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TXSSAR President
James T. Jones, Jr.

Upcoming Events

*George Washington Parade—
Laredo
19 February 2011*

*Spring Leadership—Louisville, KY
10-12 March 2011*

*TXSSAR Annual Convention—
Dallas
25—27 March 2011*

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President's Message: I want to thank each of you for the opportunity to serve as your President this year. Dianne and I have met many wonderful people during our Chapter visits and other activities. The Chapters are the life blood of the SAR. They inspire and inform the community; provide recognition for public service; honor, respect, and support veterans and our troops; and sponsor Youth and American History Teacher contests. One of the highlights of our travels was to accompany members of the Denton, Plano, and McKinney Chapters to the Dallas Ft Worth airport to welcome home 240 of our finest troops from the Middle East on January 12, 2011.

At the Fall BOM, I mentioned the challenge issued by the SAR Foundation for each chapter to donate \$500 to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. I am pleased to announce 12 Chapters have responded to the challenge to date and their Chapter names are listed elsewhere in this issue of the Compatriot. Some of the Chapters had sufficient money in their accounts to fund the donation while others passed the hat. THANKS to each Chapter who met the challenge and I look forward to \$500 donations from additional Chapters. It is time to move to Phase II, and complete the construction of the Museum.

Thanks to the Chapters who presented Flag Certificates and to Art Munford and Don Stone for encouraging their presentations. My last count was 31 Chapters presented at least one Flag certificate which qualifies the Texas Society for the Furlong Award.

This year all first place Youth award winners (CAR Essay, Knight Essay, Oration, Eagle Scout, and JROTC Enhanced) will receive a \$1,500 scholarship, which provides equal recognition to each Youth contest. In addition, each first place winner will be invited to attend the Youth Awards Luncheon at the State Convention, so we can recognize all of our first place winners. The Outstanding American History Teacher will receive a Freedoms Foundation trip this year unless he/she wins the Na-

tional Tom and Betty Lawrence Award, and then the winner will receive a \$1,500 United States Savings Bond. I have asked State Treasurer Peter McLellan to have the scholarship forms, letters of instruction, and mileage checks prepared for presentation to the first place winners at the Youth Awards Luncheon. The Chapters, Committee and Sub Committee Chairs are to be commended for their work this year to identify, select, and recognize outstanding Youth and an American History Teacher.

This year Color Guard members from the Amb Fletcher Warren, Denton, East Fork Trinity, McKinney, and Plano Chapters have honored the memory of those killed in action from the Dallas and surrounding counties by providing an Honor Guard for their funerals in Color Guard uniforms. On January 14, 2011, seven Color Guard members from the above chapters provided an Honor Guard for funeral of two Viet Nam MIA's at DFW National Cemetery. Thanks guys for your dedication to honoring our fallen heroes.

This has been a wonderful year for Dianne and I. We would like to especially thank Vic and Shannon Smith; Bob and Kim Clark; George and Judy West; Tim and Carolyn West; Jim and Maxine Heath; Art and Sunny Hall; and Ed and Robin Butler for hosting us during our Chapter visits. All were gracious hosts and hostesses who provided us the opportunity to learn more about them as individuals as well as SAR Compatriots. In addition Bill Holcombe provided transportation while I was in El Paso, and he discussed the changes in El Paso including the expansion of Fort Bliss. We can not say enough about the support received from Larry and Barbara Stevens this year. They traveled with us to several Chapters, the National Congress, and the Fall Leadership Meeting and they provided tremendous support and advice during our Presidential year.

God Bless each of you and thanks for a wonderful year.

James T. Jones, Jr.
TXSSAR President

October 29 – 31, 2010
BOM— Hilton Westchase

The Robert Rankin Chapter of Houston hosted the TXSSAR BOM at the Westchase Hilton. The hotel, familiar from our state conference was a comfortable setting. Our banquet speaker was Dr. Robert Ivany, Maj Gen, Ret, and President of St. Thomas University. The chapter had a silent auction which featured anything one could imagine. Pre-meeting activities featured a panel discussion with authors Judge Ed Butler and Tom Meinecke moderated by Doc Rice.

Some items covered in the meeting are given below. For a full text of the proceedings please see the minutes of the meeting and the committee reports which are posted on the TXSSAR website.

