was appointed a Colonel in the Texas Army in 2006 and was also appointed an Admiral in the Texas Navy by Governor Perry in 2006. In 2012 Tom was awarded the George Washington Distinguished Service Award by the Paul Carrington SAR Chapter and named the National Color Guardsman of the Year by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. Tom received the Sons of the Republic of Texas highest award, The Lifetime Achievement Award in 2022. Tom was also a member of the General Society of the War of 1812, The American Legion and the North American Vexillological Association (the study of flags). He collected or made over 75 historic flags of both the American Revolutionary and the Texas Revolutionary periods and has given more than 750 Historic Flag Programs. His greatest joy was presenting flag programs to over 30,000 school children from Texas to Indiana. His flag collection will be donated to the Brazoria Historical Museum in Angleton TX and The Texas SAR.

In addition to Tom's career and hobbies, he was a devoted spouse, father and grandfather. He was most proud of "his Girls" as he fondly called the three of us. He attended many soccer and tennis events for his beloved granddaughter and enjoyed picking her up early from day care and school to spend time with her. One of his proudest days was when he held Alicia for the first time, and she became a U.S. citizen!

Tom was an avid story and joke teller and his many family and friends would request him to tell their favorite stories and jokes, which he always made more interesting with a Texas flair for exaggeration. He would always be the last one at an event or dinner talking and entertaining his family and

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friends. He was a Texan through and through! He made friends everywhere he went. People loved him and he will be dearly missed by his family and friends

The family deeply appreciates all the support and love from friends and family during this difficult time. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Pearland First United Methodist Church 2314 N. Grand Blvd, Pearland TX 77581, The American Cancer Society or American Heart Association.

Son-Brother-Husband-Father, Father-in-Law, Grandfather, Uncle, Friend-Christian1Historian-Lecturer

Memberships: Pearland First United Methodist Church, Lieutenant US Navy, Sons of the Republic of Texas, Sons of the American Revolution, and Society of 1812, Colonel Texas Army, Admiral Texas Navy, Knight of San Jacinto Recipient of the 69th George Washington Distinguished Service Award Past State President Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution

Survived by Wife, Margo, Daughter Holly Childs, Son-in-Law Brian Childs and Granddaughter Alicia Vanesa Childs.



Current and past Texas State Presidents! (l to r) Larry Steven's, Drake Perdue, Jim Kuykendall, Tracy Pounders, Sam Massey, Bob Cohen, Tom Jackson and Jim Jones



Tom was well known in Texas historical and heritage circles, and mentored many men in the Sons of the Republic of Texas and the Sons of the American Revolution. He was a Mason and a Shriner, and will be greatly missed by those of us who called him our friend.

~ The Admiralty of the Texas Navy



Texas SAR members attended the funeral for Tom Green.

WINNER OF TEXAS SAR ENHANCED JROTC AWARD

This year's Texas Society selection for Enhanced JROTC Award is Cadet Captain Colton Walleck from Waller High School, Northwest of Houston, TX. On April 26 th , Compatriots Thomas Jackson and Jerry Martin from Robert Rankin Chapter traveled to Waller High School and presented Cadet Captain Colton Walleck with his awards. Jerry Martin (R) presented Colton with the Chapter 1 st place Outstanding JROTC Cadet Medal, Certificate, and \$100 check. Thomas Jackson (L) then presented Colton with the Texas Society 1 st place Outstanding JROTC Medal, Certificate and check for \$3,500.

enthusiastic teaching of American History.



Pin Oak Middle School has been participating for about 10 years and the students at Pin Oak have placed nationally in the top five twice and earned 1 st place in Texas over a half dozen times. We would also like to thank Principal Lindsey Vela for her assistance and support.



Cadet Captain Walleck is a junior at Waller High School. He was nominated by Lt. Col. Byrl Engel, Senior Military Instructor of Air Force Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corp at Waller High School. Cadet Captain's goal is to attend The United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.



2024 WINNER RANKIN CHAPTER BROCHURE CONTEST

SAR Robert Rankin Chapter member Thomas Jackson presented the Chapter and Texas Society Certificates and checks to Kevin Duan for winning the SAR Sgt. Moses Adams Middle School Brochure Contest. Kevin Duan is a 7th grader attending Pin Oak Middle School in Houston Independent School District in Houston, Texas. His teacher, Nathan Merz, was also presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his



AN INTERESTING TRADITION

Three members of the Robert Rankin Chapter SAR participated in the 4th of July Parade in the Copperfield community in Houston. While we were sitting in our booth, we noticed Color Guard Commander Ralph Reed had several two-dollar bills in his hat. When we asked what those were for, he told us a tradition he likes to do.



"I start off by trying to select a younger child, making sure the parent is there. I ask them if they have ever seen a 2-dollar bill. I show them the bill, then ask them what is on the reverse side. I say – here is a clue. What are we representing in our uniforms and what happened on this date. They are handed the bill, and they look at the picture on the back of the bill. Yes, it shows the signing of the Declaration of Independence and when it was signed. I thank them and give them the 2-dollar bill as a reminder of what we represent. But only if the parent says it's ok. He has been performing this lesson for several years.



It is sort of a history lesson. It's the only bill that represents a major part of the American Revolution".

COLOR GUARD ASSISTS WITH DAR GRAVE MARKING

A Color Guard Squad posted the Colors for the DAR Grave Marking of Martha "Patsey" Brockett Wakefield on April 27, 2024, at Chinn Chapel Cemetery in Copper Canyon, Denton County, Texas. Martha Brockett was the daughter of American Revolutionary War Patriot Captain William Ebenezer Brockett and Martha "Patsey" Ives. She died June 7, 1873, in Denton County. Captain Brockett served in North Carolina. Because of forecasted inclement weather, the dedication ceremony was held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a quarter-mile south of the cemetery.



The Grave Marking was hosted by DAR Chapters: Flower Mound, Benjamin Lyon, Captain Molly Corbin, Cross Timbers, Peters Colony, and Shawnee Trail.



The Color Guard Detail was comprised of (left to right) Dave Fautheree (Plano), Vann Cunningham (Maj KM Van Zandt), Nick Gilliam (Plano), and Ron Turner (Maj KM Van Zandt).

TEXAS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

By William Bozic

When I first took a position at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park there was a sense that I would be dealing with Spanish colonial history in what is now the United States, but when I was assigned to give programs at Rancho de las Cabras in Floresville, Wilson County, Texas, it was both surprising and pleasing to learn that I was also going to be working at a site involved in the American Revolution.



