

# TEXAS CZECH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS



## From the Czech Lands to Texas January 25, 2025



Caldwell Civic Center, 103 Hwy. Texas 21 W.  
Caldwell, TX 77836, <https://www.caldwelltx.gov/civiccenter>

8:00 AM - Registration & Morning Refreshments

9:00 AM - Program, Election of Officers



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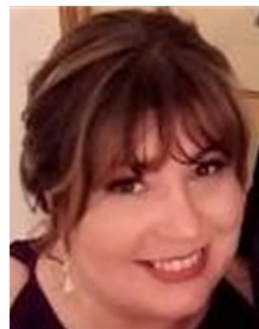
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Ann Duyka  
Vice President



Leslie Gerik Nelson  
Treasurer



Danny Leshikar  
Board of Directors

## OFFICERS ELECTION

Membership in TCGS is not required to attend. TCGS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

See Texas Czech Genealogical Society (TCGS) <https://txczgs.org> for information and registration form.

**Program Registration Fee INCLUDES catered lunch.**

Postmarked on or before **01/14/25** TCGS Members-\$40; Non-Members-\$45  
Postmarked After **01/14/25** TCGS Members-\$45; Non-Members-\$50; At the door (All) - \$60.

To register by credit card go to: <https://txczgs.square.site/product/registration/122> OR Mail check made payable to TCGS and send with Registration form to: Kimary Marble, 14106 Pawnee Trails Dr., Cypress, TX 77429. For further information, Kimary can be reached at 832-906-0986 and at [kimary12@gmail.com](mailto:kimary12@gmail.com).

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**From the Czech Lands to Texas — JANUARY 25, 2025**



**John Blair, PhD - *Researching Your Czech Ancestors' Military Service with an Emphasis on WW I.*** Dr. Blair, a 3rd generation Texas Aggie earned his BS in Engineering Technology from Texas A&M University in 1983. After graduation, John was commissioned an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, honorably serving for six years. He completed his MA from Texas A&M in 2007 and his PhD in History in 2016 while working full-time as an archivist at the George Bush Presidential Library, where he remains employed today. John is an instructor in the Hollingsworth Center for Ethical Leadership in the School of Military Sciences at Texas A&M and is on the Board of the Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial. He is the author of two books and has published several articles in the *Handbook of Texas*.



**Stan Vitha, PhD - *How the Czech Kolaches Conquered the World, or at Least Texas.*** The presentation surveys a historical perspective on kolaches - what is a kolach and what is not - their origin and how they evolved in Texas since the first Czech and Moravian immigrants arrived more than 150 years ago. Born in Czechoslovakia, Dr. Vitha received his PhD in Cellular and Molecular Biology in 1995 from the University of Southern Bohemia and was a post-doctoral researcher at Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, University of Nevada, Reno and Michigan State University in the field of plant physiology and organelle biology. Since 2004 Dr. Vitha has been a Research Staff Scientist in the Microscopy and Imaging Center at Texas A&M University. He is active in the Brazos Valley Czech Heritage Society, teaches Czech classes and loves to bake bread and kolaches, and for many years has been teaching the Spring and Fall kolache and Christmas Bread Baking classes.



**Mike Middleton, MD - *Award Winning Professional Accordionist Performing Many Favorites.*** Dr. Middleton is an award winning part-time professional accordionist performing and demonstrating the diversity and history of the accordion, while being a full-time Nuclear Physician/Radiologist and Director of the Nuclear Radiology Division and Professor of Radiology at Temple Scott and White Clinic/Texas A&M Health Science Center. He also enjoys arranging compositions and is on the Board of the *A World of Accordions Museum*, Superior, WI, the world's largest accordion museum, where he has performed several times. He was a former student of Tony Rozance, Hanni Strahl and Helmi Harrington, PhD from San Antonio and Austin, TX, respectively.



**T. J. Slansky - *Researching the Opava and Brno Archives in the Czech Republic.*** As an avid genealogical researcher for the past 30 years, Mr. Slansky attended a workshop about the Opava Archives in Roznov in 2005. In 2010 the Opava Archives became available to the public and he was able to do his own research as well as to help others by using his knowledge of this archive facility which has information about the many Czechs in Texas who came from this area of the Czech lands. T.J. has given a number of presentations on Researching Czech Archives in the Opava and Brno archives and is always sought after at TCGS Genealogy Workshops. He organized the 100 member Hovezi Village Area Reunion which meets in LaGrange.

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**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration at the Door** - \$60 - Members and Non-Members



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