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Getting Publicity for Your Chapter

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Every American needs to hear who we in the Sons of the American Revolution are, and more importantly, what we are doing for our great nation.

Joseph Benham, a journalist for over half a century and the Chaplain, Publicist, and Past President of the Hill Country Chapter of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution offers the following guidelines for **getting your chapter's story in print or on the air.**

- Accept the fact that news is a buyer's market. We must take our stories to the news media.
- Give them a written story. Hand-delivered is fine; email is just as good, and fax is okay.
- Sell your story on its merits. Never tell a reporter or editor that it is his/her civic, patriotic, or religious duty to print or broadcast your story.
- Stay focused. Your mission is informing them about the SAR.
- Keep your opinions of their paper or station to yourself.
- Write in the order that you would tell your spouse, co-worker, golf partner, etc., about your event, starting with the most interesting and/or important part. Who was your speaker and what was the most important and/or interesting thing he/she said?
- The way NOT to do it is with a set of minutes.
- Your next paragraph should identify the SAR as the venue. My usual wording: "Gen. or Rep. or Mr. or Ms. Blank spoke at the monthly meeting of the Hill Country Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), one of the nation's oldest and largest patriotic organizations for men."
- Calling the SAR a lineage society makes the editors think that we are just another genealogical group, about as newsworthy as coin collecting or weight-watching.
- My usual wording: "Known as Compatriots, SAR members are men who can document having at least one ancestor who served in state militias or the Continental Army under George Washington, or in the Colonial Navy, or supported the cause of American independence by donating such things to the revolutionary cause as weapons, ammunition, uniforms, medical supplies, blankets, cash, and food for troops and sailors and their livestock."
- That takes care of the lineage thing with wording that editors should find much more interesting.
- My next paragraph typically points out that we do a lot more than talk about our ancestors.
- In addition to promoting respect for our Founding Fathers and their sacrifices in winning American independence, SAR activities include promoting

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Mark Your CALENDAR

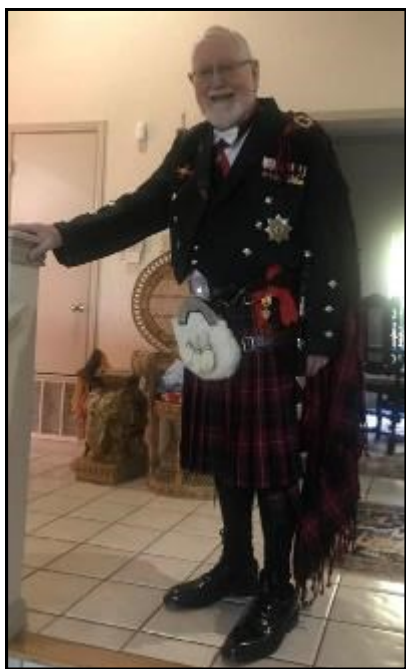
2023

Feb 18	George Washington Laredo Parade
Mar 2	Spring Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY
Mar 16-17	DAR State Conference, Hyatt Regency Hotel, DFW Airport
Mar 18	Patriot James Lemmon Grave Marking, Lancaster (date is tentative)
Mar 25	C.A.R. State Conference
Mar 30-Apr 2	Texas SAR Annual Convention, Spring
Apr 22	Medal of Honor Parade, Gainesville, muster time 9:00 a.m.
Jul 15	133rd Congress, Orlando, FL
Aug TBD	South Central District Meeting, Wichita, KS
Sep 21	Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY

Getting Publicity for Your Chapter (continued)

respect for the American flag and teaching American history: support for veterans, active duty military, and ROTC programs in high schools; and participating in patriotic observances.

- If we induct new members, or present or receive any awards, that comes next.
 - The next paragraph tells readers, viewers, and listeners where and when the chapter meets, and that genealogical assistance is available to men who are interested in joining the SAR.
 - Finally, we supply phone numbers and email addresses of chapter officers for persons wanting more information on the SAR and its activities.
 - If you can e-mail one or more photos illustrating what went on at the meeting, so much the better.
 - So, you have written a highly professional news release. What now?
 - Re-check it for accuracy and clarity, then send it ASAP.
 - Be sure to add names and phone numbers of officers willing to provide more information. Hardly any editor will use information sent to them anonymously.
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Constitution Day!

September 17, 2022, Saturday

This is the annual Houston Area DAR Regent's Council for the 2022 Constitution Week Luncheon. The Sons of the American Revolution Texas Society Houston area Color Guard presents Colors and we are invited to stay for the lunch. I have been attending these for about 15 years now and it is always with a moment with reflection and pride that I am permitted to participate. Our Color Guard Commander for the event is John Thompson, Tom Houston is also present among others. I am the only one not dressed in Texas Color Guard uniform; we adopted the Artilleryman's uniform which is red facing and a blue jacket and knee britches. I cannot stay because I have another stop for the day.



~ Tom Jackson
Past Texas SAR President

Saint Matthew's Priory of Knights Templar Convent & Investiture at La Mansion Hotel. The Templars have their own Tartan. It took PG Ed Butler over an hour to get all his accoutrements on.

JAMES CARTER

Revolutionary War Patriot

January 1, 1769—March 1, 1850

The Texas SAR Edmund Terrill Chapter in Sherman, Texas, heard about James Carter from Ted Wilson, a member of the Texas SAR Archives/History/Yearbook Committee, who had been reviewing the listing on the <txssar.org> web site of American Revolutionary War Patriots buried in Texas. This was a project began in 1976 for the Bicentennial by Compatriot Clovis H. Brakebill and put forth in his book “American Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Texas.” After taking time to review his book and the listing on the state website, it was noted that several patriots’ graves have not been marked by an SAR chapter. With Compatriot Tom B. Green III records and Find-A-Grave many of the graves and site markings of patriots buried in Texas can be found. It was also noted that some graves have not been located nor have Texas Historical Markers been placed in the counties where they died.

Compatriot Clovis H. Brakebill noted that James Carter’s service had not been proven nor had any SAR or DAR applicant used him as their patriot. Compatriot Ray Hargis of the Edmund Terrill Chapter took on the task of proving that Carter served in the Revolutionary War. By using Find-A-Grave he was able to discover that James was buried in the Russell Family Cemetery in Bonham, Texas, and that his stone was broken into three pieces. The cemetery itself needed some tree limbs removed along with other cleaning. He found the stone pieces and they confirmed James’ date of birth and death, but there was no mention of his service in the Revolutionary War. Ray was no closer to finding proof of service but knew there was a Library in Bonham and hopefully he could find some answers there. He did find a book titled “James Carter 1768-1849, Greene County, Tennessee and Bonham, Fannin County, Texas” compiled by Clarence Clayton Carter dated May 2006. What secrets would this book tell us? We find the name of James’ father to be John Carter and that he had other siblings. Marriage records of Greene County, Tennessee, show that James married Phoebe Ballard on May 2, 1791, and their daughter Sophia had married Robert P. Russell and they moved to Bonham, Texas, in approximately 1838 and settled on a farm on Seven Oaks Road.

Another book Ray found was “Abraham Carter of Greene County, Tennessee,” by Sylvia Layton Brooks, published in 1994, in Knoxville, Tennessee. Some new information about James and his family was in the book. He had arrived in Fannin County, Texas, in January 1838, and had obtained a Second-Class Certification #123 showing 640 acres. His wife died and his daughter Sophia had brought him to Texas. A story called “A Buffalo Hunt” by Judge J. P. Simpson tells of a hunt with five others, one of them being James Carter in May 1838. It was also noted that James had brought the musket he had used in the Revolutionary War with him to Texas and the extra weapon would be helpful in an Indian attack. Still yet another book was discovered on microfilm and could be downloaded was “The Carters of Greene County, Tennessee” by John Denton Carter, published in 1981. It was within these pages that Compatriot Ray finds four members of James’ family entered the Revolutionary War in North Carolina and James was the youngest. He filed a pension application in 1830 and claimed to be a member of the regular army; however, he was unable to prove that the company commander under whom he served, Capt. Ptolemy Powell, was an officer in the regular army rather than the militia. His application was rejected on legal grounds.