How on earth could Texas be involved in the American Revolution?

France declared war on Great Britain shortly after news of the patriot victory at Saratoga. On May 8, 1779, King Carlos III of Spain declared war against Great Britain and commissioned Bernardo de Galvez to lead forces against the British. Over 9000 head of cattle and troops were taken from Texas to supply the victorious troops under Bernardo de Galvez at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Mobile, Alabama, and Pensacola, Florida, as well as other actions.

It can be said that an army fights and sleeps on its stomach so the 9000 head of cattle coming from Texas were absolutely essential to the success of the operations against the British during the American War for Independence. It can also be surmised that by keeping the British occupied against the Galvez's troops, the British forces, including German mercenaries and loyalists, who would have fought against Washington were diverted to fight in other areas.

Principally these cattle came from the ranches of the San Antonio missions and missions around Goliad. Each mission had its own ranch about 25 miles away from the mission because barbed wire had not yet been invented, so the

cattle were essentially free range with brands to denote ownership. El Rancho de las Cabras was the ranch of Mission San Francisco de la Espada and it is the only surviving example of a mission ranch. The ranch became part of the National Park Service in 1995 and currently tours are given during cooler months on the first Saturday of the month by reservation. The ranch site is 96 acres, and it brings visitors back to the days of the Spanish ranches. The National Park Service is also using the area to help save and restore endangered native prairie grass at the site, so Rancho de las Cabras is a win for both nature and Revolutionary War history.



Not only did the missions contribute cattle and the cowboys to take the cattle via El Camino Real de los Tejas to the fort/staging grounds at Opelousas, Louisiana, but also troops from the Texas Presidios of San Antonio and La Bahia (Goliad), plus the fort at Cuero (near Floresville) also participated, so Texas's contribution of both meat and manpower led to Spanish victories and ultimately to patriot victory in our war for independence.



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William J. Bozic, Jr.

A graduate of the University of Florida with a BA in History (1986) and an M.Ed. (1987). William has worked for the National Park Service with an assortment of duties as both a historical researcher and frontline interpreter to diverse groups of visitors at the parks. Currently William is working full time at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park. William is a member of the NSSAR, SCV, Society of the War of 1812, and served 17 years as the national president of the Descendants of Mexican War Veterans.



WENDELL EDWARD EDWARDS REQUIESCAT IN PACE



25 AUG 1937 - 11 AUG 2024

Wendell Edward Edwards, age 86, of Commerce, Texas, and later Katy, Texas, passed away on Sunday, August 11, 2024. Wendell was born on August 25, 1937 to Florence Helen Gassaway and William Penn Edwards in Waco, Texas.

Wendell graduated from West High School in West, Texas,

in 1955 and went on to study at A&M College of Texas. After graduating with a degree in accounting, he served with the United States Air Force. He then returned to Texas A&M to earn his Master’s degree in Accounting and later earned his PhD at North Texas State University.

In 1962, Wendell met Linda Yeats in Midwest City, Oklahoma, through the introduction of a mutual friend. They were married in 1964 and had two daughters, Karen and Kathy. In 1969, the family moved to Commerce, Texas. Wendell retired as a professor emeritus from TAMU-C after teaching for 38 years. He was loved and respected by many students for his genuine care, encouragement, and challenging them to be their absolute best. He was a pillar of the Commerce community and was respected as a man of integrity and the embodiment of Christ.

Wendell loved people and never met a stranger. He was noted for asking everyone he met what their “claim to fame” was. He enjoyed traveling and experiencing new places and cultures.

Wendell was predeceased by his parents, brother Billy Edwards, and sister Louise Hopkins. He is survived by his wife Linda; daughter Karen, her husband Kevin Raumaker, and their children Madison Van Dam, Monica Raumaker, and Michaela Raumaker; daughter Kathy, her husband Kristopher Myers, and their children Nolan Myers and Ty Myers; Brother John Edwards and other family and friends.

Compatriot John Greer writes that Wendell was President of the Ambassador Fletcher Warren Chapter (Sulphur Springs) for 12 years, as well as Texas SAR Chaplain. He was a Veteran, CPA, and professor of accounting at East Texas State University (now TAMU-Commerce). He was a recipient of the Patriot Medal, Service to Veterans Medal, Bronze National Color Guard Medal, and the Silver Good Citizenship Medal.



BERNADO DE GALVEZ CHAPTER'S BUSY SUMMER



In recognition of his continued service and support of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter, Compatriot Guy W. Taylor, Jr. was presented his 10-Year Member Service Certificate and Pin by Chapter President Billy Mayo at the August chapter meeting. Compatriot Taylor is the administrator of the chapter's Facebook page.



John R. Espinosa, Governor General of the Los Granaderos y Damas de Galvez, was the guest speaker at the August meeting of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter: Mr. Espinosa was accompanied by John Shradar, who is also a member of the Los Granaderos. Mr. Espinosa provided an excellent presentation on the history and purpose of the Granaderos and on General Bernardo de Galvez and his important role in the American Revolution. Both he and John Shradar discussed the on-going effort to raise funds to complete Bernardo de Galvez project, which was initiated by the Bernardo de Galvez several years ago. In appreciation of his appre-

ciation of their presentation, President Mayo presented them with a SAR Certificate of Appreciation and a Galvez Challenge Coin. Pictured from left to right are Billy Mayo, John Shradar and John Espinosa.



At the July meeting of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter, the guest speaker was Ms. Irene Walters from the Family History Research Center at the Clayton Library Campus – this research center is part of the Houston Public Library System. Her presentation on genealogical research and on the Clayton research center holdings was both informative and beneficial to members doing research. She also pointed out that anyone in Texas with a Houston Library Card could access the various databases at the library from home. Chapter President Billy Mayo presented Ms. Irene Walters with a certificate of appreciation for her excellent presentation.