October 30th at 8:00, Steve Lee President of the Council of Chapter Presidents, welcomed those present. Ray Cox was the first presenter and discussed the TXSSAR Website. Ray requested that committee chairs go to the private site and look at committee chairs and update any changes. If you change your e-mail, you can make this change on our web. There is a form on line to use for notifying. Please send this change to Ray Cox and Bob Cohen so they can update your e-mail address in our records.

Stephen Rohrbough, Chairman of the Awards and Medals Committee, discussed our youth awards and a Valley Forge trip for a Texas History Teacher winner. First place youth award scholarships -- Eagle Scout, Essay, JROTC, CAR and Oration – have all been standardized at \$1500 each. This resolves the disparity in the previously awarded amounts and will begin at the March 2011 State Convention. The American History teacher award winner receives a \$1500 bond or a trip to the Freedom Foundation Graduate Workshop in Valley Forge, PA. Details of all TXSSAR Awards are posted on our Website. Stephen said if you submit an Americanism Report with the Annual Report please send it through TXSSAR. If you send the report directly to NSSAR they have to revise the submission

Steve Lee introduced Ed Raines, Robert Rankin Chapter, who expressed grave concerns about the changes in teaching children in the 1st thru 5th grades, that the Texas state School Board has determined that Social Studies is less important than the students passing the required TEKS test. He said that Social Studies will be taught in English classes by English teachers. More information can be found on the Texas Site.

The State Board of Education (SBOE) has legislative authority to adopt the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for each subject of the required curriculum. SBOE members nominated educators, parents, business and industry representatives, and employers to serve on the review committees; for social studies please see: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=3643> The new testing may be found at: http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index3.aspx?id=3318&menu_id=793

Russell Dart discussed Chapter Contests and the criteria used to determine what chapter competes in which group based on size. He said there are 16 TXSSAR chapters with 1 to 25 members, 16 chapters with 26 to 39 members, 10 chapters with 40 to 100 members and that there are 6 chapters with 101 or more members. Russell suggests our awards grouping by chapter size; such as scrapbooks i.e., should be changed. Most of the chapters or all of the small chapters currently fall into one award group. The group change was approved in the general session.

Russell led a discussion for TXSSAR to recommend that SAR have a Medal for 911 operators. A drawing of a medal and a case proposing the medal must be written and submitted to the Nat'l Awards Committee.

During the general session, President Jim Jones gave the Executive Committee report discussing Nat'l Officer endorsements and that there only two contested positions, Treasurer and Genealogist. Members present voted to support all of the unopposed candidates for National offices and to give a TXSSAR endorsement to Joe Dooley for Treasurer and Larry Cornwall from Alabama for Genealogist.

David Jones, president of the host Robert Rankin chapter, reported on the BOM. There were 76 members registered, 84 people attended the youth luncheon and 113 were seated at the banquet. He also announced that the Robert Rankin Chapter is happy to report a donation of \$2000 to the Patriot Fund from the proceeds of the meeting.

President Jim Jones presented Robert Rankin member Tom Jackson the Meritorious Service Medal for his work setting up a very successful BOM and for his work on the state level.

President Jones awarded the Texas Silver Service Medal to David Jones, Patrick Kerr, and Stephen Tanner for their hard work helping organize and supervise this BOM.

President Jim Jones reported that the Executive Committee discussed submitting a bid for the 2016 National Congress to be held in Houston. A committee to draft the proposal and work out details was formed. Proposed members were Chaired by Tom Lawrence are Steve Lee, John Thompson, William Marrs, Larry Stevens, Sam Massey, George Harcourt, Allan Henshaw and Tom Jackson. Members voted to proceed with this proposal.

Former Presidents Committee Chair Jim Heath discussed his committees proposed changes in the language of Article 17, Section 6 and 7 concerning youth members. The proposed changes were adopted. See BOM meetings minutes

Genealogy Committee, Gerald Irion reminded members that DAR Applications were available on line.

Nomination Committee Chairman Tom Lawrence said there would be a nominating workshop at the state convention Friday afternoon, March 25, 2011. The list of candidates for our state offices would be finalized and presented at the confer-

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Board of Management Business is Conducted...