Using the information above, Compatriot Hargis went into Fold3.com and found the rejected application (R1747). He had applied for a Pension as a Drummer in the Fife and Drum Corps, North Carolina Line, age 13 (stated he was 16) in 1781. With this new information, he began looking for James Carter in North Carolina. There, he found three James Carters and by knowing the age of James, he was able to dismiss one of them. On the application it was stated that James had served under Capt. Towley Powell and using that information found two pay vouchers issued. No. 7126, State of North Carolina Halifax District, dated 6 June 1782, and No. 8367, same district, dated 30 July 1783. This was a militia regiment, not the regular army as stated in his application. These two items helped prove James Carter had served in the Revolutionary War.

While Compatriot Ray Hargis was working on proving James Carter was in the Revolutionary War, Compatriot T. L. Holden of the Edmund Terrill Chapter began examining the head stone to see what needed to be done to put it back together. With the three pieces fit together

and sealed into place, there was still some areas that needed detailing (Latitude 33.596282 and Longitude 96.165991). The stone was being cleaned and the special recognition marker was ordered on 6 July 2022. It has since been received and placed in the ground in front of the grave marker.

A committee was formed to ensure that we had a list of things to do and people to contact. Each member brought experience from various past projects. Members on the committee were: Gary Barker, Ray Hargis, T. L. Holden, Ted Wilson, Tom Van Fossen, Bob Kubin, Jim Kuykendall, Jim Akers, John Hunt, Wade Graves, Bill Hurst, Sam Massey, Bob Millwee, Tom Milson, John Anderson, Bill Watts, and Jim Hobdy. We met on a regular basis via zoom to go over what has been completed and what still needed to be done. It was agreed upon that all brochures, news articles, and programs would be reviewed by all before presented to the public.

The Russell Cemetery would need to be cleaned and broken head stones put together and placed in rows. Over the years, several markers had been broken and eventually piled together. One of our problems was that no one had a layout of the cemetery, nor did we know how many graves were within it. Find-A-Grave did give us some help as some markers had been photographed in prior years. On Saturday, August 20, 2022, we had eleven volunteers from the SAR and DAR chapters help start the cleanup. After several hours of work, we still had more to do, and again we set Saturday, September 3, 2022, as our next work day. We still needed to canvas the neighborhood to let them know that muskets might be fired during the grave marking. There were 12 young Cub Scouts of Troop 54 in Bonham, Texas, that placed door hangers for us. We again had a good turn out and when we left the cemetery looked to be ready for the grave marking. We would still need to do some mowing for the event. Plus, there would be one more Zoom meeting to review our preparation outline to ensure we were indeed ready for a Patriot Day celebration on September 11th, 2022.

The day began with clouds and a light northerly wind, which stayed with us most of the day. Some Sons of the American Revolution members had arrived early to begin preparation for our expected guests. Soon, they were joined by the Daughters of the American Revolution. All total there were eleven chapters of the SAR and eight

chapters of the DAR represented. We were joined by an SAR Representative from New Mexico and one from Kansas to participate in the Color Guard. We had prepared a lined pathway of 24 flags carried during the Revolutionary War by different units for our guests to pass through as they arrived. They began arriving around 12:30 pm and by 2:00 pm there were approximately 175 registered guests.

Shortly after 2:00 pm, President Jim Kuykendall, President of the Texas SAR Society, welcomed everyone and gave a special welcome to our guests and members who were descendants of James Carter. Family members included Allen Carter, Clarence Carter, Ellen Large, Lisa Kelly, DeAnna Brags, and Dylan Bloodworth. After the invocation, Gary Barker, North Texas Color Guard Commander, presented the colors followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by the State Color Guard Commander, Bob Kubin. This was followed by the Sons of the American Revolution pledge, led by Compatriot John Anderson, Texas SAR State Historian. We were led by Kara Van Heyst, C.A.R., in the singing of the National Anthem. An introduction to the Sons of the American Revolution was given by Compatriot Ted Wilson and an introduction to the Daughters of the American Revolution was given by Vicki McCormack, District 11 Director.

The biography of the life of Patriot James Carter was given by Compatriot Ray Hargis of the Edmund Terrill Chapter who had done a lot of research on him. President Kuykendall make a dedication of the marker and asked President-elect Sam Massey and his wife Catherine to place a wreath and uncover the SAR marker. Respect was given by placing red carnations at the marker. Once completed, there was a firing of the muskets for a salute. "Taps" was played by David Pedigo.

Refreshments were provided by the Martha Jefferson Randolph Chapter DAR for a time of picture taking and visitation.

Ted Wilson
Edmund Terrill Chapter





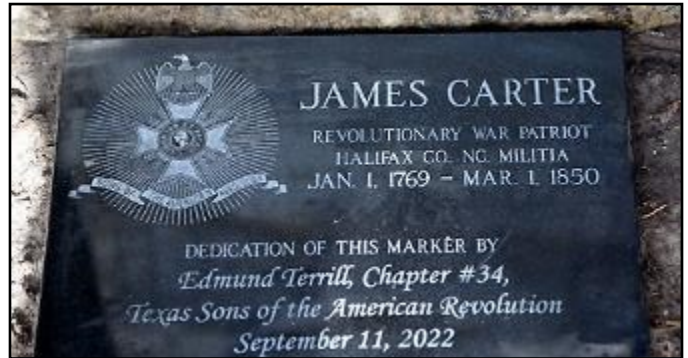
Left to right: Texas SAR Historian John Anderson, Texas SAR President Jim Kuykendall, and Texas SAR President-elect Sam Massey



Texas SAR Color Guardsmen fire a musket salute to honor Patriot James Carter



The grave of Patriot James Carter



The Memorial Plaque dedicated to the memory and service of Revolutionary War Patriot James Carter



Texas SAR Color Guard

Brazos Valley Chapter



Celebrating Constitution Day on the Courthouse Square in Granbury, Texas, are (l to r) Kathy Hanlon, DAR, Bob Mears, and Jim Hanlon of the Brazos Valley Chapter

Our chapter color guard was invited to open the veterans day ceremony at the Frisco Lakes Veterans Group ceremony Friday, November 11th. The color guard presented, posted, and later retired the colors for the meeting.



Denton Chapter



James Hobdy, Jim Akers, and Tom Richards at the SAR table outside of JCPenney's in the Golden Triangle Mall in Denton



Big Country Chapter



Big Country Chapter, Abilene in Veterans Day Parade

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.

Edmund Terrill Chapter



The Color Guard had the privilege to present the Colors for the Martha Jefferson Randolph DAR 95th Anniversary Tea on November 10th at the Prothro Center at Lake Texoma. Pictured are (l to r) Bill Watts, Gary Barker, Ted Wilson, and Terry L. Holden

George Washington Parade in Laredo 2023

The George Washington Parade in Laredo is on for Saturday, February 18, 2023. This is a National Event for the Color Guard.

Although parade details will be coming soon, it is imperative that you book your hotel reservations as soon as possible if you are interested in attending. This is a very big event and hotels get fully booked quickly. The hotel at the starting point of the events is:

Marriott Courtyard Laredo
2410 Santa Ursula Ave
Laredo, TX 78040
956.725.5555

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courtyardmarriott.com/
destinations/#](https://courtyardmarriott.com/destinations/#)

Events start early in the morning so being there the night before is wise.



Texas SAR at Fall Leadership

In addition to the annual Congress in July each year, NSSAR has a Spring and Fall Leadership meeting every year in Louisville, Kentucky.

Texas SAR was well represented at this year's Fall Leadership Meeting held at the Brown Hotel in Louisville on September 29 through October 1. The Leadership meetings affords all national committees the opportunity to meet and conduct business. The Trustees also meet during which time the national officers and committee chairmen present reports.

The delegation for Texas SAR posed in the ballroom at the Brown Hotel in the photo below.



Seated from left to right are Past Vice President General South Central District Larry G. Stevens, Diane Rohrbough, Catherine Massey, President-elect Sam Massey, and Immediate Past President Drake Peddie. Standing from left to right are Past President David Temple, Past President Bob Cohen, Jane Cohen, Frank Rohrbough, Barbara Stevens, and Past President Tom Jackson.

Remember the Ladies

Past President Tom Jackson presented the program on November 5th to the Goose Creek Chapter DAR. The meeting was held at the Baytown Municipal Library and the topic of Tom's presentation was *Remember the Ladies*.

The presentation is divided into three parts. Part One is on the Revolutionary Woman. Part Two is about Descendant Ladies of Distinction and Part Three on about the Revolutionary Ladies.



Massing of the Colors, Fort Worth



North Texas SAR members participated in the 42nd Annual Massing of the Colors at Birchman Baptist Church in Fort Worth on Sunday afternoon, November 13th. Massing of the Colors is an Interfaith Patriotic Service co-hosted by the Fort Worth Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) and the Fort Worth ISD Junior ROTC.

