



THE TEXAS DUTY ROSTER

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President's Message



Hello Compatriots, I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you have had an enjoyable summer. Since the last newsletter I have represented the Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Texas at the TX DAR Annual Conference, the TX SAR Annual Conference and the DRT Annual Conference. The highlight of the past months was attending and speaking at the grave marker dedication of Private Isaac Nation hosted by the Craig Austin Rowley Chapter. My congratulations go out to them for a very well-done program. I believe this is the first time we ever made the cover of the National magazine "The 1812 War Cry." I implore all of you to ensure that your 1812 Patriot Ancestors grave is properly marked and to work with local Daughters of the War of 1812 chapters and local historical societies to ensure that all other War of 1812 veterans are marked as well. We now have a supply of the smaller markers so all you have to do is contact us

and we will furnish it to you. Let us know what you are doing, we are here to support you! Our upcoming projects are to update our Constitution and Bylaws, start a PayPal account so we can collect dues electronically and get a website up and running. If anybody has website development experience and would like to volunteer as webmaster please let us know. Oh, one last thing I did, I personally did the application and helped in the gathering of documentation of one on our new members.

What did you do?



Chapter News

Ensign James Luna Chapter: This is the east Texas chapter that has joined one new member and is working on two more. It meets on the third Saturday of the months of February, June and October for lunch at 12:00 at Traditions Restaurant in Tyler. Contact Chapter President Bill Sekel at firstsgtusmcret@yahoo.com for more information.

Stephen Fuller Austin Chapter: This is the central Texas chapter that currently meets with other hereditary organizations. Plans are being made now for quarterly meetings. Contact Chapter President Henry Shoenfelt at hesut@aol.com for more information.

Craig Austin Rowley Chapter: This is the north Texas chapter. "We have done 8 dedications in the past four years with hopefully three more before this year is out. Our chapter has had 6 new members and potential members this year. We have obtained two headstones from the VA for 1812 veterans who've never had a headstone. Putting a photo on the cover of the "The War Cry" National magazine is icing on the cake!" This Chapter meets usually once a quarter at Outback Steakhouse, 1509 N. Central Expressway at 15th Street in Plano. 75075. The best way to learn about our meeting dates and times is to email me and I will put you on our meeting invite email list. Contact Chapter President Paul Ridenour at paulridenour@tx.rr.com for more information.

Zachary Taylor Chapter: This is the Texas gulf coast area chapter that meets quarterly. Contact Chapter President John Thompson at johnkthompson@rocketmail.com for more information.

Make Your Plans Now

The Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Texas Annual Breakfast is April 7, 2019 beginning at 7 AM at the Omni Hotel, 4140 Governor's Row, Austin, TX 78744 in conjunction with the Texas SAR 124th Annual Conference:

Phone: (512) 448-2222 / omnihotels.com

Rates: Single or Double for \$135 + Tax

Want to Join the General Society of the War of 1812

First take a look at the GSW 1812 National website, here is the link:

<https://gswar1812.org/>

If you are a member of any other hereditary organization, then you are aware that there is an application that needs to be filled out and sent in for approval. You can access our application at:

<https://gswar1812.org/membership-application/>

If you are a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and your 1812 Patriot Ancestor is listed on your record copy of your SAR application, then you can use this as proof of lineage. You can also use record copies of approved Daughters of the American Revolution applications. If neither available, then proof of lineage is needed starting with you all the way back to your 1812 Patriot Ancestor.

We also need proof that your 1812 Patriot Ancestor served during the acceptable time frame. See below:

ARTICLE VI – Membership

Any male person who participated in, or who is a lineal descendant of one who served during the War of 1812, in a military service of the United States, offering proof thereof satisfactory to the State Society to which he may make application for membership, and who is of good moral character and reputation, may become a member of this Society when approved of by said State Society, under such regulations as it may make for passing upon applications for membership.

