



The Texas Compatriot

Texas Society
Sons of the American Revolution



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

May 1, 2009



**TXSSAR President
Thomas Lawrence**

Upcoming Events

119th NSSAR National Congress Atlanta, Georgia—July 4-8 see NSSAR website for details

TXSSAR Summer BOM—Lake Jackson—31 Jul -2 Aug see page 14 registration forms

TXSSAR Fall BOM—Richardson Holiday Inn—October 30, - Nov 1, 2009

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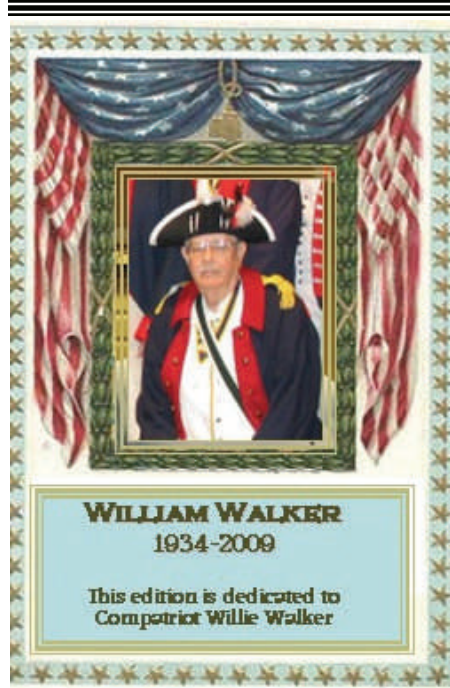
I have never been prouder to be a member of any organization than I am to be a Son of the American Revolution. We have done, and continue to do, remarkable things for our country. But we cannot become complacent because our freedoms are not guaranteed. We cannot just **hope** our freedoms will be preserved. Benjamin Franklin said **“He that lives upon hope will die fasting.”**

The most important work of the SAR takes place in our chapters. It is the chapters that conduct Youth Programs that teach our young men and women about the American Revolution, and it is the chapters that award Public Service medals and present Flag Certificates. The work of the chapters gives us visibility in the community, and more importantly it is the chapters

that accomplish the goals of our society. Thomas Jefferson had it right when he wrote a letter to Samuel Knox on February 12, 1810 and said, **“The boys of the rising generation are to be the men of the next, and the sole guardians of the principles we deliver over to them.”** Delivering those principles is our most important job.

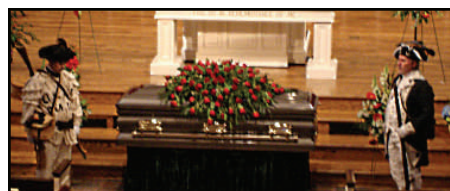
What has the Texas Society been doing to deliver these principles? One way to measure is to look at the number of awards presented to citizens last year. In totaling those awards from last year, I found we touched the lives of 2019 people. They either entered our contests or were presented with medals or awards. That is the real business of the SAR, to bring the ideals and principles of our Founding Fathers and Mothers to

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McKinney: Twenty Color Guardsmen, family, friends and many SAR members and wives from all parts of the state attended the funeral of Compatriot William “Willie” Walker on 12 April 2009. It was a tribute to the life of a man who was such a vital part of the TXSSAR community in spirit and in action. Willie was the smile of SAR, the photographer of every event. The pages herein are filled with images provided by Willie.

Graveside Mike Everhart delivered the SAR eulogy and Willie's fellow guardsman gave him one last salute. His lovely wife Marilyn Walker reminded us to celebrate his life and remember he has finally “Arrived at his destination” his GPS has shown him the way home.



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our fellow citizens. This doesn't even count the Color Guard activities or Immigration Ceremonies we participated in, nor does it count the presentations to civic groups and schools.

We can do even better. The more we expose people to the SAR the better it is for our country and for the future of our descendants.

Compatriots thank you for electing me to be your president this year. I look forward to a year filled with good friends, hard work and a little fun along the way. Thank you.

THIS MAY BE THE LAST COMPATRIOT YOU RECEIVE,

that is printed and mailed to you. It is very expensive to print and mail the *Compatriot* to all 2500 members of the Texas Society. In fact it would cost about \$10,000.00 to print and mail the four issues planned for this year to all of our members. While our expenses increase each year our revenue (dues) has not increased in years. Since no one wants to increase dues we had to figure out a way to continue to communicate with our members and not cut other programs. Our plan is to post the *Com-*

patriot on the TXSSAR web site at www.txssar.org. When the issue is ready it will be forwarded to the Webmaster who will then post it on the web site so everyone can read it or even download and print it if they wish.

