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**May 2021**

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## **Join the DGS Meeting and Awards Ceremony Saturday, May 1st!**

Join us May 1st at 10:30 a.m. to acknowledge and celebrate the amazing volunteers who kept the doors open even during a lock-down. We will have a virtual party via Zoom!

We will open the meeting with a special announcement. A select group of dedicated volunteers has been working on a project that will significantly impact how our members and the public view and perceive the Dallas Genealogical Society.



Next, our members will vote on the 2021-22 DGS Executive Committee that includes the president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The vote will be followed by a presentation of "DGS: Who We Are." Join us as we show the results of thousands of volunteer hours logged since DGS began in 1955.

Finally, we will announce the 2021 recipients of the Award of Merit, Heritage Preservation, Volunteer of the Year, and the Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Distinguished Service awards. Click [here](#) to access the Zoom meeting on Saturday, May 1.

## **In Pursuit of Genealogical Excellence...What's Next?**



Our excellent spring seminar with Michael Lacopo is in the history books, and we are looking forward to the second part of our series, with Tom Jones, on July 9th and 10th, when he presents *Write It Up!*

But before we move on, let's take a look at results from the Spring Seminar.

[Read More](#)

## Recycling Our Records

DGS webmaster Tony Hanson explains the details of a new DGS publication created using the transcription work of the society's past dedicated volunteers.



[More Info](#)

## DGS Research and Writing Contest is Open - Send us your entries!



Have you ever wondered about how a local spot - a school, landmark, or other place, got its name? Or have you read a historical marker and wished that you knew more about the person being mentioned?

Now is your chance to turn your curiosity into a free DGS membership for 2022!

[More Info](#)

## Remembering the Compton Citadel

In 1937, the Salvation Army announced the establishment of The Compton Citadel in one of the poorer neighborhoods of Dallas.

Susan Rainwater's submission to the 2021 Writing Contest takes a look at the colorful man whose donation built this community center and for whom it was named.



[Read More](#)

image credit R. Steven Rainwater

## Tips and Tricks for Military Research



In honor of Memorial Day, DGS member Barbara Ware shares some top tips on military research. Are you looking for a list of military markers in a specific cemetery? For starters, try searching Ancestry's collection "Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925-1970."

image credit Jackie Williamson from Pixabay.

[Read More](#)

## Dallas Public Library Re-opens for Research!

By Stephanie Bennett

Genealogy researchers – the Dallas Public Library staff has missed you SO much! After being closed for over a year, we are excited to announce we are planning for a limited re-opening on May 4. For our fabulous researchers, the [genealogy collection](#) and [Heritage Lab](#) will be available by appointment only. Contact us by email [genealogy@dallaslibrary.org](mailto:genealogy@dallaslibrary.org) or phone (214) 670-1433, to arrange an appointment. Appointments will be 2-3 hours in length, during our new opening hours – Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday 10-6, and Wednesday 11-7.



Please know that staff is taking the utmost care in making your return to the library a safe one. Staff and visitors will be required to wear a mask and stay 6 feet apart unless you are from the same household. Sanitizing stations will be available when you enter the building and restrooms have been fitted with touchless equipment. We are also thrilled to report that we have brand new elevators!

Library staff will continue free look-ups and scans for anyone that needs them. We will have free virtual genealogy programs throughout the summer. [Check our calendar](#) to register for upcoming events. We look forward to seeing you back in the building!

## Review: History of Texas World War Heroes

by Suzan Younger

The *History of Texas World War Heroes* by John McCrae, published by the Army & Navy History Company in 1919, is one of those unexpected gems that can provide a researcher with an answer long sought after. The book contains hundreds of names, and not just as lists. There is biographical information for the military personnel that may include any or all of the following: name/rank; parent's name and address, spouse, or other family members; birthdate/birthplace; education; enlistment date; military unit in which he/she served; training location; departure date/location for overseas service; promotions; date of discharge or death; cause of death if applicable; AND a picture. [Read more.](#)



## Texas Institute of Genealogical Research, June 13-18 - Registration Open



Are you ready to take your genealogy research to the next level? The bi-annual Texas Institute of Genealogical Research, TIGR, is for you! TIGR is a unique five-day learning experience offered to address a critical need for genealogists encountering complex challenges when researching ancestors from Texas, the Southwest and beyond. Learn more [here](#).

## Friends of Oakland Cemetery Memorial Day Event

By Monica Newbury

At 10 am on May 31st, The Friends of Oakland Cemetery will host an event to honor all those interred at Oakland that served our country. There will be a short service by a military chaplain and a retired military bugler will play. You do not have to know someone buried at Oakland to attend - all are welcome. [Read more](#) about this wonderful group and the soldiers buried in Oakland.



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## Upcoming Events

[Grand Prairie Genealogical Society](#)

Lisa Louise Cooke

Reconstruct Your Ancestor's World with Google

May 6th

[Southern California Jamboree](#)  
June 4th-5th Genetic Genealogy  
June 11th-12th Main Conference

[Texas Institute for Genealogy Research \(TIGR\)](#)  
June 13-18th

[DGS' Summer Seminar](#)  
Tom Jones  
Write It Up!  
July 9-10th

[Williamson County Genealogical Society](#)  
Deborah Abbott  
Bringing Your Ancestor to Life  
July 15th

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