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Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

Gold Star Spouse Day



Pictured are: (l-r) **Sylvia Windham**, American Legion Post 297 Commander **Lora McGee** and **Sherry Jennings Kevianne**.

Sylvia Windham and Sherry Jennings Kevianne participated in the Gold Star Spouse Day at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base on April 5, and shared their story with those in attendance.

During WWI, Americans hung blue stars in their windows for every family member serving in the military. If a loved one died in service, a gold star replaced the blue one. Since then, the Gold Star has symbolized the spouses and family members of those who made the ultimate sacrifice. This allowed members of the community to know the price that the family had paid in the cause of freedom. The Gold Star Wives was formed before the end of WWII and the Gold Star Lapel Button was established in August, 1947.

Today, the nation recognizes the sacrifice that all Gold Star Family members make when a father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, or other loved ones died in service to our nation.

From the River Oaks Police Department & FBI.Gov

On the Internet:

Be Cautious When Connected

Everyday tasks—opening an email attachment, following a link in a text message, making an online purchase—can open you up to online criminals who want to harm your systems or steal from you. Preventing internet-enabled crimes and cyber intrusions requires each of us to be aware and on guard.

Protect Your Systems and Data

- Keep systems and software up to date and install a strong, reputable anti-virus program.
- Create a strong and unique passphrase for each online account you hold and change them regularly. Using the same passphrase across several accounts makes you more vulnerable if one account is breached.

- Do not open any attachments unless you are expecting the file, document, or invoice and have verified the sender's email address.

Protect Your Connections

- Be careful when connecting to a public Wi-Fi network and do not conduct any sensitive transactions, including purchases, when on a public network.

- Avoid using free charging stations in airports, hotels, or shopping centers. Bad actors have figured out ways to use public USB ports to introduce malware and monitoring software onto devices that access these ports. Carry your own charger and USB cord and use an electrical outlet instead.

Protect Your Money and Information

- Examine the email address in all correspondence and scrutinize website URLs. Scammers often mimic a legitimate site or email address by using a slight variation in spelling. Or an email may look like it came from a legitimate company, but the actual email address is suspicious.

- Do not click the link in an unsolicited text message or email that asks you to update, check, or

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Local Church Celebrates Easter with Egg Hunt



The weather was perfect for Easter Egg Hunts all over the community.



Eight-month old **Mason James** participated in his very first Easter Egg Hunt.



Two-year old **Reagen Gore** inspects her treasures.



Enjoying the bounce house is **Leighton Cox**.



Brother and sister **Dayton and Vivian Nicely** having fun on a gorgeous day.

On the Internet

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verify your account information. If you are concerned about the status of your account, go to the company’s website to log into your account or call the phone number listed on the official website to see if something does in fact need your attention.

- Carefully scrutinize all electronic requests for a payment or transfer of funds.
- Be extra suspicious of any message that urges immediate action.
- Make online purchases with a credit card for an extra layer of protection against fraud.
- Do not send money to any person you meet online or allow a person you don’t know well to access your bank account to transfer money in or out.



Mark “Joker” Bollinger, SAL member from American Legion Post 297 was spotted recently with his 2019 Indian Scout motorcycle, ready to ride!



Jessica Beaton from Aledo was spotted cruising around in her 2022 Polaris Sling-shot on a beautiful day.

From Mary Isham Keith Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution

American History Essay Contest and Good Citizens Award Winners

Mary Isham Keith Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution presented awards to outstanding Fort Worth ISD students at Ridglea Country Club in Fort Worth in February and March. Pictured below are DAR Good Citizens Chair **Julia Mallin** and Regent **Diana Lussier** with **Gemima Dumbi**, **Andrew Vazquez**, and DAR Good Citizen overall winner **Grace Lamis**, a senior at All Saints Episcopal School.