We will notify our members when the issue is posted so they can read it but this is one aspect of the plan that will require your assistance. We do not have an e-mail address for all of our members so we have no way to make this notification complete. TXSSAR purchased a bulk e-mailing program called DADA, which will allow us to notify our members when a new issue is out but we need you to register with the program. When you register we will be able to notify you about *Compatriot* issues as well as other important matters. For information about accessing the TXSSAR Private web site and registering for DADA please read the article by IT Committee Chairman Ray Cox in this issue. [pg 7]

We also do not know who does not have access to the internet that would allow them to log on to our web site. If you do not have access to the internet and would like to continue having a *Compatriot* mailed to your address then please mail the enclosed postcard to State Secretary Bill Marrs. This will serve as a confirmation of your mailing address and your

request to receive a printed issue. **If you do not notify Bill Marrs then this will be the last printed *Compatriot* that will be mailed to your address.** We only have about \$4,000.00 in the budget this year for the *Compatriot*, which means that after printing and mailing this issue we only have about \$1,400.00 left, or enough to print and mail less than 500 copies for each of the next three issues. **So if you need to have your issues mailed please respond quickly.** I request that chapter presidents help their members respond so we can make sure we continue to serve our membership.

There are additional advantages to this new system other than saving money. It will also be in color on the web site, whereas the printed issue could not be in color because of the expense. Change always causes some confusion and trepidation but I believe we will be better off with our new system although it will require some effort on our part to make this work smoothly. Other changes may be necessary next year depending on the economy and our income from dues.

Tom Lawrence
TXSSAR President

2009-2010 TXSSAR OFFICERS

Nacogdoches: The Texas State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution was very pleased to have President General David Appleby present to preside at the swearing in of our officers for the new year. Our new officers, elected at Nacogdoches, are listed below and pictured at the right.

Note: Peter Rowley, McKinney Chapter, has been elected to fill the District 11 VP position vacated by the death of Willie Walker.



*Pictured above and below:
TXSSAR 2009-2010 Officers*

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|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| President | Tom Lawrence | VP, CM&A | Stephen Rohbough |
| President-Elect | Jim Jones, Jr. | Dist 1 VP | Ron Livermore |
| Secretary | Bill Marrs | Dist 2 VP | Bill Harper |
| Staff Secretary | Don Pugh | Dist 3 VP | Ray Walls |
| Treasurer | Peter McLellan | Dist 4 VP | John Knox |
| Registrar (Coastal) | Art Hall | Dist 5 VP | Jim Alderman |
| Registrar (Inland) | Mike Radcliff | Dist 6 VP | Mark Hansen |
| Chancellor | Bob Clark | Dist 7 VP | Allan Henshaw |
| Chaplain | Wendell Edwards | Dist 8 VP | Ray Cox |
| Historian | Peter Baron | Dist 9 VP | Joe Bruce Barrett |
| Chair, Prex's Council | Larry Stevens | Dist 10 VP | Mike Everheart |
| Trustee | George West | Dist 11 VP | Willie Walker |
| Alt Trustee | Bill Marrs | Compatriot Ed. | Larry Stevens |
| | | Web Master | Ray Cox |



114TH ANNUAL TXSSAR MEETING—NACOGDOCHES

Nacogdoches: The 2009 Convention was hosted by the Athens Chapter serving as coordinating chapter, assisted by the Fredonia (Nacogdoches-Tommy Slay, President) and the Lt. Nathan Gann (Lufkin-Fred Preston, President) Chapters.

The minutes and committee reports from this meeting are posted on the TXSSAR website. The key events are summarized here. Readers are encouraged to read the full minutes and committee reports.

- * President Appleby and Past President General Nathan White discussed the proposed increase in application fees to be voted on in July at the National Congress.
- * Arnold Seidule announced that donations from the Cradle of Texas and Athens chapters and the Ladies Auxiliary made sufficient funds available to fully fund all projects for this year.

- * Peter Baron proposed a medal for TXSSAR Color Guard Members.
- * The Dallas Chapter announced that the Fall BOM will be held at the Holiday Inn in Richardson.
- * PPG Nathan White was appointed to deal with issues with the Perpetual Fund and Patriot Fund.
- * A group was pointed to propose By-Laws changes for the Patriot Fund to be presented at the Fall BOM.
- * The Long Range Planning Committee proposed a redistricting plan which was adopted by the convention body. The chapter moves were as follows; Plano # 57 from Dist 11 to 6, Victoria #50 & Live Oak # 55 from Dist 3 to 9, Bluebonnet # 41 from Dist 3 to 4, and William Hightower # 35 from Dist 4 to 3.

- * President General Appleby spoke about the Center for Advancing America's Heritage and the movement of programs in the National Society.
- * President Lawrence asked that Bill Marrs work with the two registrars to come up with a plan to tighten our procedures for working with prospective members. He also asked that the Registrars identify individuals who could function as resources for registrars and new members when they are preparing applications.

The Banquet on Saturday night was attended by one hundred eighty seven members and guests. Nacogdoches was a wonderful setting for a meeting and the city was gracious in its hospitality to our members and wives. We thank our host chapters for a job well done.



Members in Session



P. Baron



Tom & Mickey Jo Lawrence



Ladies Program



President Tom Lawrence with family—Daughters, Bridgitt and Franchesca, wife Mickey Jo and granddaughter Lizzie, Aunt Sheila Peel and cousins Dan and Jan Fekety, retired Air Force Colonel David Peel and his wife Maggie and Steve and Kaye Fekety.



Harry & Suzanne Fife



Pictured above: Marilyn Walker, June Everhart and Linda Evans



Color Guard marches down the streets in Nacogdoches.

Pictured at right; All District 10 chapter presidents attended the Saturday banquet in Nacogdoches.