Tom Jackson, Robt Rankin, BOM Host, at the reservation table Friday afternoon.



Chairman Steve Lee opening the Council of Chapter Presidents meeting Saturday



Edwin Raines, at the CCP, discusses American History dilemma in Texas Schools



George Harcourt, State Meetings Committee, leads a discussion on future events locations



Art Munford at CCP reports on Eagle Scout Jamboree and Public Service awards



Judge Butler, Don Rice and Tom Meinecke after the Authors Panel Discussion Friday.



Stephen Rohrbough, at the CCP, discusses American History Teacher contests, youth contests and the Annual Report



Charles Luna, at CCP, talks about major corporate grants for our programs . He has been very successful in obtaining grant monies.



Russell Dart, at CCP, discusses proposal for chapter awards, a realignment based on the number of members

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ence. He requested that the Districts send their nominations for Dist VP to him.

Chairman Jim Heath, Patriot Funds Trustees, said our investments are doing well, but donations are still needed to support our programs.

JROTC Chairman John Thompson reported that high school JROTC programs are losing some of their funding. This will undoubtedly result in fewer programs started and impact on those high schools with programs currently.

State Meeting George Harcourt reported 2011 meeting schedules: The state convention will be in Dallas March 25 – 27th, the Summer BOM in North Houston hosted by the Freedom Chapter, and the Fall BOM in Galveston. The 2012 State meeting will be in San Antonio.

Veteran Rev. James Taylor asked chapters to report their activities on the Stark and Westmoreland report, and to make special efforts to recognize our WWII Veterans in your area.

President Elect William Marrs proposed that Harry H. Burnhan and John Bannister be elected as Emeritus members. The proposal passed unanimously.



BOM: Compatriot John Beard, PineyWoods Chapter, is presented the Meritorious Service Medal and Certificate by President Jones for his work on the TXSSAR Sarbanes/Oxley compliance



Thomas A. Jackson receives the Alexander Hamilton medal from Charles Luna, Chairman Patriot Fund Committee.



Saturday night banquet: Dr. Robert Ivany, Major General, US Army Ret., President of St. Thomas University, Keynote Speaker.



Tom Jackson receives Meritorious Service Medal from TXSSAR President James T. Jones



Bobby Smith, with luncheon speaker M. H. Hank Schmidt, Mayor Pro Tem of Katy, who was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.



Luncheon Pledge to the US Flag



The Saturday luncheon honored area firefighters. Local chapters made their Fire Service Award presentations at lunch.



Pat Kerr and Wendel Edwards, Wendel won a door prize

Pat Kerr, David Jones, Stephen Tanner receive the Texas Silver Service Medal from TXSSAR President James T. Jones, Jr.

TXSSAR Recognizes Chilean Miracle Driller

Houston, December 1: Robert Rankin Chapter President Bobby Smith arranged a luncheon meeting to honor Texas hero Greg Hall. The TXSSAR delegation honoring Mr. Hall included President James T. Jones, Bobby Smith, Theron Russell of the Robert Rankin Chapter and TXSSAR Historian and Compatriot Editor Larry Stevens. Mr. Hall was presented with the Silver Good Citizenship Medal for his leadership in the Chilean Mine recovery effort.

Greg Hall served as the Chilean Mine Rescue Team Leader in the successful extraction of the 33 trapped miners. A very humble person, Greg played down his role stating it was a big team effort, similar to the Apollo 13 rescue, where a bunch of engineers with slide rules and duct tape, helped the Apollo 13 crew to safety.

Gregory E. “Greg” Hall a Texas A&M Engineer who has been drilling for oil since graduating was haunted by the situation. The mine collapsed on August 5, 2010, and authorities were projecting best case recovery would be December of 2010. Mr. Hall, the owner of Driller Supply International, a company with a Chilean subsidiary, was at one of his job sites there when first called. After working out details of an alternative plan, dubbed Plan B, he was able to convince authorities it was the best course of action. He loaded the needed pipe and other materials and headed for the mine.