Mary Isham Keith Chapter honored American History Essay Contest



From StatePoint

Four Ways to Get Involved This Global Volunteer Month

Global Volunteer Month, celebrated throughout April, is a time to recognize people who actively support their communities through volunteerism and active civic engagement. It's also a time to get in on the action. However, if you're like many people, you may not know where to begin.

Research from Points of Light, a global nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring, equipping and mobilizing people to take action that changes the world, shows 73 percent of people believe that volunteering is more important than ever, yet 66 percent think they can't make a big impact in their communities. Global Volunteer Month can help point people in the right direction.

"April is an annual opportunity for companies and nonprofits to inspire individuals to action, share stories of those doing good, and create a pathway for continued engagement," said Diane Quest, interim president and CEO, Points of Light.

This year, Points of Light is partnering with leading sponsor Phillips 66 and supporting sponsor UPS to encourage individuals, nonprofits and corporate partners to engage in their communities. As part of the campaign, they are sharing four great ways to participate:

1. Stay Local: While volunteering with any type of mission can help to better the world, people tend to be more impacted by volunteer opportunities from which they can observe the fruits of their labor. Collaborate with local nonprofits to affect change in the place where you live, work and play. Visit Points of Light Engage, <https://engage.pointsoflight.org/>, to find an opportunity today in your city or zip code and

winners in grades 5, 7, 8 and 12 this year. The fifth-grade winner, **Paige Ball**, from Westpark Elementary was accompanied by her parents Robby and Auva Ball. The seventh-grade winner **Elise Cannon** from St. Rita Catholic School was accompanied by her mother Marion Cannon. The eighth-grade winner **Samuel Gulde**, a student at Daggett Montessori School, was accompanied by his parents Matt and Sally Gulde and his teacher Michael Hatch.

Winner of the Patriots of the American Revolution Essay Contest was senior **Julia Guinn** from Nolan Catholic High School who was accompanied by her parents Shawn and Cathleen Guinn.

For information about finding your Revolutionary War Patriot or to join with other Daughters in a service society, call 817-233-9628 or 817-939-8226.



based on your interests.

2. Volunteer With Friends and Family: Families can support their communities by volunteering together. Consider working at a local food bank, participating in community clean-up initiatives, or organizing donation drives for local charities. Volunteering as a family not only provides a chance for quality time together but also encourages children to develop empathy and social responsibility. By volunteering, families can strengthen relationships, build community connections, and make a positive impact in their communities.

3. Recognize and Expand What You're Already Doing: While many of us think about volunteering in a formal way with longer time commitments and structures, civic engagement comes in all forms. Informal actions like helping a neighbor and leveraging your purchase power all make up civic action. Ask yourself: how could I take three to five actions around one cause area that's important to me to make greater impact? Find out how through the Points of Light Civic Circle <https://www.pointsoflight.org/civic-circle/>.

4. Say a Simple Thank You: At its core, Global Volunteer Month is about thanking those already volunteering and making an impact. Take a minute to send a thank you to a special volunteer in your life or an organization that is giving its time and talent to make your community stronger.

"There are many paths to living a full, civic life. Now is the perfect time to make a plan to join the celebration, today and every day," says Quest.

Texas Military & Political Official - Richard Bache, Jr. by Dr. Ken Bridges

When the United States became independent in 1776, Texas was far from the scene. However, one of the key figures of that era, Benjamin Franklin, still had an impact on Texas and its own independence decades later.

Richard Bache, Jr., Franklin's grandson, fought in the Texas Revolution, served in the Texas navy, and served in the first sessions of the Texas State Senate.

Richard Bache, Jr., was born in Philadelphia in 1784. His father, Richard Bache, Sr., was the second postmaster general of the United States, following Benjamin Franklin in the position and serving in the midst of the American Revolution from 1776 to 1782. He had married Franklin's only daughter, Sarah, several years earlier and had eight children with her.

