



Robert Rankin Chapter #62 America 250

*City of Industry
Sunday, June 28, 2026*



L-R: Robert Rankin Color Guard Commander Ralph Reed, Becky Bailey with Captain Jabez Deming NSDAR, Robert Rankin Compatriot Carter Sharbrough.

The City of Industry, the first permanent German settlement in Texas, held their annual Fourth of July Celebration on June 28, 2026, replete with hot dogs and an apple pie contest, with games to keep everyone entertained. The event started with a children's patriot parade and concluded with the unveiling of the America 250 Plaque donated by Captain Jabez Deming DAR and EDC.

This project was brought to us by Compatriot Carter Sharbrough, in discussions with his sister, Becky Bailey. Becky came and spoke and outlined the concept.

Compatriot, Ralph Reed drove to Industry, Texas prior to the celebration to plan and rehearse the celebration and thanks to the coordination by Cmdr. Ralph Reed, everything came together for the Robert Rankin Chapter's participation in the event. Overall, the 2-day planning by Compatriot Ralph Reed went very well.



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Industry, Texas America 250 Celebration

Honoring our Veterans
Dedicating the America 250
Patriot Plaque

AMERICA
★ 250!
Daughters of the
American Revolution



ORDER OF PROGRAM

Advance the colors – Robert Rankin Chapter SAR #62, Katy, Texas
Ralph Reed, Jerry Miller, Tom Jackson, Carter Sharbrough
To the Color – Trumpet by Adj. Tom Rabb, Shelby American Legion
Post 602

Raise the Flags – Shelby American Legion, Post 602
Steve Pavlicek, Janice Knippel, Mike Jackson, Russell Wait,
Ronnie Pilcik, Lee Bert Brune

Welcome—Mable Meyers, Mayor of Industry

Invocation—Kathleen Halpin, Pastor Industry Methodist Church

Pledge of Allegiance – Tom Shaunessy, President New Ulm CC

American's Creed – Calvin Coufal, Commander Shelby American Legion

Thank You's – Mable Meyers

Presentation of Veterans – Judge Tim Lampham

History of Industry City Hall – Commissioner Bobby Rinn

Dedication of Patriot Plaque

Alan Kuehn—Treasurer Industry Economic Development Corp

Diana Alders—Captain Jabez Deming, DAR

Jackie Hager—Captain Jabez Deming, DAR

Tom Jackson—Robert Rankin, SAR

Becky Bailey—Industry EDC and Captain Jabez Deming

Rick Patel – Pastor West End Baptist Church

John Bailey—Industry City Councilman

Taps—Courtesy of Tom Rabb

Remove the Colors – Robert Rankin SAR

At left, Color Guard Ralph Reed in the lead with Compatriots Tom Jackson, holding the Betsy Ross flag, and Carter Sharbrough (not pictured), holding the Texas Flag, on their way to advance the colors.



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The Robert Rankin SAR Chapter participated in the opening to celebrate America250. The Mayor, Ms. Mable Meyers, Judge Tim Lampham, NSDAR Captain Jabez Deming Chapter of Brenham, Texas with Ms. Becky Bailey, and the American Legion Post 602 led by Calvin Coufal were all on hand.

Robert Rankin members presenting the colors were Ralph Reed, Tom Jackson, and Carter Sharbrough; we came up one short for Color Guard so thank you to Carter Sharbrough for filling in.





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Carter Sharbrough



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City of Industry Plans the Ultimate 4th: Celebrating America's 250th Birthday

June 8, 2026 (Industry, TX) -- As you plan your summer calendar, be sure to circle June 28th from 5 pm until just after dark to participate in the City of Industry America 250 celebration. Activities are available to appeal to all ages. Below is just a preview of what you will find throughout the afternoon:

Food

- Free hot dogs donated by Lindemann's
- Water offered by LCRA,
- Watermelon donated by the West End Lions Club,
- Woodrow's BBQ and Shamai BBQ for purchase
- Kona Ice and Snow Storm Ice for purchase,
- Apple Pie Contest with pies and other desserts offered with the TEAA Bake Sale to support their scholarship fund (Don't forget buy a raffle ticket and the quilt will be raffled on site and you don't have to be present to win!)

Games

- Cornhole and Volleyball
- Dominos (from 4-5:30) and Bingo with the New Ulm Lion's Club (5:30-7) in the Community Hall
- Several area churches are sponsoring a midway-like games on the tennis courts. Thank you St. John's Lutheran Church, West End Church, Industry Methodist and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church! (If you represent a church in the area and would like to host a game for kids, please call 713.494.1557)

Activities

Children's Patriotic Parade—Young people bring decorated bikes, scooters and wagons and follow Uncle Sam around the park—all participants receive ribbons and a gift from Judge Wesley Peschel and the Austin County West End Library

Chalk Art—Share your flair for art on the parking lot by the tennis court as we create a community mural honoring our country for America 250. All ages are invited to share. Chalk is provided.



America 250 Patriot Display sponsored by Captain Jabez Deming Chapter of NSDAR and Robert Rankin Chapter SAR—Tour exhibits that feature revolutionary war patriots on



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the pickleball courts. Write with a feather pen, hold a Rev War musket, take your picture with the signers of the Declaration.

Facepainting—Adorn your face with the art of your choice by local artist Kim Lynch, of Pen & Lens. Donations may be made that will support the West End Library.

Time Capsule—Community members are invited to place items that represent our families into a time capsule that will be reopened in FIFTY years for the Fourth of July Celebration, 2076, on the 300th birthday of our nation. Items will be accepted at the America250 Patriot Display on the Pickleball Court.

Storywalk – Our West End Community Park Story Walk which is sponsored by the West End Library and the West End Economic Development Council (EDC) will feature a story dedicated to America 250. Plan to walk the walk and read the story from beginning to end.

Local Vendors – Visit booths set up along the walkway with merchandise offered by local crafts people. Make sure you get your free flag from the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce booth.

Ceremony – the ceremony will begin at 7 pm at the stage with a Military gun salute and military branch veterans raising of the flags. Mayor Mable Meyer, Judge Tim Lapham and other dignitaries will open the ceremony, unveil an historical marker donated by the DAR and EDC, and introduce and honor local veterans.





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During the ceremony, Judge Lampham recognized each Vietnam Veteran by calling their names. The Boy Scouts were on hand to present a 250th year coin.

Robert Rankins Compatriot, Ralph Reed, Vietnam Veteran was presented the special coin by the Boy Scouts.





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Robert Rankin America 250 Patriotic Display. Guests were offered an opportunity to write with a feather pen or take their picture with the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Ralph Reed and Becky Bailey also planned and set up a display table to display a Brown Bess musket owned by Compatriot Ralph Reed.



On the left: Color Guard Commander Ralph Reed and Historian Tom Jackson pose with fellow revolutionaries.



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Top Photo (L-R): Robert Rankin Sec. Steve Veters, Cmdr. Ralph Reed, Compatriot Carter Sharbrough, and President Jerry Martin at the Chapter's vendor booth at the event.

(Photos courtesy of Jackie Hager Captain Jabez Deming chapter of the NSDAR.)

Bottom Photo: Ralph Reed, Carter Sharbrough, and Steve Veters.





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