SAR chapters represented included Maj. K.M. Van Zandt, Arlington, Dallas, and East Fork Trinity. Members represented Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Confederate Veterans (Col. E.W. Taylor Camp), and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (Gen. James J. Byrne Camp). C.A.R. members also participated.

Maj. K.M. Van Zandt members were: James Alderman, Don Woodworth, Ron Turner, Bobby Gresham, Kevin Shellman, Mark Parkison, and prospective member Joe Wade. Dallas members were Mark Harrison and Brent Harshman. Arlington member was Dan Hamilton. East Fork Trinity members were Bill Watts, Randall Van Heyst, and Reagan Van Heyst.

Lt. Lawrence “Mike” Connelley, a member of MOWW and Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter, introduced *America the Beautiful*, prayed for our country, and gave the benediction.

Covington Speaks to Oklahoma DAR Chapter



Compatriot William Covington represented Arlington Chapter and the Texas SAR on November 8th with his presentation: “Pint Sized Patriots” to the Duncan, Oklahoma, Indian Territory DAR Chapter. Present in the photo L to R are: Arlington SAR Chapter Vice President William Covington; Oklahoma Society DAR Great Plains District Director and Blanchard Chisholm Fork DAR Chapter Registrar Jo Ann Banse; Duncan Indian Territory Chapter DAR Regent Mary Kay Lentz; and Arlington SAR Chapter Past President David Friels.

Submitted by David Friels, Arlington Chapter

Arlington Inducts New Member



Arlington Chapter President Dan Hamilton inducted Compatriot Brent Houser to the Texas Society during the Chapter meeting on Saturday, November 12th.

Sherman Veterans Day Parade



Members of the Edmund Terrill Chapter participated in the 2022 Veteran's Day Parade in Sherman, TX. The Color Guard was comprised of (L to R): Gary Barker, Chapter President and North Texas Color Guard Commander, Ted Wilson, Bill Watts, T. L. Holden, Don Babbs, and John Greer.

North Texas Naturalization Ceremony

November 8, 2022, the Texas Society Northern Region Color Guard presented Colors at the Naturalization Ceremony at the invitation of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. The ceremony was held on the University of North Texas Campus in Denton, Texas. This was a significant date coinciding with the 2022 mid-term elections. Originally from 17 other countries, participants were sworn in as new US citizens, were given the opportunity to register to vote, and will be able to exercise their new rights at the next election.



Presenting colors were (r to l): T. L. Holden, Gary Barker, Texas Northern Region Commander, Jerry Pinkerton, Bill Watts, and Michael Goode. Accompanying the Color Guard is King's Fort Chapter DAR Vice Regent, Cynthia Goode.



Mineola Veterans Day Celebration



Texas State President Jim Kuykendall delivered the keynote speech for the Mineola Veteran's Day Celebration in Mineola, TX. The Texas Color Guard participated in the parade and was awarded a cash prize and 1st Place in the Marching Category.

DAR Chapter Celebrates 95 Years

Martha Jefferson Randolph Chapter of the DAR, Lake Texoma, celebrated their 95th Anniversary on November 10, 2022. Members of the Edmund Terrill Chapter presented Colors and were recognized for their long-standing support of the DAR.



Martha Jefferson Randolph DAR 95th Anniversary Tea, November 10, 2022. Presenting Colors were Gary Barker, Ted Wilson, T L Holden, and Bill Watts.



On behalf of the Edmund Terrill Chapter, Gary Barker, Chapter President, received a certificate of recognition and financial gift from MJR Regent, Sherry Bynum.

Vietnam War Commemorative Lapel Pin Project

This is what the Maj. K.M. Van Zandt Chapter strives to do with the Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pin project—put it in the hand of a Vietnam War veteran anytime and anywhere we encounter them. Chapter member Bob Jacobs (on the right) recently presented a lapel pin to an Air Force veteran who served in Vietnam in 1966-1967. The encounter occurred in the barber shop. Bob said his eyes were “a bit bleary from fighting back tears” listening to his 30-minute discussion of his time in Vietnam. Bob further said it was a “very rewarding” experience.

Blanco Veterans Day Parade

Members of the Texas South Regional Color Guard participated in the Blanco, Texas, Veterans Day Parade for the first time on Saturday, November 12th. Dale Tidwell's boat won Second Place in the Parade!



Front row (l to r): Robert Duckworth [William Hightower Chapter], Blair Rudy and Jason Bourgeois [both of the San Antonio Chapter]

In the boat (l to r) Larry Kinter, Pat Blackman, and Dale Tidwell [all of the Boerne Chapter]

Nathaniel Mills DAR 60th Anniversary

Members of the Chapter Color Guard posted the Colors at the Captain Nathaniel Mills Chapter DAR 60th Anniversary Banquet on November 15th at the Texas Star Convention Center in Euless, TX. From left to right are President Bobby Gresham, Secretary Mark Parkison, Past President James Alderman, and Vice President District 5 and Immediate Past Chapter President Ron Turner.



Noteworthy Anniversaries in Educational Americanism

July 4, 1776	Birthday of our country
August 3, 1777	American Flag first flown in Battle of Fort Mifflin
August 16, 1777	The Battle of Bennington
September 3, 1783	Signing of the Peace of Paris ending the American Revolutionary War
September 5, 1776	Establishment of the name United States by resolution of the Continental Congress
September 18, 1793	Cornerstone laying of the Capitol by President Washington
September 19, 1796	Washington's Farewell address
September 23, 1779	John Paul Jones during a victorious Sea Battle said "I have not yet begun to fight"
September 23, 1780	Capture of British Spy Major John Andre
October 4, 1777	Battle of Germantown
October 7, 1780	Battle of King's Mountain
October 13, 1792	Cornerstone of the Whitehouse laid

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John L. Greer
Texas SAR

Return Engagement

Mr. Blake Lindsey, American History teacher at Mansfield ISD's Jerry Knight STEM Academy, inquired if I would be willing to return to present American Revolution history to his three eighth grade classes this fall.

Even though my grandson had graduated and moved on to high school, I was tickled to accept Mr. Lindsey's invitation. In preparing, I told Mr. Lindsey I would speak about many of the same subjects as I had the previous year. I told Mr. Lindsey if he could get permission for me to bring my Pennsylvania long rifle, I would try to tie it into the learners STEM classes. After checking, Mr. Lindsey got back to me with one proviso—a police officer needed to be present in the room during my presentation. I could then bring the rifle. I informed him that would not be a problem.

The learners at The STEM Academy had not begun to study the Declaration of Independence yet, but would do so shortly. I had copies of the Declaration made and provided one to each learner. I recited the preamble to the Declaration, stopping at points where I felt Mr. Jefferson's prose might be a little over their head, or points I wanted to emphasize and be sure they had a good feel for what was being said. For example, we discussed what "human events" really are. We noted that the document was "Necessary". We also talked about the use of "Assume" and how in this case it meant to take or establish. Next, we talked about who was giving the Congress the authority to establish a new country and determined that the authority is derived from nature or God. Now was the time to tackle "Truths". My question to the classes was "what is a truth?" After some deep thought and discussion, we determined a truth is an idea that has already been proven and does not need to be tested. To end our discussion of the Declaration, we discussed the word "honor" and what it means. We determined honor is hard to describe and more than one word or concept is needed to cover it. We also noted honor's importance. Honor was sacred, not life nor fortunes but Honor was held to be sacred.

Next, I introduced what Colors are and we talked about their importance and why Color Guards are important. I demonstrated the flag of Washington's headquarters, the Fort Moultrie Flag, the First Navy Jack flag, and the flag representing the 1st Rhode Island Regiment which had

several companies of African Americans and Native Americans. This allowed me to introduce other cultural heroes of the American Revolution, such as Salem Poor and General Bernardo de Galvez. We discussed where they were active and why they were important.