Above: From left to right. Tommy Slay, Fredonia Chapter; Fred Preston, Lt. Nathan Gann Chapter; John Bolton, East Texas Chapter; Steve Lee, Capt. William Barron Chapter; Charles Luna, Athens Chapter.



Bottom Row: (1) W. Edwards; (2) G. Harcourt & H. Fife; (3) D. Appleby w/ Fifes (4) D. Pugh, N. White, E. Butler (5) J. Heath



ANNUAL TXSSAR MEETING—AWARDS

Not all of the many accomplishments of our chapters and members could be featured in the limited space available in this issue of the Compatriot. Please visit the Compatriot section of the TXSSAR web for a supplement to this newsletter which provides a list of the awards presented at this meeting and many photos of the awardees. Note that a supplemental issue has also been prepared for the 2008 award winners. This issue is also posted on the website.



PATRIOT MEDAL

The Patriot Medal is awarded only by a state society. It is the highest award given for service at the state or chapter level. This medal is presented only to individuals and may be received ONLY once. It represents long, faithful and outstanding service at the state and/or chapter level.

The TXSSAR State Society was

pleased to recognize the outstanding service of five compatriots at the Saturday banquet in Nacogdoches.

Those men (pictured at left) were as follows: **Bob Clark** (Dallas Chapter), **Jim Alderman** (Fort Worth Chapter), **Art Hall** (Tyler Chapter), **Charles Luna** (Athens Chapter) and **James T. Jones, Jr.** (Kingwood Chapter).

YOUTH PROGRAM AWARDS

The youth programs are an important element in achieving the goals of SAR. Recognizing and rewarding excellence in leadership, scholarship and Americanism in our youth is one way to keep our SAR ideals alive. Every year chapters promote youth programs and contests, selecting chapter winners to compete at the state level. The Youth Awards Luncheon highlights

the years achievements. The oration finalists compete at this time and the winners are selected. The Eagle Scout winner delivers his essay and the Enhanced JROTC cadet is recognized. It is always encouraging to listen to these young people orate or discuss their achievements and goals.



Pictured: above left-Ron Barker presents Heather Wilhelm, JROTC Enhanced Award; above right: John Knox presents Jonathan Hillis, Eagle Scout Scholarship; Left Corner: Peter Rowley with Oration Contest winner Philip Hayes.

Compatriot John K. Harrell Awards

By

*Vice President, Americanism
Stephen Rohrbough*

President Harry Fife presented The John K. Harrell CAR Activities Award and The John K. Harrell CAR Competition Awards during the State convention in Nacogdoches, Texas on March 20, 2009. The awards were presented to Chapters participating in TSCAR activities and events during calendar year 2008.

The John K. Harrell Activities Award recognizes Compatriot John Harrell's dedication and support of the national, state, and local programs, activities, and recognition of the strong relationship between the two societies of the SAR and the CAR. Compatriot Harrell believed

that building and supporting CAR Societies at all levels would strengthen strong relationships for the common good of NSSAR and NSCAR and would enhance the promise of new members to SAR and DAR. This award is presented to any chapter who participates in 7 of the 9 elements outlined by the NSSAR CAR Committee. The **San Antonio Chapter # 4** received the Green Streamer for reporting their activities in 7 of the 9 elements of the contest.

Mrs. Barbara Harrell established The John K. Harrell CAR Competition Award in 2008 by making a donation of \$5,000 to the John K. Harrell Fund to support this award. Awards are presented to Chapters for their work on behalf of the State Society conducting joint programs and events with TSCAR Societies, recognizing CAR members by presenting them with

certificates and awards, and participating in CAR programs and activities that enhance and promote a sound and active relationship between the SAR Chapters and local TSCAR Societies. The 2009 awards resented in three categories are listed below:

In Group 1 (10 to 25 members) **North Central Texas Chapter # 36** was the winner with 280 points. In Group 2 (26 to 99 members) the **Robert Rankin Chapter # 62** was the winner with 185 points. In Group 3 (100+ members) the **Plano Chapter # 37** was the winner with 195 points. All Chapters received a certificate and a check for \$50 to use to fund their CAR activities programs.

We are so grateful to Mrs. Barbara Harrell for her help and support to establish this awards program to for her generous donation honoring her late husband.

Robert Rankin, Houston: Past President Tom Jackson, left, receives on behalf of the Robert Rankin chapter the **Americanism Award** from Texas Society President Harry Fife. This is the second straight year that the Rankin Chapter has won this award.



This award is largely based upon participation in youth contests (section 7 of the annual report), but

also includes patriotic holidays and special events (section 4). Rankin Chairmen in these areas include Ed Raines, David Jones, Patrick Kerr, John Davis, and Tom Jackson.



Vice-President, Americanism, Stephen Rohrbough represented TXSSAR President Tom Lawrence at the CAR Opening Session of the Annual TSCAR State Convention on March 27, 2009 in San Antonio, Texas. He announced the winners of the TXSSAR CAR Essay Contest 2008. Receiving the certificates from left to right are John Clayton for Catharine Clayton, Benjamin Hinckley, Mrs. Leslie Powers for Charlie Powers

Athens: Pictured at right are Compatriots Steven Lee (l), President Athens Chapter and Compatriot Mike Everhart, Dist 10 VP, (r) who are receiving a grant check from local Wal-Mart manager.