At the June meeting of Bernardo de Galvez Chapter, Jim Nonus - one of the founders of the "Jean Laffite Society of Galveston" - was the guest speaker. His presentation on

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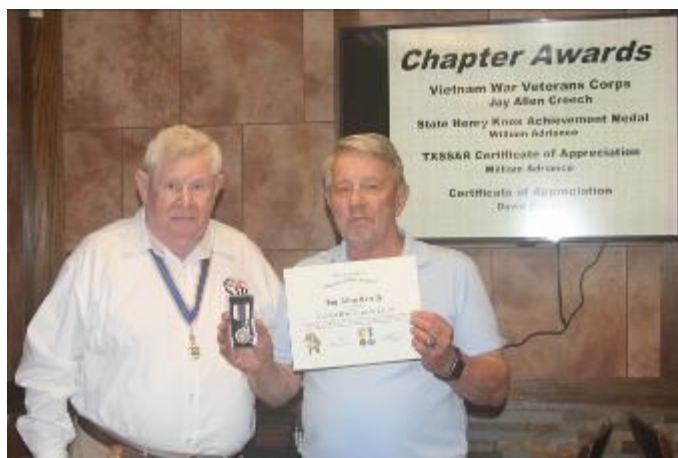
Jean Laffite and Galveston history was both interesting and informative and well received by chapter members. Chapter President Billy Mayo presented Mr. Nonus with a Certificate of Appreciation for his excellent program and invited him to join the SAR since he was eligible to do so.



The Color Guard of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park in Seabrook by posting the Colors and playing Taps. The chapter Color Guard consisted of Compatriots Billy Mayo, Frank Steele and John Loper. Other chapter members attending this ceremony were Compatriots David Zwahr, Jon Zwahr, Thomas Loper, Austin Loper, Caleb Loper and Jonah Loper.



At the Clear Creek Independent School District JROTC Awards Program in May, President Billy Mayo of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter awarded the SAR Bronze R.O.T.C. Medal to cadets from the Clear Creek High School, Clear Lake High School, Clear Brook High School, Clear Springs High School and Clear Falls High School in recognition of their outstanding leadership qualities, military bearing and excellence, thus exemplifying the high ideals and principles which motivated and sustained our patriot ancestors. Cadets receiving awards were Gia Tovar, Wyatt Bresnik, Dylan Abel, Logan Saxton and Richard Garcia. SAR Compatriots Jon and David Zwahr attended this ceremony as chapter photographers.



At the May meeting of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter, Chapter President Billy Mayo presented Compatriot Jay Creech with a certificate and medal inducting him into the SAR Vietnam War Veterans Corps in grateful recognition for service in the armed forces during armed conflict.

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WEATHERFORD EMS EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED

On Friday, June 14th, members of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter traveled to Weatherford, Texas, to present awards to two very deserving and outstanding employees of the Parker County Hospital District Training Center. President Ron Turner presented the SAR EMS Commendation Medal to Kaitlyn Johnson and Drew Clinkscales.

On May 3rd, Kaitlyn answered an urgent 911 call from a distressed father whose wife was in active labor. Displaying remarkable composure and expertise, Kaitlyn provided the father with precise instructions on how to assist with the delivery of their infant son. Her guidance included crucial steps for clamping the newborn's umbilical cord and managing the mother's postpartum bleeding. These interventions were vital in ensuring the safety and well-being of both the mother and the infant until emergency medical services could arrive on the scene. We were pleased to recognize Kaitlyn Johnson for her outstanding service and heroic actions.



At the May meeting of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter 1, Youth Awards Committee Chairman John Loper recognized Olivia Gibbs as the Chapter Winner of the Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest and as the 5th place winner at the Texas Society level for her brochure on the Boston Tea Party. She was presented with a certificate and a cash award from the Texas Society in addition to a certificate and cash award from the chapter.



Bernardo de Galvez Chapter President Billy Mayo and Compatriot Jay Creech presented Compatriot Joseph W. (Bill) Love with a certificate and medal inducting him into the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Korea War Veterans Corps in grateful recognition for his service in the armed forces during the Korean War. Compatriot Love is also a past president of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter and a long time member of SAR.



On May 1st, Supervisor Drew Clinkscales responded to a missing person alert that he had read on social media. As he was driving down Santa Fe Dr. in Weatherford, he noticed an elderly male who fit the description on the alert. Drew quickly turned his vehicle around and stopped to check on the pedestrian. The man turned out to be the missing person that law enforcement was looking for. Weatherford po-

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In the group photo below (left to right): Wosar Lauren Sheppard, Vaughn Oliver, Kaitlyn Johnson, Drew Clinkscales, Cody Sheppard, Mike Connelley, Wosar Sarah Connelley, Wosar Jan Smith, Ron Turner, and John Anderson.

lice were summoned by Drew as he was performing a medical evaluation on the man's condition. Soon Weatherford police officers arrived on scene and the individual's family was contacted. Drew found that he was healthy and that he was responding normally to his medical condition. He was reunited with his family members and was safely returned to his home. It was through his quick action that this elderly resident was successfully reunified with his family and we were pleased to recognize Drew for his service to the community.



TROPHY CLUB FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Compatriots James Alderman and Ron Turner of the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, Fort Worth, participated in the annual Fourth of July parade in Trophy Club, Texas, as flag escorts for the Capt. Molly Corbin Chapter DAR float. James carried the U.S. flag while Ron carried the Betsy Ross flag. The ladies won the parade's MOST PATRIOTIC award. The 1.8 mile parade route was heavily populated with spectators that included many families with many children, in spite of the extreme July heat.



WHY ARE THE APPROVAL TIMES FOR NEW AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS SO LONG?

Gary O. Green, Genealogist General, received the question above from a chapter genealogist in Pennsylvania. Gary provided the following answer:

We have experienced a loss of multiple staff genealogists and are in the process of hiring new ones as replacements. Some were let go because of budget constraints; others retired. In addition, we have had one genealogist who had surgery and another who is recovering from the death of a child. Plus, we are having some genealogist who are taking needed vacations.

It will take a while for the new genealogists to learn the system and come up to the speed of the genealogy staff that have left.

The bottom line is that we do not have enough staff to cover all of the changes that life offers.

Your chapter genealogists encourage PATIENCE.

GENEALOGY COMMITTEE ENDOWMENT FUND

A Florida SAR state officer requested information from Gary O. Green, Genealogist General, about the Genealogy Committee Endowment Fund. Gary responded with the following details:

The fund is not meant to pay salaries.

You may direct that the contribution be placed in either the Genealogy Committee Endowment Fund or the checking account for the fund. The former will be for large amounts of money that will lead to long term withdrawals based on percentages that the Special Operating Funds are allowed to withdraw. The checking account is for smaller amounts that will immediately go for the distribution as stated below in September 2022.

The two Genealogy Endowment Funds, currently named the Genealogy Research Fund and the Genealogy Materials Acquisition Fund, will be combined into one fund entitled the **Genealogy Com-**

mittee Endowment Fund.

