



# Sons of the American Revolution Independence Chapter January 2015



**Jan 27** - 6:00 pm, Outback Steak House, 2102 Texas Ave S, College Station. Private dining room is to the right as you enter. Order from special menu; pay individually. Prospective members, guests, and spouses are welcome.

Program "Spain and the American Revolution" by Robert S. Cohen., State President. Officer installation.

New Members - Travis Adams

Nominating Committee - Officers

**Flag Commendation** - John Allen and Pat Allen Rice of Allen Honda were honored on Nov 13 with the SAR Certificate of Commendation in recognition of their exemplary patriotism by displaying the Flag of the USA at Allen Honda.



Left to Right - Jim Jones, George Nelson, John Allen, Steve Aldrich, Pat Allen Rice, Jim Boone, Rusty Adams, Will Blackmon, Bob Cohen

President Jim Boone said SAR appreciates the visibility of the US Flag at Allen Honda, seen by the many people who travel on Rudder Freeway Highway 6. The 1,000 square foot flag is a visible patriotic symbol. Rusty Adams, Flag Chairman, spoke on the Flag as a symbol of our nation for more than 200 years. Steve Aldrich spoke on flying the Flag. George Nelson expressed appreciation to the Allens for their long term commitment to our community. Jim Jones named recent honorees: 2010 Watercrest at Bryan, 2011 Independence Harley-Davidson, 2012 Brazos Valley Masonic Library and Museum, 2013 B-CS Prosperity Banks. Bob Cohen, Texas SAR State President, spoke about SAR and gave A Toast to the Flag.

**President's Letter** - Compatriots and friends: Happy New Year's Greetings to you all. 2014 was a good year, but it is behind us, and now we need to join our efforts in making 2015 a banner year for Independence Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. Independence Chapter is honored to have two Texas Society Presidents among its members--former Texas Society President James T. Jones and current Texas Society President Robert S. Cohen. Compatriot Cohen will be making his official visit to Independence Chapter on Tuesday, January 27. He will present a program entitled "Spain and the American Revolution." I am looking forward to this interesting program, and I hope that we will have a large turnout. We will meet at 6:00 pm at the Outback Steakhouse.

A successful organization requires a group of energetic, creative officers. We will be electing our 2015 officers at the January meeting. If you would like to serve as an officer, please let me know (phone 979-220-4269). We need you! Our officers are: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, genealogist/ registrar, and chancellor. No prior experience necessary!

I am very proud of the way in which Independence Chapter recognizes outstanding ROTC students, law enforcement officers, fire fighters, emergency medical personnel, and other local heroes. However, this activity has expanded beyond our ability to fund it adequately. Your executive committee will be addressing this issue, as well as other budget items this month. Shall we continue to depend on individual contributions, should we seek corporate sponsors, should we attempt fund-raising? If you have any ideas, let me know.

I hope to see you at our next meeting, 6:00 pm Tuesday, January 27 at Outback Steakhouse.

James L. Boone, Jr., President 2014-2015

**Nov Mtg** - "Vietnam War Commemoration Partners" was by Mary Elizabeth Dresser. Chapter Chairs will be Roger Smith and Will Blackmon to coordinate with other groups. New SAR Members inducted:



Mary Elizabeth Dresser program Vietnam Partners



R-L: Jim Jones, Jack & Mary Jane Millender with Mark, Paul, and Kirk's certificates.



L-R: John & Ralph Mutchler, Jim Boone.



John Thompson (L), Jim Jones (Back) and Jim Boone (R) welcome William Lee Dawkins, Jr, William Christopher Dyer Dawkins, & Jonathan David Marshall Dawkins (center, L to R)



L-R: David Slanker, Walt Melnick, (both Bryan Police), student, and 4 SAR members: Steve Aldrich, Dick Aldrich, Bob Cohen, Rusty Adams.

**Bryan City Council** - Independence Chapter led the Pledge to the Flag: Jim Boone, Rusty Adams, Steve Aldrich and Bob Cohen on Nov 18, Council Chambers, Bryan Municipal Building.

**Naturalization** - 85th District Court Judge Delaney welcomed over 40 new citizens. KAMU-TV took video of ceremony and flag posting by Bob Cohen, Jim Jones, John Thompson.

**Calendar**

- January 27, 6 pm, SAR monthly meeting
- Feb 20-21, George Washington Parade, Laredo
- February 24, 6 pm, SAR monthly meeting
- Mar 5-8, NSSAR Spring Leadership Mtg
- March 24, 6 pm, SAR monthly meeting
- March 26-29, Texas SAR State Conference, Marriott Greenspoint Hotel/Hou Marriott N, 255 N Sam Houston Pkwy East, Houston. Plan to attend.
- March 31, Independence 1st mtg 1986
- April 28, 6 pm, SAR monthly meeting
- May - Memorial Day Flags, CS Cemetery.
- June 26 - July 1, NSSAR 125 Congress

**Veteran's Day Flags** - Several SAR members (above) helped place US Flags at College Station Cemetery on Nov 11 to honor those who served.

**Heroes** - Independence SAR Chapter recognized Joshua Vargas with a Heroism Certificate, medal and a copy of the Constitution at a dinner at Outback Steakhouse for Joshua and his Mother, Isabel Contreras, and her husband Gilbert Contreras on Nov 29. Joshua is the 10-year-old boy who secured help rescue his



8-year-old friend in Sept, from drowning in an apartment complex swimming pool. James T. Jones recognized Joshua's awareness and his quick thinking to secure help.