Wal-Mart has a very active and generous community outreach program. The check for \$1,000 represents their commitment to supporting the charitable activities within the neighborhoods they serve.

If you look at their website this is not an activity they boldly brag about, but it is a commitment that they take very seriously, as evidenced by the monetary contribution.

Chapters: Please consider contacting Wal-Mart in your area to see if the chapter youth programs could benefit from Wal-Mart assistance. Just ask Steve and Mike.



PATRIOT FUND FUNDRAISING

In these economic times it is very important to find ways to supplement the earning of the Patriot Fund. This page features last years success and this years plans.

2008 LATXSSAR FUNDRAISER

Ladies Auxiliary of the TXSSAR prepared a beautiful quilt and sold tickets at chapter and state meetings in 2008. The drawing was held at the Saturday banquet in Nacogdoches.

The Ladies raised **\$2253** from this fundraiser which was presented to President Harry Fife. The funds are designated for the Patriot Fund expense account. Way to go Ladies.

Pictured a below: Marilyn Walker with drawing winners Diane and Ron Smith.



NACOGDOCHES FUND RAISER

The Nacogdoches State Meeting organizers included a drawing for a Hawken rifle. Tickets were sold before and during the convention. Pictured right is Compatriot Bob Northcraft presenting the rifle to the winner, Dr. Geoffrey Grubb.

This fundraiser realized \$1,000 for the Patriot Fund Expense account. The Athens chapter donated another \$1,000 from meeting profits.



**PATRIOT FUND EXPENSES
LAKE JACKSON FUNDRAISER**

Tickets are being sold for chances on two reproduction black powder guns.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. Drawing to be held at the BOM in Aug 2009.

Send Checks to:
Russell Dart
c/o Patriot Fund Raffle
3315 S. Peach Hollow Drive
Pearland, TX 77584-2309



*Colt .44 Black Powder Revolver
(Reproduction)
Similar to above photo*

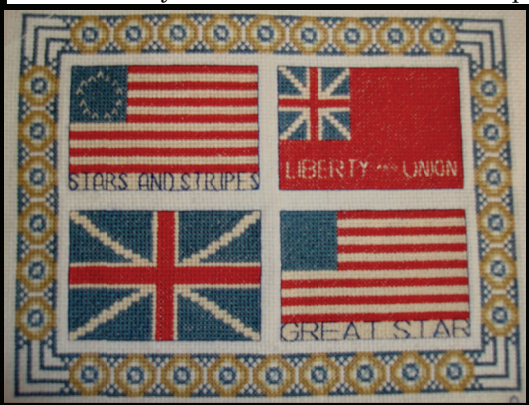


*.45 Hawken Style Percussion
Black Powder Rifle
(Italian Reproduction)
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LATXSSAR 2009 PATRIOT FUND FUNDRAISER

The ladies are offering chances on two beautiful framed needle work pieces of early American flags. They are triple matted and framed separately in 16x20" gold frames. They were stitched by Anne Mitchell, wife of Compatriot James Mitchell, of the PineyWoods Chapter of Kingwood. The handwork is exceptional and the subject is perfect for our members. You have to see these beautiful pieces to truly enjoy the color and craftsmanship! They are pictured below.

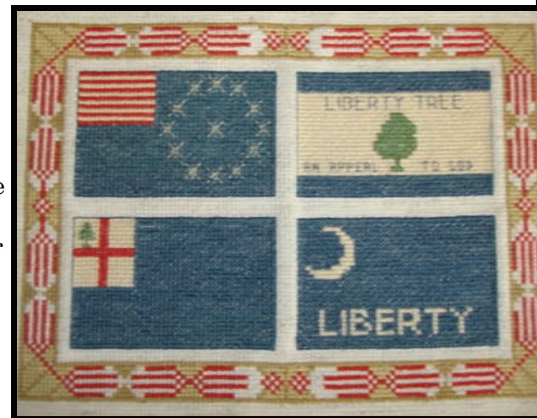
Don't miss your chance to own these exception pieces and support the Patriot Fund.



Tickets are
\$2/ticket or
3 for \$5.

Tickets will be available at the 2009 BOM meetings, the 2010 Annual Meeting and from your chapter LATXSSAR members.

Buy now, buy often
support your ladies!



HISTORIAN'S CORNER

PETER BARON, TXSSAR STATE HISTORIAN

A very special thanks is due to Past President David Yeilding. Compatriot Yeilding provided the TXSSAR Archives with two large boxes of papers from his administration as TXSSAR State President 1992. Contents included all of the *Compatriot* newsletters for 1992, his itinerary for 1992, certificates he received as State President, programs for events he attended, pictures, and correspondence. Thank you to Compatriot Yeilding for preserving a years worth of history for TXSSAR.

The year is well underway and there is much to do in the field of preservation. How many chapters

have begun their Yearbooks? How many can list all of the activities they have already participated in? We must make a concerted effort to record all of the activities we do in the name of the SAR. There are many outlets to record activities; Chapter Newsletters, The Compatriot, Activity Reports, Yearbooks, Public Media, and the Annual Reports. I encourage all Chapters to begin recording their events early to avoid losing an event to history.