As a child, Bache had gotten to know his famous grandfather, who died in Philadelphia in 1790. His brothers and cousins achieved varying degrees of fame and success as engineers and publishers, following in their famous grandfather's footsteps in one way or another. In 1798, he watched his older brother, Benjamin Franklin Bache, run afoul of the notorious Alien and Sedition Acts when his newspaper, the *Aurora*, printed articles critical of President John Adams. Unfortunately, he died before the case went to trial.

Bache attended Philadelphia schools and eventually enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania. He graduated in 1812 just before the War of 1812 erupted. Once this new war with Great Britain erupted, he organized a volunteer artillery unit. The Philadelphia-based Franklin Flying Artillery earned acclaim during the war, with Bache serving as captain. He also briefly served in the navy.

After the war ended, he served as postmaster of Philadelphia, serving from 1815 to 1828. It was this same position that his grandfather occupied from 1737 to 1753, making Bache part of the third generation in his family to serve as a postal executive.

Because of his family's reputation, Bache maintained close connections with politicians across Pennsylvania. In 1805, he married Sophia Dallas, the daughter of United States Attorney Alexander Dallas. Alexander Dallas rose to become Secretary of the Treasury under President James Madison in 1814, while his son George, the namesake for the present-day City of Dallas, became vice-president under President James K. Polk in 1845. The Baches' marriage produced nine children.

In 1832, Bache fled to Texas under a cloud of suspicion, leaving his family behind. The reasons were never clear. Some biogra-



phers suggested he fled debt collectors while others point to whispers of accusations that embezzlement had occurred at the Philadelphia post office during his tenure as postmaster. However, no charges of any illegal activity were ever filed.

He settled in the Brazoria area near modern-day Houston. When the Texas Revolution reached Southeast Texas in spring 1836, Bache joined the Louisiana Independent Volunteers to continue the fight. He was part of the San Jacinto campaign in April 1836 when Mexican Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna was captured in the aftermath. Gen. Sam Houston made him part of the group of soldiers guarding Santa Anna.

Under the administration of Texas President Mirabeau B. Lamar, the Texas navy was re-established. In 1838, Bache served as chief clerk for the new navy. With the purchase of the steamship Zavala, Bache dusted off his experience from the United States Navy and served Texas on the high seas on the new vessel.

In 1842, he moved to Galveston to serve as commissioner of the navy yard and as customs collector. Shortly afterward, he was elected a justice of the peace, a small-claims court judge, for Galveston County.

By 1845, the question of annexation to the United States again emerged. Many people in the United States and Texas alike were excited about the prospect of the merger. Bache was selected as a delegate to the Annexation Convention. However, Bache was in the minority and voted against annexation; but his reasons were more personal than political. As his grandfather had a falling out with his own parents and his own son throughout his life, Bache periodically would find himself at odds with members of his own family. After his brother-in-law, George Dallas, became vice-president, Bache soured on the idea of annexation because he did not want to give him a political victory.

Nevertheless, Bache was a delegate at the state constitutional convention and helped craft the first state constitution in 1845. He was also elected to the first session of the new Texas State Senate, representing the Galveston area. He continued to serve in the senate until his sudden death three years later.

His children went on to lead impressive lives of their own. His eldest son, Alexander Bache, was a noted scientist and led what later became known as the U.S. Geodetic Survey. Three of his daughters married men who had considerable achievements. One son-in-law became a congressman while another became Secretary of the Treasury while a third, Gen. William Emory was a noted surveyor along the border between Mexico and the United States.

Bache died in Austin in 1848 at age 64.

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Friday, April 14:

AM - A 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny; high near 83. South wind 15-20mph, with gusts as high as 30mph.
PM - Mostly clear; low around 61. South wind around 20mph, with gusts as high as 30mph.



Saturday, April 15:

AM - Sunny; high near 78. West wind around 15mph becoming north northwest in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 25mph.
PM - Clear; low around 50. N/NE wind 10-15mph, with gusts as high as 25mph.



Sunday, April 16:

AM - Sunny; high near 77. North wind 5-10mph becoming E/NE in the afternoon.
PM - Clear; low around 54.

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