



Sons of the American Revolution Independence Chapter April 2015



Apr 28 - 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: 1) "Refuse to Lose" by Matthew Cohen. Matt gave an excellent oration, representing Independence Chapter at State Meeting in Houston. 2) The new "SAR and You" video distributed at State Meeting in Houston will be shown.



Matt Cohen & Bob Cohen

President's Letter - Our own Bob Cohen completed an excellent year as Texas SAR President during the 120th Texas SAR Annual Meeting in Houston. The meeting went well thanks to Bob's leadership and Larry Stevens tireless efforts to host the meeting. Our Chapter received several awards that are referred to elsewhere in this newsletter.

Larry Stevens was installed as Texas President at the Saturday night banquet. One of Larry's major emphases will be education. As Chairman of the National SAR Education Committee, Larry was instrumental in National's Executive

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Awards 120th Annual State Meeting -

The Karl E. Wallace Award (highest % of membership increase during past year) - Independence (37.25%)

Col. Joe M. Hill Jr. Membership Award (100% renewal in past year) - Independence (repeat - white star)

Texas SAR Flag Presentation Awards: 27 chapters - Independence (repeat)

Robert Ritchie Oration Awards for Joseph Rumbaugh Contest - Independence - Matthew Henry Cohen, 4th

George S. & Stella M. Knight Scholarship Award: (500 Word Essay on American Revolution) - Christopher Leon Welch, in the top six

Texas SAR Outstanding Public Service Awards (all 4 Public Service Awards) - 6 chapters recognized - Independence

The Ross Shipman Awards (Best Newsletter) - 6 chapters recognized - Independence

From: txssar.org/awards15.htm



Independence Chapter President Jim Jones received awards from Texas SAR State President Bob Cohen



Texas SAR State President Bob Cohen presiding March 27-29, Houston

Mar 24 Mtg - Mervin Peters spoke on "Boonville Heritage Park", which included an historic log cabin, with red cedar, hand-carved logs, moved to a Brazos County park, Boonville Cemetery off FM 158, near Austin's Colony sub-division, Bryan.



Speaker Mervin Peters, President Jim Jones Chris Welch was recognized for placing in the top 6 essays at State. Independence Chapter donated \$100 to the Galveston Chapter's statue of Bernardo de Galvez. 19 attended.

ROTC Awards - The SAR awards the ROTC Medal to foster the principle of the "citizen-soldier", exemplified by the Minutemen of Revolutionary War days to cadets who are selected for having a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing and general excellence.

April 17-18 Texas A&M - Bob Middleton
 April 23 Prairie View A&M - Jim Jones
 April 29 Brenham High School - Jim Jones
 ___ Bryan High School - ___



Leadership - Men make history and not the other way around. In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still. Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better.

President Harry Truman, SAR member

Calendar

Mar 31 - Independence 1st mtg 1986
 Apr 17-18 - Texas A&M ROTC
 Apr 23 - Prairie View A&M ROTC
 Apr 28, 6 pm - SAR monthly meeting
 April 29 - Brenham High School JROTC
 ___ - Bryan High School JROTC
 April 30 - Naturalization Ceremony
 May 25 - Memorial Day Flags, CS Cemetery
 June 12-14 SAR Academic Conference, Mt Vernon
 June 14 Flag Day
 June 26-July 1 - National SAR 125th Congress, Galt Hotel, Louisville
 July 2 - Naturalization Ceremony
 Sept 22, 6 pm - SAR monthly meeting
 Sept 25-26 National Fall Leadership, Louisville
 Oct 1 - Naturalization Ceremony
 Oct 27, 6 pm - SAR monthly meeting
 Nov - Veteran's Day Flags, CS Cemetery
 Nov 24, 6 pm - SAR monthly meeting
 December 17 - Naturalization Ceremony

Texas SAR Perpetual Membership - No more forgetting to pay your dues. Protect yourself against possible dues increases. Leave a legacy to support future Compatriots. Save money. A Texas SAR Perpetual Membership, may be purchased, based on your age, to cover your National, State and Chapter Dues for life.



Information - www.txssar.org/perpetual.htm

President's Letter, continued - Committee adopting the "Why America Is Free Curriculum" which was developed by two Houston Ladies. This Curriculum has been adopted by School Districts throughout the United States. Dianne and I plan to contact one local teacher and hopefully other Chapter members will do the same. I will add this to our April meeting agenda.

Our next chapter meeting is April 28 at Outback Steakhouse beginning at 6:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

James T. Jones, Jr., President 2015