The TXSSAR Archives in Denton has been very active. They are in the process of copying the original applications for all TXSSAR Society Presidents. These will be made available on the website and attached to trivia questions, biographies and pictures. The TXSSAR Archives is available to preserve all of your Chapter records. The Bernardo de Galvez Chapter of Galveston lost all of

their early records, including their Charter and By-Laws, during Hurricane Ike. Are your Chapter records protected? The TXSSAR Archives will archive your Charter and send you a full size copy and a digital copy. This will ensure the preservation of the original documents forever. You can search the entire collection on the UNT Library website, keyword "TXSSAR". Just follow the link on the TXSSAR website under "About TXSSAR" and "History".



Peter Baron and historian in training

NEWS FROM YOUR IT CHAIRMAN

RAYMOND COX

The revised TXSSAR web site is up and there are many changes and improvements. It is easier to navigate, it's easier to find things, pages will load much faster, and there is a single interface for everyone. The new web has been tested extensively and works well with Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, and Safari. If you have JavaScript turned off, you will need to turn it on to get many of the features on the site.

TXSSAR Web Site Changes - The TXSSAR web site has been divided into two sections for some time, but expanded use is now being made of this division. The public section is for information for the general public and includes information about us, help in joining, publicity items, photos of activities, chapter information, patriotic information, information on our contests and awards, and upcoming events. The private section will contain items such as business documents, detailed contact information necessary within the organization, meeting reports and minutes, various manuals, grant program documents, and report forms and instructions.

There is no link to the private site

from the public site. You will need to enter the URL manually the first time you go there. Once there, you can add the page to your Favorites and you won't have to type it in again.

Public TXSSAR site: www.txssar.org
Private TXSSAR site: www.txssar.org/!
TXS!!SAR!! (no web site links to this one please!)

DADA Mailer - The DADA bulk mailer is a tool that TXSSAR will use to communicate timely issues and information to the membership. There are currently DADA mailer lists for Membership, Chapter Presidents, District VP's, Executive Committee, and State Officers.

The DADA link includes information about the DADA mailer, for subscribing/unsubscribing, and for changing your email address on the TXSSAR **private** web site. Subscribing and email address changes are done by individual members, and in fact are the member's responsibility.

Note: Unless/until the bulk of the TXSSAR membership with email service subscribes to the DADA mailer, it can't be an effective tool. Please advise all members in your chapters, committees, etc. about the importance of being subscribed to this tool so our state communications can be more effective and timely.

If you have a spam blocking feature that blocks email from unknown users, please place sec@txssar.org as an allowed email

sender in your spam blocker's "white" list. The administrator of the DADA system will not have time to "authenticate" each request to do so by your spam software, and without your specific authorization, these emails will be bounced by your system and you will be uninformed.

TXSSAR Forums - The TXSSAR Forums have been created so we will have a place to conduct online discussions about any topic of relevance to our society. All discussions on the forums are persistent, so anyone who becomes a registered user can view all previous discussions without restriction.

The forums are not public, i.e. a guest cannot log on, view, and/or initiate or answer topics on the forum. You have to subscribe and be confirmed to view and participate in the forums. Currently there is one forum available to any registered user (Member forum) and several restricted forums (Audit Committee, Executive Committee, Finance, Patriot's Fund Trustees, and Perpetual Fund Trustees). If you are a member of a committee represented by a restricted forum, you will be granted access to that respective forum when you subscribe to the Member forum.

There are menu items for information about the TXSSAR Forums and for subscribing on the TXSSAR **private** web site.

TXSSAR PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD CHAIRMAN. PETER BARON

I encourage all Chapters to aggressively use the Public Safety Awards provided by National. They consist of the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal, the Fire Safety Commendation Medal, the Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal, and the Medal for Heroism. These recognitions may all be given at the Chapter level. I encourage Chapter's to provide these recognitions as soon after an event is determined to deserve recognition. We live in an age of uncertainty. We should do everything possible to recognize our Public Safety personnel. We can all think of an event in the news recently that resulted in a public servant going above and beyond. Did we recognize that individual? Should we have? Please advise me of all Public Safety awards given. I will create a report for National. ptbaron@hotmail.com

Hill Country Chapter: Kerr County Sheriff W.R. (Rusty) Hierholzer received the Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Award at the April luncheon meeting.



Chapter President Gerald Irion presented the medal and accompanying certificate to Hierholzer after the county's top lawman briefed SAR members and guests on law enforcement efforts in Kerr and adjoining counties and at the state level, including Homeland Security responsibilities that Kerrville would face in the event of a terrorist attack on military bases in the San Antonio area or the Hill Country.

Athens: At a recent meeting, the Athens Chapter presented their annual Law Enforcement Award to retired Henderson County Sheriff J.R. Ronny Brownlow. Sheriff Brownlow was the speaker at the meeting and presented an interesting program based on his 44-year career in law enforcement, which included experience as a Texas Ranger as well as other law enforcement agencies.