1. Professional Development of Genealogy Staff Members:
 - a) Three-fourths (75%) of the available money for each year will be designated for Professional Development.
 - b) These funds will be used at the discretion of the Executive Director for the Genealogy Staff.
2. Participating in Genealogy Conferences and Similar Events:
 - a) One fourth (25%) of the available money for each year will be designated for SAR representation at genealogy conference or similar events. The available money will be applied to the cost of renting space and the cost of Genealogy Committee members and/or staff who are assigned to participate in the event to advertise the SAR to other genealogists.
 - b) Each event participation plan will be approved by the Genealogy Committee, after the submission of a written proposal to the Genealogy Committee Chairman; following approval, the Chairman will submit a request for a distribution from the Genealogy Committee Endowment Fund for these events in a timely manner to pay, and/or reimburse for all or a portion of the cost of participation.

To donate online go to <https://www.sar.org> and login.

Look for the DONATE button.

<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E343554&id=7>

Determine the amount of your donation.

Look for the location of the Drop Down menu under:

I would like my donation to support one of the

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following:

Genealogy Committee Endowment Fund

Click **Submit**.



HOUSTON AREA FLAG DAY LUNCHEON

The Houston Area Regents Council of the Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution held their annual Flag Day Luncheon at the Junior League in Houston on June 15, 2024. The Posting of the Colors was presented by members of the Freedom Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. Mary Thompson, newly elected Regent of the Heritage Trails Chapter, NSDAR joined Heritage Trails chapter, NSDAR Honorary Regents Elizabeth Jones, Rowena Hayes and Pat Spackey, to celebrate a wonderful and patriotic luncheon presented by all the Regents in the Houston Area Regents Council. David C. Hilmers, who served as a NASA astronaut on four space shuttle missions presented the outstanding program "NASA Past and Present as an Astronaut and Physician". Hilmers was inducted into the Astronaut Hall of Fame in 2024.



Photo: L to R: Ed Sellards (Color Guard); Elizabeth Jones (Honorary Regent), Mary Thompson (Regent, 2024-2026), William Myers (Color Guard), Don Hayes (Color Guard), Rowena Hayes (Honorary Regent), David Hamaker (Color Guard), John Thompson (Color Guard), Pat Spackey (Honorary Regent) and Ted Spackey.

FREEDOM CHAPTER 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Compatriots of the Freedom Chapter SAR, along with DAR and Capt Edward Weyman Society CAR members, turned out for a great Fourth of July Parade.



**HIGHLIGHTS FROM
THE 134TH ANNUAL CONGRESS
LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA**

JULY 10-16, 2024



Texas SAR Compatriots Robert Cohen (2nd from left) and Larry Stevens (2nd from right) were installed in the 2024 Class of Minutemen



The Oath of Office is administered to incoming President General Darryl Addington



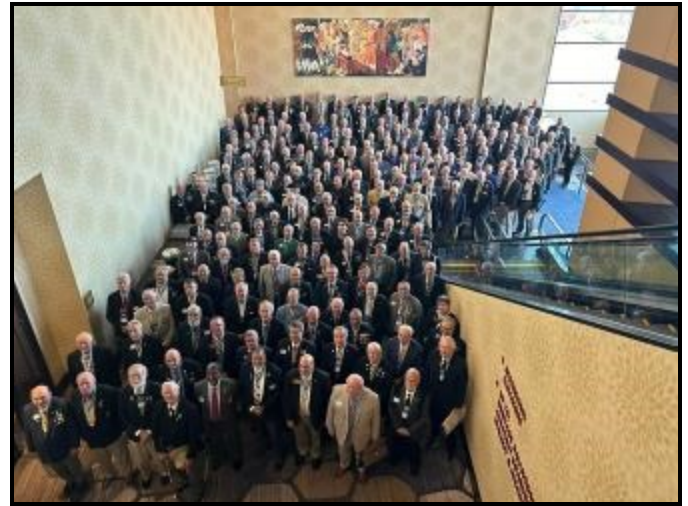
Members of the Texas SAR Delegation



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This SAR Seersucker Sages met in Lancaster, PA at Congress.
No membership dues. New members wanted.



The delegates at the 134th Annual Congress in Lancaster, PA!



President General Darryl and First Lady Mary Addington



Some of the members of the Texas SAR Delegation

Texas SAR Members at 2024 Congress

- Anthony Abbott
- Dennis Brunson
- Edward Butler
- Robert Cohen
- Wayne Courreges
- Mark Ellison
- Michael Goode
- Thomas Jackson
- James Jones, Jr.
- Kevin Kanter
- James Kuykendall
- Thomas Lawrence
- Ricardi Lazaro
- Vincent Lazaro
- Sam Massey
- Art Munford
- Mel Oller
- Tracy Pounders
- David Quinby
- Larry Stevens
- David Temple
- William Watts
- Nathan White
- Richard Zdunkewicz

FREEDOM CHAPTER WELCOMES HONOR FLIGHT

Members of the Freedom Chapter welcomed an Honor Flight on June 2nd at Hobby Airport. The Honor Flight was bringing home a plane full of Vietnam Vets after a wonderful two days in Washington D C. Freedom Chapter of the SAR led the veterans from their Southwest Airlines flight to their adoring and thankful public. There were probably about 300+ people there.



FREEDOM CHAPTER MEMORIAL DAY

Members of the Freedom Chapter were at the Montgomery County Veterans Memorial in Conroe, Texas, to honor those who gave it all on Memorial Day, May 27th.



BOERNE CHAPTER FLOAT

The Boerne Chapter's award-winning boat float was once again an entry in the Poteet Strawberry Festival parade held the weekend of April 11-14, 2024. Shown below is the float being readied for the start of the parade. From left to right are compatriots Chuck Hand, Dalton Hand, and Chapter President Dale Tidwell. More parades are scheduled for the coming months.



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The boat float carried eight compatriots in the June 15th Father's Day Parade and was awarded 2nd place out of 63 participants. (see inset pix below) Left to right are Larry Kinter, Raymond Reeves, Brooks Boye, Dale Tidwell, Pat Blackman (wearing Continental Army issue sun glasses) Frank Rohrbaugh, Dalton Hand, and Chuck Hand.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL AWARDED TO FRANK POUNDERS

Dallas Chapter compatriot Frank H. Pounders was recently recognized with the Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service, the highest Medal that can be awarded by a Chapter President during each year of his term of office. The Chapter Meritorious Service Medal may be awarded to SAR members who have rendered long, faithful, and meritorious service to their chapter. The Medal recognizes the Compatriot's conspicuous service to the Chapter during the president's administration.

