



The Texas Compatriot

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**TXSSAR President
Thomas Lawrence**

There are three issues I would like to talk about in this article; the Youth and Public Service programs, the Patriot's Fund and the *Compatriot*. We are entering the season when chapters should be conducting Youth Programs such as oration contests, essay contests, eagle scout essay contests and JROTC essay contests. Although an oration contest may require a little more effort, the other essay contests do not require much time and once a chapter gets a program started with a school it becomes much easier each year to keep it going. Please contact your high schools and talk to them about a partnership between the school and your chapter to sponsor these important contests that teach our youth about our heritage and patriotism.

Equally important are our Public Service programs where a chapter awards a law enforcement medal, fire safety medal, EMS medal and a heroism medal. Our public servants work very hard for us and are generally rewarded with low salaries and little thanks from those they try to serve and protect. This is a wonderful opportunity for your chapter to recognize and honor those who dedicate their careers to serving us. These are about as easy to award as a flag certificate and will mean a lot to the recipient and their co-workers.

In the past we have had to advertise the awards for our Youth Programs before we knew how much money our investments would earn and we would have available. In years where the market has risen it was not much of a gamble but last year when the market fell we ended up guessing wrong and were barely able to meet our promises to our contestants. I appointed a task force chaired by President-elect Jim Jones to solve this problem and they came up with a plan. Their solution will require us to use the proceeds from our investments in 2009 to pay the awards in 2011, instead of 2010 when we would normally use those proceeds. This means we will have to scramble to pay for the awards in 2010 through other means. When the dues notices go out we always have a form for members to select how they want their donation to be credited. Most just designate it for the general Patriot's Fund but some designate it for the current year ex-

penses or specific programs. This year we are asking that when the dues notices come out that members designate their Patriot's Fund donations for the current year expenses. This will allow us to pay for the 2009 contests when the awards are due to be paid at the March 2010 state convention. The 2011 awards for the 2010 contest year will be paid by the Patriot's Fund proceeds as in the past. This will allow us to operate in a more businesslike manner in the future.

The last issue to discuss is the *Compatriot* newsletter. As you remember from the last issue we announced that we would not actually print and mail out any issues unless the member notified state secretary Bill Marrs that he wished to continue receiving his issue in the mail. All other members would be notified through the DADA e-mail program that the *Compatriot* was on the TXSSAR website, where the member could then access it and read it or even print it if desired. Although this new policy was announced in the last issue and at various state meetings, the response has been disappointing. Very few members have indicated they wanted the *Compatriot* mailed so fewer than 200 will receive issues in the mail. Also only about 600 members have signed up for DADA notification so those not signed up will not be notified as to when the new issue is on the website. This policy was reaffirmed by the Board of Managers at the recent meeting in Lake Jackson and is based on our need to cut the expense of continuing to print and mail issues versus the much lower cost of simply putting

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Upcoming Events

Fall Leadership (Trustees) Mtg
Louisville, KY—Sep 24-26, 2009
see NSSAR website for details

TXSSAR Fall BOM—Richardson,
TX Oct 30—Nov 1 - see page
15 registration forms

TXSSAR Annual Convention—
Westchase Hilton, Houston,
TX—March 26-28, 2010

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SAR just concluded a very ceremonial and successful groundbreaking for our new Genealogical Library. Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson proclaims "SAR Genealogical Library Day," August 25, 2009. He is pictured at right with President General Edward Butler during the ceremony.



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the issues on the website and notifying members it is available. Please take this opportunity to either notify Bill Marrs that you would like to receive the issue by mail, or sign up for the DADA program on the TXSSAR private website.

Please do three things, 1) establish Youth programs and Public Service awards in your chapter, 2) encourage

your members to donate to the Patriot's Fund for current year expenses, and 3) sign up for DADA or notify Bill Marrs that you want to receive your Compatriot in the mail. Thank you for your continued support of the Texas Society.

Tom Lawrence
TXSSAR President

Atlanta, July 4-8, 2009 National Congress:



It was a proud day indeed for all those TXSSAR compatriots and their ladies at the National Congress in Atlanta. That day, Judge Edward Butler was sworn in as the President General of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. For those that would like to see just a bit of the "TXSSAR" happening during the Congress see the special edition of the Compatriot posted on the

TXSSAR website. This edition contains President General Butler's speech, presentations from the Texas delegation and his home chapter of San Antonio, Texas individual, state and chapter awards, the Texas Reception and other events.