Pictured with Sheriff Brownlow, center, is chapter founding member Judge Jack Holland, left, and chapter president Charles Luna

Dallas: Pictured below Dallas Police Commander G. P. Summers looked on as Senior Corporal Reed Higgins received the SAR Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate from Dallas Chapter President Hank Voegtle.



Dallas: Pictured below right Dallas Fire-Rescue Paramedic/Driver Aymen Ghousheh was accompanied by his wife and daughter and Dallas Fire Chief Eddie Burns, Sr. as he received the SAR Emergency Medical Service Commendation Medal and Certificate.



Major K. M. Van Vandt: At their meeting in January of 2009 the chapter recognized the service of law enforcement officer Robert Campbell. New Chief Jeffery Halstead was in attendance to share with the chapter the actions and traits that recommended this fine officer.

Pictured above left: (l-r) Officer Robert Campbell (award recipient), his family, Fort Worth Chief of Police – Chief Jeffery Halstead, Captain Sedan, Compatriot Donald Goodman



SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

Robert Rankin Chapter: Compatriot Ed Raines and his wife Gail (far left) spent two days at the Second Annual Sporting Clay's Tournament in Fulshear. The event was fundraiser for the non-profit organization Homes for Our Troops. The mission of this organization is to assist severely injured service men and women by providing furnished homes to these veterans.

Using funds generated through fundraisers like this Sporting Clay's Tournament the organization funds either the building of new structures or renovation of existing homes.

Plano Chapter - February 13, 2009 - Compatriots Ned LaRowe (l) and Paul Tucker (r) of Plano Chapter # 37 delivered



comfort items, valentine candy, books, recreational games and telephone cards to the veterans in the Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Hospital in Bonham, Texas. These items were donated by members of the Plano Chapter to express their thanks to our nation's heroes for their service to our country.

ROTC

Award Presentation

Major K.M. Van Zandt Chapter: Cadet Jonathan Brown, Texas Christian University (TCU), was awarded the N.S.S.A.R ROTC Silver Medal and certificate at the recent awards program held in the new Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom. Cadet Brown (pictured right) is an outstanding young citizen.



SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS

Dallas Fort Worth Airport—January 17, 2009. Compatriots Drake Peddie in Color Guard uniform (right) and Peter Rowley (blue blazer, below) welcomed 186 U. S. soldiers returning home from Iraq for rest and recuperation.



East Fork Trinity Chapter: Members Tom Whitelock, Dr. Allen Christian and Delora Lewis (pictured right) presented a program at the Pullen Elementary School. This is one way to involve the schools. This chapter got their poster winner from this school.





Left to right: Rick and Diane Ramirez, daughter Christina, and Rick's mother Lourdes

Dallas: President Lawrence set a new record "right out of the shoot" by having Compatriots representing six Chapters (Dallas, Denton, East Fork Trinity, McKinney, Mesquite & Plano) attend his speaking engagement in Dallas on 11 April 2009

Photo below: Past and Current Chapter Presidents joined in for the historical gathering - (l to r) Peter N. McLellen, Allen L. Christian, Sr., F. Glenn Collier, James J. Johnson, Henry J. Voegtle, III and Thomas E. Lawrence.



Laredo Chapter: There was a special treat for all of the Compatriots attending the George Washington Parade this year. Laredo Chapter President Rick Ramirez's daughter was one of the young ladies in the George & Martha Washington court. Her beautiful gown had to be seen to be believed. These gowns take almost a year to make and are incredibly beautiful and quite heavy. Christina as one of the "court" had her own float in the parade.

**TEXAS SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
TSDAR PATRIOT MONUMENT DEDICATION**

Austin: The TXSSAR Color Guard was very honored to accept an invitation by the TXSDAR and Texas State Regent Lynn Forney Young to present colors and fire a musket salute at the dedication of a Patriot Monument on March 15, 2009.

The beautiful rose colored granite monument bears the names of 32

patriots of the Revolutionary War who are buried around the State of Texas.

The DAR project was supported by private funds and is a touching and lasting tribute to those patriots buried in Texas. It is their intention to add the names of others as information becomes available.

The Sons of the American Revolution continues to applaud the dedication to our shared goals and the actions of DAR in promoting those goals. Each of the Compatriots attending was honored to be invited. Many had ancestors names chiseled on the monument.

Pictured left: rear— Harlan Green, front—back: Greg Morgan, Frank Rohrbough, Ron Barker, Jim Mitchell, John Knox, Tom Green and Marvin Morgan

Pictured below are these Compatriots firing their salute.



TXSSAR had over two dozen Color Guardsmen and many other Compatriots attend the dedication ceremony.

Pictured below: Pat Kerr (Robert Rankin); Tom Green (Alexander Hodge), Ron Barker and Jim Mitchell (both PineyWoods)



GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION PARADE—LAREDO

The city of Laredo has celebrated the birthday of George Washington for one-hundred and twelve years. The ceremony began as an attempt to bring the three cultures together – the Indian, Mexican and Anglo together as Americans. It has grown into a month long celebration with balls and youth activities and a huge birthday parade. It is estimated that over 400,000 celebrants from both sides of the border attend every year. For the George Washington Birthday Parade, spectators line the streets of Laredo 10, 20 or 30 deep for three miles. Some perch in trees others on roof tops.