To satisfy the learners interest in STEM, we looked at how the Pennsylvania long rifle worked. We used an exploded view of the lock parts to determine that forward movement of the cock was driven by the mainspring as it interacted with the tumbler and the resistance to that forward movement of the cock, by the frizzen, was created by the frizzen spring. We noted that in order to build the mechanism a person would need to have knowledge of geology, physics, and geometry, the arts of blacksmithing and woodworking. We started with the lock and discussed what a flint is (it's a rock, a very hard rock) and how when it falls against a frizzen (made of steel) the sharp flint scrapes tiny pieces of the steel off the frizzen ignited by the friction of the cock scraping the frizzen. These sparks fall into the pan where there is a small amount of powder which flashes and ignites the powder. "This creates what?" "Ahh! Yes, an explosion." "Does the powder, which has exploded, stay in the same form?" "No?" "What form does it take then?" "It becomes a gas", they told me. "And where does that gas go?", I asked. It follows the path of least resistance they decided. Soooo, it pushes the ball and fabric wad (if it has not burned) out of the end of the barrel. "Excellent!"

SHOW AND TELL.

I carried examples of uniforms with me and we talked about the various pieces and how they were used and noted how they differ from modern dress. We talked about how the facings on the regimental coats differed in color depending on which region of the country you were from. The learners tried on different pieces. The favorites were the regimental frock coat, the hunting frock, and the tricorn hat.

Exhibits of different size musket balls, patching material, paper cartridge, straight lasted shoes, and a bayonet were also among the items displayed and discussed.



50th Anniversary of Vietnam War Commemorative Event

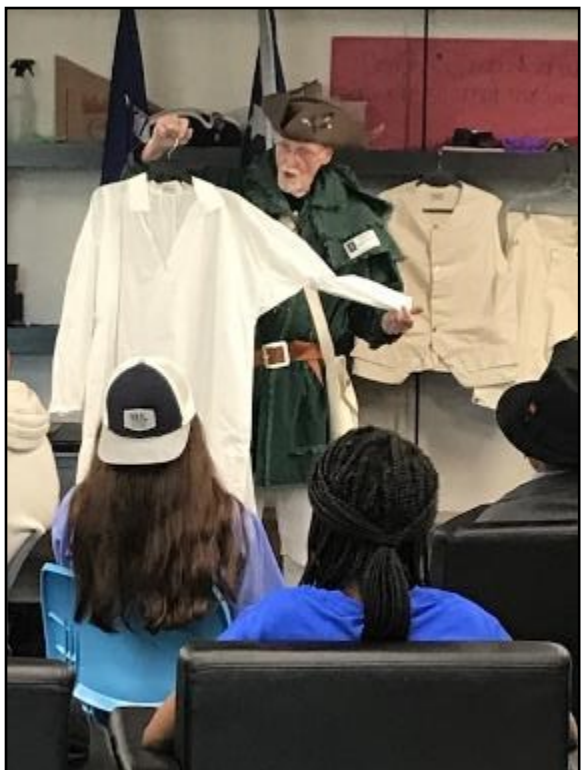
On November 21st at the invitation of Activities Director Tashua Plair, seven members from the San Antonio Chapter SAR visited the Frank Tejada Texas Veterans Nursing Home in Floresville, Texas. The purpose of the visit was to conduct a Commemorative Event to recognize 85 residents who served on active duty during the Vietnam War Era and to “Honor Them and Thank Them for their Service.”

Compatriot Frank Rohrbough, as Master of Ceremonies, provided remarks about the United States of America 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative Program whose Office is in Arlington, Virginia. This National Commemoration was authorized by Congress in 2012 to recognize the unsung patriotism of our Vietnam War veterans who served on active duty during the period of November 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975, regardless of location.

The Texas Society SAR is a Commemorative Partner with the Vietnam War Commemoration Program and were privileged to honor Vietnam veterans and their families in Floresville.

Attendees included Chapter President Kevin Kanter, Vice President Richard Weitzel, and Compatriots Frank Rohrbough, Frank Kebelman, Michael Bowles, Larry Loop and Robert Watson. Eighty residents were pinned with the 50th Anniversary Veterans Pin (shown below), to 31 who served with the US Army, 23 with the US Air Force, 19 with the US Navy, and 7 with the US Marine Corps. Eight family members were also recognized with Veteran Family Button Pins.

When each Pin was placed on the clothing of the veteran the phrase was recited “A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You.” The phrase is also engraved on the back of the Pin.



Submitted by Dan Hamilton
President, Arlington Chapter





(Photo Above) Those residents who were mobile, and many in wheelchairs, attended the event in the dining room where they were welcomed by Chapter President Kanter. He spoke that SAR is a lineage organization which is historical, educational, and patriotic that seeks to maintain our American freedom, values our Citizenship, and honors the patriotism and sacrifices of our patriot ancestors who achieved our independence from England 240 years ago.

Following the main event, we visited many of the residents in their rooms or in Memory Care where we pinned on their Veterans Lapel Pin. Many of the veterans were visibly emotional when receiving the Pin and learning that their service was valued and honorable.

~ Frank Rohrbough
San Antonio Chapter

SAR - C.A.R. SCOOP

Here's some scoop from the past several months of the SAR with the C.A.R.!

* Freedom Chapter SAR at the SAR-DAR-C.A.R. Family night at Sugarland Space Cowboys minor league baseball game presented the colors for the National Anthem.



- Freedom Chapter SAR at the Flag Retirement Ceremony at Montgomery County Veterans Memorial Park, worked with Capt. Edward Weyman Society C.A.R. and Spring Creek DAR to put together a community service event retiring many flags.



* Bernardo de Galvez C.A.R. was in the Friendswood Fourth of July Parade and were honored to have the SAR as the Color Guard.



* C.A.R. STATE WORKSHOP –

Texas SAR C.A.R. Liaison, Joe Sogan, brought greetings on behalf of Jim Kuykendall, President Texas Society SAR.





A Visit to Fort Laurens

It's Friday, November 4, 2022. The cold, crisp air released the gold sugar maple and brilliant, scarlet, Japanese maple leaves from their summer perches. They floated softly, swirling and jumping until they touched the ground where they accumulated to make a gorgeous red and gold carpet across the land.

We had traveled from Arlington, Texas, to Mansfield, Ohio, with the hope of spending time visiting a Revolutionary War fort—Fort Laurens. Prior to leaving Texas, I had made contact with Ohio SAR State Color Guard Commander Bob Hill. Bob put me in touch with Tanner Immel who kindly extended an invitation to come by the site of Fort Laurens and pay my respects at the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier.

Upon arrival, I met and visited with a couple who were visiting the fort site, hoping to get more information regarding Col. John Gibson. They believe they are related to Col. Gibson. I advised them to check their genealogy and make use of the DAR, as well as the SAR, web sites to do so.

Following is a detailed history of Fort Laurens and a few photos from my visit.

Bob also shared with me that the Ohio Society SAR is hoping they will be able to rebuild the fort and have it ready by the 2026 Anniversary. The Americans completed the construction of Fort Laurens—named after Henry Laurens, president of the Continental Congress—in early December 1778. The fort was to serve three purposes. First, the Americans hoped to use Fort Laurens as a base to attack the British garrison located at Detroit. Second, it would hopefully deter American Indians loyal to the British from conducting raids against American settlers in eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania. And finally, by offering protection to the neutral Christian Delawares, the Americans might convince them to forsake their neutrality and join the patriots' cause.

In total, 21 soldiers lost their lives at Fort Laurens before it was abandoned in 1779. Later, part of the fort was demolished during the building of the Ohio and Erie Canal. Currently, none of the original fort remains above ground, but the outline of the fort is visible.

Dan Hamilton
President, Arlington Chapter

UPCOMING:

* SAR C.A.R. SCHOLARSHIP *

C.A.R. Essay Scholarship – For C.A.R. member grades 10-12 and college freshman. Deadline for contestants is December 31, 2022. For details go to <https://www.txssar.org/pdf/CAREssay-pr.pdf>.

* T.S.C.A.R. 2022-2023 State Project Day *

Buffalo Soldier National Museum – January 21st, 2023, Houston, Texas.

Please reach out to a local C.A.R. Society. They are excited and willing to work with the SAR and remember, they are an easy membership gain! <https://tscar.net/Local-Societies>.

Thanks!