Pictured below are President General elect Judge Edward Butler and Robin as they enter the Wednesday banquet with Tom Green carrying the Texas flag and John Knox with the SAR flag.



Attendees also were proud to witness the installation of Texas State President Thomas Lawrence who was sworn in as the Vice President General of the International Division.



Tom and Mickey Jo Lawrence

In the youth awards category the Texas oration winner, Philip Hayes (pictured right), won first place in the national competition. He was sponsored by the Capt. William Barron chapter. His oration can be viewed on the TXSSAR website. It is a must see.



In other youth contests TXSSAR Enhanced JORTC winner placed second in the national competition. Another second place was awarded to the Texas poster contest



winner, Naail Bhai. Pictured left President-Elect James Jones with the second place award and poster.

There was a lot of good work done in the working sessions. Prolonged debates on a dues increase, increased application fees and other business issues added more than three hours to the scheduled time for the business meeting. **Visit the TXSSAR website for full issue from Atlanta Congress.**



George Washington Fund: Three new TXSSAR **George Washington Fellows** were recognized this year at the George Washington Fellows luncheon during the 119th Annual National Congress in Atlanta Georgia. They were Constance Barker [PineyWoods chapter], Peter T. Baron [San Antonio chapter] and Harry M. Fife, Jr. [Athens chapter]. Piney-Woods member Don Stallings also became a Fellow this Congress, he will be recognized in 2010.

To become a George Washington Fellow you must pledge \$1,000 to the George Washington Fund, but you do not have to pay the entire \$1,000 at one time. You can pledge \$200 per year for 5 years. Former TXSSAR President Tom Green is on the National George Washington Fund Raising Commit-

tee and encourages all our Texas Society members, as well as their wives to become a George Washington Fellows. The income derived from the GWF enables many of the National programs to exist. Please consider becoming a George Washington Fellow and talk to Tom Green about making your contribution.

Pictured: Harry Fife former TXSSAR president, presents his annual pledge to National Director of Finance Craig Johnson and Tom Green.



Dues and Fees for Applications: Two significant actions taken at the National Congress in Atlanta that affects all members were an increase in the dues effective Nov. 1, 2009 and application fees effective Jan.1, 2010. While the increase in National dues is just \$5 and not an issue for most states, it is significant for Texas. TXSSAR pays the national dues for 344 of 367 Perpetual Members as a part of their perpetual membership. There are 25 of the 367 who also have a National Lifetime membership, this means National dues are not required from TXSSAR.

The \$5.00 increase will appear on the next annual dues notice. Dues for most chapters will be \$52 instead of \$47, ex-

cept for those chapters with dues different than \$9.50

There are significant changes in application fees. National New Member Application Fees were increased by \$20. These changes are presented in the table below. In a move to absorb the increase in dues and other costs TXSSAR increased its state and chapter application fees also. This increase was \$32. All applications mailed to our State Registrars MUST be postmarked before 1 November 2009 for the old fees and dues to apply. All applications received after that date will require the new fees and dues.

New Member Application

NSSAR	\$110
TXSSAR	\$44
Chapter	\$16
Total	\$170

New Family Membership Applications

NSSAR (1st applicant)	\$110
NSSAR (2+ applicants)	\$60
TXSSAR	\$44
Chapter	\$16
1st Applicant Total	\$170
2+ Applicant(s) Total	\$120

Family plan requires same lineage/patriot for all applicants

New Member—Son of DAR, SAR, SR (aged 18<25)