This is the largest George Washington Day Parade in the United States. TXSSAR Color Guardsmen have been marching in the parade for several years. The participation this year was an all time high for the Color Guard with four Compatriots from other state societies attending. They were Joe Dooley, VA; Peter Goebel, NY; Larry Guzy, GA; and Jack Manning, MA.



Back L-R – Joe Dooley–VA, Jay Higginson–TX, Peter Baron-TX, Jack Manning-Mass., Dick Arnold-TX, Peter Goebel-NY, Jim Jones TX, Bob Northcraft-TX, Larry Guzy-GA Front L-R – Larry Stevens TX, Stephen Rohrbourgh-TX, Ron Barker-TX, Ed Butler-TX- Mike Radcliff-TX, Tom Green-TX, George West-TX

Dallas Chapter: April 5, the Dallas Chapter Color Guard took part in Gainesville's annual Medal of Honor Parade in which 14 recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor were recognized.



Pictured left is First Sergeant McNerney, Vietnam War, one of the 14 honorees. Also attending the parade, but not pictured right, were Laurie Crapo, Robbie Hall, Bob Spence, Barbara Baker, and David & Phyllis Hall.



Pictured Above: Drake Peddie (Plano Chapter), Peter Baron (San Antonio Chapter), Dick Arnold, Bob Northcraft, Jim Johnson, Tom Whitelock, and Charles Baker.

PATRIOT GRAVE MARKING GREENWOOD CEMETERY

PineyWoods: The San Jacinto Chapter of the DAR, Lori King, invited PineyWoods Chapter 51, past TXSSAR President Tom Green, and other TXSSAR Color Guard members to post and retrieve the flags and fire a musket salute at the DAR Grave Marking Ceremony honoring Patriot Bailey Greenwood at the Stoneham Cemetery near Montgomery, Texas, February 1, 2009. After extensive research by PineyWoods members Bob McKenna and Kim Morton, the PineyWoods Chapter placed the SAR Marker on Bailey Greenwood's grave in 2005. The DAR chapter used this research to document their marking. DAR State Regent Lynn Young gave a talk on the importance of recognizing our ancestors. Larry Stevens, President-PineyWoods 51, thanked the host chapter and Ms. Young for including TXSSAR in the ceremony and stressed the importance to our two organizations working together .



Pictured above: Compatriots (l-r) Fred Hill (Freedom FR), Gordon Wyrick (FR) John Thompson (FR) ,Tom Green (Alexander Hodge AH), James Mitchell (PineyWoods PW), Ray Cox (PW), Tom Huston (Paul Carrington), Carl Hill (AH), Russell Cox, kneeling James T. Jones, Jr. (PW), Larry Stevens (PW)

MARKER DEDICATION

SAR Color Guard members joined SRT Color Guardsmen in a cemetery marking at the Cartwright Cemetery between Conroe and Montgomery on the 31st of January, 2009.



Pictured (l-r): John Thompson (SAR), Larry Stevens (SAR/SRT), Patrick Kerr (SAR), Jim Mitchell (SAR), Tom Green (SAR)/SRT, George Finch (SAR), Don Brown, Tom Huston (SAR/SRT), Ron Barker (SAR), Russell Cox (SAR), Ray Cox (SAR) , Carl Hill (SAR/SRT)

Plano: Members of the McKinney and Plano chapters performed for the Plano Symphony Orchestra concert held for local 5th graders at the Eiseman Center in Richardson.

Pictured Below: Left to right: Peter Rowley, Dale Selfridge, Alice Hobbs, Conductor Hector Guzman, Dan Reed, Robert Hall, Willie Walker (seated) and Howard Roach. Peter, Dan, Robert and Willie are members of the McKinney chapter



Plano Chapter: On January 18, 2009 the Plano Chapter Color Guard presented the Colors for the MLK 2009 Celebration and Naturalization Ceremony held at the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Plano, Texas. *The Color Guard participants (pictured above) were Compatriots Mike Radcliff, Dale Selfridge, Robert Hall, Peter Rowley and Drake Peddie, not pictured*

**EBENEZER CEMETERY
HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION**

Huntsville: Members of the TXSSAR Color Guard attended the Historical Marker dedication at the Ebenezer Cemetery located just west of Huntsville Texas. The Ebenezer Memorial Association dedicated a historical marker to the Ebenezer Cemetery, six miles west of Huntsville off state Highway 30, on Saturday April 4th celebrating its 155th anniversary.

Color Guardsmen serving from each chapter were:

Freedom Chapter: John B. J. Thompson, James A Beal, Russell Cox, Sr., and John K. Thompson; **Paul Carrington Chapter:** Tom Houston; **PineyWoods Chapter:** James T. Jones Jr.; **John M. McAdams Chapter:** Woody Woods and **Robert Rankin Chapter:** Patrick Kerr.