Joe Sogan
Texas SAR - C.A.R. Liaison Chairman



HISTORY OF FORT LAURENS

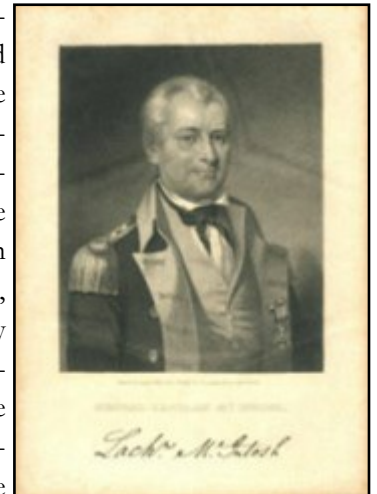
In 1763, the war ended with the signing of the Treaty of Paris, and the British won control of Ohio Country (O.H.C.). However, local Native American tribes--Shawnee, Seneca-Cayuga, Wyandot, and the Delaware—were troubled by the threat of colonists moving into their region (O.H.C.). To save military costs and prevent unnecessary altercations with the Native Americans, the British prohibited settlers from moving into Ohio Country with the Proclamation of 1763 (O.H.C.). Colonists hoping to settle the rich farmland of Ohio Country were not pleased by the proclamation. The British appeasement of the Native Americans significantly contributed to the colonists' motivation for revolution (O.H.C.).



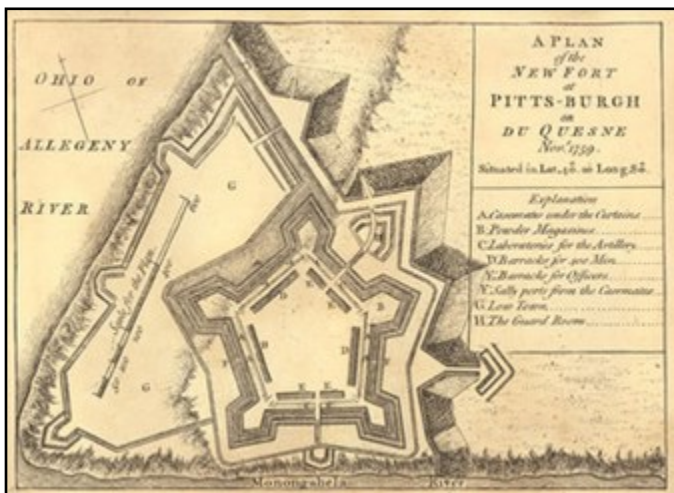
Sketch of Fort Laurens by Doug Angeloni

Three years later, in 1778, General Lachlan McIntosh led several regiments of the Continental Army (including the 8th Pennsylvania and the 13th/9th Virginia Infantry) to the site of Fort Laurens with the intent of crushing the local Native American tribes loyal to the British, and then forging ahead to Detroit, where he planned to attack a British garrison (O.H.C.).

General Lachlan McIntosh and his men arrived at Fort Laurens in late November of 1778. Rather than suffering a winter's march to Detroit, he ordered the construction of the fort (Gramly, 1978, p. 8). The French military engineer, Colonel Louis-Antoine Jean Baptiste, Le Chevalier de Cambray-Digny is credited with the design of Fort Laurens (Gramly, 1978, p. 8).



Upon completion of the fort, the regiments' situation deteriorated rapidly. McIntosh returned to Fort Pitt, leaving 150 men under the charge of Colonel John Gibson (O.H.C.). On January 22, 1779, Simeon Girty and a party of Native Americans attacked a detachment headed to Fort Pitt for provisions (Gramly, 1978, p.9). Two men lost their lives in the altercation.



Fort Pitt

As the Revolutionary War began in earnest, the British encouraged their Native American allies to battle with the colonists attempting to settle in Ohio Country (Gramly, 1978, p.4). In 1764, Swiss-born Colonel Henry Bouquet marched a force from Fort Pitt to the Tuscarawas River (near modern-day Bolivar, OH) to free captured white settlers, and subdue the Native American threat (Gramly, 1978, p.3). While stationed in the area, Bouquet built a blockhouse to store provisions on the future site of Fort Laurens (Gramly, 1978, p.7). According to an eyewitness, the blockhouse was destroyed when he visited the site in 1775 (Gramly, 1978, p.7).



Portrait of Tish-Co-Han

A day later, John Nash was killed while out with a foraging party to a friendly Native American settlement (Gramly, 1978, p.9). Seventeen men were killed in an ambush on the twenty-third of February, and their remains were buried in a mass grave outside the fort (Gramly, 1978, p.9). In March, two more men were killed while collecting firewood, and two others perished from consuming poisonous roots (Gramly, 1978, p.9).



Trapped and starving during the months of February and March, the men resorted to eating stewed moccasin leather, and after a hunting party successfully killed a deer, the desperate soldiers consumed some of the meat raw (Gramly, 1978, p.50).

Alerted to the failure of Fort Laurens, General George Washington ordered the regiments to withdraw in August of 1779 (O.H.C.). By 1780, Native Americans had burned down the fort (Gramly, 1978, p. 10). However, portions of the fort remained, and in 1795 it was used as a boundary marker in the Treaty of Greenville (Gramly, 1978, p.10). In 1832, the eastern flank was destroyed during the construction of a towpath for the Erie Canal (Gramly, 1978, p.10).



Mass Grave at Fort Laurens

Fort Laurens was declared a State Memorial by an act of the Ohio General Assembly in 1915 (Gramly, 1978, p.12). Today, a museum stands at the entrance to the original fort. The site includes the marked grave of the unknown soldier of the American Revolutionary War; a marked mass grave of the men killed while serving at Fort

Laurens, and a perimeter outlined during archaeological excavations in the 1970s marking where the fort once stood.

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Texas SAR Historian's Corner

by John Anderson; historian@txssar.org

Prominent Compatriots

This sub-committee has a few active projects.



First is the collection of photos of Patriot Medal winners through the years and hopefully at or near the time won. Starting in 1966,

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

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

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

UNT Archives

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



Please gather your chapter documents, preferably electronic, and send them to UNT for archival. The UNT Special Collections

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

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

Patriot/Compatriot Graves



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

Chapter Yearbook Judging



As previously reported, congratulations to last year's winners of the Chapter Yearbooks as judged at the April 2022 Texas SAR Convention. Half the year has passed;

hopefully, your chapter yearbook for 2022 is already in progress and saving memories. Turn them in at the 2023 Texas SAR Spring Convention in The Woodlands.

Next Committee Meeting

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

**Oct 5
7:00 pm**

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

See you at the 2022 Texas SAR Fall BOM in Frisco.

DAR Dedicates Plaque Honoring Spain's Assistance During the American Revolutionary War at the Spanish Governor's Mansion in San Antonio

P.G. BUTLER DELIVERS TOAST



It was a bright, sunny afternoon in San Antonio, but the first chill of the Fall was in the air. The DAR had assembled 150 of the most important DAR officers in Texas for the dedication of the bronze plaque at the Spanish Governor's Mansion, that both thanked Spain for its assistance during the American Revolutionary War, but also evidenced the Texas Connection to the American Revolution. The ceremony was slightly delayed because of the traffic problems in conjunction with the annual Veterans Day Parade downtown.

The Spanish Governor's Mansion is the oldest building in Texas. It was one story constructed of stucco, painted white, and was beautifully landscaped to accent its Spanish architecture, with many large shade trees, tropical plants, and flowering shrubs. It was a fitting venue for the DAR's first plaque dedicated in Texas as part of its 250th anniversary of our nation's birthday celebration. The Spanish Governor's Mansion is located in downtown San Antonio, across the street from the historic San Fernando Cathedral, where are entombed the ashes of the heroic Alamo defenders. It is walking distance from the Alamo, the Riverwalk, and the Mercado, in the midst of tourist attractions.

Earlier in the day, the DAR presented Judge Robert H. Thonhoff with its NSDAR Historic Preservation Medal. Judge Thonhoff wrote an informative book, *The Texas Connection to the American Revolution*. Many of those at the award ceremony were also in attendance at the plaque dedication.

Marcy Carter-Lovick, Regent of the Texas Society, presided at the plaque dedication ceremony. GeorgiAnne Uribe Brochstein, Texas DAR Chaplain delivered the invocation. Donna Miller Raymond, Honorary State Regent and Past Corresponding Secretary, NSDAR, led the pledge to the flag of the U.S. Susan Greene Tillman, Vice President General, Texas DAR and Honorary State Regent, Texas DAR, led the recitation of the American's Creed, and Judy Callaway Ostler, Vice President General, Texas DAR and Honorary State Regent, Texas DAR, led the group in the pledge to the Texas Flag.

NSDAR President General Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright read the poem "A Nation's Strength," by Ralph Waldo Emerson. Then Lynn Forney Young, Honorary President General, Honorary State Regent, Texas DAR, and Commissioner, U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission, discussed the national effort to celebrate the birth of our nation.