NSSAR	\$60
TXSSAR	\$44
Chapter	\$16
Total	\$120

Youth Registrant or Junior Member for

Son, Grandson of SAR, DAR, SR <18

	Youth	Junior
NSSAR	\$30	\$40
TXSSAR	\$32	\$32
Chapter	\$6	\$6
Total	\$68	\$78

New Member from CAR Transfer

NSSAR	\$30
TXSSAR	\$44
Chapter	\$16
Total	\$90

Supplemental Applications

NSSAR	\$40
TXSSAR	\$32
Chapter	\$6
Total	\$78

South Central District Meeting

The Texas society hosted the August 21-22, 2009 South Central District Annual Meeting in Irving, Texas. The South Central District [SCD] is a five state area; Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. The meeting is a forum to disseminate the business of SAR, such as, changes in dues and fees, construction of the new SAR Center for American Heritage, and genealogical activity reports. It is also the place where those seeking national offices come to announce their candidacy and talk of their plans for the office. Those announcing their intentions at this meeting were the following compatriots: President General Edward Butler—SAR Foundation Board; TXSSAR President and VP General-International District Tom Lawrence—Chancellor General; Genealogist General Joe Dooley for another term as Genealogist General; Treasurer General Larry

Magerkurth—Secretary General; Secretary General David Sympson—President General; FLSAR Lindsey Brock — Registrar General; KSSAR Barnett “Barney” Ellis for SAR Foundation Board.

Franklin Appl VP General SCD convened the meeting at dinner on Friday, welcoming all. Past TXSSAR President Harry Fife was elected VP General SCD at this meeting.

President General Ed Butler, our key note speaker, asked all to have fun with the SAR and help the organization grow and be strong. Parting, he asked all who could, to come on the SAR trip to Spain.



The ladies meeting included a presentation by Suzanne Fife (pictured above) on the “Women of the American Revolution.”

VP General SCD Frank Appl presents the SAR Medal of Appreciation to Linda Edwards (see photo below right) for the excellent programs she put together for the meeting. Also as a part of the women’s meeting was the collection of personal items for a Veterans Hospital in Bonham and signing over 200 Thank You cards for veterans.

George Harcourt, State Meeting Chairman, coordinated a wonderful meeting and received the Meritorious Service Medal award from SCD VPG Appl (pictured below)



Lake Jackson BOM—Aug 1-2, 2009

Highlights of the business covered during the sessions are given below.

Patriots Fund – President Elect Jim Jones described the problem with the Patriot Fund financing of our youth programs. The state expense for awards, meals and travel for contestants and their guardians at Nacogdoches was more than the available funds. The economic problems of 2008 greatly decreased income levels of all TXSSAR investments. In practice youth awards, medals and scholarship prize amounts are established the year before they are awarded and donations and interest are collected. This practice led to the shortfall in 2009, where the total funds collected and realized from the Patriot Fund did not meet the expenses. The short fall at Nacogdoches was covered by the fund raising efforts of the Ladies Auxiliary and donations by the hosting chapters and individuals. Resolving this problem requires a bylaw change and President Elect Jones chairs the committee charged with resolving this problem. The Committee recommended the use of Patriot Fund income for 2009 to set the spending limits for youth program expenses in 2011. This will establish a practice of spending only what is actually on-hand. This however, does mean that the money for 2010 youth programs will have to come from donations especially designated for this purpose. The 2010 dues notice will contain a line for “Patriot Fund Expense”. Monies designated in this way will go to an account just for the 2010 Youth Program.

Newsletter – There are not funds available to mail the Compatriot.

The economic downturn has greatly affected investment income for the general fund. A motion was made and approved to discontinue general mailing of the Compatriot. Those that have an e-mail address on DADA and those that did not return the postcard requesting the Compatriot mailing will not receive a mailed copy. Only a little over 200 Texas compatriots returned the postcard.

Fee Committee – Bill Marrs read the Fee Committee report announcing the increase of \$5.00 in National Society dues and a \$20.00 increase in National Application Fees. Due to the increase costs incurred processing applications in Texas, the Fee Committee recommended an additional application fee increase of \$32.00 across the board. The motion passed unanimously. **A chart of the new application fees is presented on page 3.**

Color Guard Committee – The Texas request for its own Color Guard Medal was approved by National. The CG committee requested permission from the BOM to strike the medal and for permission to pay for the medals. Chairman Baron reported the color guard did not need additional funding for this project. The motion passed.

Archives Committee - Chairman Peter Baron asked that the committee be authorized to investigate feasibility of updating and reprinting Clovis Brakebill’s book regarding Revolutionary Patriots buried in Texas. TXSSAR is owner of the copyright. If an expenditure of funds is required, the Board of Managers must consider this action. The motion passed unanimously.