CRADLE OF TEXAS HISTORICAL TOUR

Santa Anna, the Emperor of Mexico and the Commander of the Mexican Army at the Battle of San Jacinto was captured and brought to Brazoria County immediately after the Battle. We will visit the four sites where he was held in Brazoria County before he was taken to Washington, DC and later sent back to Mexico, as well as some other historical sites of the period. Also we will have a lecture demonstration of some archeological findings of the period from the area. Included in the



tour will be a conducted tour of Varner- Hogg Plantation (Patton Plantation) which has been furnished by the late Miss Ima Hogg, the daughter of the first Texas born Governor of Texas. Other sites visited will be the McCroskey Cabin, Durazno Plantation, Orizimbo Plantation, Levi Jordan Plantation Historical Site, and the Fannin-Mims Plantation.

limited number of seats and reservations will be on a first-come basis. All proceeds from the tour will go to the Patriot's Fund. Deadline for reservations is July 20. For those who took the tour in July 2006 this will be a completely different tour.

A Barbecue lunch will be provided. Admission fees to State Historical Sites included as well as bottled water.

Air Conditioned Bus. We will leave from the Cherotel and return there. There will be a very

Suggest you might want to bring some mosquito repellent



**TXSSAR SUMMER
BOM MEETING
JULY 31 – AUG 2, 2009
LAKE JACKSON**

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Special Room rate \$89 per night plus applicable taxes. Reservations may be made by calling the 800 number above. **You must mention SAR to get this rate.** This rate and accommodations are only guaranteed through July 16, 2009 and is on a first-come-first-serve basis.

CRADLE OF TEXAS—HISTORICAL TOUR

Friday Morning, July 31, 2009, 7:45 a.m.

This will be a full day tour

\$45 per person

**THE TRAILS AND TRIALS OF SANTA ANNA IN BRAZORIA COUNTY AFTER
THE BATTLE OF SAN JACINTO**

See details of this tour at the bottom of the previous page of this issue!

Come and enjoy the day. Remember all profits are designated for the Patriot fund..

Names: _____

Telephone _____

e-mail _____

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Make Checks Payable to SAR Historical Tour and mail to

Russell Dart, Treasurer, 3315 S. Peach Hollow Circle, Pearland, TX 77584

No refunds after July 20, 2009.

REGISTRATION

The Registration Fee for the TXSSAR Member is \$35.00. Meals and other events are extra as noted below. Please mail a check for registration, meals and other events **payable to Cradle of Texas Chapter #33** along with this form to:
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SATURDAY LUNCH _____(NUMBER) @ \$20.00 each \$ _____

SATURDAY BANQUET _____(NUMBER) @\$30.00 each \$ _____

TOTAL TO BE MAILED \$ _____

Ladies tour on Saturday morning will be gratis. Lunch will be at a local restaurant in and will order from the menu, [Dutch treat] Number attending ladies event _____.

We will be reserving a room at a local seafood restaurant for Friday evening arrivals by 6 pm. Please reserve spaces for _____persons for me. "Dutch treat, order from menu."

Note: There will be no refunds for food or registration after July 23, 2009. **The hotel has a 24 hour cancellation requirement.** If you plan to go on the historical tour you must make reservations on that sheet separately. We plan to leave at 7:45 a.m. for the tour and you should make your hotel reservations accordingly.

DON'T MISS ORDERING YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE BLACK POWDER GUNS—SEE PAGE 6

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Ambassador to Spain, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008
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Speaker & Chairman, TXSSAR Gen'l Seminar, 2002
Genealogy Editor, *The Texas Compatriot*, 1999, 2000
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Founder of two chapters
President, San Antonio chapter; chapter genealogist
Chairman, 2007 TXXAR Convention Genealogy Seminar

AWARDS

Minuteman Award / War Service Medal
Patriot Medal
Silver Distinguished Service Medal
Silver State President's Medal
Meritorious Service Medal (state, national, & chapter)
Sam Adams Bronze Congress Medal
Liberty Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters
Law Enforcement Commendation Medal
Silver Good Citizenship Medal
Bronze Good Citizenship Medal (two awards)
TXSSAR Society Silver State Service Medal (two)
TXSSAR Society Bronze Chapter Service Medal
Color Guard Silver and Bronze Medals
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From the Editor

This second issue was a challenge and thanks to all of you that have sending your pictures and articles of chapter awards presentations and chapter events. With our space of sixteen pages, it not possible to use all that was sent, but please continue sending your pictures and articles. We want the *Texas Compatriot* Newsletter to represent of all of Texas.

The passing Willie Walker was a shock. We will miss him in so many ways—his smile, his enthusiasm and his joy of life. It will be the last issue using his pictures from our state meetings. He mailed me a disc of his Nacogdoches photos (200 in all) only a few days before, enjoy these throughout the newsletter.

Reading this issue, you will see in our President message a plea for all of you to opt going to the Texas Web Site to view or print *The Texas Compatriot*. There is an article by Web Master Ray Cox on how to do this. There is little expense for the Editor to get the

Compatriot ready, but the cost of printing and mailing is very expensive..

I'll be traveling to the National Congress this summer in Atlanta and hope to bring back articles and photos of the Texans who attend, especially of the Texas President General candidate Judge Ed Butler.

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Individuals who give \$500 to the Patriots Fund receive the Alexander Hamilton lapel pin. Individuals donating \$1,000 will earn the Alexander Hamilton Medal. Recognition will be given at the Annual Meeting in March.

There is a new form for the submission of Patriot Fund Donations. It can be found at the following location on the web: www.txssar.org/Donations.pdf

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