After 17 days of drilling, a returned exploratory bit had a note attached from the 33 trapped miners. Believing they would discover a way out and his job through, he and his team packed up and left. After a week it became apparent all escape routes were blocked, so Greg located local two rigs minimally capable of drilling a large enough duct. He was very concerned that by adding the required power the vibration of such a large drill could cause another landslide in the mine. Through a friend, Greg contacted representative of Central Rock a manufacturing company in Pennsylvania. They felt their specialized down-the-hole drilling hammers could do the job. Greg put together his “Plan B” team, contacted the Chilean government, and he and the team headed back to the mine. Greg said he knew this would be a high profile, high pressure job, “We were drilling for people, and not for gold.” Knowing the problems they faced, he challenged his team asking what you would do if it was your son trapped. Drilling was even more difficult than envisioned. The hardness of the rock, the difficult drilling site, and the twists of the path made monitoring progress arduous. At one point they ingeniously crafted a device to extract a broken bit blocking the only path for a successful duct to the miners.

The drill bit became stuck twice, but the team was able to get enough “wobble room” to continue. Greg stopped drilling less than 2 feet from the shaft. Using the communication link established in the first small drilled hole, the miners were asked if they could hear the bit and if so, could they break through to it. He was afraid the vibration of

“breaking through” would cause another cave in. The trapped miners, with mining equipment in the shaft, completed removing the last two feet of the hole and moved more than 20 tons of slag away to finish the escape route.

Greg packed up his team and left the site before the first miner appeared from the depths on October 13, just 33 days after Greg’s team began drilling for the 33 miners. He said it was a day for the miners and their families. He and his crew watched the triumph from their homes and hotel rooms.

TXSSAR’s President James T. Jones presented Mr. Hall with the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal to recognize his unselfish willingness to sacrifice his time and money to rescue 33 miners trapped perilously 2300 feet below the surface of the earth.

Bobby Smith and Theron Russell presented Greg with the SAR Flag Certificate for properly displaying the US Flag at his company headquarters.



Pictured above: Bobby Smith, Greg Hall with Silver Good Citizenship Medal and James T. Jones



Bobby Smith awards Mr. Hall the Flag Certificate

Battleship Texas, San Jacinto Battle Ground, Houston, Texas; On November 10th members of the Texas Color Guard posted colors at what is becoming an annual event where new citizens were sworn in on the historic Battleship Texas. The 50 new citizens were from all over southeast Texas area. The group included several currently serving in the military of the USA.



The speaker for the event was Col. Danny F. Tilzey, of Ft. Hood, a “kind of emigrant,” American-born but reared in Liverpool, UK. He is pictured at left with the TXSSAR color guardsmen, (l-r) Tom Green, Larry Stevens, Stephen Tanner, John Thompson, Russell Dart, Pat Kerr and Ray Cox.



Galveston: The Bernardo de Galvez chapter again participated in the Dickens on the Strand Parade on the 4th of December.

This year joined by color guardsmen from other area chapters and their lovely ladies they marched and rode in a horse drawn carriage down the parade route.

Participants were: Pete Lenes, Pat Kerr, George Dersheimer, and Bill Whatley.

Vann’s Creek, GA:

The Saturday Dec, 4th fusil salute was memorable. During the commemorative ceremony the 120 celebrants all sat indoors on cushioned folding chairs at the Russell State Park center. The center overlooks the Van(n)s Creek watershed, Attendees heard Alabama Professor, Robert S. Davis re-account the 1779 Fight at Van(n)s Creek between the (600 or so) Tories and (60) patriots. Pictured center



from with the George Color Guard is TXSSAR Compatriot James Mitchell.whose ancetor is honored during the ceremony.

Madison, WI: The Texas and Wisconsin Societies combined to present A History of the American Flag program to the fourth/fifth grade classes at Crestwood Elementary School in Madison, Wisconsin. About 130 students were present during the three presentations as Aaron Krebs, Secretary of the Wisconsin Society and Victor Smith of the Texas Society's, Brazos Valley Chapter went through a series of historical flags and discussed a possible development for our nation's flag. They then discussed the influences of the First, Second and Third Flag Acts on our flag's development. Of course, they asked the question of the students: "Has the American flag always had thirteen stripes?"

The question and answer period proved to be most interesting as these students asked some very good questions about the flags, the uniforms, the Revolutionary War and Vic Smith's Texas accent.