Frank Pounders serves as the long-standing Chaplain of the Dallas Chapter, where he is a vital and active compatriot at every monthly meeting. Frank is a dedicated and committed member of the Chapter board and is a vital participant in his position as Chaplain. He was inducted into the Dallas Chapter on July 21, 1993. This year will mark Frank's 31st year in the Dallas Chapter.



Frank is the father of Texas SAR President Tracy A. Pounders (l), and Gina Henderson, shown in the photo with Dallas Chapter President Brent Harshman (R), who presented the medal to Frank July 7, 2024



THE OLDEST VOLUNTEER

Henry Francisco was born in France in 1686. When he enlisted as a Private in Capt. Burrough's Company, Col. Warner's Regiment of the Continental Army on January 15, 1777, the elderly soldier was 91 years old. He was discharged on April 20, 1778, and survived for another 42 years, dying on October 25, 1820, in Whitehall, New York, at the age of 134 years. He had been present at the coronation of Queen Anne of England. Twice married, he was the father of 21 children.

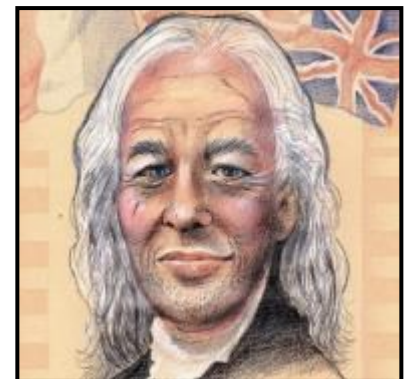
~ reprint from SAR Magazine, April 1967, pg 11

Additional sources state that Henry fought in Queen Anne's War (1702-1713) and in the French and Indian War (1754-1763). He was present at Braddock's Defeat (also known as the Battle of Monongahela) in 1755, where he was wounded and taken prisoner to Quebec. During his enlistment in the Continental Army, he fought in the Battle of Saratoga.

Henry was mentioned in various newspapers around the country. News of his death appeared in newspapers in Ohio and Pennsylvania, and possibly others. A short biography of Henry appeared in a December 1881 *Montfort Independent* (Montfort, WI) article about long-lived individuals, and his longevity and dietary habits received a brief mention in the *M'Kean Miner* (Smethport, PA) in March 1866.



Hendrick "Henry" Francisco
Artwork from the cover of
*The Legend of Henry Francisco:
America's Oldest Man Ever (So
Far) 1686-1820*
Anthony G. Sisco (Author)



A GRAVE MARKING CEREMONY WITH A BOERNE TWIST

Here is a great story about a Grave Marking Ceremony for Revolutionary War Soldier Corporal Augustine Lawless (1752 - 1832). It involved three states and included members of the Boerne SAR Chapter and the local DAR chapter.

The ceremony was organized and conducted by the following NSDAR members: Ernestine Bennet, Lila Ford, Jane Grant, Anita Dial, Melanie Wrench, Beulah Hughston, Laurie Ackels, and Karen Gibson.

Three SAR members attended, two from the Boerne Chapter, Sean Ackels and James Gibson. Paul Abell, as the HODAR husband of Cathy Hoots Abel, descendant of Augustine. The Jane Lampton Chapter of DAR set up an American Flag and a NSDAR Flag. The pledge of allegiance was led by USAR Master Sergeant Kathy Gibson, a descendant.



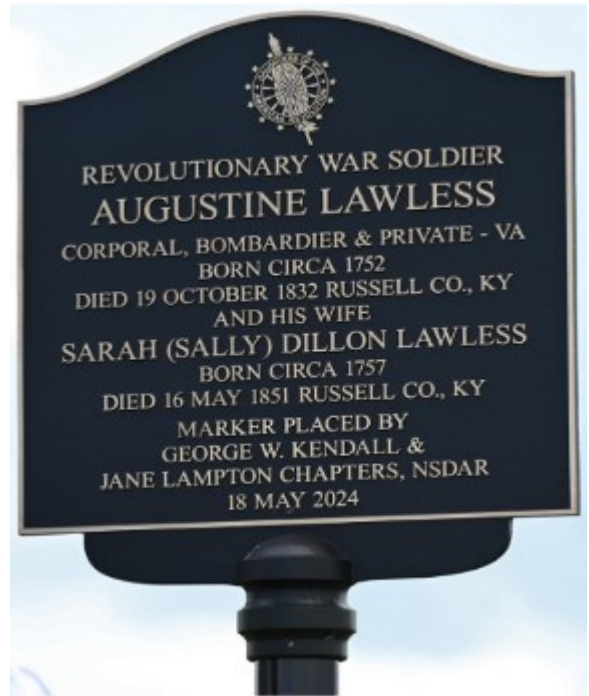
Descendants Ackels, Gibson, and Abell

Taps was played by US Navy Petty Officer 3rd class, retired, Billy Carroll. The unveiling of the marker was done by the Honorable Jeffrey Scott Lawless, (retired) Chief Judge, 28th Judicial District at Kentucky Court of Justice and Karen Gibson, PharmD. Both are descendants. Eighty-five people signed the guest book.

Augustine Lawless was born in 1752 in Virginia, died in Russell County, Kentucky, on 19 October 1832. He enlisted as a private on 20 December 1776, for three years of service in the Virginia Continental Line, in the company commanded by Captain Ragsdale, Major Holman's Battalion, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Randall. He served until dis-

charged at Little York, in Virginia.

He had re-enlisted for an additional three-year term in the company commanded by Captain Lewis Booker, under Colonel Charles Harrison. He was then marched to New Jersey and encamped at White Plains, New York, where he was attached to the brigade commanded by General Henry Knox. Both enlistments he was a bombardier with the 1st Continental artillery regiment.



ALEXANDER HODGE CHAPTER JROTC RECOGNITIONS

In recognition of outstanding leadership qualities, military bearing, and excellence, thus exemplifying the high ideals and principles which motivated and sustained our patriot ancestors.

The following List of JROTC members are from the 18 schools in which we are active in recognizing the top candidates in their JROTC Programs who were nominated by their respective Leadership.

From this List of 18 who received a Bronze Metal and a Recognition plaque, members of Alexander Hodge Chapter 49 during a Business Meeting reviewed their submitted resumes and selected the top 4 candidates to receive the An-

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nual Scholarship Awards for 2024.