Suzanne Marie Heske, Historian General, NSDAR, briefly discussed the DAR Mission of preserving our history. She mentioned the award ceremony honoring Judge Robert Thonoff earlier in the day, praising his contribution to history. Betty Sue Bird, State Historian, Texas DAR, discussed the contributions of Spanish patriots, including the ranchers who provided cattle to feed General Bernardo Galvez' troops, the vaqueros who drove the cattle from San Antonio to New Orleans, the military who protected the cattle drive, as well as the Canary Islanders from San Antonio who joined Galvez' militia.

The wind was so strong that the flags blew over. DAR pages, dressed in white, swiftly picked them up and held them for the remainder of the ceremony.

Katheryn Walker West, Texas DAR State Historian stated that it was the national goal of DAR to place at least one America 250! marker for each state, and that this was the first of the 250th celebration to be placed in Texas. Katherine Louise Johanns, State Chair, America 250!, recognized leaders from other lineage and heritage societies present, including Judge Ed Butler, who represented

the SAR. The Guest of Honor was Honorable Seve Alfonso Chiscano, Honorary Spanish Consul

Texas State DAR Regent Marcy Carter-Lovick then presided for the marker dedication. She was assisted by Honorary President General Lynn Forney Young and President General Pamela Wright. Closing



PG Ed Butler & DAR plaque

the ceremony with a benediction by GeorgiAnne Brochstein. Those in attendance were invited to a reception in an adjacent courtyard hosted by the San Antonio SAR Regents' Council. The inner courtyard featured a large decorative fountain.



From l. to R. SAR First Lady Robin Butler, PG Ed Butler, PG Pamela Wright, Texas DAR Regent Marcy Carter-Lovick, and PG Lynn Young.



The wording on the DAR Plaque is as follows:



Revolutionary War Patriots

This marker commemorates the men and women who achieved American independence. These Patriots, believing in the noble cause of liberty fought valiantly to found a new nation. 1775-1783

Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution
In honor of the 250th anniversary of the United States.



State Regent Marcy Carter-Lovick asked Judge Ed Butler to deliver a toast to the plaque. He had authored the award winning book, *Galvez*, which Amazon.com had called “One of the Best History Books in 2018.” The NSDAR had previously awarded Judge Butler it highest award, “The DAR Medal of Honor.”

TOAST TO SPAIN

**BY
JUDGE ED BUTLER**

Today we are here to dedicate this DAR plaque honoring Spain.

Thank you King Carlos, III for you financial and military support of our founding fathers, beginning on May 1, 1776 – two months before the Declaration of Independence. Thank you for placing General Bernardo de Galvez as the Governor General of Louisiana and instructing him to prepare for war with England as our ally. Thanks for the cash, weapons, and military supplies provided to General George Rogers Clark at Ft. Nelson and to General George Washington at Ft. Pitt.

Thank you General Galvez for you recruitment of over 1,400 militia, who defeated the British at Manchac and Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Natchez, Mississippi; and for



leading the combined army, navy and Marines of Spain in defeating the British at Mobile, Alabama, Pensacola, Florida, Fort San Carlos, Missouri, and Ft. St. Joseph, in Niles, Michigan, and capturing the three forts in the Bahamas. He removed the English from the Mississippi and Ohio River Valleys and from the Gulf of Mexico.

Thanks to our Hispanic ancestors in Texas who provided cattle to Galvez' army; to those who herded the cattle to New Orleans, and to those who stayed to fight with Galvez.

Please join me in toasting Spain for its support during the American Revolutionary War, without whose assistance, we would still be flying the British flag.

Law Enforcement Medal to Corporal Aaron Polster

On November 15, 2022, Corporal Aaron Polster with the Jersey Village Police Department was honored with the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce Certificate of Honor and the National Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate at the monthly chamber luncheon held at the Berry Center. Corporal Polster received his award with Police Chief Kirk Riggs, Lt. Danny Keele, Lt. Heath Hawley and Jersey Village City Manager Austin Bless in attendance. Corporal Polster's wife and brother also joined to celebrate the recognition. Former Texas SAR President Tom Jackson presented the award to Corporal Polster for serving with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement. The commendation, read by Lt. Keele, contained, in part, the following description.



(L) Former Texas SAR President Tom Jackson and (R) Honoree Corporal Aaron Polster

On June 17, 2022, Corporal Polster along with other Jersey Village Police Officers responded to a robbery in progress in the 8200 block of Jones Road at approximately 2 AM. The suspect had fled on foot towards a nearby hotel where he took two hostages, holding them at gunpoint inside the room with him. Corporal Polster began negotiating with the suspect through the doorway attempting to de-escalate the situation before the suspect fired gunshots through the closed door. Corporal Polster retreated to the parking lot and continued to negotiate with the suspect to surrender. After a nearly eight-hour standoff, the suspect ultimately surrendered and was taken into custody. The suspect was charged with two counts of aggravated kidnapping and one count of aggravated robbery.

The Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce hosts a monthly luncheon where First Responders are highlighted for their contributions to the community. For several years, the Robert Rankin Chapter Public Service Committee, chaired by Tom Jackson with assistance from Allan Perkins, have presented the monthly honoree with one of the National SAR Public Service Medals and Certificates: Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, EMS, Life Saving or Heroism. In 2021 and 2022, the Rankin Chapter presented at least one medal and certificate in each category, earning the chapter the Outstanding Public Service Certificate at National Congress. In addition to the Law Enforcement medal, Corporal Polster, along with Chief Riggs, Lt. Keele and Lt. Hawey, received a Certificate of Appreciation for Covid Heroic Service from the Rankin Chapter.



L to R - Former Texas SAR President Tom Jackson; Lt. Danny Keele; Honoree Corporal Aaron Polster; City Manager Austin Bless; Chief Kirk Riggs

~ Tom Jackson
Past Texas SAR President

Ready and Forward

My name is Caroline Jackson, and it is a privilege to write you on behalf of the Children of the American Revolution. I currently serve as President Texas C.A.R. One of the privileges of serving as C.A.R. State President includes selecting a state project that the voting members approve. In the search to select a project topic, I believed it to be important that it had never been chosen before, that we learn about people, and that the project makes a difference in our community. The 2022-2023 T.S.C.A.R. State Project focuses on enhancing the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum in Houston. The 2022-2023 Texas State Project, *Celebrating Buffalo Soldiers and Their Courage to Pave the Way*. The theme is “Ready and Forward”, the 10th Cavalry’s motto.



Historians estimate that up to 30,000 African descendants: black men, enslaved people, and freemen participated in the Revolutionary War. They served in every major battle, mostly in integrated units. Nearly 20,000 served the crown as the British promised them freedom and between five and eight thousand served the Continental Army.

As we are in the two-hundred forty first anniversary of Yorktown, let’s review the service of African Americans to this significant battle. Yorktown was a war for freedom, not only for their country, but for themselves. Some fought in an elite Continental Army regiment from Rhode Island. As the first all-Black unit, this regiment defeated three British assaults during the battle for Rhode Island and later, at the Yorktown victory, ending the Revolution. These men in the 1st Rhode Island Regiment and other black Soldiers served bravely alongside southern militiamen whose jobs had been to round up runaway slaves. Many of those serving the British died from

artillery fire or disease and as supplies dwindled, others were pushed out to suffer an uncertain fate. After the American victory, enslaved people recaptured from the British were returned to their American owners, including two to General Washington.

Following the Revolutionary war, about twenty percent of the Black Americans who served in the Revolution were freed from slavery in return for their service. Black soldiers fought in the War of 1812 gaining their freedom, and free men of color fought in the Battle of New Orleans. When Union troops invaded Confederate states in 1861, thousands of black slaves flocked to Union camps for a chance to fight and a chance at freedom. Many were enlisted in the Union Army and fought until the war ended on the ninth of April 1865.

On December 6, 1865, the 13th Constitutional Amendment was ratified to create newly free men and women. However, many of these persons lacked a home and money, and without an education or training they had little means to create income.

In the summer of 1866, after years of devastating Civil War conflict within the American states, Congress sought to reorganize and restructure the army. A statute was passed to authorize the formation of six all-Black cavalry regiments. A new chapter had begun, and the tradition of an official African American military presence was established. From this time to the closing days of World War II, a distinct and unique history unfolded within the military, the service of the Buffalo Soldiers. Comprised of former enslaved people, Black Civil War Soldiers, and freemen, these men served in the 9th and 10th U.S. Cavalry and were the first to serve during peacetime. They played a major role in developing the western part of the nation. They traveled across the western frontier monitoring Native American populations, assisting civil authorities, constructing thousands of miles of roads, and protecting settlers.