Pictured: (l-r): Wisconsin Society Secretary Aaron Krebs; Brazos Valley Chapter Compatriot Victor Smith



Atascocita: December marks the wrap up of the study of the American Revolution in the Humble Independent School district. Schools in the area have been celebrating the end of studies with a "Spirit Day" or "Patriot Day". On this day every fifth grade student wears colonial attire, or at least their version of it.

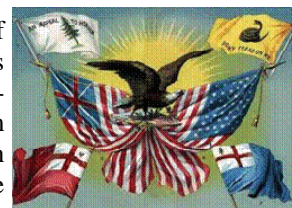
Spirit Day was the 10th of December at Eagle Springs Elementary. The morning started with a parade through the school corridors. The students then formed small groups and rotated through several classrooms. They learned candle making, sewing and other colonial crafts. Compatriot Larry Stevens, with his wife Barbara, have been presenting a program on Colonial Life at the Atascocita schools for several years. The program consists of foods, clothing, games, money and hunting. It is a great hands-on experience for the students. *Pictured at left Compatriot Stevens is explaining the use of black powder.*



Houston: On October 28, 2010 several Houston area color guardsman posted the colors at a naturalization ceremony for children. *Pictured above with the children George Dersheimer, John Thompson, Russell Dart, Don Stone, Tom Green, and Ray Cox. Not pictured photographer Larry Stevens*



Carrollton: On the 5th of November 2010, North Texas Chapters, Denton, McKinney, & Plano gave a program “Other flags of the American Revolutionary War” to the 5th graders at Carrollton Christian Academy. The students learned the background and use of many of the most popular flags in service during the Revolutionary War.



Attending were the following compatriots: Dan Reed, President Denton, Dennis DeAtley, Plano, Howard Roach, Plano, Don Sielert, President McKinney, and Drake Peddie, President Plano.

Athens: The Chapter celebrated its annual Constitution Week dinner meeting with a noted speaker, Lloyd Bochstuck, and awards presentations. Awards and recognition went to the following:

Reverend Dr. Joe Warren, pastor of First Presbyterian Church Athens, received the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate for his service to his church and his leadership positions among several Henderson County organizations.

John S. Rogers, Colonel, USAF (Ret), chapter member, Trinidad, received the SAR War Service Medal and Certificate, honoring his 26-year military career and distinguished recognition while serving in Vietnam and S.E. Asia.

Jean Ann Ables-Flatt, Terrell, member of the Sarah Maples Chapter Mabank, NSDAR, received the SAR Medal of Appreciation and Certificate for her support of the SAR Athens Chapter. She was also honored for her many contributions to genealogy, her service on the Kaufman County and Texas Historical Commissions, and her volunteer service to the Hulsey Public Library, Terrell.

“Skip” Gustafson, chapter president and Sam Whitten, chapter secretary/treasurer, also received Certificates of Appreciation for five year and 15-year memberships, respectively.



Pictured above: ,L-R Gustafson, Rogers, Ables-Flatt, Bockstruck, Warren, Whitten & Hall.

Plano: Very early on the morning of the 12th of January at Dallas/ Fort Worth airport Compatriots, Bob Flagg (Plano & Denton) Dan Reed (Plano, Denton, McKinney), Don Sielert (McKinney & Plano), Drake Peddie (Plano) were joined by TXSSAR President James T. Jones to welcome troops returning home from war. Also present were wives Ann Sielert and Dianne Jones, clicking photos and cheering. Over 240 men and women returning from the Middle East were greeted by SAR, Veteran’s groups and other well wishers.



Pictured left: Dan Reed and James T. Jones welcoming troops.



Pictured above: Bob Flagg, Dan Reed, James Jones, Don Sielert and Drake Peddie

Athens: Jeremy Latimer, Athens Fire Department firefighter, was the 2010 Heroism Award recipient from Athens Chapter. The medal and certificate was presented to him during an awards ceremony at the fire department central location recently by chapter secretary/treasurer Sam Whitten, assisted by chapter photographer Wayne Stafford, and attended by several of Latimer's peers.

Earlier this year Latimer, and some of his fellow firemen, responded to a call about a partially submerged vehicle in west Athens, in which Herman Rogers was trapped. Jeremy went into the cold, deep and rapid current, and was able to pull Rogers through a window of the vehicle.