Left: Don Pugh accepting award from President Tom Lawrence

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Above: TXSSAR Chaplain Wendell Edwards as worship leader and below Compatriot Don Pugh as music leader conduct Sunday Morning Services.



Above: Ash Jackson, PG Butler, Allan Henshaw, Ray Cox, TXSSAR President Tom Lawrence and Tom Jackson



Top CG: D. Arnold, R. Barker, J. Thompson, T. Green, S. and F. Rohrbough
Bottom: Sylvia Marrs, Marty Cox, Dianne Jones, Tom and Mickey Jo Lawrence, Conni Barker and Barbara Stevens — the “Ladies in Burlap” — a long story



President Tom Lawrence presents the Texas Silver Service Medal to Ron Barker for his service to the JROTC program.

Lake Jackson BOM

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The BOM voted unanimously to accept the closure of the Mesquite chapter and the transfer of its assets to the East Trinity Chapter

The full minutes of this meeting will be posted on the Website.

A raffle of a rifle and pistol (\$2300), a chapter donation (\$500) and profits from the historic tour (\$1,500) resulted in a total donation of \$4,300 to the Patriot Fund Expenses account by the Cradle of Texas Chapter.

Lake Jackson Historical

Tour: For the second time SAR members and spouses were treated to a historical tour of the Lake Jackson area organized and scripted by Compatriot Don Pugh with the assistance of Compatriot Tom Green. The tour focused on the local plantations and sites where the Texas and Mexican Armies camped. Local historian and veterinarian Bob Schwebel also served a guide during portions of the program. This activity returned a \$1,500 donation to the Patriot Fund Expenses.

Thank you Don!



Athens: The Sons of the American Revolution Athens Chapter recently held a meeting in which Judy Callaway Ostler, Registrar of the Texas Society Daughters of the American Revolution and Texas Society NSDAR Chaplain-elect, presented the program "Proving Your American Revolution Patriot."

Pictured at right is Mrs. Ostler receiving her Certificate of Appreciation from Charles Luna, chapter president.



Georgetown, 23 May 2009: The Alexander Hamilton chapter of the TXSSAR was chartered. TXSSAR President Tom Lawrence presided over the ceremony. Also present was then President General Elect Edward Butler. The chapter chartered with over thirty members, some new and some transfers from other chapters. Compatriot Harlan Green was sworn in as the Chapter President. *Chapter officers are pictured below with Tom and Ed. l-r William Tower, Myrick Browning, Tom Lawrence, Harlon Green (holding chapter charter) Edward Butler, Reese Henry Jr., Erick Kirkland, Dan Stauffer and David Kirkland.*



Plano Chapter # 37, Plano, Texas, July 14, 2009: Jakob Parker Liles, age 7, was inducted into the NSSAR and the Plano Chapter as its first Junior Member at the Chapter's July meeting. Grandfather, Compatriot Dale Selfridge in Color Guard uniform, placed the Membership Pin on Jakob's coat while Chapter President Drake Peddie administered the oath. Jakob's ancestor is James Gilliland. Jakob's parents, James Parker Liles and Cristie Lynn Selfridge Liles, attended the ceremony



LATXSSAR 2009 PATRIOT FUND FUNDRAISER

The LATXSSAR is offering chances on two beautiful framed needle work pieces of early American flags. They are triple matted and framed separately in 16x20" gold frames.



Don't miss your chance to own these exceptional 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.



Support your youth programs for 2010!

Longview, August 2009: Debora Stiles of the Longview Police Department was awarded the Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate by the East Texas Chapter. In February 2009, she was selected as a Police Area Representative representing Beat 60. Officer Stiles was selected as the Officer of the Year for 2008 based on nominations received from her peers citing her as a true professional. Officer Stiles received a Life Saving Award in 2009, one of the highest departmental awards. Officer Stiles is also a member of the Honor Guard and Bike Patrol. *Pictured at right is Officer Stiles with District VP Mike Everheart.*



Mesquite, July 2009: Compatriot Tom Whitelock presented the Chapters SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate of Appreciation to Officer Barry Cook. Officer Cook is assigned to the Patrol Division.

