



Sons of the American Revolution Independence Chapter November 2013



Nov 26 - IHOP Restaurant, 758 Earl Rudder Freeway, Bryan. Arrive around 6:00 pm and place food order (special price/seniors before 6 pm). Eat at 6:30 pm. Program: (around 7 pm). Speaker will be Dr. Mark Everett, a newly naturalized citizen. Business: Special presentations. Nominating Committee report. 2014 Officer Elections.

Field of Valor - November 11-16, 8:30 and 10:30 am, Veterans Park in College Station. Bryan Rotary organizes history based tours for 5th graders at nine schools and home schooled students to walk the Lynn Stuart Pathway to see the Brazos Valley Memorial history panels.



Independence Chapter SAR will staff the American Revolution War Memorial which features a bronze statue of a Continental soldier named Liberty or Death, talk about the Revolutionary War, and lead the reading of a portion of the preamble of the Declaration of Independence. Join Bob Cohen & Jim Jones when you can for the fun learning experiences: Monday: Home School & St. Joseph; Tuesday: Oakwood; Thursday: Jones, Sam Houston, Johnson, Bowen; Friday: Sul Ross, Fannin, Bonham.

Boonville Living History - SAR reached several potential members with an exhibit on Oct 5 at Brazos Valley Natural History Museum. Bob Cohen, Jim Jones, Jim Boone, Dick Aldrich helped.



Bob & Jane Cohen.

Exhibit promoted Independence Chapter. Patriotic stickers for kids were given out.

Richard Carter Park - SAR donated to upgrade CS's only historic park, 1800 Brazoswood. Carter and family settled here in 1823. New historic panels and native landscaping were added for CS's 75th celebration. Exhibits at Bush Library. Re-dedication Friday, Nov 15, 11 am at Park.

Public Service Dinner - On October 22, SAR presented 14 local service awards. Jim Jones arranged dinner at C&J BBQ. County Judge Duane Peters spoke on appreciation of service.



Bryan Commendations: Front Row: L-R, Asst Chief Curtis Darby, County Judge Duane Peters (speaker), Deputy Fire Chief Joe Ondrasek. Middle Row: Bob Cohen, EMS Waylon Wendler, Law Enforcement Sgt Jason James, Heroism PPO Steven Laughlin, Jim Jones. Back Row: Heroism Officer Broddrick Bailey, Fire Safety Jon Strickland and Jonas Brooks.



College Station Commendations: Bob Cohen, EMS Capt Billy Bradshaw, Fire Safety Lt Jimmy Yow, Acting Fire Chief Eric Hurt, Law Enforcement Officer Jason Smith, Jim Jones.

Other Commendations: Heroism CS Investigator Andy Murph, Sgt Travis Laco, Brazos Co Sheriff Deputy Michael Stumpf, Washington Co Sheriff Deputy Art Senteno, Rudder HS Kaitlyn Matejka.

Naturalization Ceremonies - SAR participated in the ceremonies on Nov 7 in District Judge J. D. Langley's court. Petitions for naturalization for 51 citizens from countries with multiple applications were Australia, China, India, Iran, Mexico, Pakistan, Russia, United Kingdom, Vietman, and ten other countries with 1 person each. SAR was asked to join the welcome line and gave out patriotic star stick-ons. Many new citizens wanted their picture taken with SAR.

Judge Langley said he was glad that SAR was attending and would like to have SAR post the colors at future ceremonies. 2014

dates are: Thursdays: Jan 9, Mar 6, May 8, July 31, Oct 2, and Nov 20. If interested, let Bob know.



Continental or Militia Uniform - Color Guard units can be based on the type of uniform.

- 1) Continental Unit: uniformed in the familiar tricorne hat, blue coat and knee breeches or fall-front trousers identified with the soldiers of the regular army during the Revolution.
- 2) Militia Unit: consisted of everyday men who wore the clothes that they wore in normal everyday activity when called to service.

Units may have a mixture of uniform types. When making presentations, those wearing continental uniforms will be towards the front of the unit, follow by those wearing militia attire.

Color Guardsmen may choose to wear a uniform similar to that worn by their patriot ancestor, researching the details. While the blue coat was predominate, different facing color on the cuffs and collar depended upon where the soldier was from and the hat could vary from unit to unit. Reference:

www.sar.org/sites/default/files/docs/nssar-forms/NSSAR-Color-Guard-Handbook-07-25-2013-2013-07-25.pdf

Veteran Flags - SAR will assist with placing 800 flags honoring veterans at the CS Cemetery on Mon, Nov 11 at 8:30 am. Bring a screwdriver and hammer to insert the flags.

SAR Board Mtg - Bob Cohen and Jim Jones attended the Sept 26-28 meeting in Kentucky. NSSAR 2013-2014 PG Joe Dooley developed five initiatives to further goals and objectives of the Sons of the American Revolution and to honor our patriot ancestors. The five initiatives were discussed at our October meeting - 1) Center for Advancing America's Heritage in Louisville, KY, 2) George Washington Portrait Program and Promoting History Day, 3) Marker, Memorial, or Monument SAR, 4) USO Help America's Military, 5) Retention Challenge. Reference: <http://www.sar.org/node/2041>

SAR State Mtg - Bob Cohen attended the Oct 11-12 mtg in Houston. Committee reports included: Americanism contest manual being updated, youth contests, public service, annual reports, George Washington Celebration Week to work with schools, National History Day projects for students, Center for Advancing America's Heritage, Family Tree DNA. TXSSAR gave Independence Chapter a membership for the **Friends of the SAR Library** for 2014.

Excellent ladies tour of Dunham Bible Museum. Bibles or people from American Revolutionary period in one section had artifacts on the pervasive influence of the Bible in the thoughts and actions of the leaders in the American Revolution.

Great dinner at Steamboat Springs.

Next SAR State meeting is Mar 27-30 in San Antonio.



Dinner - George Washington Portrait. Center: SAR State Pres. Stephen Rohrbough, Right: Center Bob Cohen