

## Sons of the American Revolution Independence Chapter

## Independence Chapter September 2015





Sept 22 - 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 to be announced.

2015 Newest Members (16) to be Inducted Congratulations to our newest SAR members. Cody Welch - 9 Jan; Chris & Sean Neef - 6 Apr; Cleve & Dave Walkup - 17 Apr; Chris & David Massey - 5 Jun; Ken, Dan, Hunter, Zachary Graalum - 5 Jun; Liam Carrol- 5 Jun; Jim Anding - 16 Jun; Henry Mayo - 16 Jul; Tom & James Rosedahl - 11 Aug.

Heritage Park - SAR exhibit recruited potential

members on July 4 in Bryan. This traditional community celebration was originally organized by SAR member Tom McDonald.

Texas SAR Board of
Managers - Go to the Fall
Board meeting on Oct 9 11 in Galveston. Learn
more about SAR
committees, meet other
SAR members, and enjoy
Galvestion. Info online http://www.txssar.org/,
events - then Fall Board
for registration, hotel,
etc. Ladies Auxiliary will
tour the Bryan Museum.



Ben Hardeman talks with Bob Cohen about SAR



Center - Henry & Sandra Mayo with SAR right - Bob Cohen

DAR Constitution Week - La Villita Chapter cordially invites SAR and guests to their Saturday, Sept 26, luncheon. Mark Collins is excellent portraying George Washington. The Luncheon will be at the Hilton at 12 Noon. See Jim Jones' Jul 20 e-mail with registration form to Shawn Carlson, due by Sept 17.

Traveling Vietnam Wall - Roger Smith has provided us with an excellent public service opportunity at the Museum of the American GI, who will be hosting the AVTT Traveling Vietnam Wall, Nov. 12-15. See Jim Jones' Aug 21 e-mail with sign up by Sept 15.

President's Letter - Hope each of your summer went well. Many activities at the State and National level have transpired during the summer. The SAR National Congress was attended by Bob Cohen and I. George Nelson, Bob, and I attended the Texas Society District workshop in Houston on Aug 22.

It is time for our Chapter to meet, with our next meeting scheduled for Sept 22 at Outback Steakhouse beginning at 6:00 PM. As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, we have 16 new members to induct, although all will not be available at the Sept meeting. DAR Constitution Week Luncheon is Sept 26. Texas Society Board of Managers meeting is Oct 9-11 in Galveston. We will recognize law enforcement, fire safety, EMS, and heroes during our Oct 27 meeting. We have an opportunity to assist at the AVTT Traveling Vietnam Wall Nov 12-15.

Now that school has started we need to identify candidates for our Youth awards. Our own Chris Welch is entering the Knight Essay contest again this year. Do any of you know of an Eagle Scout to enter the Eagle Scout contest, or a debater to enter the Oration contest? Each contest first place winner receives a \$2,500 scholarship from the Texas Society and an opportunity to compete for the National awards. The first place Eagle Scout award at National is \$10,000. You can find information on all Youth Contests on the Texas Society website at txssar.org. There is also an American History Teacher contest at State and National. Do you know of an American History Teacher that may be interested?

Hope to see you at the Sept 22nd meeting.

James T. Jones, Jr., President 2015

April 28 Mtg - Matt Cohen gave his speech "Refuse to Lose." Chris Welch read his essay "Magna Carta Influence on the Father of the Constitution."



L-R: Matt Cohen, Chris Welch, SAR President Jim Jones

Flags - were placed on veteran's graves in CS Cemetery, May 25, Memorial Day.

National SAR Conference - Special

Tour of SAR HQ in Louisville.

Minuteman statue to go in front of HQ building.

From left Bob Cohen, 2<sup>nd</sup>,
Jim Jones, 4<sup>th</sup>.



Bob Cohen - KBTX interview.



Calendar Aug 28-29 South Central SAR Mtg AR Sept 22, 6 pm - SAR monthly meeting Sept 24-27 - National Fall Leadership, Louisville Oct 1 - Naturalization Ceremony Oct 9 - 10 - Fall Board, Galveston Oct 10 - Boonville Heritage Day, BV Museum Oct 27, 6 pm - SAR monthly meeting Nov \_ - Veteran's Day Flags, CS Cemetery Nov 12-15 - Traveling Vietnam Wall.

Nov 24, 6 pm - SAR monthly meeting December 17 - Naturalization Ceremony

ROTC Awards - ROTC & JROTC Medals were presented to cadets who have leadership qualities, military bearing and general excellence. Bob Middleton did TAMU on April 18. Jim Jones did PVAMU on April 23. Brenham HS on April 29.



Jim Jones,Jason Goin

23, Brenham HS on April 29, and Bryan HS on May 15 to Cadet Jason Goin.

Lineage Workshop - Independence SAR Registrar Bob Cohen staffed a SAR membership display at the Afro-American Historical and

Genealogical Society program sponsored by Willie Lee Gay H-Town Chapter at Star of Republic Museum, Washington on the Brazos State Park on July 18.



L-R: Jesse Williams, Bob Cohen



Texas Delegation at National SAR Conference, Louisville, KY, June 2015