Other community service awards presented at this meeting were the Emergency Medical Services Medal & Certificate to Woodrow Courtney and the Fire Safety Commendation Medal & Certificate to Jeff Dillon. Unfortunately, Fireman Jeff Dillon was called to duty and was unable to attend the meeting. *See picture left.*



Fredonia Chapter, July 2009: Officer Doug Read, of the Nacogdoches Police Department, received the SAR Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate for his outstanding work as a patrol officer and a member of the police department's SWAT team.

Pictured Right: Chapter President Tommy Slay with Officer Reed



Naturalization Ceremony, June 18, 2009: The Van Zandt Color Guard with the assistance of Dr. James Johnston presented the colors at the swearing in of new citizens.

Pictured at left are the Color Guard members participating: (l to r) Gerry Gieger, Dr. James Johnston, Dr. Ed Maddox, Robert Truitt, Sr. and Virgil Ellis. In front of the Color Guard are two members of the CAR that also participated in the event.

Athens: The Athens Chapter recently presented it's annual Fire Safety Commendation Award to Lieutenant Chris Womble of the Athens Fire Department's North Station. In presenting the certificate and medal, chapter secretary/treasurer Sam Whitten cited recognition of accomplishments and/or outstanding contributions to protect human life and property by preventing injuries or casualties due to fires.



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Kingwood, TX, 30 Jun 2009: Fireman Simmer Harry (right) was presented with the Fire Safety Commendation Award and Medal by Jim Mitchell of the Piney-Woods Chapter (not pictured). Mr. Harry's retirement, after thirty years of service, was the occasion of the presentation. Mr. Harry's career included outstanding service during the recent devastation from hurricanes Ike and Rita. Ike hit the Kingwood area hard. His efforts have contributed to the safety of the Kingwood community. PineyWoods was proud to recognize such a wonderful and well deserving member of our community.

Pictured right : Fireman Simmer (r) Harry with his Chief



Lufkin, May 21, 2009: Members of the Lt. Nathan Gann Chapter present Certificates of Appreciation and Awards 2008/09 for poster contest winners at St. Cyprian's Episcopal School .

Left to Right, back row: J. Neal Naranjo, Vice President, Matthew Hollis, Ryan Maharrey, Scott Morgan, Elisabeth Alvis and Fred Preston, President. Pictured

left to right: Front Row: Jan Allbritton, 5th grade teacher, Corinne Rudis, overall first place (\$25), Reagan Jordan, 2nd place and \$15, Jessica Todd, 3rd place and \$10, and far right Brinn Williford, Principal.



Weatherford, Aug 5-12, 2009: Local citizens including Van Zandt Chapter VP Vaughn Oliver, participated in the building of a new home for an injured veteran. The home was built for Specialist Brett Wolf. Wolf was serving in Iraq with the 25th Infantry when he was severely injured on September 11, 2007. He was driving the lead vehicle, a minesweeper, in South Kirkuk, Iraq. The sweeper struck a large bomb, flipped over and injured several of the personnel on board. The blast caused severe injuries to Brett, with both legs amputated above the knee, serious injuries to his right arm, abdomen and face . Help Homes for Our Troops build Brett and his wife a home that will accommodate his needs and enable them to concentrate on his recovery and their future.



Austin Texas May 25, 2009: The Patrick Henry Chapter of TXSSAR and the Thankful Hubbard Chapter of TXDAR co-hosted the Annual Memorial Service at the State Cemetery in Austin. TXSSAR color guard members from around the state posted our flags and fired a musket salute.



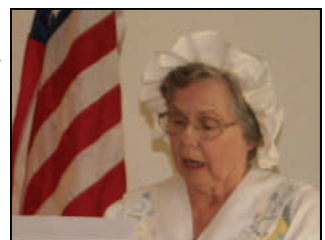
John Knox of the Patrick Henry Chapter provided his full set of the Flags of the United States, which included every flag of our country. Spectators were enthralled with the flags flapping in the breeze and were seen to be taking photos with them. The two Revolutionary Patriots, who were honored with wreaths and a musket salute, were Stephen Williams and Robert Rankin. Regent Betty Bird of the Thankful Hubbard chapter presided over a memorial bell ringing for chapter members who died during the past year. President General-Elect Judge Edward Butler also addressed the crowd. Austin television stations covered the event.

