



Sons of the American Revolution Independence Chapter March 2012



March 27 Meeting - IHOP Restaurant, 758 Earl Rudder Freeway, Bryan. Arrive 6:10 pm to order your meal. Eat at 6:30 pm, with speaker and meeting following.

Program - History studies: Christopher Welch "Tejanos of the Texas Revolution", Jessalyn Welch "Flags of the Texas Revolution", and Melanie Welch "Teaching Opportunities".

Invite a prospective member to the 4th Tuesday meeting. Business - Review Historical Files, Induct New Members Mervin Peters, John Mason, and John Mason, Jr.

February - Jim Petty, former Bryan HS history teacher, spoke on "Patriotism". Karl Holzer, Brenham, enhanced JROTC cadet won 2nd Tx SAR (consider Chapter scholarship).

SAR ROTC Medal - Approved by US Army, US Navy, US Marine Corps, and US Air Force, the medal endeavors to foster the principle of "citizen-soldier" exemplified by the Minutemen.



Recipients are selected for a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing and general excellence, by the Commanding Officers, TAMU and Prairie View.

Independence Chapter will present Silver ROTC Medals and certificates - Bob Middleton at TAMU April 1 with four medals and Jim Jones at Prairie View with three. The medal is a circular planchet showing a Minuteman holding a rifle, with a plow and the Liberty Bell in the background, inscribed with the letters, "ROTC." Reverse is inscribed "Awarded for Leadership, Soldierly Bearing and Excellence."

Membership Ideas - Recruiting new members is the lifeblood of an organization. New members revitalize clubs by offering energy and ideas, providing a greater impact on our communities.

"SOMEONE must have recruited our seventeen presidents; how did they do THAT?" Who qualifies as a "notable new member?" Certainly, presidents do, but the list includes other government and community leaders, history teachers, and descendants of Black, Native American, and female patriots.

The best form of recruitment is to know someone of "importance" and to contact him on a personal level. Each member needs to be a recruiter. And, it's safe to say that each member of every chapter is also a member of one or more - church groups, veteran's associations, historical and genealogical associations, civic clubs, etc. THAT'S where the recruitment should take place, and THAT'S where notable new members also can be found.

Recruiters may sign as the co-sponsor and pin the rosette on the new member during the induction ceremony. Invite a Revolutionary War uniformed member of your chapter to speak at other meetings, with a short segment on the benefits of SAR membership. Offer to speak on a related topic and promote SAR membership to a school class.



Calendar -

Mar 23-25 - Tx SAR Annual Mtg, San Antonio
Apr 24 - Independence Meeting
May 28 - Veteran's Day Flag Marking, CS Cemetery, 2530 Texas Avenue South
June ? - Social & 25th Anniversary