



THE TEXAS DUTY ROSTER

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President's Post



Greetings Texas Warhawks!

I hope this newsletter finds you well with an enjoyable summer planned. These past several months have been busy with many of you honoring 1812 ancestor gravesites with GSW 1812 Grave Markers and presenting GSW 1812 ROTC Medals to worthy ROTC Cadets at several colleges, during their ROTC Ceremonies. Thank you for recognizing our young patriots of today!

Please join me in thanking 1812 Vice President General Bill Sekel for his leadership as our State of Texas President over these past several years. He stepped forward when our beloved President James Heath passed away suddenly in June of 2015. Under Compatriot President Bill's strong leadership our Texas Constitution and Bylaws were updated and approved, a much requested smaller 1812 Grave Marker was created, ordered and distributed to our Texas Chapters honoring 1812 Ancestor Gravesites, authorized the much-requested online payment service AffiniPay for membership renewal, created the "Colonel

Frederick W. Huntington Award" for outstanding service and he created an 1812 State of Texas website too. As if he did not do enough, he continues his legacy of service by accepting the role of GSW 1812 State of Texas Vice President General!

We want to also recognize and thank former GSW 1812 State of Texas Vice President General Michael J. Radcliff for his selfless years of service. He provided cheerful service during a very difficult time and we are so very grateful to him for it!

I normally like stepping into a leadership position where an organization's affairs are a complete disaster. I am pleased to share with you that the state of the General Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Texas is strong and we are growing once again!



Chapter News

Ensign James Luna Chapter: The Ensign James Luna Chapter of East Texas is enjoying a relaxing slow summer; however, we do have two memorials planned in the fall months when it is not so hot.

2019-2020 Chapter Officers

President-Gene H. Pilgrim, Sr.
Vice President-Tom Bolton
Secretary/Treasurer-Bill Sekel
Registrar-Harry Fife
Chaplin-Charles Luna

Our next meeting will be on October 19, 2019 at 12:00 noon at Braums Ice Cream Store, 7101 South Broadway, Tyler, Texas.

Everyone is invited to come join us. We will have a great speaker and great fellowship.

For further information contact Chapter President Gene Pilgrim, Sr.

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Craig Austin Rowley Chapter: The Craig Austin Rowley Chapter was surprised and honored to receive the first "Colonel Frederick W. Huntington Award" at the annual meeting of the General Society of the War of 1812 in the State of Texas. The streamer with two stars was presented for the three 1812 grave marking dedications during the 2018-2019 year.



**Chapter President Walt Thomas
accepting the Huntington Award**

Our chapter placed a General Society War of 1812 marker at the grave of veteran John Hooker in Sulphur Springs. We are working with the Daughters organization to place one of their markers and we will jointly dedicate both markers. All are welcome and encouraged to attend at 2:00 P.M. on June 8 at the Sulphur Springs City

Cemetery. A reception will follow the dedication.

It is my sad duty to report the untimely death of our member, Dr. Montie Monzingo. Montie had helped to place the Hooker markers and coordinated with local historians in Sulphur Springs. He will be missed.



**Warhawk Montie Monzingo's
Funeral Honor Guard**

If you would like to attend one of our quarterly chapter meetings or learn more about our chapter, please contact President Walt Thomas at w3thomas@gmail.com.

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

Zachary Taylor Chapter: This is the Texas Gulf Coast area chapter that meets quarterly.



**1812 Compatriots participating in the
Fulshear Marker Ceremony from left to
right: John Kenton Thompson, Thomas
Green, Carl V. Hill Jr. and Mike Bailey with
the marker in the foreground**

Contact Chapter President John Thompson at johnkthompson@rocketmail.com for more information.