Scholarship Winners

- Ridge Point High School, FBISD JROTC: Christopher Schapp
- Hightower High School, FBISD JROTC: Reeya Mequiabas
- Lamar Consolidated High School JROTC Group, LCISD: Adam M. Jirbi (Fulshear High School)
- Terry High School JROTC Group, LCISD: Aritzel Pastrana (Terry High School)

Bronze Medal and Recognition Plaque Winners

- Austin High School, FBISD Navy: Alvin Pham
- Bush High School, FBISD Navy: Abdulbasit Thompson
- Clements High School, FBISD Air Force: Grayson Machmer
- Dulles High School, FBISD Air Force: Melonie Reyes
- Elkins High School, FBISD Air Force: Isis Lindley
- Hightower High School, FBISD Army: Reeya Mequiabas
- Kempner High School, FBISD Air Force: Dylan Matividad
- Lamar Consolidated High School, LCISD Air Force: Adam Naqvi
- Marshall High School, FBISD Air Force: Oluwafeylyemi Ogundare
- Ridge Point High School, FBISD Marine Corps: Carter Bultena
- Stafford High School, SISD Army: Christian Gonzalez
- Terry High School, LCISD Air Force: Aritzel Pastrana
- Travis High School, FBISD Marine Corps: Tristan Freeman
- Willowridge High School, FBISD Marine Corps: Myron Avery
- Fulshear High School, LCISD Air Force: Diego Calvo
- George Ranch High School, LCISD Air Force: Eva Green
- Randle High School, LCISD Air Force: Breena Kirkpatrick
- Foster High School, LCISD Air Force: Ayden Alamia



Reeya Mequiabas
Hightower High School, FBISD JROTC

ANDERSON RECOGNIZED BY DAR

Compatriot John Anderson, Arlington Chapter member and Maj. K.M. Van Zandt dual member, was awarded the Bronze Hannah White Arnett Award by the Lucretia Council Cochran DAR Chapter. This recognition is given to a member in good standing of the SAR for unselfish devotion, tireless efforts, and assistance to the DAR; and who has dedicated his time, energy, talents, and/or resources to the organization in support and furtherance of the DAR mission of historic preservation, education and patriotism. John is accompanied by his wife Meg Anderson to the right.



CHAPTER HISTORIANS ARE ENCOURAGED



Last year 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. But in discussions with others, I find a variety of responsibilities of the Chapter Historian.

In polled chapters, I find Historian need assistants and have a variety of responsibilities:

- 1) Some provide historical vignettes at chapter meetings,
- 2) Some are the chapter photographer,
- 3) Some create the Chapter Minutes, Newsletters, and/or the Annual Yearbooks,
- 4) Some are the Chapter Web Admin and Archivist.

All the above are various ways to preserve your chapter history. Interested in your feedback. What are the duties of your Chapter Historian?

Texas SAR Website Histories

We have various data available on both our Texas SAR public and private websites. For discussion is how to expand. I'm confident the current items can be amended, and new items can be added. Do you have some suggestions?

Texas SAR History Volume III

Our new Editor is Compatriot Matthew Hoffman, matthewe.hoffman@yahoo.com. Matthew is gathering and creating all sorts of articles, lists, photos, etc. from 2005 (previous History Volume) for our next history volume. His target is to development in late 2025 and publication in 2026. Those lists include the normal membership charts by year, Texas SAR Conventions by date with locations, speakers, etc., Texas State President, Texas State Officers and Chairs, Color Guard Commanders and Guardsmen of the Year, chapter list, and etc.

Chapter contributions are encouraged with histories, significant articles, photos, list of presidents, compatriot biographies, memorials, Color Guar ceremonies, etc. What history would your Chapter Historian like to preserve?

Prominent Texas Compatriots

Compatriot John Greer, JohnLGreer@juno.com, has been gathering data from 2005 forward for our next History volume. He and Compatriots Kermit Breed and

James Penny are researching our histories to assist gathering lists of past officers, past president bios, award recipients, Patriot Grave Markings, Compatriot Memorials, and deceased Compatriot Veterans. Send your ideas to John.

Patriot/Compatriot Graves



Compatriot Bill Watts at bill_watts@att.net had two Patriots Buried in Texas Grave Markings on the same day, Saturday June 1, 2024. Carpools were arranged and off to Northeast Texas was underway.

- Center Ridge Cemetery in Maud, Texas, marked the grave of Patriot Evan Thomas Watson.
- Clarksville City Cemetery in Clarksville, Texas, marked the grave of Patriot William Blevins.

Texas SAR Archives



Thank you for your patience holding your Chapter Archives awaiting a future archive solution. Our committee has been seeking a method whereby we can archive electronic documents for ourselves and we have an esy method. Some Chapter Web Admin for years have been posting public newsletters, articles, histories, photos, and more to their chapter website. This is a great solution and great job to those who have done this!

All Chapter Web Admins are encouraged to do likewise on their own chapter website. Private documents, those with DOB, SSN, street address, phoe or email, should either be redacted or posted on a private secured chapter specific web space, now available in the Texas SAR Private webspace

We have developed a short easy Chapter Archivist Instructions PDF to assist. Chapters without a Web Admin and those with questions should contact me.

Chapter Yearbook Judging

Compatriot Don Hayes, dhayes04@hotmail.com, is the committee chair and preparations are underway to gather and judge your scrapbooks next spring. See him if you're interested in being an assistant judge. Of course you're exempt from judging your own chapter group. Your Yearbook should be by calendar year and brought to our spring Texas SAR Convention. The chapter groups are:

- Group 1 (1-50 members)
- Group 2 (51-99 members)
- Group 3 (100+ members)

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.

The next committee meeting will be via zoom a few weeks prior to our Fall Austin BOM meeting. Let's target October 17th. New members are welcome. Contact me for the zoom link.

Thurs. Oct 17
7:00 p.m.

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.

Douglas Arthur Welberg

March 1, 2024

SAR #179008

Member Since March 1, 2011

Red River Valley Chapter #65

Harold Gene Evetts

April 9, 2024

SAR #141526

Member Since October 25, 1993

Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter #6

Robert Lee Lyon

April 10, 2024

SAR #184473

Member Since August 13, 2012

Independence Chapter #40

Elbert Mitchell Marshall

April 12, 2024

SAR #227669

Member Since August 30, 2023

Boerne Chapter #64

Thomas England Carswell, Jr.

May 4, 2024

SAR #174426

Member Since June 18, 2009

Hill Country Chapter #31

Gordan Lee Waterman

May 5, 2024

SAR #180212

Member Since July 15, 2011

Pineywoods Chapter #51

Bennie Lee Hair

May 6, 2024

SAR #214463

Member Since January 31, 2020

East Texas Chapter #57

Frank Leslie Felcman

May 10, 2024

SAR #11779008

Member Since September 11, 2012

Alexander Hodge Chapter #49

James Cecil Newland, Jr.