Randolph Air Force Base, May 2009: Color Guard members from three Texas chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution teamed up recently to honor the retirement of Lt. Col. Willie E.B. Blackmon at Randolph AFB. Participating were James Heath, past president of the Texas Society SAR and member of the Bluebonnet Chapter of Marble Falls; Steve Purpura, also of the Bluebonnet Chapter; Steve Locker, Larry Kinter and Ed Heath of the Boerne Chapter and Peter Baron of the San Antonio Chapter. Col. Blackmon is also a member of the Bluebonnet Chapter.

Pictured (l-r): P. Baron, S. Purpura, S. Locker, Lt. Col Blackmon, J. Heath, L. Kinter, E. Heath, Photo by Col. John Weir, USAF



The Brazos Valley Chapter had a surprise visitor at the May 23rd meeting. A friend of Martha Washington dropped by to talk a little bit about Martha's life. The visitor was not quite sure how she came to be in Granbury in 2009, but she was anxious to talk about her friend Martha. She told something about Martha's life with her first husband Daniel Custis and then her life with George Washington.



Martha's friend, Dr. Maxine Heath Ph.D., is a graduate of UCLA and University of Florida. She and husband James Heath, Past President of the Texas Society, both retired from the Univ. of Illinois. Dr. Heath is a member of the Llano Uplift Chapter of the DAR.

Patriot John Templeton, Jr. Honored in Tennessee

This summer Tom Meinecke, traveled from Tennessee to King's Mountain to help with the victory of the patriots over Col Ferguson in October 1780. His father was killed at the battle of King's Mountain. John was married to Nancy Hawkins, who was a sister-in-law of John Sevier and an aunt of David Crockett.

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John Templeton, Jr. was born circa 1760 Rowan County, NC. He was one of the Over Mountain Men who

Pictured at right Compatriot Meinecke at the grave of his ancestor John Templeton Jr.



Col. Patrick McGriff Grave Marking in Georgia

Norristown, June 20, 2009: Compatriots Larry Stevens and Jim Jones, of the PineyWoods chapter, travelled to near Norristown, Georgia in June to attend the SAR and DAR grave marking of Col. Patrick McGriff, a patriot ancestor of Larry Stevens.

house of Montgomery County Georgia in 1810. There had been three court houses and changes in the county lines since that date. It was believed that the court house was abandoned not long after the burial.

Col. McGriff was an active member of the Mounted Militia of SC. He fought in at least 13 battles of the Revolutionary War including Kings Mountain, Hanging Rock, Eutaw Springs, Huck's Defeat, Blackstocks Ford and other key battles in South Carolina.

President-Elect Jim Jones presented greetings from the Texas Society (pictured at right).



The grave marking was a culmination of years of research looking for the site of the grave by JoAn (DAR) and Walker Chewning (SAR). The grave was recorded to be at the site of the court

Left: Larry Stevens, Jim Jones & Walker Chewning

Below: Georgia CG present colors at McGriff Ceremony

Attention! Upcoming Grave Marking

The Red River Valley, Plano and Capt Wm Barren Chapters of TXSSAR and the Little River Chapter of DAR will sponsor a Revolutionary War Soldier Memorial Grave Dedication on Saturday, September 26 at 1:00 pm at the Clarksville City Cemetery off of Franklin St. in Clarksville, Red River County, TX. Patriots James Potter Collins, David Strickland and John Tollett, Sr. will be honored. Compatriots and Color Guard are invited to attend. Bring a chair. For additional details contact Mike Everheart.





Corpus Christi, Fourth of July: The Corpus Christi chapter entered a float in the Stars and Stripes Parade. Pictured at left: Compatriot Darrell Thompson who participated in the parade. What a great way to get the SAR image out to the public.



Denton, Fourth of July: (pictured below) The Denton Chapter Color Guard consisting of Chris Casey (left), Jim Johnson (right) and prospective member, Toby Merrill (center) placed second in the 2009 Fourth of July Jubilee Parade, "Best of Show for Patriotic Character" division. Approximately seventy five entries consisting of several hundred individuals participated in the parade.