Pictured in the group (l-r): Compatriot Whitten, Brian McCawley, Latimer, Brian Davis, Chris Malouf, .



Nacogdoches: Alan Russell received the EMS Medal and Certificate from Joe Allport on October 9th at the Appleby Fire Department. Alan has been employed by the Nacogdoches County EMS for 20 years. He currently is a Paramedic/Shift Supervisor. He has also been a Medical Specialist in the Texas Task Force-1 Urban Search and Rescue organization for 5 years, and for the past year has worked as a Firefighter-Paramedic on the day crew of the Appleby Fire Department. He is also a Level 2 Fire Instructor at Angelina College Fire Academy. See photo left: Joe Allport and Alan Russell.



Brian Walker received the Fire Safety Medal and Certificate from Joe Allport on October 9th at the Appleby fire Department. Brian has been a Firefighter-Chauffeur and Emergency Care Attendant with the Appleby Fire Department since January 2008. He is also an Assistant Safety Officer. He has been an inspiration to everyone in the Appleby Fire Department and the community as well. He is truly dedicated and there are few people who arrive with their sleeves rolled up ready to go to work, or get out of bed at all hours of the night to respond to emergencies with no complaints. Brian Walker has no equal when it comes to saving lives or protecting property.

Pictured above Joe Allport presenting award to Brian Walker.



Fireman Adam Carlan, and wife with PineyWoods President Ray Cox. PineyWoods Chapter sponsored the Fire Service Medal which was awarded at the Fall BOM .

Galveston: The Bernardo de Galvez Chapter presented Boy Scout Chase Bossert the Heroism Medal and Certificate at a recent chapter meeting. Chase saved the life of a fellow student at Ball High School in Galveston at lunch time when he performed the Heimlich maneuver after he noticed the student was choking and turning blue. He was cited for his bravery and quick thinking



Tyler: TXXSAR President James T. Jones and his wife Dianne attended the September meeting of the Capt. William Barron chapter. President Jones spoke on "Faith of Our Fathers."

At this meeting the chapter presented the Fire Safety Certificate and Medal to Captain Jeff Egan, of the Tyler FD. The chapter also presented the Distinguished Service Award to the Tyler Fire Department Chief Neal Franklin.

Pictured at right: 2nd VP Matthew Lee, Chief Franklin, Captain Egan and Chapter President Tim West



Denton: The Denton Chapter presented the War Service Medal to Compatriot Capt. Dale Bruce Dareing for his service in the "Global War on Terrorism" at the Chapter meeting on Saturday Sept 25, 2010 in Denton at their regular meeting place of the Good Samaritan Village Chapel. Capt Dareing is the son of Compatriot Billy & Dorothy Dareing.



Pictured (l-r): John Greer, Dan Reed, Chris Strauss, Dennis DeAtley, Jim Johnson, Bruce Dareing, Bob Flagg, Don Sielert, Howard Roach



Fireman Gerold Koenning receiving fire safety medal from Russell Dart, Cradle of Texas. This award was part of a larger ceremony at the Fall BOM luncheon. It was hoped that this would inspire other chapters to recognize the men and women who keep us safe.

The Brazos Valley Chapter was well represented at the Elizabeth Crockett Chapter's, DAR Christmas Luncheon. The Brazos Valley Chapter was again honored to participate in the collection of toys for this excellent project. This annual event, sponsored by the Elizabeth Crockett Chapter resulted in the chapter presenting toys, large and small including a bicycle. In addition, Brazos Valley Chapter President Thomas Ward presented a check from the chapter in the amount of \$225, donated by chapter members to support this outstanding effort.



Pictured: Brazos Valley Chapter President Thomas Ward and Elizabeth Crockett Chapter Regent Kathy Hanlon

Fall Leadership and Library Dedication

Louisville, Ky: The September Leadership Meeting was well attended by TXSSAR. It featured the dedication of the new Center for Advancement of America's Heritage Library (see photos at right). Attending from Texas: TXSSAR President James T. Jones and his wife Dianne, Wm and Sylvia Marrs, Mike Radcliff, Bob Northcraft, Steve and Anna Lee, Larry and Barbara Stevens, Ron and Conni Barker, President General Ed Butler and Robin, Jim and Pat Taylor, Jim Mitchell, Art Munford, Harry and Susanne Fife, Tom Green, and Tom Lawrence.