May 30, 2024

SAR #147908

Member Since March 14, 1997

Arlington Chapter #7

Herman Paul Pressler III

June 7, 2024

SAR #82011

Member Since March 30, 1957

Paul Carrington Chapter #5

Thomas Winton Cornett

June 8, 2024

SAR #172528

Member Since June 16, 2008

Victoria Chapter #50

Russell Dee Cox, Sr.

June 20, 2024

SAR #148201

Member Since April 18, 1997

Freedom Chapter #38

Douglas Arthur Welberg

March 1, 2024

SAR #179008

Member Since March 1, 2011

Red River Valley Chapter #65

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Rolland Jory Moraine

June 24, 2024

SAR #196256

Member Since September 1, 2015

Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter #6

Warren Roy Groff, Jr.

July 3, 2024

SAR #212837

Member Since August 30, 2019

Bluebonnet Chapter #41

Thomas Bruce Green III

July 16, 2024

SAR #146814

Member Since July 26, 1996

Alexander Hodge Chapter #49

George Alfred Monroe

July 22, 2024

SAR #167266

Member Since June 15, 2006

Dallas Chapter #2

Gustave Axel Sandstrom

July 27, 2024

SAR #155966

Member Since June 5, 2001

Alexander Hodge Chapter #49

Patrick Arthur Patterson

August 16, 2024

SAR #203035

Member Since June 2, 2017

Boerne Chapter #64

Andrew Jackson McVeigh III

August 17, 2024

SAR #186139

Member Since January 24, 2013

Patrick Henry Chapter #11

**FIRST NAVAL BATTLE
OF THE REVOLUTION**

Massachusetts, including the present State of Maine, prides itself on laying claim to many of the "Firsts" of the American Revolution. Amongst these are the engagements which took place off Fairhaven, Massachusetts, and off Machias, Maine, in the interval between the battle of Concord and Lexington and the battle of Bunker Hill.

Shortly after the battle of Concord and Lexington the village of Fairhaven (then part of Dartmouth) put two distinct military companies in training under the supervision of a "Committee of Safety." One of these was composed of mechanics and farmers who were commanded by Daniel Egery, a ship builder, and the other consisted principally of seamen, under the command of Nathaniel Pope, a sea captain.

On the afternoon of the 13th of May, 1775, these two little military companies, each composed of twenty-five men, were in a field just outside the village where they were paraded for drilling. While so engaged, a rider brought news that a twenty-ton ship had come into Vineyard Sound, captured two sloops (one of which he owned in part), manned and armed them, and sent them into Buzzard's Bay as decoy cruisers. Also he said that it was his purpose to appraise the Committee of Safety of the true character of these vessels.

Upon receiving this news it was immediately agreed that the parties present give whatever bonds might be demanded for the forty-ton sloop "Success," which was then lying at the wharf, and to put out in her to intercept the British. It was believed that twenty-five men would be sufficient for the purpose and were as many as could be kept out of sight on board. The men of both companies were informed. that twenty-five volunteers were desired for an immediate and secret expedition. This announcement was greeted by all fifty volunteering, and it was necessary to ballot between the men to eliminate the excess. Parties were then formed to collect sails, rigging, provisions, etc., and instructions given that they not report at the vessel until after dark. By 9 P.M. all was in readiness and the sloop, with Captains Egery and Pope, a Drummer and twenty-five men put off from the wharf at Fairhaven.

During the night, which was calm and foggy, the sloop was allowed to drift upon the currents of the Bay. With the breaking of dawn a sloop was discovered at anchor about a

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cable's length from them and directly under their lee. The tide carried the "Success" down upon her and heedless of commands to sheer off, she swung in to board. This was accomplished, the men swarmed up from below, and overran the British sloop, making prisoners of the thirteen officers and men aboard.

Captain Pope, one man and the boy took charge of these prisoners while both vessels made sail and worked up to a point about three miles from town. It was decided that the prize should be sent into port and the "Success" start out in search of the other cruiser. This was soon discovered at anchor in a nearby cove, sail was immediately made and the cruiser started out into the Bay with the "Success" in pursuit. A well-placed shot killed the commander, confusion resulted and the Colors were struck to the "Success." This prize was taken into port where the arms and equipment were divided, and Captain Egery started with 15 of the prisoners for Taunton where he lodged them in the jail. Continuing to Watertown, he made a report of these activities and the situation in Dartmouth to the Provincial Congress.

Drisko, in his narrative of the Town of Machias, states that taking of the cutter "Margaretta" on the 12th of June, 1775, was the first naval battle of the Revolution (p. 47), and a tablet erected in that town about twenty years ago carries a legend to that effect.

The "Margaretta" was a British cutter, carrying four four-pound guns and sixteen swivels. Shortly after arriving at Machias, Captain Moor of the "Margaretta" ordered that the liberty pole in the town be taken down on the threat of firing on the community. This threat was received with indignation, a town meeting held, and a unanimous vote of "No" given to a motion to remove the pole. Shortly after the town meeting, resistance movements began to form and support began to arrive in the form of sympathizers from Jonesboro, Pleasant River and Moosabec Reach. After considerable discussion a majority decided upon a plan of action and a band of volunteers was collected for the purpose of meeting on board the "Margaretta."

Jeremiah O'Brien, with forty men, was to take charge of a sloop while Colonel Fester was to go to East River to prepare a schooner. These two vessels were to meet, pursue and capture the "Margaretta" if possible. Foster's schooner ran aground, leaving O'Brien with an undisciplined crew, short of water and rations and no more than three rounds of ammunition per man to carry out the undertaking. They

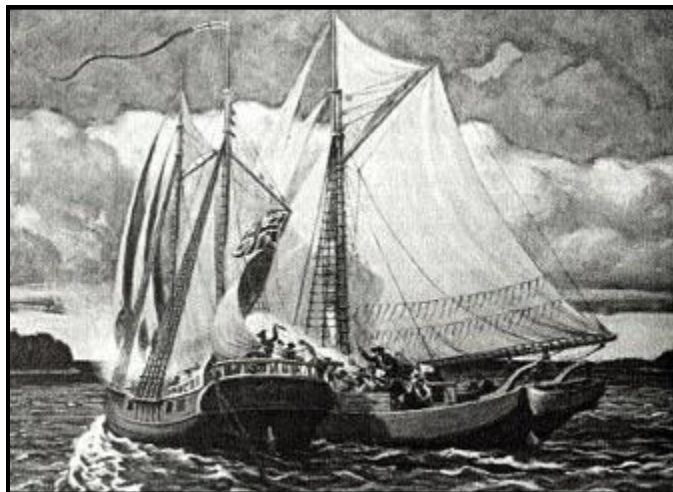
approached the "Margaretta" and her Captain, under threat of fire, demanded O'Brien's purpose. O'Brien thereupon called on Captain Moor to surrender. Moor appeared desirous of avoiding conflict and endeavored to prevent a collision but carried away the "Margaretta's" boom. He worked into Holmes Bay, effected repairs and set out with the apparent hope of escaping O'Brien's sloop. Being overtaken, she cast off her boats and when this was ineffectual, opened fire. The fire was returned with determination the two vessels swung together and the Americans attempted to board the "Margaretta." This effort failed as they swung apart but on a return swing and the death of Captain Moor, the "Margaretta" was captured and taken with her crew into Machias.