Plano, Fourth of July: Members of the Plano Color Guard led a contingent of SAR, DAR and CAR in the Plano 4th of July Parade. Pictured above (l-r) Jim Miller, Bill Neisel and Drake Peddie. They are followed by the DAR float and then the SAR float. Other chapter members participating: Dan Reed, Chuck Sprague, Bob Flag, Jim Flack, Howard Roach and Richard Arnold.



The Woodlands, Fourth of July: The Freedom Chapter of Conroe marched in the 4th of July parade The Woodlands.

Pictured right: John Thompson who participated in the parade.



Conroe, 5 July 2009: The Freedom Chapter of Conroe participated in the Mims Baptist Church Freedom Celebration. The event had representation from law enforcement, patriotic and other service organizations. There was a cannon and rifle salute and a flyover by the CAF squadron in the missing man formation.

Pictured above: Ray Maxey, Davey Jones, Pat Kerr, John K. Thompson



Dallas, July 2, 2009: Compatriots Drake Peddie, Howard Roach and Richard Arnold presented the Colors at the Dallas District Office of the Naturalization and Immigration Services for 116 new U.S. Citizens from 36 countries.



SAR Pacific International Regional Conference, Honolulu: President General Butler and compatriots placed a wreath at the Punchbowl Memorial (National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific) to commemorate those valiant servicemen who served and died in WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Compatriots from the Western and International District joined on a seven day Hawaii Cruise. Thanks to our on-the-spot reporter William Marrs for the photo.



Denton, May 9, 2009: Compatriots gathered around Exhibit Coordinator Laura Douglas on the occasion of the grand opening ceremony of the new Benjamin Franklin Exhibit at the main Fowler Public Library in Denton on May 9.

Pictured right (l-r): Drake Peddie, Bob Northcraft, Chris Casey, Charles Baker, Bob Spence, Tom Whitelock, Chris Strauss, Hank Voegtle, Rick Fawkes, Jim Johnson, Laurie Crapo, Bob Hall, Dick Arnold, and Mike Radcliff. The variety of uniform colors and styles is historically authentic.



Flag Day, June 14th 2009– Veterans Park, Whitesettlement.

The Van Zandt Chapter Color Guard participated with the local DAR chapters in honoring Flag Day. Several Color Guard members where present.

Pictured at right: (l to r) Chapter President, Robert Truitt, Sr., Raymond Leftwich, Gerry Gieger, GySgt Farley Simon (JROTC Instructor for FWISD), James Alderman, and Color Guard Commander, Virgil Ellis.

Tyler, 13 June 2009: The Captain William Barron Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Mary Tyler Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held a Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Tyler Memorial Cemetery in Tyler, TX. Compatriot Tom Copeland organized the event with the assistance of Anna Lee, Mike Everheart, Larry Ashburn, Matthew Lee and the Color Guard. Fred Preston, Neal Naranjo and J. Neal Naranjo II, of the Lt. Nathan Gann Chapter of Lufkin, also participated. Preston took approximately 45 flags from the Lufkin area. Representative Leo Berman was the guest speaker. Over 250 American flags were honorably retired during this ceremony.



Above right: J. Neal Naranjo II folding the remainder of the flags
 Left: Color Guard at the Tyler Flag retirement
 Below: Larry Ashburn at Tyler Flag Retirement



McKinney, 23 May 2009: The McKinney chapter sponsored a flag retirement ceremony. The program included Past President General Nathan White, Chapter President Dan Babbs, and dignitaries from DAR and CAR. And of course, as one can see from the photo to the right the New Andrews sisters. (see left)

Pictured above with the New Andrews Sisters l-r Howard Roach, Drake Peddie and Richard Arnold.

Dallas: Compatriots from the Dallas area participated the annual Colonial Day Program at Providence Christian School.

Pictured at right participants were James Henderson, Tom Whitelock, James Johnson, Charles Baker, Charles Windham, Ralph McDowell, Tom Smith, and Jim Templin..



TXSSAR BOM October 30-November 1, 2009

Holiday Inn Select, Richardson, TX Hosted by the Dallas Chapter (Each Member should use a separate form.)