As one can see from the photos the library is a beautifully designed space which will be finished with furniture purchased from donations from members and chapters. Donations are still needed to complete the library



TXSSAR President Jim Jones and Bob Northcraft



Jim Mitchell and Art Munford



Mike Radcliff, Joe Dooley and Bob Northcraft



Donations Needed

The Library construction has reached a stage where one can touch and smell the progress. With it comes success in other ways. The Smithsonian is considering loaning Revolutionary War artifacts for display. NSSAR is building on its success. But, to realize this dream our future corporate and foundation donors need to see a commitment from the membership. Monetary donations from the membership demonstrate this commitment. Please consider giving if you have not.

To date we have received a donation of \$500 or more to the SAR Foundation from the following TXSSAR Chapters:

- Cradle of Texas
- Dallas
- Heart of Texas
- Independence
- McKinney
- Patrick Henry
- Paul Carrington
- Paul Revere
- PineyWoods
- Plano
- Robert Rankin
- San Antonio



Fall BOM: Contributions to Center for Advancing America’s Heritage: Above left: Don Stone, Color Guard Cmdr, with President Jones and banner awarded TXSSAR for donations to the CAAH. Middle and right: TXSSAR Treasurer Peter McLellan gladly accepts checks of \$500 from Drake Peddie, Plano Chapter (center above) and Raymond Cox, PineyWoods Chapter (above right) to be sent to the NSSAR for the Center for Advancing America’s Heritage (CAAH).



Greenville: On November 9th Wendell Edwards, President of the Ambassador Fletcher Warren Chapter and John Greer presented Mayor Tom Oliver and City Manager Steven Alexander with a Flag Certification in appreciation for flying the flag in front of the Municipal Building in the proper fashion.

Fall BOM: Lawrence Casey, Paul Revere Chapter, is presented a Certificate of Recognition from President Jones for support of the CAAH.



Fall BOM: Fireman Anastacio Urbina Jr., was presented with the Fire Safety Award by the Bernardo de Galvez chapter of Gaveston. Pictured here Urbina, with his wife and daughter, George Dersheimer, Pete Lenes



Galveston: On January 5, 2011 members of the Texas Color Guard posted the colors for the International Bee Keepers convention at the Galveston Civic Center opening ceremony, carrying the US Flag and the Canadian Flag. Larry Stevens, Bill Whatley, Raymond Cox, George Dersheimer, Tom Green and Jim Mitchell.



Pictured: l-r Pat Kerr, Taylor and Chase Krumholz, George Der-sheimer, Jim Mitchell in the background

Galveston: At the November meeting the Bernardo de Galvez chapter proudly presented Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates to Taylor and Chase Krumholz. They were also presented with Outstanding Citizenship Pins and Certificates. Both scouts plan to participate in the TXSSAR Eagle Scout completion. Their proud parents, Richard and Betty Krumholz, were in attendance.



Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery October 23, 2010: Members of the Plano Chapter # 37 Color Guard provided an honor guard at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery for the funeral of fallen soldier SSGT Carlos Benitez who was killed in action in Afghanistan on October 14, 2010. SSGT Benitez had served two tours in Iraq and was stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado before being deployed to Afghanistan. Color Guard members are (l – r) Compatriots Drake Peddie, Robert Hall, Dennis DeAtley and Bob Flagg.



TXSSAR President James T. Jones attended a combined meeting of the Plano and Denton chapters in January. He is pictured above with members: Left to right Don Sielert, Treasurer: Don Bush, VP Programs: Dan Reed, Secretary: Bob Flagg, VP Community Relations: Howard Taylor, VP Veterans Affairs: Bill Neisel, DAR Liaison: Ned LaRowe, Chaplain, Charles Sprague, Registrar: David Pickett, VP School Activities: Jim Flack, Sgt. at Arms: Robert Hall, VP Medal & Awards: Howard Roach, President 2011, Drake Peddie, Past President & Webmaster: James T. Jones, TXSSAR President: & Mike Flagg, Historian & Eagle Scout Coordinator.