It will be seen that each of these engagements differed greatly from the other. The battle of Fairhaven preceded the one of Machias by nearly a month, the sloop "Success" was manned and commanded by regularly organized militia acting under the authority of a Committee of Safety, while the engagement off Machias involved an American sloop manned and commanded by a group of volunteers operating on their own motion and without the sanction or control of a recognized governmental body.

Thus each community, depending upon a consideration of the elements involved, may lay claim to a "First Naval Battle of the Revolution." In so doing, however, it should take the additional step of carefully defining its interpretation of the name it uses.

~ By Capt. Davis G. Marsapin

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REMEMBERING THE “BATTLE OF MEDINA”

This year a ceremony commemorating the 211th Anniversary of the Battle of Medina was held in Leming, Texas, where we celebrated and remembered those that fought and died in this battle to free Texas from Spain. Each year, more than 100 historical researchers and descendants gather to discuss this bloody battle, and the ways in which its violent aftermath set the tone in early Texas for a successful independence more than 20 years later in 1836. This event included the SAR Color Guard presenting the colors, and a joint musket volley with the SAR and Texas Army.

The Battle of Medina, known as the bloodiest battle, ever fought on Texas soil, was fought south of San Antonio on August 18, 1813. We are trying to better understand life before and after the 1811-1813 revolution, in an attempt to break away from the Spanish Empire and form a state in an independent Mexican Republic. In order to better understand what was going on in Texas at this time, is to review a little bit of Texas history. Texas belonged to Spain in 1812, as did all of Mexico. Spain did little to settle this land and most of the inhabitants in 1812, other than the Native American tribes, were from other Mexican states or from the United States. These settlers were not happy with the oppression of the Spanish control and were encouraged by the recent revolt in Louisiana, so they planned their own revolution. Jose' Bernardo Gutierrez de Lara and Augustus Magee, encouraged by the United States, organized an expedition to take Texas from Spain. They formed, what was known as the Republican Army of the North. This army consisted of about 1400 men. They crossed what was known as the neutral ground in Louisiana into Texas on August 7, 1812, and soon captured Nacogdoches, Trinidad de Salcedo, La Bahia, and San Antonio where a declaration of independence for the State of Texas under the Republic of Mexico was proclaimed on April 6, 1813. This, however, was short lived for the Commandant General Arredondo, organized an army of 1830 men and marched them early in August from Laredo toward San Antonio, to quell this rebellion. The Republican Army of the North consisted of 1400 men composed of Anglos, Tejanos, Indians, and former Royalists and chose to meet the enemy south of the city of San Antonio. The night of August 17th, the Republican Army forces camped about 6 miles from General Arredondo's camp and planned to ambush them as they traveled along the Old Laredo Road. The next morning, however, royalist scouts flushed the Republi-

can Army and lured them into an ambush. The Republican Army of 1400 rebels who met the enemy, came really close to defeating the Spanish Royal Army during the four-hour afternoon conflict. Many of them were on foot trudging through the sandy brush country in the summer heat, while the royalists had a large, mounted cavalry.

In recent years, archaeological researchers have unearthed lead balls, and many other military artifacts believed to have been used in the Battle of Medina, including a heavy concentration found on private property. More research is being done to find the actual battle site. Under a 2010 expansion of Texas State social studies standards, the Battle of Medina has been included in seventh-grade Texas history classes under the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills.

David Hamaker, Freedom Chapter President of the Sons of the American Revolution, is a sixth great-grandson of Peter Sides, who fought the British in the American Revolutionary War for Independence. Peter Sides is the only known and proven soldier that is known to have fought and died in the Battle of Medina at the age of 63 years of age, when the country he left behind was fending off the British in the War of 1812. “We can only speculate as to what would motivate a man of this age to take on this fight. Maybe it was the promise of land or a chance to make another stand for freedom, or maybe just a quest for adventure. Whatever it was, I would like to recognize and honor my grandfather, Peter Sides, for his beliefs in the liberties and the freedoms that we have today.”
~ David Hamaker



L to R: David Hamaker, Dewey Owens, & Ed Sellards

YEAR OF THE HANGMAN—1777

Superstitious folk considered 1777 to be the "Year of the Hangman." The figure seven was symbolically considered a hangman's gibbet and this year contained a triple mark of death. This unreal fear added to the gloom of reality because the war was not going well for the Patriots. The days ahead were ominous as Sir William Howe, the British Commander-in-Chief, prepared to take the Patriot capital of Philadelphia.

In July, Sir William provisioned 15,000 British soldiers and placed them on board 260 ships in New York Harbor. They then sailed down the Jersey coast into Chesapeake Bay and landed at the Head of Elk on August 25. In an effort to block the British from Philadelphia, Washington marched his troops to meet the enemy. The Patriots made their stand along Brandywine Creek, southwest of the city. A battle raged on September 11 and although the Americans fought

bravely, the British took the day. After the Battle of the Brandywine, Howe outmaneuvered Washington and marched into Philadelphia on September 26.

In order to maintain control of Philadelphia, the British required access to the Delaware River as a supply route. Before the British entered Philadelphia, Claypoole's battalion left the city to garrison the river defenses. They marched on September 19 to an unfinished fort at Billingsport, on the New Jersey shore. Located five miles downstream from the principal defenses of Forts Mercer and Mifflin, this redoubt protected the chevaux de frise that had been placed on the river bottom between the redoubt and Billingsport Island. The purpose of this underwater defense was to block ships from coming up the river. It consisted of iron-tipped timbers, placed just below the surface, facing downstream at an angle of 45°.

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4. Limit the number of photographs to those you would most like to see published.
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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.

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