SAR Member Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Chapter Office (if any): _____ TXSSAR Office (if any): _____

Mailing Address: _____ E-mail Address: _____

City/ZIP: _____ / _____ State: _____

Telephone #: _____ Confirm E-mail Address: _____

Name of Spouse (if attending): _____ Will you bring your car? _____

Names of other Guests: _____

Estimated Day and Time of Arrival: _____

Do you or any guest have special dietary or disability requirements? (Please Circle One) Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

The name of your patriot ancestor (for a prize drawing): _____

EVENT	# People	Cost	Total
Registration Fee (SAR Members only):		\$35	
Friday Tour of New Dallas Cowboys Stadium and the TXSSAR Archives at University of North Texas, plus the wine & cheese party at Chancellor Bob Clark's home – Bus leaves hotel at 1 p.m.; returns at 9 p.m.		\$37 (includes bus, tours, box dinner on bus, bus to party, and return) – DEADLINE 10/20 or until bus is full (57 people)	
Saturday Ladies' Tour of Crow Asian Art Collection (Bus loads at hotel at 9:15 a.m.; returns at 2:30 p.m.):		\$15 (includes bus to Arts District, to North Park, to Hotel)	
Saturday Ladies' Lunch/Shopping (North Park Mall):		Dutch Treat	-----
Saturday Men's Luncheon BBQ Buffet:		\$18	
Saturday Night Banquet (Men and Ladies):		\$22	
TOTALS (Include check to TXSSAR BOM)			

MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THEIR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS.

Location: Holiday Inn Select, Richardson (West side of U.S. 75, 1/3-mile south of Campbell Road) We recommend the Holiday Inn Select, Richardson, because of their great food and excellent value. Holiday Inn Phone: 972-238-1900. You must mention the Sons of the American Revolution in order to get the great price of **\$72.00** plus tax per room per night. Our room block will be available until they run out of rooms or October 16, whichever comes sooner.

All hotel guests will receive a complimentary breakfast buffet each morning. There will be two types of rooms: Standard Room (\$72.00 including breakfast buffet) has 2 double beds for family of up to 4 in room, plus high-speed Internet access, iron/ironing board, hair dryer, coffee/tea maker, remote control TV, 40 channels, HBO, ESPN, CNN, FOX News, etc., two telephones with free local calls and voice mail, USA Today, fitness center, dry sauna, indoor-outdoor pool, & free parking. **Call 972-238-1900 for reservations.** Executive King (\$72.00 including breakfast buffet) has all of the above amenities **PLUS:** key-accessible floor, personalized wake-up calls, King-size bed (for up to two people) with pillow-top Posturepedic mattress, in-room safe, refrigerator, comp bottled water, bathrobes, 1 more phone. **Call 972-238-1900 for reservations.**

Mail this form with payment to: Charles Baker Treasurer, TXSSAR BOM, 8600 Skyline Dr. #1005, Dallas, TX 75243

Remember also that On-Line Registration is available for this event. To access the on-line form which will allow you to pay using your Pay-Pal account http://www.txssar.org/reg_nov09.htm. For a form that you can fill out, print and mail use the following url: <http://www.txssar.org/pdf/Nov09BOMReg.pdf>. A map is available at the following url: <http://www.txssar.org/calendar.htm> (click map under the event)

From the Editor

First, I would like to thank all of you that contributed articles and photos for this issue of the Texas compatriot. I would also like to thank the chapter newsletter editors for e-mailing or sending me their newsletters. These important records preserve the history of the Texas Society. I try to include all chapters in Texas and our state and national events. If you like to take photos and attend these events, please share them. Miss you Willie.

Pictures of presentations by members to our youth, public service, and veterans send the message of who we are as SAR. Please e-mail these to me with the names of all those pictured and a short description of the event. And, if opportunity allows, have your group pose for the pictures and send more than one to the editor in a JPEG format if possible.

It saddens me that the Texas Compatriot cannot be mailed as in the past. The job of the Editor is to

record and publish the events of TXSSAR for all members. Some of our members "retired" prior to the age of the computer. Hopefully, chapters will step up to plate and insure their members have access to a copy of this newsletter.

*Your Editor,
Larry Stevens*

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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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