Welcome New Recruits

Jason Patrick Chall	San Antonio, TX
Jimmy Don Booker	Corinth, TX
John Howard Rose	Seymour, TX
Coulter A. Tallent	Ft. Worth, TX
Michael Arlin Blount	Rio Rancho, NM
Mark Randall Landt	Katy, TX
Gavin Donovan M. Buckley	Burleson, TX
Oliver A. Schneider	The Woodlands, TX
Todd Frary	Dallas, TX
Kenneth Don Williamson	San Antonio, TX
James Warren Evans	College Station, TX
Mark Witt Compton, Sr.	Midland, TX
Stuart Glover Hoyt	Kyle, TX



**2019 GSW 1812 State of Texas Oration
Winner Haley Harmon from Conroe, TX
standing with Compatriot Jim Kuykendall**

Last Roll Call

Gary Walter Bates	Waco, TX
David Benton Dibrell	Dallas, TX
Charles Wayne Stafford	Athens, TX
Montie Gene Monzingo	Sulphur Springs, TX

2019-2020 GSW 1812 State of Texas Officers

President – Wayne A. Courreges Jr.
Vice-President - Drake McNeely Peddie
Secretary/Treasurer-Henry Elvin Shoenfelt III
Registrar – David John Temple
Chaplain – Thomas Bruce Green III
Sergeant-at-Arms – John Kenton Thompson
VP General Texas - William Edward Sekel Jr.

NOW HEAR THIS

The annual renewal of our General Society of the War of 1812 membership through the State of Texas for 2020 will be sent out in the month of August 2019.

When you receive your renewal notice, please write your \$45.00 check payable to the “Society War 1812 Texas” and mail to:

**Henry Shoenfelt, Secretary/Treasurer
1523 Weyford Drive, Austin, TX 78757**

Or you can now pay online with AffiniPay for \$47.00:

<https://secure.affinipay.com/pages/texasocietythearof1812/payments>

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

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

How to Join the GSW 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.



THE REAL REASON FOR INSPECTION ARMS

By
GSW 1812 State of Texas
Vice President General
William Edward Sekel Jr.

The 22nd U.S. Infantry Regiment, created in June 1812, was recruited at the US Army barracks in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

In October 1812, Lieutenant Colonel George McFeeley, leading a detachment of two hundred men of the 22nd, began a month long march from Carlisle, in the Susquehanna Valley, to the front at Fort Niagara, 350 miles to the northwest. His men, though young and inexperienced, proved resourceful and determined—though not always along officially sanctioned lines.

From the diary of Lt Col George McFeeley:

“October 12th. Commenced our march this day: crossed the Loyal Sock. A number of our men were drunk this day which retarded our march. Arrived at Williamsport: here we lay two days for the purpose of laying in provisions sufficient for passing the wilderness. The citizens here were remarkably kind in entertaining our men with treating them to coffee; I refused to admit whiskey.”

“October 15th. This morning a number of our men were drunk here. I ordered the company officers to search the men and destroy all the whiskey that might be found amongst them; for the remainder of the march no soldier would be allowed to carry whiskey with him on the march. After sending Ensign Cuthbertson with 12 men as a guard with the wagons I marched with the detachment across the hills along an old Indian path to avoid crossing the Lycoming creek. The road this day crosses the Lycoming creek five times in a day's march. This is the most beautiful water; it is as transparent as glass and contains trout in abundance. Encamped at Rendles.”

“October 16th. Cloudy and raining this morning; marched early, bad roads, marched only 7 miles this day owing to the bad roads; encamped at the foot of Laurel Hill.

The road runs this day along the small stream called Tall Trout Run, no doubt from the great quantity of trout that goes up this stream to spawn. Our soldiers this evening had many fine trout as they could all eat. On the rivers in this run the trout was in shoals, our men could catch them with their hands as many as they pleased. They were about 8 or 9 inches long and of a darker color than I had ever seen before. This night our men had a frolick, a drunken one, an were at a loss to find where or how they got the whiskey because in the morning every man was searched and all whiskey emptied out. After some time it was discovered that they had filled their gun barrels with whiskey and had the vent stopped up with a little plug made of hickory wood and a tomkin of cork in the muzzle.”



**Compatriot Warhawk Dr. Robert Devine
presents the Society of the War of 1812
ROTC Medal to TCU AFROTC
Cadet Benjamin Fowler**

Our heartfelt thank you to all who made
1812 ROTC Medal presentations!