The soldiers were honorably nicknamed “Buffalo Soldiers” by Native Americans who observed their naturally curly hair and valor. Similar to the mighty buffalo, the soldiers fought fiercely when wounded or cornered and displayed uncommon stamina and bravery. As Native Americans relied on the buffalo and viewed it as a symbol of strength, generosity, and spirit, the Buffalo Soldiers wore the nickname as a badge of honor.



The Buffalo Soldiers forever changed the way America and the U.S. Military viewed race. Although the world has gone through many changes since the service of the Buffalo Soldiers, such as the integration of servicemen and women, their story prevails as one of unsurpassed courage and patriotism that will forever be a significant part of the history of America and Texas.

The State Project beneficiary is the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum in Houston. The museum was founded in 2001 by historian, Captain Paul J. Matthews and ironically, it is located on Caroline Street. With the vision to extend public knowledge, the museum preserves, promotes, and perpetuates the history and tradition of the Buffalo Soldiers. Through performing and visual arts, exhibitions, and educational programming, the museum displays African American Soldiers' valuable defense of America from the Revolutionary War to the present.

T.S.C.A.R. will assist the museum in an expansion to provide means to store and display items and records. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 for the development of the museum and the improvement of its second-floor experiences. T.S.C.A.R. has a variety of items that can be obtained with a donation so you too, can help the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum continue to tell this important story. Lapel pins accompanying a \$12 donation and challenge coins accompanying a \$20 donation can be obtained from <https://tscar.net/pins>.



We encourage you to visit the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum or connect with other places of historical importance, such as Fort Davis. The Texas Society C.A.R. hopes to instill a passion for discovering American history and its connections to our local communities, which will be central to the experience of members and societies. In addition, this project will further educational opportunities and acquire knowledge of Texas and its' diverse show of defense throughout history. It hopes to inspire members and seniors of all ages to make a difference in their communities regardless of obstacles. It aims to deepen the understanding of preserving artifacts and records of historical importance. And it seeks to further acknowledge African American soldiers by commemorating their long and impressive history, deserving of appreciation and respect.

The Texas Society Children of the American Revolution is honored to commemorate the Buffalo Soldiers and ready to advance their legacy forward with the help of the Sons of the American Revolution.



Senior State President Jeannie Deakyn (r) and President Texas CAR Caroline Jackson (l) at the July CAR Regional meeting

Veterans Day in Seabrook

On Veterans Day, the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter Color Guard posted the Colors at the Seabrook Veterans Memorial Park in Seabrook, Texas, with the Seabrook Intermediate JROTC unit participating. Bernardo de Galvez members serving as Color Guard were Chapter President Billy Mayo, First Vice President Hugh Ferguson, and Secretary John Loper. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Compatriot Loper played Taps. David Zwahr and other chapter compatriots attended the ceremony, as well as members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames Society, and the Jamestown Society. This has been an annual event for the past several years



Troop 224 Eagle Scout Court of Honor- Friendswood, Texas

Bernardo de Galvez Compatriots attended the Troop 224 Eagle Scout Court of Honor in Friendswood, Texas, in October. President Billy Mayo and 1st Vice-President Hugh Ferguson, Jr. presented Chance Hanson with a Certificate of Recognition for his outstanding achievements and citizenship.



Left to right: 1st Vice-President Hugh Ferguson, Jr., President Billy Mayo & Eagle Scout Chance Hanson

Troop 870 Eagle Scout Court of Honor- Houston Texas

Bernardo de Galvez Compatriots attended the Troop 870 Eagle Scout Court of Honor in Houston, Texas, in November. President Billy Mayo and Secretary John Loper presented Eagle Scouts Peter Bernay, Nathanael Colling, Nathaniel Joiner, Colin Gorham, Rohin Rajesh, Christopher Colling, and Zachary Joiner with Certificates of Recognition for their outstanding achievements and citizenship.



Eagle Scouts Peter Bernay, Nathanael Colling, Nathaniel Joiner, Colin Gorham, Rohin Rajesh, Christopher Colling, Zachary Joiner, President Billy Mayo, and Secretary John Loper

Bernardo de Galvez Chapter December Chapter Meeting

During December, the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter was honored with a visit of the Texas SAR Immediate-Past-President Drake Peddie, Texas SAR Past President Tom Jackson, and Texas SAR Secretary Mel Oller; Texas SAR President-Elect Sam Massey briefly dropped by before continuing to Galveston.

Several special events were held during this chapter meeting. Sophia Hamdani, who placed 4th in the NSSAR Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest, was presented with a Brochure Award Certificate, as well as an award check by Chapter President Billy Mayo. Ms. Joan Linsley, who is a Middle School teacher in the Houston I.S.D., was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by Texas SAR Secretary Mel Oller for her many years of promoting the brochure contest within the Pinoak Middle School. Over the years, several of her students have won many awards in brochure contests.



Billy Mayo presenting Award to Sophia Hamdani





Left to right: Tom Jackson, Billy Mayo, Joan Linsley, Drake Peddie, and Mel Oller

Texas SAR Immediate-Past President Drake Peddie administered the Oath of Office to the following Bernardo de Galvez officers for 2023: Hugh Ferguson, Jr. (President), Zachary Adriance (1st Vice-President), John Loper (Secretary), and William Adriance (Treasurer). He also asked the chapter members present to take an oath to support the new officers and the chapter during the coming year.



Left to right: Drake Peddie, Billy Mayo, Hugh Ferguson, Zachary Adriance, David Zwahr, William Adriance, and John Loper.

One of the chapter's newest members had the privilege of being sworn into the SAR by Immediate-Past-President Drake Peddie and was presented with the SAR Rosette.



Left to right: Drake Peddie, Billy Mayo & James Anderson

Dickens on the Strand Parade

The annual Dickens on the Strand Parade, a Texas SAR Color Guard Event, was held on 3 December in Galveston. The following color guard members participated in the parade: Texas SAR President-Elect Sam Massey, Texas SAR Immediate-Past President Drake Peddie, Texas SAR Past-President Tom Jackson, Texas SAR State Color Guard Commander Robert Kubin, Bernardo de Galvez Chapter President Hugh Ferguson, Jr., Bernardo de Galvez Chapter Past-President Billy Mayo, and Bernardo de Galvez Chapter Secretary John Loper.



GEORGE THOMAS WEST

JUNE 11, 1938 - DECEMBER 15, 2022

TEXAS SAR PRESIDENT - 2007/2008



George Thomas West, 84, of Canyon, passed away on Thursday, December 15, 2022. Memorial services will be at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, December 19, 2022 at the First Presbyterian Church in Amarillo with Sean Blacksten and Murray Gossett, associate pastor, officiating. Public interment will be in Dreamland Cemetery on Monday at 10:30 A.M. The family will receive friends from 3:00 to 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, December 18, 2022 at Brooks Chapel in Canyon.

George was born on June 11, 1938 in Coffeyville, Kansas to Daniel and Margaret (O'Connell) West. He grew up in Corpus Christi and graduated from high school there. He received his bachelor's degree in physics at St. Edwards University in Austin, Texas in 1961.

After teaching two years in high school, George was offered a scientist position at what is today the Department of Energy's Pantex Plant near Amarillo, Texas. His work included research and development with high explosives that are used in today's nuclear weapons. The last 20 years of his career at Pantex were devoted to highly classified intelligence activities, and George served as a

member of a team that was awarded 2 National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Citations by the Director of Central Intelligence.

During the 1990's, George was a member of several delegations involving technical visits to nuclear weapon related facilities in Russia and in England. In 1992, he served as an expert consultant for the 14th IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) inspection in Iraq, under the supervision of the UN Security Council. He retired from Pantex in 2005 after 42 years of service. He was re-hired at Pantex in 2006 as a contractor consultant analyst in the Office of Counterintelligence, finally retiring again at the end of 2010.

George joined the Panhandle Plains Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution in 1993, and proved seven supplemental ancestors, including two women. He has been awarded numerous medals by his chapter and the Texas Society. George held offices at chapter, state, and national levels. He served as TXSSAR State President from 2007-2008.

George became a pilot in 1971, which was his childhood dream, and was an active member of the Civil Air Patrol. He was also a member of the Confederate Air Force and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Amarillo, where he served as an usher and enjoyed serving on the Welcoming Committee.