In Memorium—2010 Compatriots

- Cradle of Texas (#33):** Garvin H. Germany, Jr.
- Dallas (#2):** Grady L. Fairbairn, Henry C. Goldwire, Bert W. Huls, Randall B. Jones and Spencer C. Relyea
- Heart of Texas (#26):** Dr. Walter A. Lea, Jr.
- Hill Country (#31):** John S. Hutchins, Keith L. Johnston and Gerald A. Wikle
- Laredo (#61):** James V. Proffitt, Jr.
- Liberty (#42):** Eugene A. Thalman
- Panhandle Plains (#10):** Dr. Hal G. Riddle
- Patrick Henry (#11):** George L. Finch and Ernest W. Walker
- Plano (#37):** John B. Johnson, Jr. and Lt. Col C. Judson Shook, Jr
- Robert Rankin (#62):** Richard G. Shanks
- San Antonio (#4):** Lt Cdr Paul W. Adams, Jr., Col Perry H. Burnham, and Lt Col Lester R. Dillon, Jr.
- Texas Tech (#15):** Dr. R. Preston Shaw, MD
- William Hightower (#35):** John L. Harper



Salado: TXSSAR President James T. Jones, Jr and his wife Dianne attended the January meeting of the Heart of Texas chapter. President Jones installed the new chapter officers and a new member Bert Pope. The meeting was followed by a luncheon in the old Stagecoach Inn.

Members present are pictured above: Front: l to r - Dr. David Yeilding, Larry Peik, Sam Farrow (immediate Past Pres.), Ron Walcik (Chap Pres,) Milton Lentz, William Marrs. Back row: l to r - William Ashmore, Harley Gordon, Darrell York, Duryl Bailey, Mike Miller, Robert Berry, Dr. Lee Baldwin, Dan Conn.

TXSSAR Annual Conference

Hosted by the Dallas Chapter

Date: 25—27 March, 2011

Hotel:

Sheraton DFW Airport Hotel

4440 West John Carpenter Freeway. Irving, TX 75063

Group rate available until March 14, 2011. Subject to Availability.

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=1101106525&key=724B1>

Activities:

Genealogy Seminar—Thursday Afternoon

Ladies— Trip to the Dallas Arboretum - Friday

More details and registration form will be available on TXSSAR website.

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From the Editor: One of the nicer jobs of being editor is getting to meet interesting people. When Bobby Smith, Robert Rankin chapter, arranged a meeting with Greg Hall, the man who headed up the rescue drilling team, I was thrilled. Greg Hall is a very humble person, a Christian, and very well spoken. I told him the problems encountered and the solutions the team came up with reminded me of the movie Apollo 13. I asked him if he had seen the movie, and he said it was one of his favorite films with the innovative NASA Engineers. He said they had the same kind of problems. Even though I was surrounded by four Aggie graduates, Greg Hall, Bobby Smith, Jim Jones, and Theron Russell, I had a great lunch celebrating a real American hero.

Along with other Texans and some of our spouses, I was at the dedication of the new SAR Library in Louisville. It is very impressive and well done. Jim and Dianne Jones, Barbara and I toured the new Genealogist quarters with SAR Genealogists Deborah Andrews. Debbie discussed their work and storage space. The larger of the two side by side properties purchased by SAR still needs to be built out. The old plank sub floor, walls, etc., still need major renovations. This building is the second phase plan. It is a cavernous space and will adequately accommodate our needs for years once completed. Please become a donor to help finish this project.

As your TXSSAR Historian, I am still collecting bios from officers and chapter profiles and pictures. The sad part is that I am missing reports from

many. If you have not responded, please take some time and e-mail or mail these to me.

There is still time.

Circulation of the newsletter to all members is important. Please provide your e-mail address to our State Sec. Bob Cohen. If a member does not have e-mail address, please provide their mailing address to Bob.

Please, continue to send me your chapter activities with stories and pictures

Larry Stevens

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Compatriots are reminded that donations to the Patriots Fund in any amount are always welcome and are tax deductible as allowed for a 501(c) (3) organization. Remember that this fund supports all of our youth programs and contests. This includes the following: Knight Essay, Poster, CAR Essay, Eagle Scout, Oration, Junior ROTC and the American History Teacher Awards.

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