The following service and no other shall be regarded as satisfying the requirements of the preceding paragraph:

- (1) Service as an officer, warrant officer or enlisted man in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Revenue Marine, Flotilla Service or Voluntary Corps at any time between November 7, 1811 and July 18, 1815;
- (2) Service at any time between November 7, 1811 and July 18, 1815, as a member of the ship's company on any public armed vessel of the United States or any vessel sailing under Letters of Marque and Reprisal issued by the United States;
- (3) Service in the militia of any state or territory or the District of Columbia duly called out for service against an armed enemy or for coast or border defense between November 7, 1811 and July 18, 1815;
- (4) Service in the forces of the United States at the Battle of Tippecanoe on November 7, 1811;
- (5) Service as the President of the United States, Secretary of War or Secretary of the Navy between November 7, 1811 and July 18, 1815.
- (6) Service as a Governor or Adjutant General of a state or territory of the United States between November 7, 1811 and July 18, 1815.

No service, however, shall be regarded as qualifying if the person who rendered such service voluntarily bore arms against the United States at any time between the dates named or if such person's latest service between said dates was terminated by a

separation from the service under conditions other than honorable.

Collateral descendants, who are deemed worthy may be admitted to represent the said participant.

Provided, always, that such representation shall be limited to the descendant of either a brother or sister of the participant in the war, in right of whose services application for membership is made.



1795 Springfield Flintlock Musket

Copied from the 1766 model French musket, the 1795 Springfield infantry musket was the very first official model musket of the United States. Initially with the bayonet lug on the bottom of the barrel, this was rotated to the top of the barrel in 1797 and the look remained more or less the same to the end of the War of 1812.

The musket gets its name from the first government armoury of the United States in Springfield, Mass. Today the armoury is a [National Park](#).

This musket aided US troops defend the ramparts of Baltimore where the Star Spangled Banner was written, along with the earthworks around New Orleans under the watchful eye of Andrew Jackson. However; its greatest test was with Winfield Scott at Lundy's Lane in 1814. Thousands of US troops stood face-to-face against

British regiments exchanging volley after volley of musket fire well into the night.

Welcome Our New Recruits

Robert Hites Buda TX

Terry Don Cowan Bullard, TX

Sanford Christian Reed San Antonio, TX

John Aaron Wade Jarrell, TX

Christopher Kirkpatrick Hull Ft. Worth, TX

Philip Laclede Maynard Texarkana, TX

Jeremy Nathaniel Stotts Shaver Texarkana, TX

Last Roll Call

Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck Dallas, TX

Now Hear This

It is now time to renew your General Society of the War of 1812 membership through the State of Texas for 2019!

Please write your \$45.00 check payable to the **"Society War 1812 Texas"** and mail to:

Wayne A. Courreges Jr. Secretary/Treasurer,
P. O. Box 9266 Austin, TX 78766

Remember that if you chose not to renew your membership this year, National Headquarters requires us to drop you from our roster.

NOTE: Please include with your dues check your current mailing address, preferred phone number and email address to maintain your correct contact information with the GSW 1812 National Headquarters

A Perpetual Life Membership is still available for only \$500.00.



The War Hawks

- ★ The U.S. declares war -- 1812
- ★ Congress calls for war, and President Madison agrees.
- ★ The British realize they've gone too far, and send a peace commission with an offer to pay for damages, but the ambassadors arrive too late. The U.S. has just declared war.
- ★ The North (which relies on foreign trade) accuses Madison of starting the war for no good reason. The war is nicknamed "Mr. Madison's War."

Timeline of Events

- 1807 – The Chesapeake Incident
- 1811 – Battle of Tippecanoe
- 1812 – U.S. declares war.
- 1813 – Battle of Lake Erie
- 1813 – Battle of the Thames
- 1814 – March on Washington, D.C.
- 1814 – Battle of Baltimore (Fort McHenry)
- 1814 – Treaty of Ghent
- 1815 – Battle of New Orleans

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