George loved flying, photography, reading, and sitting on the porch watching sunsets. He was passionate about genealogy research and writing his family history. He played baseball as a child and loved watching the Texas Rangers.

George is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, James William West, and Daniel Cornelius West.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Judy West of Canyon; their 8 children, Thomas Joseph West of Haltom City, TX, Paul Gregory West and wife, Pam of Texarkana, TX, Theresa Ann West of Amarillo, Carolyn Jean West of Amarillo, Catherine Marie Brock and husband, Mark of Amarillo, Robert Henry West and wife, Leslie of Amarillo, Sean Carl Blacksten and wife, Shelley of Panama City, Panama, and Mark Jason Blacksten and wife, Dalena of Amarillo; ten grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. George is also survived by the mother of his children, Carole McKnight of Amarillo.



IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, THE FAMILY SUGGESTS MEMORIALS BE TO THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION, PO BOX 52405, AMARILLO, TX 79124, BSA HOSPICE OF THE SOUTHWEST, 5211 SW 9TH AVENUE, SUITE 100, AMARILLO, TX 79106, THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1100 S. HARRISON ST., AMARILLO, TX 79101, OR A CHARITY OF CHOICE IN GEORGE'S MEMORY.



GEORGE WEST was an active and well known member of the Panhandle Plains Chapter and the Texas State Society of the SAR. He held many chapter positions including that of Chapter President for several years. During the mid-2000s, he was the Texas State Society President. He helped many a chapter member, myself included, in becoming a member of the SAR.

He joined the SAR in July of 1993 under his first patriot ancestor, Mrs. Mary Polly Hawkins/Craig who fetched water for Bryant's Station, Virginia (later Kentucky), during the siege by British and Indian forces in August 1782. He had a supplemental through her son, Elijah Craig whose patriotic service was that of an Auxiliary Chaplain from Virginia – Baptist. George would talk about Elijah as he was a Baptist preacher and founded the Elijah Craig Distillery in Kentucky which is still in existence today.

George was proudest of his ancestor Dr. James Craik, personal friend of George Washington and Chief Physician and Surgeon of the Army, 1781. Dr. Craik was Surgeon General of the Continental Army. After George Washington became commander and chief of the Continental Army in 1775, Dr. Craik was by Washington's side at every battle up until the British surrender at Yorktown, marking the end of the war for independence. This included the dressing of the wounds of General Lafayette at the Battle of Brandywine, and the tending of the dying General Hugh Mercer at the Battle of Princeton. In 1760, Dr. Craik married Marianne Ewell, a cousin of Washington. Together, they had nine children. After the Revolution, Craik moved his family to Alexandria and maintained his friendship and professional relationship with Washington, culminating with treating Washington in 1799 for the illness that would eventually kill Washington.

Other proven patriots include:

- William Payne, a Marine on the cruiser *American Congress*
- Tolliver Craig, Jr., a defender of Bryant's Station
- Samuel Crutcher, paid a Supply Tax in 1783 and was a Private in the Revolutionary Army
- Mrs. Margaret Pearson/Terrett/West furnished two horses for seven days for a detachment commanded by Marquis De Lafayette, furnished 450 pounds of beef and was reimbursed by Fairfax County, Virginia Court

I first met George in the late 1980's as we were both Amateur Radio operators. He worked for many years at the Pantex Plant in Amarillo. After Desert Storm, George went to Russia and Iraq for weapons inspections as part of his work at Pantex.

~ Ben Pollard



Remembering Our Departed

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

Amen.

Jerry Alden Higginson

January 7, 2022

SAR #173510

Member Since February 27, 2009

San Antonio Chapter #4

Albert Lee Gibson

January 10, 2022

SAR #179948

Member Since June 24, 2011

Hill Country Chapter #31

Cammid O. Arrendell

January 22, 2022

SAR #216853

Member Since September 3, 2020

San Antonio Chapter #4

Fontaine Carrington Weems

February 2, 2022

SAR #173510

Member Since (not known)

Paul Carrington Chapter #5

Charles Edward Howard

February 8, 2022

SAR #163572

Member Since November 4, 2004

Edmund Terrill Chapter #34

Joe Ed Allen

March 14, 2022

SAR #198031

Member Since March 18, 2016

Lt. Nathan Gann Chapter #28

Bob Riley Ham

March 25, 2022

SAR #174793

Member Since July 24, 2009

Lt. Nathan Gann Chapter #28

James Barton White

May 11, 2022

SAR #204232

Member Since August 23, 2017

Captain William Barron Chapter #25

Terry Robert Henson

July 20, 2022

SAR #159252

Member Since October 17, 2004

Pineywoods Chapter #51

William Harold Attaway

July 20, 2022

SAR #119788

Member Since February 11, 1982

Texas SAR

Robert Conley Kraft

July 29, 2022

SAR #119985

Member Since March 16, 1982

Plano Chapter #37

William Lee McAdams

August 12, 2022

SAR #102383

Member Since November 18, 1971

Capt. John McAdams Chapter #27

Michael Mills Tabor

August 12, 2022

SAR #132833

Member Since April 24, 1989

Plano Chapter #37

Ronald Stephen Sandidge

September 12, 2022

SAR #176974
Member Since May 11, 2010
Victoria Chapter

Gerald Bailey Tyler

September 26, 2022

SAR #150266
Member Since May 12, 1998
Dallas Chapter #2

J. B. Roberts

October 14, 2022

SAR #101327
Member Since February 23, 1971
Texas Tech Chapter #13

Marion Sanders Campbell Jr.

November 25, 2022

SAR #101327
Member Since February 23, 1971
Plano Chapter #37

George Thomas West

December 15, 2022

SAR #141087
Member Since July 13, 1993
Panhandle Plains Chapter

Texas SAR Store News

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

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

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

PRE-LAUNCH SPECIAL

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

Mail your check to either:

Sam Massey, 906 Avenue M, Huntsville, Texas 77320

or

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

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



Christmas Cheer in Bonham

John Greer (Edmund Terrill Chapter) and Bob Johns (Plano Chapter) are the principal volunteer representatives for SAR chapters at the Sam Rayburn VA Health Center in Bonham.

In October, John enlisted Bob to create some ideas for Christmas Time spirit for the veterans housed in Bonham. The result was a partnership with five north Texas chapters who agreed to team up in a consortium to provide Christmas gifts and Christmas cards for the approximately 300 veterans housed at Bonham for various therapies they are receiving and for temporary housing there.

The five chapters, Edmund Terrill, McKinney, Ambassador Fletcher Warren, East Fork Trinity, and Plano pledged funding for Christmas gifts totaling \$1200. Also, the five chapters agreed to each providing 300 signed Christmas Cards for holiday cheer to those veterans, many of whom might see no family or visitors at Christmas. The cards were generically signed "Thank You for Your Service from the (name of) Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution." Fifteen hundred Christmas cards were delivered.

The volunteer coordinator in the Bonham VA, Tina McDaniel, provided a list of "Needed Items" from which the chapters selected what gifts to buy. John Greer coordinated the gift purchases so there was no overlap and to guarantee that the most often requested items were purchased.



Purchases ranged from clothing to snacks and electric razors, toiletries, etc.

Representatives of the five chapters met at Bonham in early December to deliver the gifts and the Christmas cards to the Volunteer Coordinator. Since Covid restrictions continue to exist and visitors are not allowed in most areas of the facility, the VA volunteer coordinator and staff will distribute the cards and gifts to the veterans at Christmas.



Pictured from left to right: Mike Goode (East Fork Trinity), Gary Barker (Edmund Terrill), John Greer (Edmund Terrill), Tina McDaniel (VA Coordinator), Bob Johns (Plano), Tom Milson (McKinney), and Ted Wilson (Edmund Terrill). Not in the photo is James Owsley, President, Ambassador Fletcher Warren Chapter.

Many thanks to these five chapters and their members for their generosity in making this Christmas season memorable for those veterans.

~ Submitted by Bob Johns and John Greer

RULES FOR THE ROSS L. SHIPMAN NEWSLETTER COMPETITION

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

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

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

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

Announcement and awards are presented during the state annual convention.

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How to Submit Items to

The Texas Compatriot

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

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

New Picture Policy

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

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

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

Publishing Deadlines

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

Newsletter Committee

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

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

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

All interested parties should contact Ron Turner at rjturner0815@gmail.com.

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